

The 23<sup>rd</sup> APCC Invitation Project  
Program Report

July 15 – 27, 2011

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## Message from the BCIO Head Office

**BCIO Managing Director**

**Hitoshi Iwamoto**



On behalf of Bridge Club International Organization, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you all. This year we invited 45 Peace Ambassadors from 30 countries, the biggest ever gathering of PAs since the establishment of BCIO, and the PA program was a huge success.

This year we invited some PAs who don't have BC in their country/region and I saw huge possibilities of them establishing new BCs. We would like to keep supporting these countries/regions to establish their BCs. I expect bonding of friendship among all BC members will grow stronger after becoming PA. In the future I would like to see all BCs' working together.

This year we organized a 'BCIO OMOIYARI Conference' for the first time where all PAs and more than 50 citizens in Fukuoka joined a chat session on 'Bridge to Future Fukuoka'. Thank you very much for your active participation and your ideas to make Fukuoka an International City in future. Also the BC activities videos were very impressive. It was easy for everyone to learn about the BCs and their activities. Thank you for your hard work on them.

We are going to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of APCC in 2013. The discussion about the celebration of 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary during PA camp was one of the most remarkable moments for me. I shared the idea of making the APCC movie and the proposed plans for a big reunion of former participants on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Let's work together to make this future event an outstanding one.

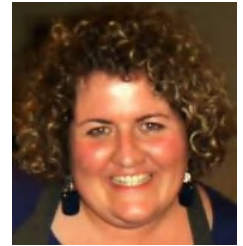
I sincerely hope for your continuous support in BC activities, and thank you for your efforts so far.

We are the BRIDGE.

Hitoshi Iwamoto  
BCIO Managing Director

## **BCIO Interns**

### **Erin Maitland (Australia)**



This year I was selected to work together with Gel, as a Bridge Club International Organization Intern. I have strong belief in the BCIO, and to be given the opportunity to work so closely to such a dedicated team again this year I feel honored and privileged. The six weeks that I spent in Fukuoka saw me working with Gel to design and plan the PA program and then execute it at the APCC in July. This year we had 45 PAs (The largest group yet) and the way in which they conducted themselves at all of the sessions was remarkable. I really do believe that we will see all six Non-BCs establish their BCs this year and with the joint help of the BCIO team I can see some of the Non-BC attending chaperons establishing clubs, too. Each year I see the alumni association grow and I look forward to the Common Activity this year as well as the launch of a quarterly newsletter and new APCC/BCIO website. Thank you to everyone who helped out this year, and thank you to the people who supported my application for this role. I hope I get the chance to work with you all again in the future.

### **Gel Tolentino (Philippines)**



Fresh out of college earlier this year, I applied as an intern for the BCIO to make the most out of my time because I knew it was for a worthwhile cause. 3 months seem so fast, now that I think about it. 2 months before the Convention, I felt like I was swimming in a sea of papers, sometimes in English, sometimes in Japanese, most of the time in hieroglyphics. Everything was in an orderly mess until Erin finally came and helped organize the files. This year's APCC was nearly the end of us both—last to sleep and first to wake up, we were always all over the place, garbed in our red shirts, constantly leading and mingling with groups of people, as beads of sweat glistened and dangled from our faces like jewelry—but I swear, we'd both do it again in a heartbeat.

I'm so glad to have been given this rare opportunity to work with awesome people on an awesome project for cross-cultural exchange and mutual understanding. I'll always be around, ready and eager to support BRIDGE CLUBS, both established and soon-to-be-established. I hope to see the BCIO grow to be bigger and better than ever. We would like to see more capable PAs leading the team in the years to come.

## **BCIO Head Office Members**

### **Arief Adinoto (Indonesia)**



I was selected to be a BCIO Head Office Member 2011 to help maintain BRIDGE CLUBs. My role is focused to share experience of coping problems faced by BRIDGE CLUBs, giving motivation and support in order to improve the established BRIDGE CLUBs. As I was part of the first batch of PAs of 1998, and have been involved in BC activities since then, I hope my experience will be worthwhile. In the PA Camp, I gave a presentation about winning members' interest to BC activities, the importance of a unified vision, and doing BC activities by heart.

