



Amazing Development from Japan Toastmasters Council (JTC) to Provisional District 76

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District Governor 2003-2004

Development of Japan Toastmasters Council (JTC)

Fourteen Toastmasters clubs in Japan had organized Japan Toastmasters Council (JTC) in 1986. Around that time there were no national level activities of Toastmasters, but speech contests in English or Japanese were held by those clubs in major cities such as Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kobe, Kumamoto, and Fukuoka.

After the JTC was established, the activities of English or Japanese Toastmasters clubs in Kanto, Kansai and Chubu began to steadily develop year by year. Thanks to Keiko Omachi, Tatsuji Fujiyama and Kazumasa Umemoto from Kanto, Takaaki Yamanaka and Shuzo Shimada from Nagoya, and Kazuhiro Nomura in Kobe, a two-day national level Toastmasters workshop in Kobe was held for the first time. The instructive workshop successfully helped members to collaborate and build a nationwide network of Toastmasters.

Rika Oshima, JTC Governor 1998-1999 suggested holding a meeting every month at her residence in Kanda, Tokyo. In response to her proposal, Toastmasters from Tokyo, Saitama, Yokohama, Fujisawa and Kobe gathered to discuss practical plans for JTC activities that would vitalize JTC activities to further develop the JTC.

During that time, JTC speech contests and annual meetings were periodically held in major cities in Kanto, Chubu, Kansai, and Kyushu.

The JTC webmaster, a member of Tsukuba Club had asked me, JTC PR Officer at that time, to take over his job as webmaster. I accepted his request and built many web sites for clubs that had none.

In addition, I had organized a new emailing list for the JTC at Yahoo for the first time which made it easier for members to communicate with each other by the use of emailing lists. This further contributed to the development of clubs in the JTC.

Birth of Provisional District 76

JTC events such as officers' election, annual meetings, and club officers' training sessions at a national level became more activate and the number of clubs in the JTC increased. JTC officers and active Toastmasters discussed practical plans to apply to become a Provisional District of Toastmasters International (TMI).

One of the qualifications for the application was that the JTC must have more than 40 clubs in good standing and continue steady growth after becoming a provisional district. In order to qualify, it was necessary to submit signed letters of consent from all the clubs at the time the application was submitted. It was a difficult task to collect the letters of consent from more than 40 clubs throughout Japan. A young and energetic super Toastmaster appeared. Her

name is Nagisa Watanabe from the West Tokyo Club. She used to work at a travel agency in Akihabara and returned home in Oume after midnight. After getting home around midnight she sent me encouraging emails. To my surprise, she had received in a month or so the letters of consent from all the clubs. I had no idea how she had done it.

In 2000, the JTC had been accepted as Provisional District 76. This change in status allowed for the official translation from English into Japanese of Toastmasters training manuals to be published by TMI. Also, District Governor, Lieutenant Governor Education & Training, and Lieutenant Governor Marketing were invited to the annual official training course in the United States.

As Provisional District 76 Toastmasters' activities at the national level became even more active than in the past, and many new clubs were born. Such as Sendai, Kesennuma, Niigata, Tsurugashima, ICF Chiba, Leadership, KeyForce, Kamakura, Toyota Friendship, Kyoto, Takarazuka, East-Kobe, Naniwa, Tokushima, Kurume, Nakakyushu, Minami-Kyushu and others, so many clubs were born. In response to requests from Keiko Omachi, former International President 1999-2000 Timothy Keck often visited clubs in Kanto, Kansai and Hokkaido to assist in their activities. Also, he joined the Spring or Fall Conferences to encourage our activities in the District.

Promotion from a Provisional District to a full-fledged District

During that period, the number of Toastmasters clubs steadily increased year by year and grew to be more than 60 clubs. That growth continues today.

At the Toastmasters International Board of Directors meeting in February 2004, Provisional District 76 was accepted as a full-fledged District of Toastmasters International. On that day International President 2003-2004 Ted Corcoran made an international phone call to me to congratulate me on the promotion.

