

JAPAN

Friends of AMI NIPPON (FAN)

Events and Activities

Our AGM was held on June 26 in Tokyo, and was followed by a lecture on “Human Tendencies”, given by Mr Maenoson, the President of the Japanese Association of Montessori (JAM). A small party was organised afterward to celebrate our first publication of the book *Human Tendencies and Montessori Education*, written by Mario Montessori.

Special Projects and Outreach

The One-coin Workshops were held 9 times to disseminate Montessori education to the general public. Some of them were focused on the theory while others included making Mobiles and visiting Montessori schools.

The Lecturer Dispatch Service: We respond to requests from study groups in schools/teachers/parents by sending out lecturer(s).

Collaborations and Partnerships

For the first time, Friends of AMI NIPPON solely organised a seminar with Judi Orion in September, at two locations, Nagoya and Kanagawa. The title was “Education as a Social Revolution” introducing many of AMI’s outreach projects such as “Corner of Hope”, “Born Inside” that extend Montessori beyond the classrooms. Judi also helped to promote our new 0-3 course, coming up in May 2017, which will be co-directed by AMI Trainers Sharlyn Smith and Julia Hilson.

In October, we collaborated with Fukuoka Montessori Study Group on an Assistant course (3-6), directed by Nathalie Justin.

Publications and Media

Our first translation/editing work *Human Tendencies and Montessori Education*, written by Mario Montessori was published on the day of the AGM.

Our second book translated by Mr Osamu Nakamura, *The 1946 London Lectures*, was published and sold at the venue of the seminar given by Judi Orion in September.

We produce a bi-monthly digital newsletter, which was sent out to all members 4 times. The current number of members of Friends of AMI NIPPON is 350.

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