The 23rd APCC is special with the big number of participants, including 45 PAs. I could see the PAs' enthusiasm to develop their BRIDGE CLUB, thus I believe the network will grow stronger and faster. Salute to all APCC staffs and participants for making this event a great success. Hip hip.. huray..!!

### **Loreen Raju (Fiji)**



This year I joined the 23<sup>rd</sup> APCC as a Bridge Club Establishment Officer. The whole experience at camp was fantastic. I met a lot of people and made incredible friends. The memory I have brought back home with me will last for a life time. There were 6 PAs from non BC countries whom I had one-on-one interviews with at Marine Camp. I personally got to meet the PAs and got to hear their stories, the issues and challenges they are facing in their countries with regards to BC establishment.

When the PAs arrived at Global Arena, I did my presentation on Bridge Club Establishment. Colby, Salman, Gel, and Arief also assisted me during my presentation and we discussed the problems the PAs are facing, and some of the ways they can overcome them. Towards the end, the PAs were asked to submit a list of action plan they would carry out once they return to their country. Besides the formal part of the camp, the two interns, Gel and Erin, did an awesome job in keeping the PAs high in spirit and in motivating them. The team-building exercise was awesome and I actually got to know some of the PAs more closely.

Overall, the whole experience at the camp was brilliant and I want to thank APCC, BCIO, volunteers, staff members, the two interns and everyone who was involved in making this year's 23<sup>rd</sup> APCC event successful. Vinaka, arigato and thank you!

**Colby Takeda (Hawaii)**



The 2011 Peace Ambassador Camp has brought revolutionary change to the communications within the Bridge Club International Organization. Starting in the Fall, we will launch a global newsletter for all former participants of the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention and other members and supporters of Bridge Club. It will feature news and photos from various clubs, announcements from the BCIO and APCC head office, links to relevant resources, and any other content that would be suitable for this community. We will also create a Club President mailing list for the heads of each Bridge Club to communicate and for the BCIO Head Office to send out important announcements. The APCC and BCIO websites are also being renovated to improve accessibility and aesthetics. At PA camp, the Peace Ambassadors were also taught how to report on their local news and events online and contributed to discussions regarding various methods that a BC can effectively communicate with their members. Following PA camp, we hope to see every Bridge Club create a Facebook page or group, and improve interactions between members of different countries through the APCC-BCIO Facebook group. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about communications, please feel free to email me at [colbytakeda@gmail.com](mailto:colbytakeda@gmail.com)

**Kazi Bushra Ahmed Tithi (Bangladesh)**



It is my great pleasure to be a part of 23rd APCC as BCIO HO member in charge of common activity. But unfortunately I couldn't join the event due to health condition. I was involved in preparatory phase prior to the event and enjoyed a lot working with a very efficient team of BCIO HO. I have participated in pre-APCC preparation meetings online with other BCIO HO members and BCIO interns this year, and was really worth sharing our views on development of BCIO. □ I have made a good communication with this year's PAs through PAML and Facebook before 23rd APCC to cooperate them to get prepared for the APCC events. Get to know each other and learn about different BC's situation was the most wonderful experience for me.

It was a pity for me that, I couldn't present my presentation on Common Activity by my own, but I'm so grateful to Karuna for doing my job on my behalf in the PA camp. I really appreciate my fellow BCIO HO members and BCIO interns for their nice cooperation. I really missed the 23rd APCC events a lot. I hope to continue my work with APCC and BCIO in future more efficiently.

### The 2011 PA List

BC Countries				
	Name	Country	Sex	Year
1	Emily Ballantyne-Brodie	Australia	F	1995
2	Syed Tousif Ahmed	Bangladesh	M	2005
3	Jahan Ara Farook Moli	Bangladesh	F	1993
4	Ugyen Penjor	Bhutan	M	1991
5	Tshering Lhamo	Bhutan	F	1993
6	Kara Katsumi Tsuzaki	Hawaii	F	2005
7	Jacob Wilson Saiki	Hawaii	M	2005
8	Charlene Yu	Hong Kong	F	2002
9	Wai Tsun Law	Hong Kong	F	2006
10	Nidhi Parekh	India	F	1998
11	Bhavneet Kaur	India	F	2005
12	Meuta Viada Hafid	Indonesia	F	1989
13	S.j. Gatra Parahita	Indonesia	M	2004
14	Juria Jimi	Japan	F	2005
15	Somvang Vilaysouk	Laos	F	1997
16	Soulinda Thammavongxay	Laos	F	2006
17	Nurainaa BT Kabilmiharbi	Malaysia	F	1997
18	Mohammad Faiz Mohamad Noor	Malaysia	M	1998
19	Mariyam Miusa	Maldives	F	2005
20	Faiha ibrahim	Maldives	F	1996
21	Nafisa Rijal	Nepal	F	2005
22	Manjula Pandey	Nepal	F	2005
23	Nicholas Short	New Zealand	M	2005