Mutual Exchanges between Toastmasters in Japan and Taiwan

Early exchanges between Taiwanese Toastmasters and Japanese Toastmasters were on personal and independent bases. In 2000 a Taiwanese Toastmaster from Taiwan participated in a JTC speech contest in Nagoya and won one of the prizes. Then in 2008, a joint meeting of Success Club from Taiwan and Kumamoto Club from Japan took place in Kumamoto, Japan for the first time. Kazumasa Umemoto (Urawa), Shuzo Shimada (Kasugai), and Mayumi Shimamura (Kumamoto) have been great contributors to the strong ties between the two Districts.

I myself participated in several District 67 Conferences in Taipei, Taichun, and Tainan together with many other fellow Toastmasters from Kanto, Kansai, Chugoku and Kyushu. Recently, thanks to Kiminari Azuma, Kazumasa Umemoto, and Hiroki Ohara who have made many visits to Taiwan, the exchanges continue.



International Convention 2004
Reno, Nevada, USA



2003 Fall Conference at Green Hotel, Tokyo
Evaluation Contest



2004 Spring Conference at Awaji Yumebutai Int'l Conference
Center, Awaji, Hyogo-pref.

New Clubs: 21

Corporate Club ** Advanced Club ■ English Club ■ Japanese Club ■ Bilingual Club

Zama-Articulators 2000/7-2001/6 (—2002/7-2003/6) Kanagawa	Kamakura 2000/12/1 Kanagawa	Tokushima 2000/12/1 Tokushima	Kyoto 2001/3/6 Kyoto	Takarazuka 2001/6/25 Hyogo	Leadership 2001/9/30 Tokyo	Tsurugashima 2001/10/29 Saitama	Pricewaterhouse-Cooper # 2001/7-2002/6 (—2006/6/30) Tokyo	Naniwa 2002/3/7 Osaka	Nakakyushu 2002/3/13 Kumamoto
Hiroshima 2002/5/2 Hiroshima	Kurume 2002/5/6 Fukuoka	Toyota Friendship 2002/8/20 Aichi	Speak-up ** 2002/10/16 Hyogo	Kesennuma 2003/2/11 Miyagi	Yamanote 2003/6/23 Tokyo	Hibiki 2003/9/1 Tokyo	Ageo 2003/10/15 Saitama	ToastMOUSEters # 03/07-04/06 (—2010/6/30) Tokyo	Gartner Japan # 03/07-04/06 (—2008/6/30) Tokyo
Minami-Kyushu 2003/12/31 Miyazaki									

Clubs dissolved before the establishment of District 76 on July 1st, 2004 may be omitted.



Ludlow Gibbons, DTM
District Governor 2004-2005

The Toastmaster year 2004-2005 was the year District 76 became a full-fledged Toastmasters District. I succeeded Past District Governor Masahiko Inatsugi who by way of his steady effort and wise leadership guided the then District 76P through its early transition phase. Past International President Tim Keck was also instrumental by frequently visiting Japan and inspiring us along the way.

The theme for my term was “Challenge Yourself to Change.” I wanted it to relate to then International President Jon Greiner’s theme: “Changing Lives, One at a Time.” Change is a good word to describe my term. I believe we began to change the way we looked at ourselves as a District, change the way we conducted our business, and change the way we viewed the future of Toastmasters in Japan. Education awards, clubs and membership started to rapidly increase. It is true District 76 had its fair share of growing pains that first year as a full-fledged District, but thanks to the District Officers’ enthusiasm and the support from Toastmasters International, the later part of the transition phase went smoothly and terminated at the Spring Conference held at the National Olympics Memorial Youth Center in Tokyo where for the first time a Toastmasters International President, Jon Greiner, paid an official visit to Japan.

Looking back over the past ten years, I can see all the positive changes that have taken place in the District’s organization, District’s members, and me. “Thank you Toastmasters.”

