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Ambassador Program and Social Activities in Japan

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As has been the case for the last few years, Society of Actuaries (SOA) members in Japan recently gathered again for an informal networking event. This time, we tried a more upscale venue in Tokyo Midtown where we sipped champagne on a cool summer day. The turnout was fantastic and second only to the very first meeting I hosted a couple of years ago. We celebrated the new ASAs, CERAs and FSAs, and also welcomed newcomers to Japan. There was an astoundingly diverse mix of participants representing more than 15 different countries! If that wasn't exciting enough, the event was held just before the quarterfinals of the Wom-

en's World Cup and attendees were cheering for seven of the eight remaining teams—Australia, Canada, China, England, France, Japan and the United States. Eventually, our host Japan lost to the Americans in the “3 match” finals, but at the event, we were graced by a future member of Nadeshiko Japan who promised to be there in the next 20 years! Overall, the event was another great success and I would like to thank the coordinators at the various companies who support the process. Finally, I would also like to encourage actuaries living in Japan or visiting on business to come to future networking events. Cheers! ■



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