

The 24th APCC Invitation Project
PA Program Report

July 13 – 25, 2012

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Message from the BCIO Head Office

BCIO Managing Director



Hitoshi Iwamoto

It is a great honor to extend a few words on behalf of BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO). I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you all. Like other years we have invited 34 Peace Ambassadors from 32 countries/regions including 4 Head office members from Asia and Pacific regions to make a successful 2012 PA program.

Also we have invited some PAs from non BC countries/regions like Myanmar, Dalian/China and Solomon Islands too. Out of them, Myanmar and Dalian/China have already established BC in their region. Very soon there will be a BC in Solomon Islands. We would like to continue supporting these countries/regions to enhance their BC activities further. I will be expecting a tide of friendship among all the BC members and it will grow stronger in the future. Let's continue our work together and make a strong circle of true friendship.

This year we organized "Global BRIDGE Leaders Career Forum" for the first time where all the PAs and some young Fukuoka citizens joined. The mission of this forum was to encourage the PAs, especially Japanese youths develop a world-wide human relationship to be Global Citizens and to provide the PAs an opportunity to think of their personal link with Fukuoka in terms of academic and business point of view. In a word, to develop the leadership skill in each participant. The program was being appreciated by everyone.

We are going to celebrate the 25th anniversary of APCC next year. The discussion about the celebration of the 25th anniversary during PA camp was quite important and productive. We are planning to have a big reunion of former participants on the 25th anniversary. Please be with us and let's work together to make this grand 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 Head Office Members



Ahshan Ali (Sri Lanka)

I was really glad when I heard the message of being selected as a BCIO head office member for BC maintenance for the year 2012/2013. The experiences that we've obtained through BRIDGE CLUB Sri Lanka's projects and career was played a huge role in supporting the PAs from the other countries who needed advises to maintain their BRIDGE CLUBs stronger. The PA Camp was achieved a huge success and gave me the opportunity to meet many new friends and to develop the global network. My role was to conduct sessions on maintaining a Strong BC. Our main objective was to get the ideas of well-functioning BCs and helping the other evolving BCs while fitting the methods into their perspective. All the BCIO Head Office members and PAs were able to develop a wide discussion about the issues arise with BC maintenance, specially the coordination with liaison offices.

The PAs were paid their attention to the activities done by the BCIO HO Members and the other BRIDGE CLUBs and tried to share the experience. They were really enthusiastic and courageous in developing the clubs into higher levels. I congratulate all the PAs for their current achievements and wish them all the very best in their future BC activities. And I express my gratitude to APCC and BCIO for the arrangements of 24th APCC and the PA camp. Someday soon all our dreams will come true...



Stephanie Tan (Atlanta)

This summer, my role as a HO Member was guiding the PAs on how to maintain a BC. What I felt like really helped were the PAs getting together and discussing their problems, and doing fun activities that demonstrated the 5 characteristics on maintaining and improving a BC-(LAMPT-Leadership, Attitude, Motivation, Perseverance, and Teamwork). It felt like the PAs were a lot closer like a family since there were mostly 1 PA from each country and that made connections closer. I wish that my presentation wasn't rushed and so that we had more time so they could hear about other BCs, but I feel like I made them very motivated to improve their BC-therefore, making my goal.

From my pictures on Face book, everyone could probably tell that I enjoyed working as a HO Member as it gave me leadership experience and presentation skills that I improved on and hope on continuing to do so. Though, I must mention that there was some organization that could have been better such as getting ready for presentations earlier and knowing things earlier than the last minute. The people that I meet are always phenomenal and I will continue to support the APCC because I absolutely love the program.



Nidhi Parekh (India)

I was part of this year APCC Family as BRIDGE CLUB International Organization Head Office Member (Common Activity). I begin by saying BIG thank you to the APCC, BCIO, Volunteers, PAs, other BCIO HO Member with your support and hard work 24th APCC was successful.

The 24th APCC was the most exhilarating experience of my life. Though, I was responsible for Common Activity (CA). CA session provided an opportunity for discussion of the BCIO's Common Activity 2012. The objective was to make Peace Ambassadors aware of the past CA, reason to have a CA, features of CA and also discuss the upcoming CA. I believe, my work was beyond the CA Arrangement. For the Peace Ambassador Camp, along with other HO Members and BCIO staff members, planning, organizing and execution was done. It started off with paper work, skype meetings and culminated with BCIO Booth and PA Performance in Fukuoka.

