

JSOL7 | The 7th Japanese National Conference for Sharing SF Utilization Enhancing the Ability to Vitalize Each Other Japan Tokyo | 21-22 June 2014

Hello to SF practitioners of the world. Hello again to old friends, hello with a deep bow to the people who sees my name for the first time. My name is Yasuteru Aoki known as "Aoki-san" in the SOL community.

This post is an invitation to J-SOL7(The 7th Japanese National SOL Conference).

I am very happy to announce that we are going to host J-SOL7 conference in Tokyo during the weekend of June 21st and 22nd, 2014. The theme of the conference is "Enhancing the Ability to Vitalize Each Other". The official language is Japanese and the participants are mainly Japanese. But in the past we have welcomed the international English speaking colleagues from many countries. We will provide a whispering translator for English speakers. Whispering means that you listen to the simultaneous translation through headsets. But the translation roughly covers only 40%~65% of what's been said. So we will not ask for your fee. You just need to pay for your travel and hotel room. We will just be happy to see some of our international SF friends present at our annual lively gathering of about 100 solutionists.

Although the linguistic understanding of the presented content could be limited, there will be so much value for you to come to J-SOL conference. You can experience a very different culture of Japan which on the surface looks very westernized but remains traditional inside. Not many people speak English fluently, but people here generally are eager to be friendly with foreigners. In the past we have assisted the international visitors to J-SOL in experiencing our culture by organizing tours for tea ceremony, zen meditation, musical instruments, drumming and etc. And you know, Japanese food was just recently registered as Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. You can experience it directly!

You are welcome just as a participant. But if you have a case or a topic to present which resonate with the theme of "Enhancing the Ability to Vitalize Each Other", you are welcome as a presenter, too. We will provide you a translator. The number of English workshops we can host is limited. Therefore, there is a slight chance that we cannot accept every offer.

There will be no registration form in English format. So if you are interested in coming to J-SOL, just send me an email. Please do ask questions if you need to know anything before you decide to come to Japan.

You can take a look at the past J-SOL conference report which Dr. Mark McKergow kindly wrote up;

for J-SOL1(2008): <http://www.j-sol.org/one/J-SOL%20One%20review.pdf>

for J-SOL6(2013): <http://sfworkblog.wordpress.com/2013/06/26/j-sol-6-report-aoki-lead-the-way-with-sf-in-japan/>

Thank you for reading this information so far. If you want to contact me, please send an email to the address below;

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I am very impressed that the variety of SOL events have increased recently in different languages and cultures, and I would like to continue to contribute something from our side to the SF community of the world.

With a deep bow
Aoki