

Mr. Nakaba Ichikawa, the 53rd Asuka Seminar's speaker

It has been revealed that the 53rd Asuka Seminar is going to be held on October 7 and 8 at the Kira Kanko Hotel in Mikawa Bay National Park, and recently the speaker and subject of seminar were fixed and released as follows.

Speaker Mr. Nakaba Ichikawa
Chief Manager, Eco System LLC.

Subject The check system of oxidized substances in molten metal

It has been well known that the demeanor of oxidized substances in molten metal influences over the quality of diecasted or casted products. However the effective checking system for molten metal's quality is very difficult practically.

Mr. Nakaba Ichikawa is an expert on the checking engineering of molten metal, and we want to improve our products' quality much more through this informative seminar

After the seminar, a grand party in traditional Japanese fashion will be held to interchange business views frankly among attendants, and at the same time to enjoy an autumn evening soaking a hot spring thoroughly.

The second day, a golf completion is arranged at Kira Country Club in the morning for golf devotees. Right now we are accepting the registration and expect many players will attend and enjoy the competition. *The photo on P.1 is Kira Kanko Hotel.*

2016 Japan Die Casting Congress & Exposition

The 2016 Japan Die Casting Congress and Exposition is going to be held on 24,25 and 26 November in Yokohama by the Japan Die Casting Association (Chairman, Mr. Jun Sugimoto, President of Mino Industry Co. Ltd.) . It has been held every other year and this year's event is the 19th.

The association aims at the favorable progress of die casting industry and the effective public relations on die casting business and other concerned business throughout this big event, which has been only one and the most informative within the die casting industry in Japan.

At the congress, the newest studies are going to be presented, and the latest equipments and products will be shown at the exhibition . The exhibitors are 150 and more, and the total visitors are estimated to exceed 20,000.

According to the association's announcement,

Opening term 24,25 and 26 November, 9:00 am ~ 5:00 pm
site Pacifico Yokohama
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The photo on page two is sketch of the site in Yokohama.

The secondary aluminum alloy production in first half of 2016 increases 1.5%

The Japan Aluminum Alloy Refiners Association recently revealed the production and the shipment of secondary aluminum alloy in the first half of 2016. According to the announcement, the production increased 1.5 per cent to 388,675 ton, and the shipment also increased 0.8 per cent to 391,843 ton.

The increase of production volume was for the first time in four years, and the increase of shipment volume was for the first time in three years.

Classifying the sector of demand, the main demand, diecast, swelled 4.8 per cent to 223,830 ton, which was supported by the brisk export of knock-down parts for automobile and the increased production of Toyota's Plius.

Contrarily, the biggest decrease was sheet, which dropped 7.4 per cent to 26,742 ton. It was affected severely by the bearish market of primary aluminum at London Metal Exchange.

The chart on page three shows the production, shipment and comparison with the previous same period of secondary aluminum alloy in the first half of 2016. From top, total production, total shipment, cast, diecast, sheet, extrusion, steel and alloy.

Hawaiian Festival opens at Kira Waikiki Beach

On August 22 ~ 27, 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 25 ~ 28, we received a student for internship from Nishio Kakujougaoka High School. Mr. Motoyuki Kato experienced various actual job training at each section with us. Every year, internship students sent us their very interesting reports. We await Mr. Kato's unique report this year.

The photo on page three is Mr. Motoyuki Kato, binding aluminum ingot

Owing to an awfully hot summer, unexpected big volume of used aluminum beverage can originate. We are receiving a pile of them every day.

The Japan of today

Government debt hits new record

Japan's central government debt swelled to a record high ¥1,053.4 trillion as of the end of June 2016, the Ministry of Finance preliminarily reported on August 10. The amount, which includes government bonds, borrowings and financial bills, totals ¥8.29 million in debt for every man, woman and child in Japan.

The total government bonds outstanding exceeded ¥1,000 trillion in the end of June 2013, and then, the expansion is just as it was.

Today, the Government still projects to continue economic stimulative measures with red ink bond,

The thoughtful and sensible people worry about this abnormal and risky situation very seriously.