During the course of this year, you should grab the opportunity to participate in BCIO'S CA 2012 -2013, Trust me!!!! It will be so much fun putting the efforts and in return help you to flourish your friendship and gain knowledge.



Asma Abdul Razzaq (Maldives)

APCC is a Program that gives us the opportunity to explore different cultures and to make global friends .I have also made life-long friends through APCC. This year was my 3rd year participating in APCC .It was a great pleasure to be part of 24th APCC and one of the BCIO head office member this year as a in charge of BRIDGE CLUB establishment. I started 24th APCC with the aim to establish a BC in every non BC country before the 25th anniversary. Therefore other than my session with non BC PAs I talked some of non BC chaperons during PA chaperons meeting.

There were 5 PAs from non BC countries this year; it was a great experience to work with them to share my experience and to know their issues personally in the interview session. During interview session they shared all the problems they are facing in establishing BC.













I had 1 hr presentation session with the non BC PAs in Global Arena, my session was quite interesting even though the PAs were less. But it would be more effective and interesting if other PAs could join this session with non BC PAs to share their experience and the problem they faced in the BC establishment process.

I would like to thank everyone; APCC, BCIO staffs, all the PAs, volunteers and everyone who was involved in this year's program and the full support they gave for making the 24th APCC a successful event, and I would also like to thank other three BCIO HO members for their hard work and support.





The 2012 PA List

	Name: SEE YOU KIM Country: KOREA Year as JA 2005
	Name: SUEN WA YEUNG Country: HONG KONG Year as JA 2000
	Name: SHANG YEN SU Country: TAIWAN Year as JA 2005
	Name: DINAH BEE BTE NAZEEMUDDIN Country: SINGAPORE Year as JA 2002
	Name: PATRICIA RACHELLE OCABAN GAN Country: PHILIPPINES Year as JA 2007
	Name: AJIMA BAULOUNGHAM Country: THAILAND Year as JA 1997
	Name: FAISAL AZIZ MALIK Country: INDONESIA Year as JA 1999
	Name: LE TRUNG THANH Country: VIETNAM Year as JA 1989
	Name: SUMAIYA AFRIN SHRABONY Country: BANGLADESH Year as JA 2007
	Name: NAMGAY WANGMO Country: BHUTAN Year as JA 1997
	Name: HAFSA HIRA Country: PAKISTAN Year as JA 2002

	Name: ASHIMA SANDEEP AGRAWAL Country: INDIA Year as JA 2002
	Name: SANTIKOUN PATHAMMAVONG Country: LAO Year as JA 1997
	Name: SUMAN BAHADUR SAUD Country: NEPAL Year as JA 2002
	Name: GANBAATAR KHISING JARGAL Country: MONGOLIA Year as JA 2002
	Name: PIUMI KAVINDYA KANDANAARACHCHI Country: SRILANKA Year as JA 2006
	Name: CODIE REUPERT ALLEN Country: AUSTRALIA Year as JA 2006
	Name: OSCAR EDWARDJACK NICHOLAS JONES Country: NEW ZEALAND Year as JA 2007
	Name: KORIE MEI LIN LUM Country: HAWAII Year as JA 2006
	Name: DEEPAK DUTT Country: FIJI Year as JA 1999
	Name: HAWWA SUMA HUSSAIN Country: MALDIVES Year as JA 2006
	Name: MOLLYKA BONNY YOU Country: CAMBODIA Year as JA 2001

	Name: GLEN KALCHILIA KORIKALO Country: VANUATU Year as JA 1989
	Name: TAY LAY HUA Country: MALAYSIA Year as JA 1989
	Name: MIKHAIL EDUARDOVICH GARSHIN Country: RUSSIA Year as JA 2007
	Name: TANIA JENNIFER CHEUNG Country: TAHITI Year as JA 1991
	Name: YUKA TOYAMA Country: JAPAN Year as JA 2008
	Name: MOI YAMAZAKI Country: JAPAN Year as JA 2007
	Name: CHONGQIAO XIONG Country: DALIAN Year as JA 2006
	Name: MARTHA AME OKOA Country: PAPUA NEW GUINEA Year as JA 1996
	Name: TSU YAMIN Country: MYANMAR Year as JA 2006
	Name: SU WIN HTIIKE Country: MYANMAR Year as JA 1999
	Name: WILLIAM KENDRICK SANGA Country: SOLOMON ISLANDS Year as JA 1996
	Name: STUART CAMPBELL KINGNELE Country: SOLOMON ISLANDS Year as JA 1994