24	Kamran Sabir	Pakistan	M	2000
25	Noor Al Ain Azam	Pakistan	F	2000
26	Monique Rose Caparros	Philippines	F	2001
27	Lindsay Fernandez Garcia	Philippines	F	2006
28	Lyubov Aleksandrovna Kapustina	Russia	F	2006
29	Htut Myatnoe Aung	Singapore	F	2004
30	Tharindu Lakmal Muthugama	Sri Lanka	M	2001
31	Dilshan Jayatilake	Sri Lanka	M	1999
32	Ching Lun Lin Eric	Taiwan	M	2005
33	Thanpicha Laotananukul	Thailand	F	2005
34	Nattajak Chodrapeephan	Thailand	M	2005
35	Lionel Victor Tavunwo	Vanuatu	M	2000
36	Tram Bao Ho	Vietnam	F	2005
37	Undram Battogtokh	Mongolia	F	2002
38	Stephanie Kah-sin Tan	Atlanta, USA	F	2006
<b>Non-BC Countries</b>				
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Year</b>
39	Yvon Teraitua	Tahiti	M	1994
40	Nan Myintzu Khaing	Myanmar	F	2005
41	Hang Za Dal	Myanmar	M	2000
42	Leonnie Paranda Leo	Papua New Guinea	F	1997
43	Arunvichet Roth	Cambodia	M	2000
44	Mareta Katu	Cook Island	F	1991
45	Wenzhou Wei	Dalian	M	2006



## The Schedule of the 23<sup>rd</sup> APCC

July	15	Fri.	Arrival → Orientation Camp	Marine House
	16	Sat.	Homestay    Arrival → Orientation Camp	
	17	Sun.	Homestay    Arrival→ Orientation Camp	
	18	Mon.	Homestay	
			<b>APCC PR Event Photo Walk (PA Booth)</b>	Fukuoka City Hall Square / Tenjin
	19	Tue.	Homestay	ACROS Fukuoka
	20	Wed.	<b>PA Camp / Exchange Camp</b>	Global Arena
			10:00 - 16:00 BCIO "OMOIYARI" Conference	
			19:00 - PA Camp	
	21	Thu.	<b>PA Camp</b>	
	22	Fri.	<b>PA Camp → Exchange Camp</b>	
	23	Sat.	<b>Exchange Camp</b>	
	24	Sun.	Homestay	
	25	Mon.	Homestay Departure	
	26	Tue.	Homestay Departure	
	27	Wed.	Homestay Departure	

# PA Camp Schedule

<b>July 20, Wednesday</b>	<b>BCIO "OMOIYARI" Conference</b>		
	9:30	Reception	ACROS Fukuoka International Conference Hall
	10:00-10:10	<1> Opening remarks	
	10:10-10:20	<2> APCC Information * APCC Introductory video	
	10:20-10:35	<3> BC Information at a Glance * BCIO Certificate of Appreciation (Taiwan & NZ)	
	10:35-11:20	<4> BC Presentation 1 -BC Activity- * visual presentation	
	11:20-11:30	Break	
	11:30-13:00	<5> Workshop with the Japanese students * Information about Fukuoka city (10min.) * Group discussion (60 min.) * Feedback (20 min.)	
	13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	
	14:00-14:30	<6> 2010-2011 BCIO Common Activity Presentation -BC Environmental Actions-	
	14:30-15:50	<7> BC Presentation 2 -BC Activity-	
	15:55	<8> Closing remarks	
	16:00	Take a shuttle bus to Global Arena	
	17:00	Check-in at GA	Global Arena
	17:30-18:00	Orientation guidance --> Global Arena tour	Lodge Meeting Room

