

Hi And Hello Members, Well wishers,

We hope you all had a terrific Diwali. We are pleased to present November News Letter.

1. As you know the World Convention in Tokyo concluded on 30th night and most of AAWI team will return in next few days. Their exploits will make December issue immensely readable.
2. Hida has announced three more courses namely BLSA, PJCM, ASIM, and the details has been circulated by email to all members. You can also visit our website for Prog Outline and Application Documents of these courses.
3. WNF Trg Prog in Godrej & Boyce and MECO will commence on Nov. 10th and 10 candidates from Bangladesh are expected to arrive for the same. The training is for a period of 2 weeks.
4. One more intern is scheduled to arrive next week. As always any kind of support to keep all the interns motivated will be welcome.
5. The last part of "Reminiscences by Past President by Mr. Arun Wagle is here. This is a fitting finale to the Trilogy.

Be sure to give at least once over to Jokes, Events, et al.

With best wishes for the festive season,

Sincerely,

Prasad Patwardhan

Editor

HISTORY OF AAWI

PART II : Period 1993 – 2014

The History Part II records eras of each President.

1993-1997 : President : Mr. Rusi Ghista
Office : His Rustom Bang residence at Byculla/occasionally
Electronic Enterprises
AAAWI as Public Trust & as Society received registration in the
year 1993. Mr. Ghista continued to be President, AAWI. Except
for the change in constitution, the various programmes were
conducted regularly. Major companies like Godrej, L&T, M&M,
BSES, MECO started accepting trainees under WNF programme.

Godrej sponsored two candidates for training in Japan in addition to accepting trainees from Africa & Asia in their own factories. AAWI's activities attracted the attention of Mr. Sasakawa, Sasakawa Foundation, Tokyo. In addition, Mr. & Mrs. Ghista's relentless efforts resulted in getting a donation of US\$ 300K from Sasakawa Foundation in June, 1993. These funds were to be used for establishing "Nippon Center" in its own premises & conduct programmes. The efficient Ministry of Home Affairs allowed the money to be utilized for AAWI in March 1998! But due to the untimely death of Mr. Ghista in Tokyo in 1997, he could not see the utilisation of the donation for which the Ghista couple strived.

1997-2002 : Mr. Ghista was to serve as President for two terms, i.e. till 1999. With his sudden departure from the scene, Mr. K. V. Banavalkar had to take his seat.

President : Mr. K. V. Banavalkar
Office : Prayog Electricals, Vidhyavihar
Meetings : at BSES office, Santacruz/Vidyaavihar

Training, Language classes, WNF programmes, AAWI international Training Programmers continued.

In late 1998 AAWI purchased the present Wadala premises. The renovated premises housing the office, State-of-the-art Seminar hall, Executive Committee's room, etc. were inaugurated on September 23, 2000. The inauguration was by the hands of Mr. S. Yamanaka, Cosul, Consulate of Japan, Mumbai.

In 2002 Hippo Club members from Japan made their maiden Visit to Mumbai. AAWI members as hosts accommodated them in their homes for a couple of days.

2002-2008 : President : Mr. M. Ramamurthy

Landmarks : AAAWI turns 10 on February 6, 2003. Coincidentally Mr. Ramamurthy's parents celebrated 61st Marriage anniversary & Mr. Wagle turned 61. Mr. Wagle also completed 30 years of his association with ABKD – AAAWI on this day.

Orientation programmes to would be trainees proceeding to Japan were initiated during this era. Other programmes, seminars, lectures continued. Hippo Club members too came & went.

2008-2011 : President : Mr. A. P. Wagle

After 35 years of continuous presence in the Executive Committee, Mr. Wagle accepts the Presidentship of AAAWI for the first time.

Landmarks : April 2009 : Proposal to open Gujarat Chapter of AAAWI by the members resident in Gujarat state.

October 2009 – 8th World Convention in Tokyo

December 2009 : AOTS Tokyo recognizes & registers Gujarat Chapter known as AAA Gujarat (AAAG)

All the standard and routine activities continue.

2011-2014 : President Mr. P. U. Patwardhan

Landmarks : AOTS okays separation of AAAG from AAAWI. From August 2011 AAAG is an independent alumni association.

April 2012 : AOTS & JODC merge to form HIDA – The Overseas Human Resources & Industry Development Association. HIDA comes under the Ministry of Economics, Trade & Industry (METI) and works closely with Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO).

This era sees reverse flow of trainees from Japan to India. Japanese interns come to India to work in Indian Industries to learn their administrative & management techniques!

For the first time in the history of AAAWI, Mr. Goliya V.P. compiles directory of members.

All the standard activities continue.

No doubt we will get chance to know more about this era from Mr. Patwardhan himself.

Present

2014-2017 : President : Mr. P. C. Goliya

Editor's Note : The 'new' members are requested to maintain record of events as they take place & help add "History" as the "Present" becomes "Past"