2012 BCIO HO members

	Name: STEPHANIE TAN Country: ATLANTA Year as JA 2006
	Name: ASMA ABDUL RAZZAQ Country: MALDIVES Year as JA 2000
	Name: NIDHI PAREKH Country: INDIA Year as JA 1998
	Name: MOHAMED AHSHAN ALI Country: SRI LANKA Year as JA 1992

2012 BCIO Head Office Staff

	Name: HITOSHI IWAMOTO Country: JAPAN Managing Director, BCIO
	Name: SHIGEYASU MASUDA Country: JAPAN Assistant Managing Director, BCIO
	Name: YOSHIYUKI MATSUMURA Country: JAPAN Assistant Managing Director, BCIO
	Name: KANAЕ KIMOTO Country: JAPAN Secretary General, APCC
	Name: KANAЕ OISHI Country: JAPAN Coordinator, APCC
	Name: KARUNA SHRESTHA Country: NEPAL Coordinator, APCC
	Name: SALMAN BARI Country: BANGLADESH BCIO support team volunteer

The Schedule of the 24th APCC

<i>July</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>JA & Chaperon</i>		<i>PA</i>	
13	Fri	Arrival -> Marine House		Arrival -> Marine House	
14	Sat	Arrival -> Marine House		Arrival -> Marine House Move to Global Arena for PA Camp	
15	Sun	Exchange Camp		PA Camp at Global Arena 16 th Join Exchange Camp at Marine House 18 th Field Work -> Meet Host Families	
16	Mon	Exchange Camp			
17	Tue	Exchange Camp Leave Marine House Meet with Host Family	Exchange Camp Leave Marine House APCC one-day school visit (Some countries visit elementary schools in Fukuoka city.) Meet with Host Family		
18	Wed	Homestay/School Visit			
19	Thu	Homestay/School Visit		Homestay	
20	Fri	Homestay/School Visit		Homestay	
21	Sat	APCC Performance Event			
22	Sun	Homestay		Homestay	
23	Mon	Homestay / Departure		Homestay / Departure	
24	Tue	Homestay / Departure		Homestay / Departure	
25	Wed	Homestay / Departure		Homestay / Departure	

PA Camp Schedule

Date	Time	Program	Venue	
14th (Sat.)	16:00	Leave Marine House		
	17:00	Arrive at Global Arena (GA)		
		Check into room		
	17:30	Orientation session	Lodge meeting room, 1st floor	
		Self-introduction		
		Information about newly established BC		
		Orientation of PA camp in brief		
	18:00	Dinner	No side	
	19:00- 20:30	PA performance practice	Budojo	
15th (Sun.)	8:30	Breakfast	No side	
	9:30- 10:45	BC establishment for non BC, For Non BC countries	Lodge meeting room, 1st floor	
		Individual interview (For BC countries)	Lodge meeting room, 2nd floor	
	10:45-11:00	Break		
	11:00- 12:20	Maintain strong BC	Gym hall	
	12:30- 13:30	BBQ Lunch with BCJ	Garden House	
	13:30-13:40	BCIO certificate of appreciation	Medium Board Room	
		Report presentation of Everyday Ambassador	Medium Board Room	
	13:40- 14:40	Activity report presentation by 13 BCs	Medium Board Room	
	14:40- 15:00	Introduction of Kyushu Islands presented by BCJ	Medium Board Room	
	15:00- 15:30	Break (there is interview of some PAs)		
	15:30 - 17:30	PA performance practice	Arena	
	18:00	Dinner	No side	
	19:00 - 20:30	Fun game	Lodge meeting room/outside	
	16th (Mon.)	8:00	Breakfast	No side
9:00		Leave GA for the Exchange Camp at Marine House		
10:00-12:00		PAs and Chaperons' meeting	Orientation Hall	
12:30-13:30		Lunch		
14:00-17:00		Sports Festival/Exchange program with JAs		
17:00		Back to Global Arena		
18:30		Dinner	No side	
19:30 - 20:30		Free Discussion on BCs	Medium board room	
17th (Tue.)		8:30	Breakfast	Green Grass (Bakery)
		9:30- 11:00	Common activity	Medium Board Room
	11:15- 12:15	Teach PAs to update activities on BCIO website	Medium Board Room	
	12:30	Lunch	No side	
	14:00- 15:00	Group activities, Maintain strong BC	Medium Board Room	
	15:00- 15:15	Break		
	15:15- 16:30	Activity report presentation by 15 BCs	Medium Board Room	
	16:30-16:45	Break		
	16:45-17:45	Discussion on 25th anniversary program	Medium Board Room	
	18:00	Dinner	GA Club	
	19:00-20:00	PA program Summary & Feedback	Medium Board Room	
18th (Wed.)	8:00	Breakfast	No side	
	9:30 - 17:30	Field trip		
	18:30	Meeting with Host Family		