Congratulations!
THE FIRST YEAR AS
A FULL-FLEDGED DISTRICT

Fall Conference 2004 in Yoyogi

Nov. 20, Sat.–21, Sun. @ National Olympics Memorial Youth Center

Table Topics Contest



Japanese Contest Host: Area 23 Clubs
Winners
1st: Masafumi Abe (Yokohama TMC)
2nd: Setsuko Noda (ICF Chiba TMC)
3rd: Chie Kojima (Nagoya TMC)



English Contest Host: Yokohama TMC
Winners
1st: Joel Campbell (Speak-up TMC)
2nd: Peter T. Fujiyama (ICF Chiba TMC)
3rd: Takako Ueda (Kansai TMC)



Party



Spring Conference 2005 in Yoyogi

May 21, Sat.–22, Sun. @National Olympics Memorial Youth Center

International Speech Contest



Japanese Contest Host: EDO TMC
Winners
1st: Rikuko Kanai (Kyoto TMC)
2nd: Kiichiro Ohmi (EDO TMC)
3rd: Tomohide Oshima (Yokohama TMC)



English Contest Host: Leadership TMC
Winners
1st: Chika Hisamatsu (Hiroshima TMC)
2nd: Kenny Kawasazaki (Fussa Speakers TMC)
3rd: Tomohide Oshima (Yamanote TMC)



Guest of Honor
Jon R. Greiner, DTM
International President 2004-2005



Conference Chair
Micheal Sorey



Party

2005
International Convention
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Aug. 24, Wed.–27, Sat.



Chika Hisamatsu, the first contestant who represented D76 at the Inter-District Contest



New Clubs: 7 # Corporate Club ** Advanced Club ■ English Club ■ Japanese Club ■ Bilingual Club

Radisson Narita 2004/7/19 Chiba	AIG → Arcadia → Meridian 2004/8/2 Tokyo	Misawa 2004/8/12 Aomori	Eight Princes 2004/9/29 Tokyo	Sakitama 2004/11/8 Saitama	Yamato Bilingual 2004/12/14 Kanagawa	Musashi-Kosugi 2005/6/6 Kanagawa			



Keiko Omachi, DTM
District Governor 2005-2006

The term 2005-2006 was the second term after District 76 attained a full-fledged district status. Under the district theme of “Together Everyone Achieve More (TEAM)” we achieved a distinguished district status ranking 17th in the world in terms of Distinguished District Program with the following results:

Previous Term	2005-2006	Net Increase of
Membership	1729	1822
No. of Clubs	68	73
		93 members
		5 clubs

The theme of the then Toastmasters International President Dilip Abayasekara, DTM, was “Find Your Voice, Serve Your World”. The 2005 Fall Conference was held from November 19 to 20 at the Edogawa Green Palace, Tokyo, where we recognized Toastmaster of the Year, Division Governor of the Year and Area Governor of the Year during the Hall of Fame ceremony, and we extended our recognition to those Toastmasters who had rendered their services to help grow District 76 by serving on various district committees. The 1999-2000 Toastmasters International President Timothy R. Keck, DTM, was our guest of honor.

The 2006 Spring Conference was held on May 12 to 14 at the Yumebutai International Conference Center on Awaji Island. Our guests of honor were Toastmaster David Brooks, 1990 World Champion of Public Speaking, and 1999-2000 Toastmasters International President Timothy R. Keck, DTM. I really enjoyed working hard with my team. I cannot possibly put into words my appreciation of my team and all members of District 76 for their enduring efforts in achieving the Distinguished District status for the term of 2005-2006.

Fall Conference 2005 in Edogawa

Nov. 19,Sat.-20,Sun. @Edogawa Green Palace

Tall Tales Contest



Japanese Contest Host: Yamato Bilingual TMC, Den-en Toshi TMC
Winners
1st: Rikuko Kanai (Kyoto TMC)(center)
2nd: Chie Kojima (Nagoya TMC)
3rd: Kiichiro Ohmi (EDO TMC)
Guest of Honor
Timothy Keck, DTM (right)
International President 1999-2000



English Contest Host: Yamato Bilingual TMC, Den-en Toshi TMC
Winners
1st: Kazuko Takigawa (Naniwa TMC)
2nd: Philip Harris (Tozai TMC)
3rd: Yukiko Shiratori (Yamanote TMC)



Eglish Contest Chief Judge
Ludlow Gibbons



Eglish contestants



Hall of Fame



Spring Conference 2006 in Awaji

May 12,Fri.-14,Sun. @Awaji Yumebutai International Conference Center

International Speech Contest



Japanese Contest Host: Nagoya TMC
Winners
1st: Kiminari Azuma (Yamato Bilingual TMC)
2nd: Namiko Takahashi (EDO TMC)
3rd: Hiroki Ohara (Hibiki TMC)



English Contest Host: Tokushima TMC
Winners
1st: Setsuko Fujiyama (Hiroshima TMC)
2nd: James B. Cole (Tokyo TMC)
3rd: Robert Burnside (Breakfast TMC)



Guest of Honor
Timothy Keck, DTM (second left)
International President 1999-2000



Members of the hosting clubs



Banner March



Distinguished Division Award and Distinguished Club
Award recipients

2006 International Convention Washington D.C., USA

Aug. 23,Wed.-26,Sat.