	18:00	<b>Dinner</b>	No Side
	19:00-20:30	<b>Introduction to Mr. Aso, Chairperson of the APCC</b>	Lodge Meeting Room
		<b>IT Communication</b>	
	20:30-22:30	<b>Team-building activities</b>	Lodge Meeting Room
<b>July 21, Thursday</b>	8:00	<b>Breakfast</b>	No Side
	9:00-10:30	<b>BC establishment support for Non-BC Countries</b>	G/F Lodge Meeting Room
		Poster preparation to introduce BCs to the JAs (Posters will be displayed during Mr. Hibino's workshop)	2/F Lodge Meeting Room
	10:45-12:15	<b>2011-2012 BCIO Common Activity</b>	Lodge Meeting Room
	12:15-13:00	<b>Lunch</b>	No Side
	13:00-13:20	<b>BCJ 2010 Common Activity Presentation</b>	Medium Board Room,
	13:20-14:30	<b>BC Presentation 3</b>	Medium Board Room
	14:45-16:15	<b>Maintain BC</b>	Medium Board Room
	16:30-18:00	<b>BCIO Convention / BCIO Constitution</b>	Medium Board Room
	18:00	<b>Dinner</b>	No Side
19:00-20:30	<b>PA performance practice</b>	Medium Board Room	
<b>July 22, Friday</b>	8:00	<b>Breakfast</b>	No Side
	9:00-9:30	<b>Teach each PA to update activities on BCIO website</b>	Medium Board Room,
	9:30-10:00	<b>PA program summary</b>	
	10:00-11:00	Bring the baggage to the locker rooms	Locker rooms, G/F of Club House
	11:00	Welcome the JAs and Chaperons	

	12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	Lodge Meeting Room
	14:00	Check-in to new rooms	
	14:30-16:30	<b>PA &amp; Chaperons' meeting</b>	Medium Board Room,
	17:30-18:50	<b>Talk session with Prof. Yunus</b>	G/F Club House
	19:00-20:00	<b>Dinner with Prof. Yunus group</b>	GA Club
	20:30-21:00	Observe Mr. Hibino's workshop	Gym
<b>July 23, Saturday</b>	6:30	Wake up	
	7:00	Morning assembly	
	7:15	<b>Breakfast</b>	
	8:00	Cleaning	
	9:00-11:00	Support for the JA's sports festival	Gym
	11:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
	13:00-16:30	Cultural Exchange Program 2011 <b>PA performance</b>	
	17:30	Leave Global Arena (Some will be picked up by the host families at Global Arena)	
	19:00	Arrive in Tenjin and go back to host family's	

# PA Program Report

## Orientation Camp - Marine House

**Date: July 15 – 18, 2011**

1. Interview of the PAs by the 2011 BCIO HO members

Interviewers: Colby, Arief, Loreen

Colby and Arief had individual interviews with the PAs from BC countries to know the current situation, problems, and difficulties in each BC. Loreen had an interview with all PAs from Non BC countries and will continue to work with these PAs to help establish BCs in these countries this year.

2. Interview of Chaperons from Non-BC countries by the 2011 BCIO Interns

Interviewers: Erin and Gel

Erin and Gel had an individual interview with 2011 Chaperons from Non-BC countries to find out the current situation in each country. From this initial meeting they will work with these Chaperones to establish a BC in their country/region.

## APCC PR Event – The Asian-Pacific Photo Walk

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> July**

This year, an event was organized to raise awareness of the APCC within the Fukuoka community. Each country's delegation set up a booth at a different location around the Tenjin area. Fukuoka citizens purchased a participation pack, which entitled them to a special limited edited APCC T-shirt designed by Mr. Kotaku Yoshinaga and a photograph passport, which they would fill with photos taken of them with each delegation's JAs at their decorated booths.

The event was a huge success and it was great to see a sea of yellow T-shirts throughout the streets of Fukuoka. Each delegation's Peace Ambassador brought products to sell at an International Booth and all money raised went to support the people affected by the 2011 Northern Japan Earthquake. A total of 129,529 yen (approx. \$1,685) was raised. Thank you to everybody for his/her hard work and dedication on the day.





