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Mr. Suguru Takeda, the 52nd Asuka Seminar's Speaker

Recently it was revealed that the the52nd Asuka Seminar is going to be held on October 9 and 10 at the Kira Kanko Hotel in Mikawa Bay National Park, and moreover the speaker and the subject of seminar were fixed as follows.

speaker Mr. Suguru Takeda

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subject The ABC of aluminum diecast

The speaker, Mr. Suguru Takeda, graduated from Tohoku University Metals Dept., and since then has served in the Ahresry Corporation, one of the greatest diecsters in Japan. He is a specialist on aluminum and magnesium diecast engineering and the materials.

As well as an engineer, he served as the President of Ahresty India. We expect his interesting speech with his various experiences on diecast engineering from the TIndia.

As Asuka Seminar has been one of our biggest annual events, we, all of Asuka, are proud of the successive performing during past 52 years. We owe our successive and magnificent opening to all our friendly customers. We are in anticipation of the coming Asuka Seminar. The photo on page one is the Kira Kanko Hotel.

The 27th Asuka Golf Competition

In the morning of October 10, the 27th 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 the competition.

The secondary aluminum alloy production in the first half of 2015 dwindles 7.8%

The Japan Aluminum Alloy Refiners Association recently revealed the production and the shipment of secondary aluminum alloy in the first half of 2015. According to the nnouncement, the production decreased 7.8% to 383,031ton, and the shipment also decreased 7.1% to 383,576ton.

The association points that both figures show the lackluster demand caused by the increase of consumption tax and mini car tax.

Classifying the section of demand, the main demand, diecast, declined 8.9%, which decrease was three successive period. The cast declined 4.4%, , two successive period. Each smaller demand, sheet, extrusion, steel and alloy, was stagnant, too.

The association expects the economic activity would recover in the latter half of this year, and the demand of aluminum alloy would improve.

In these circumstances at Asuka Industries Inc., the output in the first half of 2015 rose some percent from the previous same period, and furthermore the orders are increasing.

The chart on page two shows the production, shipment and comparison, from top, total production, total shipment, cast, diecast, sheet, extrusion, steel and alloy.

Top season of "Can to can" has come

Owing to an awfully hot summer, a big number of used aluminum beverage can originates, and we are receiving and recycling a pile of those every day. The used can is remelted with our newest facilities, and shipped to aluminum sheet producers.

The Aluminum Can Recycling Association says the consumption of aluminum beverage can will be 20.2 billion, the highest, this year, Our "Can to can" business will be busy within this year.

The photo on page two shows the recycled ingots waiting the shipment to aluminum sheet producers.

Tokai City sends an observation party

Tokai City, Aichi Prefecture, has been executing various recycling educations, one of which is "Parents and children expedition for recycling". As one of program, the city sent us an observation party, two instructors and 20 children, on August 5.

At first they watched a video on aluminum can recycling, and then observed the actual aluminum recycling process. We think they had a valuable day in their long summer holidays. The below photo on page three is the Expedition.

Hawaiian Festival at Kira Waikiki Beach opens

On August 24 ~30, the Hawaiian Festival was held at Kira Waikiki Beach in Nishio City, where Hawaiian pro dancers team from Hawaii U.S. performed their proper Hula, and at the same time 1,000 dancers of Japanese pro and amateur enjoyed Hula performance themselves with so many spectators to full.

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

Company news

On July 27~30 we received two students for internship from Nishio Kakujogaoka High School. Mr. Naonari Hayashi, left in the above photo on page three, and Mr. Osamu Sakabe, right, experienced various actual job training at each section with us.

In July our production activity kept a very high level supported by a very favorable demand, and as a result, the output in July hit a record high in past every July. We thank our all users and scrap suppliers for a great cooperation.

The Japan of today

Thousands of young people rallied on August 23 throughout Japan, protesting the security bills that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe wants to pass during the current Diet session. Demonstrations and gatherings took place at more than 60 locations around Japan – in response to a call by a group called Students Emergency Action for Liberal Democracy, or SEALDs.

The bills would significantly expand the scope of Self-Defense Forces missions overseas. In Tokyo, about 6,500 protesters gathered to march toward the popular Shibuya shopping and entertainment district, chanting slogans such as No War" and "No Change in the Law". Other groups set up young protesters also rallied on the same day, responding to SELDs' call.