Setsuko Fujiyama, the contestant who represented D76 at
an Inter-District Contest



New Clubs: 6

Corporate Club ** Advanced Club ■ English Club ■ Japanese Club ■ Bilingual Club

OPM → Aki 2005/7/22 Hiroshima	Takamatsu 2005/8/18 Kagawa	Matsumoto 2005/9/6 Nagano	Yachiyo # 2006/1/1 Tokyo	Kochi 2006/1/2 Kochi	FFLC 2006/5/2 (—2010/6/30) Fukuoka				



Shoko Takimoto, DTM
District Governor 2006-2007

District 76 missed achieving Distinguished District status by just short of three Competent Communicators awards. During this year, the Toastmasters International President was Johnny Uy, DTM, and his theme of the term was "Toastmasters: Simply Amazing!" District 76 sent contestant Setsuko Fujiyama to an Inter-District Contest held in Washington DC, USA. Her speech was titled "Hardships made me happy." The Spring Conference was held at the National Olympics Memorial Youth Center where once Olympic athletes from around the world competed to the best of their physical abilities and challenged their human potential. The guest of honor of the Conference was John Lau, DTM, a passionate International Director. He encouraged us by saying, "Be proud of the membership together and the fact that we belong to a "Simply Amazing" organization, named Toastmasters International."

Fall Conference 2006 in Edogawa

Nov. 11,Sat.-12,Sun. @Edogawa Green Palace

Humorous Speech Contest



Japanese Contest Host: ICF Chiba TMC
Winners
1st: Akie Asai (Yamanote TMC)
2nd: Kazuo Iwai (Yachiyo TMC)
3rd: Setsuko Noda (ICF Chiba TMC)



English Contest Host: ICF Chiba TMC
Winners
1st: Kenichi Yamada (East-Kobe TMC)
2nd: Ruskyle Howser (Tokyo TMC)
3rd: Yukihiro Arai (Sakura TMC)



Conference Chair
Peter T. Fujiyama



Lecturer
Robert Burnside



Guest Speaker
Yoji Kanda



Reception Desk



Party

Spring Conference 2007 in Yoyogi

May 18,Fri.-20,Sun. @National Olympics Memorial Youth Center

International Speech Contest



Japanese Contest Host: Hlbiki TMC
Winners
1st: Namiko Takahashi (EDO TMC)
2nd: Bruce Perkins (Yamato Bilingual TMC)
3rd: Shozo Namikawa (Tokai TMC)



English Contest Host: KeyForce TMC
Winners
1st: Kiminari Azuma (Yamato Bilingual TMC)
2nd: Ruskyle Howser (Tokyo TMC)
3rd: Kazuko Takayama (Okayama TMC)



Guest of Honor
John Lau, DTM
International Director 2005-2007



Conference Chair
Ludlow Gibbons



Conference Staff



Conference Staff

2007 International Convention
Phoenix, Arizona, USA

Aug. 15,Wed.-18,Sat.



New Clubs: 4

Corporate Club ** Advanced Club ■ English Club ■ Japanese Club ■ Bilingual Club

Sunrise 2007/4/16 Tokyo	Mizonokuchi 2007/4/23 Kanagawa	Kagurazaka 2007/5/29 Tokyo	Minato-Mirai 2007/6/13 Kanagawa						



Takashi Suzuki, DTM
District Governor 2007-2008

We are very proud of all the members of District 76 (2007-2008) because we, District 76, had achieved Distinguished District which ranked 19th in terms of Distinguished District Program among all the districts. We had a formal slogan of our District "Grow Together Sharing Moments of Truth", but we had another informal slogan which was "SuCCess CC". Our Lt. Governor Education and Training had used the slogan "SuCCess CC" to increase the number of Competent Communicator (CC) because we were short of the District goal for Competent Communicators. Actually, in March, we had only 84 CCs while the goal was 132. However, we could overcome the challenge thanks to the great cooperation by all the members with the slogan "SuCCess CC". I have learned that a simple slogan can work more than the formal one. Marketing was so successful. The number of Toastmasters Clubs increased to more than 80 for the first time. I appreciated the great job given by Lt. Governor Marketing. It was our great pleasure that Keiko Omachi, DTM, was awarded a Presidential Citation.

