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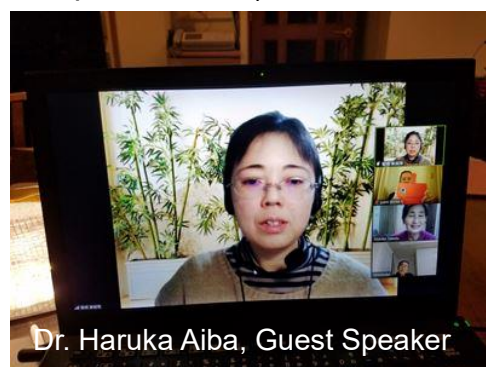
Takarazuka Y's Men's Club January Meeting on Zoom

The first full zoom meeting began with opening bell by President Wakabayashi at 7pm on January 13 (Wed). There were 26 attendees in breaking down of 16 club members, 2 menettes, 4 guests and 6 DBC members (4 from Kagoshima, 2 from Tokyo Machida Cosmos)

The program was two;

1. Table talk by Dr. Haruka Aiba about SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) which is one of a series of table talk from last October, 2020.

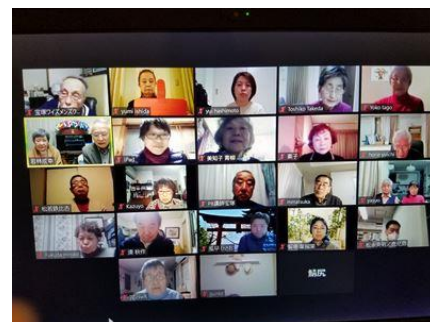
The talk was about "SDGs from animals' point of view", especially about rarely sighted animal, Yamane (Japanese dormouse) focusing on their natural nest and rest site to protect their environment. It's a new subject to every member in the beginning but we found it very interesting and beneficial to know something we are not familiar with.



2. DBC triangle gathering; three DBCs are geographically distant to one another. The remote meeting, however, made it possible to keep our fellowship and to have a chance to welcome a guest speaker from another remote area.

The meeting brought a great success and satisfaction to all and the importance of challenging spirit of a new communication tool, well preparations and efforts for implementation

Thanks to zoom, we made the meeting so expanded and shared the time and spirit of Y's activity.



Christmas Club Meeting in 2020

Last year in 2020, our Christmas Club Meeting was forced to change to a different way because of Covid-19! Very luckily, a great idea hit us to have a Christmas club meeting at a church provided with an outstanding pipe organ nearby.

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven's birth who was called "The Saint of Music" based on his musicality and humanity and he produced a number of beautiful famous music known to the world.

An honorable pianist, Ms. Satomi Okumura performed his famous piano pieces such as

“For Elise”, “Moonlight”, “Turkish March”, etc. and of course some hymns and Y’s song, too, with the pipe organ. According to Ms. Okumura, Beethoven has never composed music for pipe organs! Can you imagine how differently his famous piano pieces were sounded played by a pipe organ? They soothed us to another world where we’ve never been there!! Needless to say, we enjoyed this unique music from the bottom of our hearts!



Christmas Gathering over the Pacific

It was a fantastic Christmas club meeting hosted by Osaka Centennial Club held at Osaka YMCA on December 19, 2020.

The highlight was that it was the first hybrid assembly with Nuuanu Y’s Men and Women’s Club of Hawaii Region, their IBC partner to celebrate Christmas with some other Y’s club members nearby Osaka by face-to-face contact also by ZOOM.

Starting with welcome message from President Shigetaka Nakamura and Mr. Kan Tanigawa MC, the meeting reached the most exciting moment of playing and singing Christmas songs altogether over the Pacific. In addition, 9 of Y’s women members of Japan West Region made a wonderful Hawaiian hula performance of “Silent Night” dancing with Osaka Centennial house band. 47 attendees reported from Hawaii, Philippines and Japan.

It would be so happy if we would be able to perform hula at the International Convention 2022 in Honolulu.



Mele Kalikimaka (Merry Christmas)

