

The 22nd APCC Invitation Project
PA Program Report

July 16 – 28, 2010

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1. Message from BCIO Head Office



Greeting

On behalf of BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO), I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all of your cooperation towards BRIDGE CLUB (BC) activities. It was a third year for the BCIO this year and I could see the steady growth of the members and the structure of the organization is getting formed year by year. As a result, the number of the established BRIDGE CLUB is now 25 which were 14 when the BCIO was established.

Also it was a 13th year since we started to invite the Peace Ambassador (PA). 3 years ago, at the time of the 20th APCC, we invited the Special PAs, from 2 years ago, we started to invite the BCIO head office members and this year the first BCIO internship program was implemented. The functions of BCIO head office are getting clear. This was also our first year integrating an internship program at the BCIO Head Office. Both our Interns did an excellent job and I greatly appreciate their hard work. I hope to keep carrying out these programs and someday I would like all the BC members in the world to be active as a BCIO head office member. I am dreaming of “the BCIO of the PA, by the PA, for the PA” in the end.

We still have some countries/regions which have no BC. We would like to keep supporting these countries/regions to establish a BC continuously. To make the world connected always, we wish there is a BC in every APCC participating country/region. I have another dream which is to make a BCIO convention come true. There are already some BCs which are interested in hosting it in their country. It will be a good opportunity to learn about the other country, not only Japan, and it will be a great movement in the history of BC and BCIO. It is also important that each BC members stay together to make it happen.

I guess everybody is busy with your ordinary life, but please do not throw this great network and opportunity away. I sincerely hope you keep your BC activities going on.

We are the BRIDGE

Hitoshi Iwamoto

BCIO Managing Director

2010 BCIO HO Members



Erin Maitland (Australia)

This year I was selected to be a BRIDGE CLUB International Organisation Head Office Member. In this role my main focus was to improve the communication tool, BRIDGE CLUB Friends. Although the updates were not completed in time, I ran a session on how to build a profile and find friends on the site. I also ran sessions on uploading event information on the BCIO website and BRIDGE CLUB Sustainability. I had a great time this year and believe that this year's PA's were a fantastic group of enthusiastic representatives. From 2007, when I was a PA, to now, I can really see the improvement of the BC network and know that this group of PA's will work hard, support each other, and continue to support the development of the BCIO.



Angela Margeaux E. Tolentino (Philippines)

Being a BCIO Head Office member allowed me to go behind the scenes of the 22nd APCC. I was finally able to grasp just how big a role the APCC plays to the people of Fukuoka. I am very grateful to everyone who made the 22nd APCC possible and I glad to have been able to help out in a simple way. Every delegate and volunteer made the event successful. Good job, everyone!
Thanks!



Ngawang Gyeltshen (Bhutan)

My experience as a BCIO Head Office Member was of utmost satisfaction and pride. I realized how hard the APCC and BCIO office works round the clock to put up a show that brings smile to each one each summer. Their commitment is sheer inspiration and motivation that instills the volunteerism in all of us as we gear towards the noble causes of Peace and Co-existence in the World.

It is a fact that APCC changed lives of thousands of children across the Asia-Pacific region. I am proud that I have learned ways to contribute to the noble objectives of APCC and am selected to be one. I hope my role as a Common Activity coordinator will help increase APCC popularity and attract more members to the BRIDGE CLUB family across BCs in the world. I hope we can act as true ambassadors bridging peace across the globe. I shall continue to contribute to the APCC programme that changed my life and added friends in my life, with a hope that I can motivate my younger generations.