## ACROS Fukuoka

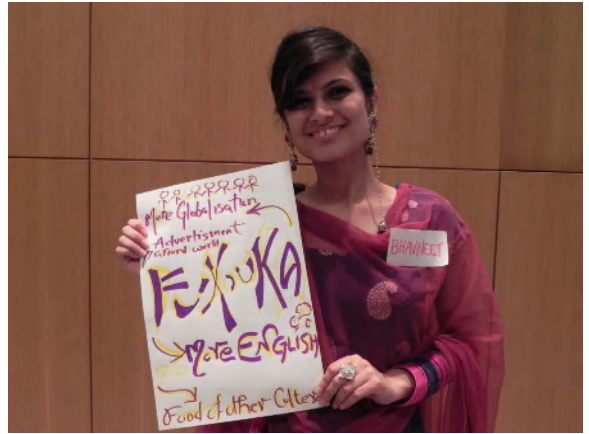
Date: July 20

### BCIO “OMOIYARI” Conference

Held at ACROS Fukuoka, this conference gave the citizens of Fukuoka an opportunity to meet and talk to the 2011 PAs. After a short introduction on the BRIDGE CLUB and a report on the 2010 Common activity, PAs gave audio-visual presentations of their BCs' activities. BC Taiwan and BC New Zealand were also proudly presented establishment certificates by Mr. Iwamoto. Ms. Matsuu, then, ran a chat session on 'Bridge to Future Fukuoka'. 45 PAs from 30 countries and more than 50 Japanese citizens discussed on several groups and came up with some great ideas about what can help Fukuoka to become a Global City. Most of the participants gave preference on English communication skill and to conserve traditional culture so as to attract more tourists and make Fukuoka a Global city. Some of the participants proposed to open a museum which displays all countries traditional dresses, cultural photos, can play some games so that one can experience the world in one city. All the participants wished to see Fukuoka as a Global city, a city with no borders and barriers in case of language, cultures and religions.

## Chat Session 'BRIDGE to Future Fukuoka'

Time	Activity
11:30-11:33	Orientation (Explanation of aims & rules of this session)
11:33-11:40	Information about Fukuoka
11:40-11:55  <15 min>	<p><u>First Round</u> &lt; In the 1<sup>st</sup> group &gt;</p> <p>◆ Self Introduction Q: What do you think is the most attractive feature of Fukuoka?</p> <p>Every participant can write a memo on the desk paper (any time) and share them in the group.</p>
11:55-12:15  <20 min>	<p><u>Second Round</u> &lt; In the 2<sup>nd</sup> group &gt;</p> <p>People "go on a trip" to another group to share his/her own idea or/and the original group's idea to have a new insight</p> <p>◆ Share opinions brought up in the first group with a short self introduction.</p> <p>(like to share impressive opinion, or different view between Fukuoka citizens and foreigners etc )</p>
12:15-12:40  <25 min>	<p><u>Final Round</u> &lt; Go back to the original group &gt;</p> <p>People go back to the original group to share their new insight and deepen the ideas.</p> <p>Q: Share your stories and others stories that you found impressive or interesting from table chat so far?</p> <p>Q: What is your vision and hope for future Fukuoka in Asia and the Pacific region? [for Japanese]</p> <p>Q: What do you think Fukuoka should take or develop for the better region in Asia and the Pacific? Can you contribute to make this happen? If so, how? [ for foreigner ]</p> <p>Draw (Visualize) your hope and/or determination in a worksheet and share it in the group.</p>
12:40-12:50  <10 min>	<p>Feedback &amp; Sharing</p> <p>Some groups share what was discussed in their group with all the participants</p>
12:50-13:00  <10 min>	<p>Memorial Photo</p> <p>Take a memorial photo with everyone holding what they draw</p>





## Global Arena

July 20

### Session 1 – Official Welcome and IT Communication Session

After an official welcome by Mr. Aso, Chairman of APCC, Colby presented a session on IT Communications. He spoke about reasons why we communicate, and encouraged us to become Global net-workers. He then informed us on modes of communication. The development of a BCIO newsletter was then discussed and was received well by everyone.

### Session 2 – Team Building Event

An Amazing Race-type event, called “Race Around the Arena,” was held on the first night of the PA camp. This saw teams of 5 racing to stations set up around Global Arena to complete a checklist first. A fun night was had by everyone and this event really helped people get to know each other and work together in teams.



**July 21**

## **Session 1 – BC Establishment Session**

Loreen gave a presentation on how to establish a BRIDGE CLUB to the PAs from Non-BC countries together with the PAs from Atlanta and New Zealand. Arief, Colby, Gel, and Salman joined the session as resource persons and helped answer the questions that the PAs had regarding BC establishment.