PA Program Report

Orientation Camp - Marine House

Date: July 13– 14, 2012

1. Interview of the PAs by the 2012 BCIO HO members

Interviewers: Ali, Stephanie, Nidhi and Asma

Ali, Stephanie and Nidhi held individual interviews with the PAs from BC countries to learn about their current situation, problems, and difficulties. Asma held interviews with the PA from non-BC countries and will continue to work with these PA to establish BCs in these countries.



2. Interview of Chaperons from Non-BC countries

Interviewers: Karuna and Salman

Karuna and Salman held individual interviews with the 2012 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.

Global Arena

July 14

Session 1 – Orientation session

Mr. Iwamoto, Managing Director of BCIO, gave a warm welcome speech to all the PAs. Then there was a brief orientation about the 5 days PA camp.



July 15

Session 1 – BC Establishment Session

This year there were 5 PAs from non-BC countries (Dalian, Solomon Islands and Myanmar). The PAs were explained some important things related to BC establishment, what the BCIO and BC are, how to establish a BC, how to report BC establishment, the works of BC, how to form a BC if there is no LO, leadership strategies, and so on. After the presentation, everyone was asked to make a draft for their plan to establish a BC, which included communication methods, leadership strategies, event planning methods, and possible events and plans to be implemented after their establishment. Each PA was then given a scenario to think about and solutions were discussed amongst the rest of the group. Finally, everyone talked about their current problems in establishing a BC in their region and Asma shared their own problems and how they overcame them.



At the same time, the PAs with BC countries held individual interviews with the other BCIO HO members.

Session 2 – Maintain Strong BC

This year, there were two HO members responsible for sharing strategies for PA to help maintain strong BCs. Stephanie did a presentation and coordinated the games, while Ali led the Q&A session. Members that were present included the PAs, the BCJ members, the LOs from Papua New Guinea and Singapore, and the BCIO volunteers.

The games revolved around the acronym “LAMPT” (Leadership, Attitude, Motivation, Perseverance, and Teamwork) which was useful in helping everyone understand the keys to success, not only for their BC, but also their personal lives. The games included:

- 1.) “Laughter is the Best Medicine”- Two lines are formed with people across from each other. Each person has to try to make the person across from him or her laugh.
- 2.) “Telephone”- there are up to 5 lines (the number of lines depends on how many participants there are) and one person passes a secret message down to next person until the message travels to the end. The goal is to have the message at the end of the game match the message sent at the beginning of the game.
- 3.) “No Talking”- Without talking, members are tasked to arrange themselves in alphabetical order by last name.



After the session, PAs and BCJ members enjoyed a BBQ and had a great time with each other.



Session 3– BCs activity presentation

The new BCs, BC Tahiti and BC Cambodia, were awarded BCIO Certificates of Appreciation by Mr. Iwamoto, Managing Director of BCIO. The report of last year's Common activity 'Everyday Ambassador' was also presented by Nidhi, this year's HO member.

During the BC activities sharing session, 13 BCs shared their one-year activity reports through audio, video, and PowerPoint presentations.

There was also a special session for BCJ, who showed an introductory video of Kyushu Island. The BCJ members visited different places in Kyushu Island and collected information to make this video.



Fun game

A refreshing event called “Fun Game” was organized for the PA. The PAs were divided into five groups and were instructed to complete different activities in a set amount of time. The activities were a lot of fun and allowed the PA to build teamwork skills. The make over round was one of the most exciting and overall, the evening allowed everyone to bond together.