Fall Conference 2007 in Awaji

Nov. 16,Fri.-18,Sun. @Awaji Yumebutai International Conference Center

Evaluation Contest



Japanese Contest Host: Kyoto TMC
Winners
1st: Mieko Kobayashi (Aoyama Lunch TMC)
2nd: Rikuko Kanai (Kyoto TMC)
3rd: Miwako Maki (Kagurazaka TMC)



English Contest Host: Speak-up TMC
Winners
1st: Marie Josee Brassard (Sendai TMC)
2nd: Joel Campbell (Kyoto TMC)
3rd: Matthew Ownby (Atsugi-Zama TMC)



Guest of Honor
Timothy Keck, DTM
International President 1999-2000



Awaji Yumebutai International Conference Center

Spring Conference 2008 in Hiroshima

May16,Fri.-18,Sun. @International Conference Center Hiroshima

International Speech Contest



Japanese Contest Host: Kumamoto, Higo, and FFLC TMCs
Winners
1st: Michie Ikeda (Hibiki TMC)
2nd: Kenji Izumi (Musashi-Kosugi TMC)
3rd: Akiko Ogawa (Kyoto TMC)



English Contest Host: Hiroshima TMC
Winners
1st: Kiminari Azuma (Yamato Bilingual TMC)
2nd: Ruskyle Howser (Tokyo TMC)
3rd: Shinji Fukuda (Fukuoka TMC)



Guest of Honor
George Yen, DTM
International Director 2006-2008



Guest
Jorie Wu, DTM
Past District 67 Governor



Special Guest
Dr. Tadatashi Akiba
Mayor
The City of Hiroshima



Eiko Suzuki, a guest speaker (second right) and guests from Taiwan

2008 International Convention
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Aug. 13,Wed.-16,Sat.



New Clubs: 7

Corporate Club ** Advanced Club ■ English Club ■ Japanese Club ■ Bilingual Club

Kagayaki** 2007/10/5 Tokyo	Tokyo International 2008/1/23 Tokyo	Quantum 2008/1/9 Hiroshima	Pioneer 2008/2/14 Tokyo	Chiba Central 2008/3/3 Chiba	Kanagawa 2008/3/31 Kanagawa	Chiyoda 2008/5/27 Tokyo			



Shoko Takimoto, DTM
District Governor 2008-2009

District 76 succeeded to achieve Distinguished District status for the second consecutive year by the efforts of all clubs and members. The Toastmasters International President was Jana Barnhill, DTM, AS, with the theme of the term "The Courage to Conquer". The Spring Conference was held at Science City Tsukuba with the theme "Discover Your Potential". The Experimental module "Kibo" of Japan was launched successfully. A dream of scientist is "To enable what seems to be impossible by discovering the potential". Dreams, however are not limited to scientist only. "Kibo" gave us the chance to envision our dreams and focus on the achievement of those dreams. International President Jana Barnhill sent us her message "Courage to Conquer". She encouraged us "To continue to learn, to continue to grow, and to continue to "Discover Your Potential". The guest of honor of the Conference was International Director Mohammed Murad, DTM.

