

Technical seminar “Auto and aluminum” is held

The Aluminum Association started to accept the application for technical training class, “Auto and aluminum”, which is going to be held on December 12 at the Kyurian room in Shinagawa Civic Center in front of Ouimachi JR station Tokyo.

The class is projected under sponsorship of the Metallic Materials Development Center, the Light Metal Academy, the Light Metal Products Association, the Light Metal Welding Association, the Automobile Engineering Academy, the Japan Aluminum Alloy Refiners Association, the Japan Diecast Association and the Japan Magnesium Association.

The attendance fee is ¥7,000, text included, and the program is as follows.

- (1) 10:00 greetings (the recent tendency between automobile and aluminum)
Mr. Takeo Sakurai, Kobe Steel, Ltd.
- (2) 10:20 new welding technic of aluminum and steel for hybrid sub frame
Mr. Mitsuru Sayama, Honda Institute, Ltd.
- (3) 11:10 aluminum sheet for automobile
Mr. Koji Ichitani, Furukawa Sky, Ltd.
- (4) 11:55 aluminum extrusion for automobile
Mr. Shunichi Sada, Mitsubishi Aluminum, Ltd.
- (5) 13:30 aluminum cast for automobile
Mr. Toru Komazaki, Ryobi, Ltd.
- (6) 14:15 aluminum diecast for automobile
Mr. Hida Takeda, Ahresty Corp.
- (7) 15.10 aluminum welding for automobile
Mr. Mihaya Imamura, Kobe Steel, Ltd.
- (8) 15:55 aluminum surface treatment for automobile
Mr. Ichio Takeda, UACJ Corporation
- (9) 16:40 questions and answers with all instructors

The information and application are welcomed by the Aluminum Association.

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Nishio Chamber of Commerce & Industry sends an observation party

The Nishio Chamber of Commerce and Industry, President Mr. Katsuhisa Tsuzuki, planned to send an observation party to Asuka Industries, Inc. as “the observation tour to an enterprise of good standing in Nishio City”.

The chamber collected 30 participants, but surprisingly, the applicants reached 40 members beyond their expectations. In the morning on September 11, President of chamber, Mr. Katsuhisa Tsuzuki and 40 members arrived at our gate by bus, and at our meeting room, an explanation meeting was held by MC, Mr. Takashi Kano, Chairman of business management committee of the chamber.

At first President of chamber, Mr. Tsuzuki greeted as the organizer, and Chairman of Asuka, Mr. Hisashi Amano extended some welcome words and explained our recent

international business circumstances.

Next, Takashi Amano, President of Asuka, explained the history and the concept of Asuka Industries, Inc. and then showed them the newest layout of our plant. He stressed our efforts achieved 35 per cent reduction of carbon oxide gas exhaustion with our up to date equipments, and furthermore today, we are making efforts to reduce the exhaustion of carbon oxide gas.

After the meeting, Asuka's directors courteously showed visitors around our plant, and all they enjoyed this plant tour themselves thoroughly.

The photos on page two are President Takashi Amano's explanation speech and all visitors.

Aluminum cast and diecast production in July

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry recently revealed the aluminum cast and diecast production in July. According to the announcement, the production of aluminum cast in July increased 1.6 per cent from the previous July to 38,364 ton, and the production of diecast in July increased 0.6 per cent from the same month last year to 87,785 ton.

As the results, the aluminum cast production recorded two months successive increase from the same month last year. The aluminum diecast production recorded the first plus in 12 months.

It is expected that the production will be moderate in the near future supported by steady industrial activity.

UBC takes the form of a castle

Toyohashi Junior Chamber (President, Mr. Shinsuke Nakazawa), Aichi Prefecture, has built a huge objet d'art of Toyohashi castle with 104,840 used aluminum beverage can. It is 6.6 meters wide, 5.5 meters long and 5.0 meters in height.

This chimerical castle was registered by the Guinness Book of World Record on September 21 as an objet d'art created with the largest numbers of used aluminum beverage can. The past world Guinness record was a Saudi Arabian objet d'art created by 66,400 can.

This used aluminum beverage can castle is going to be displayed at Toyohashi Castle Park until October 20, when the Toyohashi Festival will be held. Toyohashi Junior Chamber wants to keep a big PR effects for recycling resources throughout this magnificent event. 104,840 and Toyohashi are a pun in Japanese.

The photo on page three is a huge used aluminum beverage can castle and Toyohashi Junior Chamber members.

Company news

When it comes to autumn, Asuka Seminar is our greatest highlight. It opens soon and we expect both big attendances and a successful achievement.

On October 16, Hekinan Rotary Club (Chairman, Mr. Toyoji Osada) is going to open the weekly meeting at our company. Nishio Rotary Club had a meeting last autumn, and many Rotarians will have much knowledge on resources and energy issues.