July 16

PAs visited Marine House where the Exchange Camp was being taken place.

PAs, Chaperons and LO meeting

During the PA, chaperone, and LO meeting, Mr. Kurashige, Senior Executive Director of APCC, began with an opening address. Then Ms. Matsuda, Partner of Fukuoka Directive Council, explained on APCC's new concept and vision from the 25th Anniversary onward. After that, there were Q&A sessions. Then the 25th Anniversary special projects were announced where Mr. Iwamoto, APCC board member, explained the Global BRIDGE Convention in Fukuoka 2013 and Mr. Hirota, APCC board member, explained APCC filmmaking project. After this, 2013 Mission Project questionnaires and the chaperon evaluation forms were distributed.



Exchange Camp with JAs at Marine House

Due to the heavy rainfall, the annual sports activities were cancelled. However, there was a performance program, which everyone enjoyed. The JAs seemed energized after the wonderful performances by the PA and the PA joined the JA in a quiz game. The program ended after singing the 'We are the BRIDGE' song.





Free Discussion on BCs problem

The objective of this session was met as PAs openly talked about their problems. In return, they requested solutions/guidance to help them overcome their problems. Many BRIDGE CLUBs have problems related to their LO, they wished their LO should be unrelated to their country's government bodies. Some PA gave their ideas that the JA/PA selection process should be channelized through the BRIDGE CLUB members of their respective countries. Also, some gave suggestions to help make BCIO a stronger organization. During the meeting, all the BCIO HO Members and current BCIO Staff listened in to all the points mentioned by the PAs. The meeting came to end with a ray of hope that BCIO will take steps to get to the bottom of these problems.

July 17

Session 1 – Common Activity

This session provided an opportunity for discussion of the BCIO's 2012 Common Activity. The objective was to make them aware of the past Common Activities, reasons we have a CA, features of the CA and also discuss the upcoming CA. This session began with an icebreaker called "Global Good-Morning". The aim of the icebreaker was to familiarize the PAs with saying "Good Morning" in different languages. The PAs were asked questions related to the Common activity and the ones who knew the right answers were given souvenirs. Then the game "Find your pair" was played, which was related to Common Activity 2012. In this game, each PA was given a one half of a "pair" and they had to look for their partner. E.g. needle and thread. After finding their partner, they had to sit with them and introduce their partner as well as some interesting differences in currency, where their partner's country is located on the world map, famous land marks in their country, etc. The purpose of this game was for people to become aware and appreciate the differences amongst people in the APCC; we have many international friends, it's great to learn about others cultures, and the BCIO has a wide variety of cultures.



The Common activity for the year 2012- 2013 is Glob@I Interf@ce.

❖ **What is the aim of Glob@I Interf@ce (GI)?**

To explore & learn about the “rich and diverse Cultures” within the APCC Family and strengthen the bond of friendship with ‘Respect & Understanding’.

❖ **Objectives (divided into 3 domains):**

A. Educational

- Provide opportunities for JAs/PAs/Non-BC Members to learn about other countries, peoples, and lifestyles.
- Deliver different perspectives on culture from local peoples.
- Explore technologies capable to bridging gaps across borders.

B. Personal

- Enhance communication skills and build self-confidence.
- Foster life-long friendships with other JAs/PAs/Non-BC Members.

C. Organizational

- Strengthen the BRIDGE CLUB network.

❖ **Participants:**

Former participants of the APCC and all other interested people can join Glob@I Interf@ce.

❖ **Guidelines**

- You need to have an internet connection, a webcam, and Skype/ooVoo/teamviewer or any other video conferencing application on your computer/laptop.
- During Glob@I Interf@ce, at least 1 Peace Ambassador must be present to supervise the activity. There is no required number of JAs/Non-BC members that need to be present.
- To enhance this experience, please show posters, things, photographs, and other visuals.
- The duration of the conference should be minimum 30 minutes and maximum 1 hour long.
- Each country should conduct 3 video interfaces between August 2012 and May 2013.
- Suggested themes are listed below and should be used to prompt discussion. Please don't repeat themes.

❖ **Themes:**

- Local Cuisines
- Clothing
- Musical Instruments
- Singing
- Festivals
- Education system
- Lifestyle
- Famous Landmarks
- Languages

The countries Interf@cing with each other are pre-determined to avoid the problem of BC in different time zones. Please see the Common Activity page on BCIO website, www.bcio.org

How to report:

Two simple ways to report.

