

FCCJ F&B COMMITTEE 2024-2025

January 21, 2025, 2:10 pm (Meeting No. 4)

Attending: S. Fukunaga, Funamizu-san (ANAC-GM), S. Minamide (guest), M. Nakamoto,
Otake Chef (ANAC), M. Romaine, S. Romaine,

Absent: K. Hanson, W. Hunter, T. Nagayama

Food Quality and Menu Complaints regarding hamburgers and fish & chips discussed. Signature dish strategy and candidates (Oct 3 2024 minutes) discussed. International experiences involving both members and Otake Chef discussed. Discussed offering of specials on certain days/weeks.

Next steps: 1) Chef with Wayne to organize tasting for hamburgers, fish & chips, club house sandwiches. 2) ANAC with Wayne to give feedback to Committee as to which items among signature candidate list (October 3 minutes) ANAC would push as signature dishes. 3) Suguru will discuss with UK embassy as to info-exchange session. All will look for other embassy & international culinary contacts. Shuri will talk to Gianluca Pardini of Italian Cooking School, coming to Japan in the summer.

Staff Motivation

Agreed staff flexibility and care (臨機応変と親身な対応) is critical to Club success.

Beverage Subcommittee Initiatives

Steve reports plans are under way for sake event in April, craft beer event in October.

Next step: Steve sought ANAC to consider putting the brands for introduction respectively a week before and after the respective events. ANAC to respond via Wayne or at the Committee meeting.

Pen & Quill Traffic

Table for Ten (TBD) Project, aimed to direct exposure and traffic to Pen & Quill, discussed. First dinner planned for Feb 19 (tentative reservations made) with Allan West as guest of honor. (Request: This is an event to support ANAC and the Committee request is that it also takes ownership through its best recommendations.)

Next step: 1) ANAC w Wayne to offer counter-proposal regarding price and menu. 2) Shuri to discuss program marketing and finances with Wayne.

Drafted by SF January 22, 2025