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JATCO Alumni Reunion after Five Years

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Familiar faces reunite at headquarters

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On a Sunday in June, the weather was sunny, almost like a lie, despite the heavy rainfall of the previous day. After five years, old friends from JATCO gathered again at the head office. It was a day filled with familiar faces, smiles and excitement. Let's take a look at the alumni association, which has become a place where people can talk about memories from their former workplaces and further deepen their bonds.

What is the JATCO Alumni Association?

The association was established in 2001 with the aim of helping JATCO alumni live a fulfilling second life by providing them with a place to renew old friendships, attend social events, and pursue hobbies together. It is independently run by the alumni association executives. Currently, there are over 700 members.

Activity content:

(1) Publication of the JATCO Alumni Association Newsletter

It is published twice a year for alumni members. We deliver everyday topics such as reports on alumni association events, introductions to hobby activities, and updates on members' current situations.

(2) General meeting and social gathering

At the general meeting, we listen to commemorative speeches, hear about the company's latest developments, the history of the region, and the achievements of alumni.

(3) Organizing bus tours

We hold a fun bus trip once a year, where we visit various famous places all over Japan to broaden our horizons.

(4) Participation in JATCO Festa

We are opening a flower shop. Social spaces are also provided and often serve as mini alumni reunions.



And so on, the activities are wide-ranging.

● We were so excited we showed up 2 and a half hours early!?

The schedule was for reception to begin at 10:00 and the general meeting to begin at 11:00, so the reporting team arrived at 9:00. I was surprised to see that many alumni were already visiting the company. Apparently, he was so excited that he arrived at 8:30 (laughs). While waiting for the doors to open, visitors looked at the transmissions on display in the headquarters lobby and the vehicle mockup equipped with the ultra-compact e-Axle that was exhibited at the YOKOHAMA 2024 Automotive Technology Expo, exclaiming, "It's so small! It looks like it could even fly in the sky," "The components are completely different from the AT I know," and "Are there any engineers here today?" I have a question about the structure," he said, touring the current JATCO with great interest.



Seniors happy to see each other again after a long time. It's a car of the future.

● The general meeting gave me confidence in JATCO's future

As we chatted, the time came quickly to 11 o'clock, the start of the general meeting. The general meeting began with a greeting from the chairman of the alumni association, followed by a commemorative speech from President Sato entitled "The Future of JATCO." The lecture touched on world trends, sustainability initiatives, the progress of electrification, and an introduction to new businesses under development, and concluded with the words, "The automotive industry is a battleground for many companies, and JATCO is also expanding its business domain. Please look forward to JATCO's ongoing evolution." These powerful words seemed to give the alumni confidence in JATCO's bright future.



The event started with a speech from Chairman Ebihara.



Speech by the President Advisor Hagiwara

- Fun social gathering

After learning about JATCO's present and future at the general meeting, we moved to the cafeteria on the second floor for the long-awaited social gathering, the first in five years!

Meals are provided by Green House. Hydroponic lettuce from Jatco Green Farm (JGF) was also used. The regular lunch menu was very delicious, but the special menu they prepared for the social gathering really showed us Green House's true strength. There's no need to explain what the social gathering was like. Please take a look at the photos of our alumni smiling faces.



A full-course meal from Green House A firm handshake



Sato CEO chatting with his seniors, smiles galore.

● See you next year!

This alumni reunion was also attended by a legendary employee who is member number 2 and has been retired for 26 years. "It was reassuring to see them taking on new challenges in various businesses," "Even though the environment is tough, I was able to imagine what JATCO will be like in the future," and "JATCO will become even bigger! Dream big! Good luck JATCO!" I was able to hear a lot of positive feedback. And above all, it's nice to actually meet the seniors and juniors who have been with me through thick and thin. The alumni reunion will be held again next year. I look forward to seeing you again next year.