1. **Story Board:** Click pictures, add detailed captions, and upload them to the Facebook page 'Glob@I Interf@ce' or email them to BCIO. The story board should contain all the mentioned points: names of the BCs, people involved, topics, points exchanged and the conclusion/knowledge gained.
2. **Video:** It's difficult to store 30min/1hr video clips online, so after finishing the interface one team will be responsible to create a short (2-3 min) video clipping. The video should contain all the mentioned points: names of the BCs, people involved, topics, points exchanged and the conclusion/knowledge gained. Then upload it on Facebook page "Glob@I Interf@ce" or email it to BCIO.

The report should be submitted within 10 days of Glob@I Interf@ce. One country will be responsible for creating the video (2-3min) while another county will be responsible for Story Board.

The three best videos and three best story boards will receive awards during the BCIO convention in 2013. The winning videos will be also played during the next convention.

The top three videos and top three story boards are selected on the basis of

- `Likes` achieved on Face book
- Contents

The final decision will be made by 2012 Common Activity in charge and BCIO head office.

Session 2 – 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 their blogs on the BCIO website and taught them how to make writing more fun with the blog. They could make it funny or even share things about their own countries. In the PA handbook, there is a sheet with a list of tips that was shared. The PAs seemed interested and understood the concept of updating their blogs to keep track of their accomplishments, events, and other happenings.

Session 3 – Group Activities, Maintain Strong BC

This session focused on building teamwork and served as a break for the PAs. We played the following games:

- 1.) Musical Chairs
- 2.) Obstacle Course

What do we have in common? All chairs are put in a circle and only one chair is left out (example: if there are 20 people playing, only 19 chairs are needed) one person is left in the middle who say one fact about themselves. The people who also have that fact in common have to get up and sit in another chair-they cannot sit on the chair next to them it needs to be relatively far to make the game fun-the person left out continues the game with another fact.

Session 4 – BC Presentations

During this session the final audio-visual presentations from the remaining 16 BC countries were showed.

Session 5 – Briefing on the 25th Anniversary of APCC

Mr. Iwamoto ran this session and explained the 25th Anniversary projects. The PAs were very eager to know more information so they could fully understand what is soon to come. They asked many questions, such as how many participants can come, are there any criteria to join, do they have to bear all the costs, are family members able to join in the sight seeing tours, is it allowed to stay for extra days in Fukuoka after finishing the program and so on. The PAs will share this information with their BCs and cooperate with APCC for the anniversary program.



Session 6 – PA Program Summary

All PAs shared what they learned from PA camp and promised to act on what they have learned to build a strong alumni association. PAs mentioned that this type of camp is very helpful to grow and learn various things. Some PAs suggested that in the future:

- The camp should be one or two day longer
- More time should be allocated to discussing BC problems
- More free time should be given
- More information about BC should be shared with the JA and Chaperons
- There should be a more interactive program for JA and Chaperons.



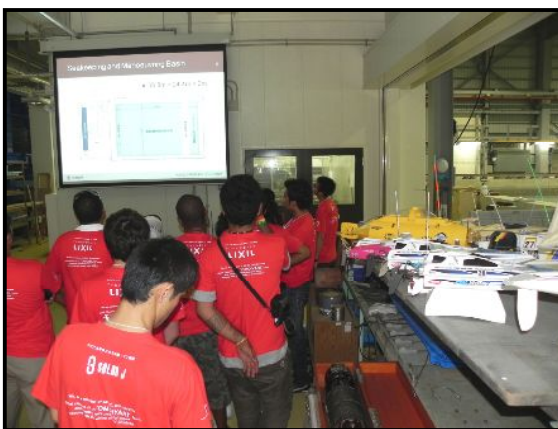
July 18

Field trip

Visit to Kyushu University, Itoshima campus

Time	Program
10:45	Arrive in Kyushu University, Itoshima
11:00- 11:50	Information of Kyushu University
12:00- 13:00	Lunch with International students and Japanese students
13:15- 13:50	Campus tour
14:00	Leave Kyushu University

PAs were informed about the G30 program at Kyushu University. Some professors explained their department courses and admission procedure, as well as scholarship information. After the information session, PAs enjoyed lunch with the international students, professors, and staff of Kyushu University. As the Kyushu University area is very big, all the PAs toured the campus by bus. Some staff and professors accompanied the PA during this time. Due to the time constraints, the PA visited only 2 departments.



