

On Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024, the Department of Japanese Language at TMV had the distinct honour of hosting delegates from TCS Japan, accompanied by six interpreters and team leaders. This event was a remarkable opportunity for our students to engage directly with native speakers, allowing them to apply their language skills in a real-world context.

The highlight of the day was an interactive activity known as “Rapid Dating.” Each group of students was assigned a specific topic, and every ten minutes, the Japanese guests rotated to a new table, engaging with different groups on fresh subjects. Despite some participants being first-year BA Japanese students, all students approached the interactions with confidence and enthusiasm, making the experience both enjoyable and enlightening.

The feedback from our guests was overwhelmingly positive. They expressed their astonishment at the students’ command of the Japanese language and praised their evident passion for Japanese culture. Such encouragement from native speakers serves as a significant affirmation of our students’ hard work and dedication.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire TCS team for their collaboration in making this event a resounding success. Special recognition goes to Ms. Anupama Chandrachud Sensei and Team Leader, Ms. Sneha Bhalerao for their exemplary coordination, which provided TMV with this invaluable opportunity.

Furthermore, we would like to take this occasion to thank all the dedicated teachers involved in instructing the Japanese language at TMV. Your commitment to fostering language proficiency and cultural appreciation in our students is truly commendable.

This event marks a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to enhance cross-cultural understanding and linguistic competence among our students.