While this session was going on, the PAs from BC countries were in a separate room preparing posters for the JAs' Exchange Program

## **Session 2 – Common Activity: Everyday Ambassador**

The Common Activity for 2011- 2012 is called "Everyday Ambassador."

Introduction:

Being Junior and Peace Ambassadors are not only positions to be held while at the APCC or during Bridge Club events; once an ambassador, always an ambassador. The APCC has taught us to be global citizens and we must now live this ideal. However, we alone cannot establish peace and co-existence without the support of our family and friends who have not been a part of the APCC.

Activity Description:

The theme "Everyday Ambassadors" is one that anyone can identify with. An "Everyday Ambassador" can be someone who looks beyond ethnic, cultural, religious, and physical differences to forge friendships. It can also be someone who has pride for themselves, their community, or their country or someone who has a global understanding of the world and the people within it.

The 2011-2012 Common Activity uses social media to spread this idea and help people realize that they too, can be "Everyday Ambassadors" through the simplest of acts. A Facebook page will promote the motto "I'm an Everyday Ambassador" through the following ways:

- People can post photos to display the theme in different contexts, such as on painted billboards, collaged on posters, chalked on a sidewalk, and written in the sand, or to capture people being "Everyday Ambassadors" through grand or simple gestures.
- People can share messages about how they or others are promoting and living as "Everyday Ambassadors."
- People can pledge their support by "liking" us on Facebook.

\*If individuals cannot access Facebook, they can simply send their photos and messages to someone who has access, to be uploaded.

Evaluation:

The beauty of a Facebook page is that it will archive all the photos and messages to be used for activity evaluation. We will count the number of fans of the page, the amount and variety of photos posted, and the thoughts collected on the "wall" and use them to assess the reach and impact of the project.

### **Session 3 – BC Presentations**

This afternoon, BC Japan ran a presentation on their activities this year. We also then watched the final audio-visual presentations from the remaining BC countries.



### **Session 4 – BC Maintenance Session**

Arief ran an afternoon session on how to maintain a successful Bridge Club. This highly motivational session lifted people's spirits after a long day. Arief chose to focus on motivating PAs to be involved instead of how to actually maintain the club itself. We hope the session proves to give this years PA the jump start they need.

### **Session 5 – BCIO Convention and BCIO Constitution**

Colby introduced the proposed Constitution for a new and more sustainable BCIO structure.

Mr. Iwamoto ran the session on the BCIO Convention and outlined some of the proposed events, such as BCIO Executive meeting, which is to be held outside of Japan for a group of BCIO HO and executive members, and so on.

## **July 22**

### **Session 1 – How to Update BC Activities News on the BCIO Website**

The PAs were encouraged to update their BC activities on BCIO website. They were then taught how to update the activities online, with Colby talking about the procedure step by step.

### **Session 2 – PA Program Summary**

Erin summarized all sessions and encouraged the PAs to act on what they have learnt to build a strong alumni association.

## PAs, Chaperons, and Liaison Officers Meeting

First there was an opening address by Mr. Aso, Chairman of the APCC. Then there was then a presentation on APCC to reconfirm the APCC and BC Concepts & its visions. After that, there were two case studies: one from Hawaii on “How the Liaison Office collaborates with the BRIDGE CLUB,” and another from Indonesia on “Obstacles that we are facing in expanding the BRIDGE CLUB project.” After the two presentations there were Q/A session. Then there was a 30-minute group discussion on “how shall we achieve better results in the APCC/BCIO by the Liaison Office and BRIDGE CLUB cooperating together?” After this, the questionnaire for 2012 Mission Project and the Chaperon Evaluation Forms were distributed.



## Talk Session with Professor Yunus

Professor Muhammad Yunus, the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner, had a talk session with this year's PAs. He talked about his experience as a boy scout, his travels abroad, and how these led him to start a social business. There was a question and answer portion towards the end of the program, where the PAs were able to ask questions about how the BRIDGE CLUB could undertake similar endeavors to what Professor Yunus has achieved, and more. The entire program was also simulcasted online on Ustream and online viewers were able to participate and ask Professor Yunus questions through the APCC-BCIO Facebook page.



