

The 40th. anniversary of Japan Aluminum Refiners Association

On May 15, the 40th. anniversary of Japan Aluminum Refiners Association was held at the Daiichi Hotel Ryougoku in Tokyo, and the 160 of guests and members celebrated the anniversary and enjoyed a generous dinner party.

Originally, some local bodies had organized in Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Kyushu, and worked severally at the secondary aluminum business in Japan. In 1961, Japan Aluminum Alloy Association was founded throughout whole Japan to improve our business grade and to show our political proposal.

Then, the secondary aluminum alloy business had expanded favorably year by year, and occupied a status, one of the most important nonferrous metals' suppliers. Reflecting such a circumstance in 1974, Japan Aluminum Alloy Association re-organized to Japan Aluminum Refiners Association with the approval of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Since then, the demand of secondary aluminum alloy in Japan has steadily increased according as the growth of world economy. During past 40 years, there were some remarkable affairs at world aluminum business, in which the following two were epoch-making events.

One was the listing of primary aluminum ingot at London Metal Exchange in 1978, and the other was the listing of secondary aluminum alloy ingot at London Metal Exchange in 1992.

The table on page one shows the transition of aluminum alloy demand. Top is total demand, middle is domestic production and bottom is imported ingot from China.

Kudos for Takashi Amano

At the 40th. Anniversary of Japan Aluminum Refiners Association on May 15, Asuka Industries, Inc. President Takashi Amano received the association's award as a long service director as the photo on page one shows.

The association cited Takashi Amano "in recognition of his distinguished career in secondary aluminum business in his 15 years as director of Japan Aluminum Refiners Association. During his tenure, he has led the association to one of the most reputable ones in the worldwide aluminum business bodies".

He was re-elected as an executive director at the general meeting of the society held on the same day.

Bus excursion to Hirugami Spa

On April 20 and 21, we went on a bus excursion to Hirugami Spa in southern Nagano Prefecture. On our way, we dropped at an amusement park, Ena Wonder Land, at which we enjoyed a self-service barbecue lunch and various attractions.

At the Hotel Achigawa in Hirugami Spa, we had a dinner party in traditional Japanese fashion welcoming two newcomers very harmoniously and merrily. The photo on page three is whole members assembled at the banquet room, and newcomers contributed their impressions, which are summarized on the reverse page.

Two days in a flush

Miss Rina Niinomi

Relaxing and chatting with seniors in bus, we arrived Ena Wonder Land, where we must “wrestle to cook barbecue”. At first, we had to ignite charcoal and to chop vegetables ourselves. The meat was very nice, and we did cleaning up our spaces at last.

I felt this self-service system of everybody work was really happy, and I could know many kind and friendly partners.

On the way to Hirugami Spa, we looked at various beautiful flowers and blossoms through bus window. At the Hotel Achigawa, as it was my first experience that I attended such a dinner party, my heart fluttered.

Receiving senior’s guidance, I could service to pour sake to everyone and could talk with President Amano, Executive Director Arima and many other seniors. Gradually little by little, I could have pleasant time together with seniors.

After the cheerful party, I enjoyed spa and chat with kind seniors thoroughly. Having such nice seniors, I felt I’m so happy

On the second day, we tried horse meat lunch and enjoyed it. At last we visited a berry-picking farm, where I picked beautifully ripe berries. I ate both horse meat and ripe berries to my heart’s content

Everything I experienced during the two days was really my flesh and pleasant memory. Thanks everyone for your kindness.

Thanks for seniors’ kindness

Mr. Daisuke Suzuki

I had a lot of uneasiness and a little expectation to go on bus excursion with unknowing partners. Everything: drinking sake in bus, singing with karaoke at dinner party and may others, was my first experience, and I felt big tension. But gradually, I could relax and enjoyed the dinner party myself.

Through this bus excursion, I could talk with many seniors whom I had never talked in my daily life. Anytime and anywhere the two days were filled with so many my first experiences. I realized that the two days were so valuable and important for me

I thank all seniors for taking care of me, and also thank the trip organizer for everything.

Visitors from China

On May 22, Mr. Shi Shukui, Vice President of Changchun Tong-Li Aluminium Smelting Technology Co., Ltd. and other four members visited us. They observed our plant and yard diligently, and then there was a frank exchange of views between Japan and China.

We welcomed them hoisting Chinese national flag, five stars and red ground. The photo on page four shows the visitors from China under Chinese national flag.

Company news

Mr. Akihiro Iwase got Aiji Takahashi Prize as an excellent employee at the general meeting of Japan Aluminum Refiners Association on May 15. Congratulations!