Fall Conference 2008 in Saitama

Nov. 1,Sat.-2,Sun. @Saitama Provident Hall

Table Topics Contest



Japanese Contest Host: Pioneer TMC
Winners
1st: Tomohide Oshima (Yokohama TMC)
2nd: Kiyoshi Inoue (Musashi TMC)
3rd: Kazuko Kawauchi (Pioneer TMC)



English Contest Host: Pioneer TMC
Winners
1st: M. Kishimoto (Tokushima TMC)
2nd: Tomohide Oshima (Yokohama TMC)
3rd: Marie Josee Brassard (Sendai TMC)



Banner March



Hall of Fame

Spring Conference 2009 in Tsukuba

May29,Fri.-31,Sun. @Tsukuba Nova Hall

International Speech Contest



Japanese Contest Host: Musashi-Kosugi TMC
Winners
1st: Mieko Kobayashi (Aoyama Lunch TMC)
2nd: Kazumasa Umemoto (Ageo TMC)
3rd: Takashi Tadooka (Tachikawa TMC)



English Contest Host: Tsukuba TMC
Winners
1st: Chika Hisamatsu (Sunrise TMC)
2nd: Kiminari Azuma (Yamato Bilingual TMC)
3rd: Kazuko Takayama (Okayama TMC)



Guest of Honor
Mohammed Murad, DTM
International Director 2007-2009



Conference Chair
Shoko Takimoto, DTM



Conference Staff



Party

2009 International Convention
Mashantucket, Connecticut, USA

Aug. 12,Wed.-15,Sat.



New Clubs: 10

Corporate Club ** Advanced Club ■ English Club ■ Japanese Club ■ Bilingual Club

Bannerdale→Shibuya 2008/8/4 Tokyo	Iidabashi 2009/1/5 Tokyo	Nishinomiya 2009/1/20 Hyogo	Senri 2009/2/10 Osaka	Utsunomiya 2009/2/18 Tochigi	Yokohama Frontier 2009/2/25 Kanagawa	Tachikawa 2009/3/30 Tokyo	Shimbashi 2009/4/1 Tokyo	Akabane Bilingual 2009/4/1 Tokyo	Kyushu University 2009/5/20 Fukuoka



Minoru Tamura, DTM
District Governor 2009-2010

When I became the District Governor of District76, the number of clubs was around 90 and I felt that we possessed the energy to grow further. As the 2009-2010 District theme, I chose "Quality Regular Meeting to Enjoy and Grow" which is considered to be a core value of Toastmasters that creates success with fun. I made three targets for District 76 and tried to achieve the following:

- ◆ Set up strong and good TEAMWORK by which all District Officers could fulfill each role, especially the Division Governors.
- ◆ Prepare more JAPANESE manuals to cope with the increasing number of Japanese clubs.
- ◆ Create a LIVELIER website to serve the electronic needs of the District's members.

It was a great honor for my home club Tokushima TMC to host the 2010 Spring Conference in Tokushima. Many people cooperated a lot including neighboring clubs, Prefectural Governor Izumi, and the Awa Dance Group Tonosamaren. Although I could not fully achieve my targets, to serve as a District Governor was a great benefit to me and I thank everybody who contributed.

Fall Conference 2009 in Yokohama

Nov. 13,Fri.-15,Sun. @Workpia Yokohama

Tall Tales Contest



Japanese Contest Host: Kanagawa TMC
Winners
1st: Shojiro Ishigaki (Nihonbashi Century TMC)
2nd: Hiroyuki Nakano (Kasugai TMC)
3rd: Kiyoshi Inoue (Musashi TMC)



English Contest Host: Tokyo International TMC
Winners
1st: Rosalyn Hagiwara (Aoyama Lunch TMC)
2nd: Keizo Matsui (Kyoto TMC)
3rd: Takako Sakamoto (Kyushu Univ. TMC)



Conference Chair
Kazuko Kawauchi



Keynote Speaker
Matthew Ownby



Banner March



Guided Tour to Kamakura



Party



Spring Conference 2010 in Tokushima

May21,Fri.-23,Sun. @Awagin Hall in Tokushima

International Speech Contest



Japanese Contest Host: Nishinomiya TMC
Winners
1st: Midori Hirota (Kagayaki TMC)
2nd: Kenichi Shibata (EDO TMC)
3rd: Keizo Matsui (Kyoto TMC)



English Contest Host: Tokushima TMC
Winners
1st: Ruskyle Howser (Tokyo TMC)
2nd: Kenichi Yamada (East-Kobe TMC)
3rd: Vicky Gomez (Yamato Bilingual TMC)



Guest of Honor
J. Andree Brooks, DTM
International Director 1998-2000



Guest Speaker
David C. Morton



Special Guest
Kamon Izumi
Governor of Tokushima Prefecture



Party
Awa Odori Dance

2010 International Convention
Palm Desert, California, USA

Aug. 11,Wed.-14,Sat.



