

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KERALA-JAPANA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

Date: 17.00-20.30 17th march '05

Place: TAIHEIRO Chinese restaurant@ the Chinese town in YOKOHAMA japan

Chair: Mr. SHIMAOKA, KOICHI

1. PROGRESS REPORTS by Mr. SHIMAOKA , temporary chief director

- 1) the process of establishing JFKS (omission)
- 2) accounting report on 17th march '05 now
amount of donation ¥192,000-
our working expenditure ¥2,5000-
note: we are getting donation from a lot of anonymous persons too.
- 3) homepage: [http://www5e.biglobe.ne.jp/~shimaoka/KJFS-HP\(english\).htm](http://www5e.biglobe.ne.jp/~shimaoka/KJFS-HP(english).htm)
- 4) the situation of joining membership to our society: a Malayalee (male) joins us.
- 5) the miscellaneous topics:
 - a) we are having a few joiners to “Kerala-Japan Friend Society” our community on the social net working site of mixi.
 - b) Mr. SHIMAOKA introduced our board Ms MAMI YAMADA, author of Kerala.
 - c) a useful NGO operating now reported by Ms MITSUKO MITANI

2. DISCUSSION TOPICS

- 1) how to spend the donation already sent?

Ms Fumie Kobayashi's new proposition, who are our stuff living in Kerala: the degree of the disasters by the TSUNAMI was comparatively and fortunately small in Kerala. Nonetheless, a lot of aiding materials from the world have been sent there. So there is little necessity of physical aids. And she wonders that the middle exploitation around the international aiding materials and money might take place now. Therefore, she is questioning us whether or not the donation from the domestic Japanese people could be used not for the relieves from the TSUNAMI disasters, but for the scholarship for those kids who are too poor to promote toward the upper class of the schools such as senior high schools or colleges.

After concentrated discussion, we made our mind that the donation so far should be spent in supporting their lives and scholarship for those who met the TSUNAMI. In the case where there might be technical difficulties to do so, the donation should not be prevented from using the money for the other poor kids as scholarship.

We should explain every donor about possibility to change the expending way and we are ready to send the money back with best regards to those who hope to do so

because of the changing situations. The dead line to demand to send money back shall be by 17th April this year. We would like to spend the money as our determination mentioned above unless there is any demand to refund.

2. ABOUT WORKING FUND: a person is so kind that she/he would offer donation amounting to ¥25,000 as our working fund of the SOCIETY, not as the donation for the relieves. thereafter we made decisions to use as charge to send a great deal of stationeries to Kerala which are contributed by so kind a stationary shop owner who is supposed to close her/his shop.

And we are glad to receive the fund as meeting, communications and so on.

3. THE FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

- a) we have to learn more about Kerala! We are supposed to hold the bigger size of a study meeting borrowing the official hall near the YOKOHAMA station possibly this June. Mr. SHIMAOKA is to report on the political economy of Kerala; Ms SATOKO NAKAYAMA is to report on the culture and education of Kerala; we are to have some professionals who must be found from now on make a speech on any field of his/her own professional topics.
- b) We are to visit Kerala as a study tour this late September.
- c) We are going to look for Malayalee in Japan to learn Malayam language which is used only in Kerala state.

4. THE NEW STUFF authentically elected:

Chief director: SHIMAOKA, KOICHI

Sub chief director: SATO, KYOKO

General secretary: NAKAYAMA, SATOKO

Director (public relations): MITANI, MITSUKO

Director (general): TANIMOTO, TAMIKO

Director (homepage & accounting): LEE TOU GEN

Director (chief branch of the Dominican Republic): NATORI, TOSHITADA

Director (chief branch of TOKYO): KOHAMA, ARIHIKO