

Activities Report for the Year 2022

JACOP



**Stichting Japanese Communities
Platform**

1. Overview of our Activities in 2022

Our main activities conducted in 2022 were as follows:

- Children Center (“*Jidokan*”)
- ABBA Dance
- Space Rental (for individuals and Japanese NPO)
- Japanese Style Festival (“*Bunkasai*”)
- Online Activities (Website and Face Book)
- Collaboration with SKAB
- Contact with XX Amstelveen
- In the next section, we describe each activities.

2. Activities in 2022

2.1 Children Center (“*Jidokan*”)

In 2022, we have successfully opened a children center (“*Jidokan*”): the place where Japanese children with the age 0 to 5 years old can play. The children are always accompanied by their parent. Most of the visitors of Jidokan are expats’ children and their mothers who have not been in the Netherlands that long. Jidokan functions not only as play place for the children, but also as information exchanges place for the mothers.

- Officially started from March 2022:
- Open every Wednesday from 13:00 – 16:00:
- Admission fee EUR 2:
- Expenses: Room rental fee of EUR 65 per time, tables and chairs for children (set up fee), stationaries, and travel expenses for volunteers.



Jidokan Flyer

2.2 ABBA Dance

After Jidokan, it is a time for elderly people. ABBA Dance is a group of elderly people, who want to enjoy doing physical exercise with ABBA music. At this moment, the members are only Japanese. However, we are also searching opportunities to get non-Japanese people involved.

- Started from March 2023:

- Open every Wednesday from 16:00 – 17:00
- The average number of participants per month in 2022 is seven (7).
- Admission fee EUR 2:
- Expenses: None (the room rental fee is covered by Jidokan).



ABBA Dance Practice

2.3 Space Rental

During 2022, JACOP has been promoting the SAKB spaces for the cultural/educational related workshops/activities organized by Japanese individuals and non-profit organisations, and we were successfully coordinated many events/workshops. This shows that the SAKB is getting known and is becoming a base place for the Japanese communities in Amstelveen.

Overview of the activities organized by individuals

| Month | Name | times | |
|-------|------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Feb | Workshop Book reading for children | 1 | Individual |
| Apr | Meetup | 1 | Individual |
| May | Workshop hand crafts | 1 | Individual |
| June | Meet up | 1 | Individual |
| July | Meet up | 1 | Individual |
| July | Workshop Lecture about bees | 1 | Individual |
| Aug | Workshop Kintsugi | 1 | Individual |
| Aug | Workshop Health consulting | 1 | Individual |
| Aug | Workshop hand crafts | 1 | Individual |
| Sep | Workshop hand crafts | 1 | Individual |
| Oct | Workshop Photograph | 1 | Individual |

Overview of the activities organized by non-profit organisations

| Month | Name | times | |
|-------|-------------------|-------|-----|
| May | Nichiran Net | 2 | NPO |
| June | Kamome no Kai | 1 | NPO |
| June | Nichiran Net | 1 | NPO |
| Aug | NALC | 1 | NPO |
| Sep | Japanese Helpdesk | 1 | NPO |
| Oct | Nichiran Net | 1 | NPO |
| Oct | NALC | 1 | NPO |
| Dec | Nichiran Net | 1 | NPO |

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| Dec | Sora | 1 | NPO |
| Dec | JWC | 1 | NPO |

The non-profit organisations which used the SAKB spaces are:

- Stichting Nichiran Net (<https://www.nichiran-silvernet.site/english>),
- The Japan Women's Club ("JWC") (<https://jwcneland.wordpress.com/>)
- NALC Holland (<http://nalcholland.nl/>)
- Kamome no Kai – AMF Holland (<https://sites.google.com/view/kamomenokai/home>)
- Stichting Japanese Helpdesk

2.4 Japanese Style Festival ("Bunkasai")

On 8 October 2022, JACOP held Bunkasai. The entire SAKB building was filled with various activities, such as bazaar, workshops, presentation and dance by high-school students, choir by the choir group "Sora", and food tents. It was very successful with approx. 500 visitors. The non-profits organisation mentioned previous section participated in Bunkasai as well.



Expenses: Rental Fee to SABK and Duikclub, Advertisement fees, Rental fee for tools, etc
Income: donation

2.5 Community Lounge: NEMO Sabo

NEMO Sabo is open Monday to Friday from 12:00 – 17:00. Not only Japanese, but many non-Japanese are enjoying Japanese home-cooked food. Many SAKB students visit NEMO Sabo after the lessons too. The number of the visitors at NEMO Sabo in 2022 is summarized as below.

| Month | Jan. | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | TOTAL |
|--------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Number of visitors | 97 | 142 | 287 | 255 | 442 | 388 | 371 | 177 | 381 | 362 | 377 | 410 | 3689 |

Furthermore, various groups are using NEMO Sabo for its activities, such as;

- Handcraft club, every Thursday
- Chatting group for elderly people called (Mokuyo-kai), every Thursday

- Japanese lesson for Dutch people by JWC, every Friday.

2.6 Online Activities

In addition to our website¹ and Facebook page², in 2022, we took over the Facebook group site 'Information Exchange Space for Japanese living in the Netherlands'³.

This group page has more than 2,900 subscribers and is used for the various purpose: seeking advice or information, or sharing information related to the Netherlands.



2.7 Collaboration with SKAB

During 2022, we contributed to the events organized/coordinated by SAKB. We arranged the various workshops and demonstrations related to Japanese culture.

- 25 March: Workshop event led by Ms Yuriko Yamaguchi during her stay in the Netherlands for her exposition in Cobra Museum⁴.
- 12 June: Amstelveen in 24hrs
- 9 April: Opening of SAKB OntmoetingLokaak for invited guests
- 28 May: Opening of SAKB OntmoetingLokaal⁵
- 4 September: SAKB Open Dag KunstLokaal⁶

The collaboration with the SAKB shall continue. We are very grateful that the SAKB support us a lot in various ways.

¹ <https://jacopholland.nl/>

² <https://www.facebook.com/japanesecommunitiesplatform.nl/>

³ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/226714334145180/>

⁴ <https://cobra-museum.nl/activiteiten/japanese-workshop-by-painter-yuriko-yamaguchi/?lang=en>

⁵ <https://www.mijnamstelveen.nl/feestelijke-opening-sakb-ontmoetinglokaal/>

⁶ <https://www.amstelveenweb.com/nieuws-Open-Dag-SAKB-KunstLokaal-op-zondag-4-september-&newsid=396021966>



2.8 Contact with the ‘bewonersgroepen’ in Keizer Karelpark

On 9 September, we had a meeting with Ms Elwin Lindeman of Buurtkamer KKP en MOC Participe to get acquaintance each other and to see if we can do something together. During 2022, we have not initiated any concrete activities yet, however in 2023 we are discussing with them via various channels and we are sure that we can realize some enjoyable activities in 2023.