New Clubs: 7

Corporate Club ** Advanced Club ■ English Club ■ Japanese Club ■ Bilingual Club

FCCJ 2009/7/13 Tokyo	Nihonbashi Century 2009/9/15 Tokyo	Tottori 2009/11/23 Tottori	Omotesando Bilingual 2010/1/26 Tokyo	Kure 2010/2/12 Hiroshima	Kawasaki 2010/5/17 Kanagawa	Green Hills 2010/6/23 Chiba			



Seiko Matsumoto, DTM District Governor 2010-2011

While I served as District Governor, 2010-2011, my term was made noteworthy by two conferences. The Fall Conference in Kumamoto was enhanced by the presence of then International President, Pat Johnson. As for the Spring Conference, its memory created in me extremely mixed feelings: a bitter of decision and humble gratitude. Immediately after the March 11th Tohoku Dai Shinsai, I had to make a tough decision about the Spring Conference. Finally, the venue was relocated from Tokyo to Kyoto and downsized to a one-day event. Although immensely disheartened by the catastrophe, we could show our strong mindset by the slogan of the Spring Conference: “Be Resilient. We can Overcome.” We received a lot of messages and encouragement from Toastmasters across the seas. Thanks to the encouragement of those messages, we tried hard to achieve the District goals. Regretfully, the result was seven Competent Communicators short of the goal. However, the number “7” meant more to us later than the unattained goal. The number will remain in our hearts as the symbol of fortune, not regrets. I’m really thankful to the members of District 76 for the concerted efforts they presented in the midst of the aftermath of that disaster. We were, are, and we will be resilient, after all.

Fall Conference 2010 in Kumamoto

Nov. 19, Fri.-21, Sun. @PAREA in Kumamoto City

Humorous Speech Contest



Japanese Contest Host: Kumamoto TMC
Winners
1st: Mayumi Shimamura (Kumamoto TMC)
2nd: Kiichiro Ohmi (Kawasaki TMC)
3rd: Setsuko Noda (Raddison Narita TMC)



English Contest Host: Nakakyushu TMC
Winners
1st: Kazuhiko Kawashima (Senri TMC)
2nd: Bruce A Perkins (Kagayaki TMC)
3rd: Takayuki Fujiwara (Tachikawa TMC)



Guest of Honor
Pat Johnson, DTM
International President 2010-2011



Education Session



Welcome Greetings
Yoshiyasu Hyotani
Vice Governor
Kumamoto Prefecture



Conference Chair
Toshiaki Kishikawa
(center in the second row)



Dinner Party

Spring Conference 2011 in Kyoto

May15, Sun. @Campus Plaza Kyoto

International Speech Contest



Japanese Contest Host: Nishinomiya TMC
Winners
1st: Kazuo Yamaguchi (Momiji TMC)
2nd: Shinsuke Yamamoto (Nihonbashi Century TMC)
3rd: Yasuyo Henmi (Eight Princes TMC)



English Contest Host: Kyoto TMC
Winners
1st: Naoki Tamura (Tokai TMC)
2nd: Ruskyle Howser (Tokyo TMC)
3rd: Midori Hirota (Kagayaki TMC)



Banner March



Conference Chair
Shoko Takimoto, DTM



English Contest Chair
Shozo Ohtera



President of Kyoto TMC
Kyoko Kitamura



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Mathew Ownby

2011 International Convention Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

Aug. 17, Wed.-20, Sat.



New Clubs: 11

Corporate Club ** Advanced Club ■ English Club ■ Japanese Club ■ Bilingual Club

Tokorozawa 2010/7/11 Saimata	Gunma 2010/7/20 Gunma	Fantasia** 2010/10/22 Tokyo	Oki Orators 2011/1/1 Okinawa	Sakae 2011/1/15 Aichi	Machida Bilingual 2011/2/6 Tokyo	Visionaries 2011/2/10 Kanagawa	Momiji 2011/2/19 Hiroshima	Akihabara 2011/3/7 Tokyo	Shinagawa# 2011/3/18 Tokyo
Nara 2011/4/5 Nara									