

Official Report

IIT Mandi Japan Alumni Chapter

Freshers' Alumni Meet

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Dear DORA team,

IIT Mandi Japan Alumni Chapter organised its first meet of the year 2024 on March 30, 2024 at Yoyogi Park in Tokyo. We welcomed the new 2023 graduates who have recently joined various companies in Japan like Rakuten, Accenture etc.

21 alumni - much more than expected - took out their valuable time to join this meet! There were 3 members from 2017 batch, 2 from 2020 batch, 3 from 2021 batch, 3 from 2022 batch, 9 from 2023 batch and 1 from 2025 batch too. Rajeev from the 2025 batch has come for a semester exchange program with Kyushu University.

The following event poster was created and shared with everyone in advance.


IIT Mandi
Japan Alumni Chapter
presents,
Freshers' Alumni Meet

Let us welcome the 2023 IIT Mandi graduates and let's relive our cherished college memories together.
Let's also enhance our professional network, seek guidance from one another, and foster a stronger connection with our alma mater while enjoying *Hanami* (cherry blossoms viewing) at Yoyogi Park.

Special Seminar
Investing in Japan through NISA
An introduction to *Tax-free investment option in the worldwide stocks*

Date & Place	2024/03/30 (Saturday) in Yoyogi Park, Tokyo
12 PM	Meeting Point: Yoyogi Park Clock Tower
12:30~13:00	Seminar followed by Q&A
13:00~15:30	Lunch, Bingo game, followed by free talk time.
15:30~16:00	Group photo followed by group walk in the park
Participation Fees	Lunch fee + Bingo prizes fee

- Yoyogi Park might be extremely crowded on the day. Please meet Chandan at specified location so that everything goes smoothly. Remember: *Jupun mae koudou*
- Let's talk with each & everyone and connect over college, Japan and have lots of fun!!

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The meet started at around 12 PM and finished at around 6 PM. Everyone had a fun and interactive time talking to their batchmates or seniors/juniors.

A seminar was also conducted on NISA which is Japan Government's scheme to invest in stocks wherein the capital gains are tax free.

Everyone gave their self-introductions, also mentioning their hobbies and what they expect from the Japan chapter. The expectations included meeting other alumni in Japan and expanding their network. They also expected to learn new things in such alumni meets.

Then everybody enjoyed eating Biryani (brought by Gagandeep Tomar and Rohit Kaushal) in the nice sunny Spring weather under the shades of trees in Yoyogi Park. Although the *Sakura* (Cherry Blossoms) trees were expected to be in full bloom that day, unfortunately this year because of the cold weather they bloomed about a week later.

The seniors also gave some tips to juniors on how to make the best of their time in Japan.

Seniors asked what difficulties they are facing in their life in Japan and gave tips on learning Japanese.



It was followed by an exciting Bingo game. Although it was the first time for some of the members to play Bingo everybody played enthusiastically and did their best to shout Bingo. Himanshu Singhal (2017), Gopal Krishan Aggarwal (2017) and Parsh (2023) were the lucky winners wherein Parsh also won the Full House prize.

It was followed by a heated game of 'Mafia' which reminded many of us of our college days.

Finally we had a group walk in the park and took a commemorative photo under the Sakura tree.



Post event survey results:

Q: What was your favourite experience or moment of the event?

A: Bingo, Games and all the conversations, Sharing knowledge!

Q: Did the event meet your expectations?

A: 10/10, "Yes, it was a good social gathering event in my opinion. The event was well planned."

Q: What would have made this event better?

A: Free food, "I think it was a fun and satisfactory event. We can have more fun events in future."

Ending remarks:

It was good to see participants exchanging contacts and talking with each other. Many of them met for the first time. Members seemed to have enjoyed the event. Some things could have been better planned like bringing more sheets and more food for everyone. Overall it was a good event and I'm looking forward to more such events in the future.