Global “BRIDGE” Leaders Career Forum

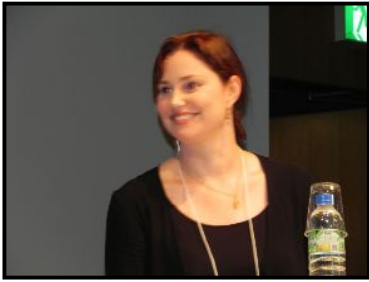
The main objectives of this forum are:

- To encourage the PAs, especially Japanese youth, to develop world-wide human relationship and become Global Citizens.
- To give the PAs an opportunity to think of their personal link with Fukuoka in terms of academic and business point of view
- To develop leadership skills

Time	Program
15:00	Registration
15:30- 15:35	Welcome speech
15:35- 15:45	Short information about APCC, BCIO and PA Camp
15:45- 16:15	Guest Speakers
16:20- 17:00	Group discussion and interaction with guests
17:00- 17:15	Comments and thought shared by each group
17:15- 17:25	Group photo
17:30	Closing

This is one of the special programs where we have an opportunity to talk with 5 distinguished guests (Ms. Gina Whittle, Mr. Nick Szasz, Ms. Effie Liang, Ms. Sachiko Nonaka and Mr. Hitoshi Iwamoto). 34 PAs from 32 countries, 4 BCIO HO members, and more than 60 Japanese youths participated in this program held at Resola NTT Dream Tenjin Hall. In the opening of this program, Mr. Iwamoto gave a welcome speech. Then BCIO HO member Nidhi shared about the 2012 PA camp. After that, Ms. Matsuda ran a session and interviewed 5 guests about their career path, which was really motivating for everyone. After hearing from the guest, the participants were divided into 5 groups for group discussions. Each group discussed two topics: - What did you think of the guest’s career and what makes us Global BRIDGE Leaders. The 5 guests also joined in the group discussions. In the end, the facilitator and recorder from each group shared the conclusions in three key words. The entire group concluded that the following key words were important: open-minded, respect & empathy, positive attitude, willing to learn, global thinking and so on.

<Guest>



Ms. Gina Whittle (Gina & Partners)

- Studied in Japan at the age of 18, when Ministry of Education, New Zealand, recommended students first to visit Japan.
- After completion of study worked as a model in her country.
- Decided to come back to Japan at the age of 20.
- Established NZ life tours (Gina & Partners), a solo proprietorship owned and operated by her, at the age of 24



Mr. Nick Szasz (Fukuoka Now)

- Born in Canada but living in Fukuoka since last 26 years.
- Communicator and facilitator between Japan and other countries, cultures and people.
- Specialties in publishing, editorial planning, writing, photography, design, event planning, internet media planning, marketing and cross cultural business consulting.
- Owner of Fukuoka Now 1998 to present



Ms. Effie Liang (Love FM)

- Born in China & studied in university, Fukuoka
- Came to have interest in the media by part time jobs at radio station.
- Studied French language for 2 years at the Sorbonne University
- Multilingual: French, English, Japanese and Chinese
- Work at Love FM from planning through sales



Ms. Sachiko Nonaka (Hakata President Hotel)

- Born in Fukuoka
- Experienced internship at Hotel in Guam for 2 years
- Works as a hotel clerk at Hakata President Hotel



Mr. Hitoshi Iwamoto

- Studied in Italy at the age 20
- President of Fukuoka Foreign Language College and Fukuoka International Communication College
- Good business relation with more than 25 countries
- Managing Director of BCIO

<Coordinator>



Ms. Mayuki Matsuda

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July 21

We are the BRIDGE Festival 2012

PAs had a BRIDGE CLUB International Booth during 'We are the BRIDGE Festival'. The booth looked great! It was very colorful and all the PAs were in their national/traditional costumes. PAs sold souvenirs from their countries and the money raised, were to the 25th APCC Anniversary Program. This year, they raised ¥132,660 from souvenir sales and collected ¥68,971 in additional donations bringing the total amount to ¥201,631. The PA then had a rocking performance on the main stage which was followed by short on-stage interviews.



July 23- 25

Departure

See You Again!!!