

**Mr. Nakaba Ichikawa, the 54th Asuka Seminar's speaker again**

The first Asuka Seminar was held in 1964, and since then it has been held constantly every autumn without intermission. This year it is going to be held at the Kira Kanko Hotel in Kira Waikiki Beach in Mikawa Bay National Park on 6 and 7 October.

Recently, the speaker and subject were revealed as follows.

Speaker Mr. Nakaba Ichikawa  
Chief Manager, Eco System LLC.

Subject The fittest condition of molten aluminum for cast and die cast

At the last Asuka Seminar, Mr. Ichikawa explained the best condition of molten aluminum for cast and die cast, and its check system. His speech gave all attendants a great interest.

Accordingly, many attendants want to study the newest technical information on molten aluminum again, and fortunately, Mr. Ichikawa gladly consented to our request being the speaker at Asuka Seminar this year again.

After the seminar, a grand party in traditional Japanese fashion will be held to interchange business views frankly among attendants, and at the same time they can enjoy autumn evening soaking a hot spring thoroughly.

The photo on page one is the Kira Kanko Hotel.

**The 29th Asuka Golf Competition**

In the morning of October 7, the 29th Asuka Golf Competition is going to be held at the Kira Country Club for golf devotees. Right now we are accepting the registration, and expect many players will attend and enjoy a close competition under autumn sunshine as well as every year.

**Aluminum cast and die cast production improved in June**

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry recently revealed the production of aluminum cast and aluminum die cast in June. According to the report, the production of aluminum cast increased 4.4 per cent from the previous same period to 38,386 ton.

In the same way, the production of aluminum die cast rose 6.3 per cent from a year earlier to 87,682 ton

The favorable production of automobile and excellent export of knockdown auto parts contributed to the eleven months successive increases from a year earlier for both productions of aluminum cast and aluminum die cast.

The stand out increase of die cast production for two wheeled vehicle was a big reaction against the huge earthquake in Kumamoto. Fortunately, recent our economic activity keeps so moderate that the production of aluminum cast and aluminum die cast will continue better situation.

The table on page two shows the production of aluminum cast and aluminum die cast in June, and comparison with a year earlier. (1)aluminum cast totaled (2)machines (3)automobile (4)others (5)aluminum die cast totaled (6)machines (7)electrical machine (8)automobile (9)two wheeled vehicle (10)others.

### **Aluminum market price recovers \$2,000 level**

In the end of 2014 the aluminum market price fell below \$2,000 at London Metal Exchange, and in the end of 2015, it went down at \$1,400 level. However in 2016, it rose slowly and in the end of the year, it rebounded powerfully.

In August this year, it marked \$2,000 level, for the first time in two years and a half. It is thought that the unprofitable market brought a long term production curtailment. Contrarily, the aluminum demand increased steadily. As the result, it seems to be a good balance between supply and demand today.

The chart on page two shows three month aluminum market price at London Metal Exchange monthly during past one year.

### **Mr. Toshiya Ohtake grabs a big dream**

One of the greatest summer events in Japan is the National High-School Baseball Championship held at Koshien Stadium in Kobe. Traditionally as all high-school baseball players, it is the greatest and highest dream to play at Koshien Stadium in summer.

Mr. Toshiya Ohtake is an eleventh grade student of Ohgaki Nichidai High-School, and the eldest son of Mr. Yoshihiko Ohtake, Chief of Purchasing Dpt. of Asuka Industries, Inc. He has been playing baseball since his elementary school age, and is a second baseman at Ohgaki Nichidai High-School baseball team today.

Very fortunately, his team won the championship at Gifu Prefectural Tournament, and got the invitational right to play at the 99th National High-School Baseball Championship at Koshien Stadium as one of 49 prefectural delegates. Thus Mr. Toshiya Ohtake grabbed the biggest dream.

On August 13 at Koshien Stadium, Ohgaki Nichidai High-School team played the first match against Tenri High-School team, at which he fought very well as second baseman, but his team was defeated 6 to 0, although a big numbers of cheerleading and a big shout of encouragement from all Asuka staff.

His nice play was televised nationwide, and his more nice play is expected at Koshien Stadium next summer again,

The above photo on page three is Mr. Toshiya Ohtake.

### **Mr. Takeshi Matsukawa gets married, congratulations!**

On June 24, the wedding ceremony and reception of Mr. Takeshi Matsukawa, Purchasing Dpt., and Miss Yuuko were held gorgeously at the Grand Yours Fukui in his home town Fukui City.

New couple was blessed by many colleagues and relatives as the photo on page three below shows.

### **Hawaiian Festival opens at Kira Waikiki Beach**

On August 21~25, Hawaiian Festival was held, where pro dancers team from Hawaii performed their proper Hula, at the same time, 1,000 dancers of Japanese pro and amateur enjoyed Hula performance themselves with many audience

The photo on page four is the stage show of Hula dance at Kira Waikiki Beach.