2. 2010 PA List

Country	Name	Year
Fiji	Ms. Ilisapeci Toqataki Adilagilagi Vuniwai	2002
Hawaii	Ms. Serena Li	2005
Vanuatu	Mr. Ron Arua Nafuki	1989
Atlanta	Mr. Nikhil Lakhanpal	2004
New Zealand	Mr. Craig Ramon Neilson	1995
Indonesia	Mr. Ahmad Mufti Fannani	2004
Sri Lanka	Mr. Jayanaka Rivimal Senarath	2003
Philippines	Ms. Margery Pauline Marquez Bumagat	2003
Kiribati	Ms. Tekaeto Rataro	1989
Malaysia	Ms. Marsilla BT Azman	1998
Bhutan	Mr. Sonam Wangdi	1998
Taiwan	Ms. Hui Ya Shen	2000
Pakistan	Mr. Mir Murad Baloch	1995
Cambodia	Ms. Chey Kanha	2000
Samoa	Mr. Jonathan Pulusau Porter	1995
Australia	Ms. Christine Ashley Leigh	1990
Hong Kong	Ms. Zoe Lavinia Lau	2002
Laos	Ms. Daovisith Douangbouppha	2003
Thailand	Ms. Janejira Chairojkanjana	2005
Mongolia	Ms. Mandukhai Amarbayasgalan	2000
Vietnam	Mr. Le Ba Quoc Thinh	2000
Maldives	Ms. Asma Abdull Razzaq	2000
India	Ms. Jaiprabh Kaur	2004
Nepal	Mr. Sushant Bashyal	2004
Bangladesh	Mr. Md. Abdullah Al Zahid Sourav	1992
Singapore	Mr. Adam Assik B. Shahrir	1991
Japan	Ms. Ayumi Oki	
Japan	Mr. Joji Yanagizono	

2010 BCIO Head Office Members

Australia	Erin Maitland	1999
Bhutan	Ngawang Gyeltshen	1998
Philippines	Angela Margeaux E. Tolentino	2002

2010 BCIO Interns

Bangladesh	Salman Bari	1995
Nepal	Karuna Shrestha	1989

3. Schedule of 22nd APCC

			JA	Chaperon	PA
July	16	Fri.	Overnight Orientation Camp <Arrival day> Orientation Guidance/Preliminary meeting for the performance event <Second day> Meet with Host Family → Homestay		
	17	Sat.			
	18	Sun.			
	19	Mon.			
	20	Tue.			
	21	Wed.			PA Camp at Global Arena (21 st to 23 rd)
	22	Thu.		PAs & Chaperons & APCC Liaison Officers' Meeting at Global Arena (22 nd 14:15-16:15)	
	23	Fri.	MIRAI Village Camp in Noko Island at Noko Island Campsite (23 rd to 24 th AM) MIRAI Summit in Fukuoka 2010 at Fukuoka City Hall (24 th 13:30-15:00) We are the BRIDGE Festival 2010 at Fukuoka City Hall Square (24 th 15:15-18:00) * Chaperon booth * Cultural performance shows *BCIO booth (BC Carnival)		
	24	Sat.			
	25	Sun.			
	26	Mon.	Departure	Departure	Departure
	27	Tue.	Departure	Departure	Departure
28	Wed.	(Departure)	(Departure)	(Departure)	



4. PA Camp Schedule

21-Jul	Arrival		10:30	Global Arena
		Session 1		
	Orientation		11:00 - 12:00	Place: Meeting room
		Session 2		
	BRIDGE CLUB Information at a Glance		12:00- 13:00	
		Lunch	13:00 - 14:00	
		Session 3		
	Interview of PAs` from Non BC countries		14:15 - 15:15	
	How to Sustain BC :		14:15 - 16:15	Place: Meeting room
		BREAK	16:15 -16:25	
		Session 4		
	BC Network & Communication Tool		16:30 - 18:00	Place: Meeting room & Hall 1
		Dinner	18:00 - 18:45	
		Session 5		
	Information from Kyushu University		18:50 - 19:30	Place: Meeting room
	BCIO Convention		19:30 - 20:30	Place: Meeting room
	Session closed		20:30	*Rehearsal of performance
22-Jul	Wake up		7:30	
	Breakfast		8:00 - 9:00	
		Session 1		
	BC establishment support for non BC		9:15- 11:00	Place: Meeting room
	BC network communication tool		9:15 - 11:00	Place: Hall 1
		Session 2		
	BCIO Common activity		11:00- 13:00	Place: Hall 1
		Lunch	13:00 - 14:00	
		Session 3		
	PA, Chaperon & LO Meeting		14:15 - 16:30	Place: Hall 1

		BREAK	16:30- 17:15	
		Session 4		
	Interview of Chaperon`s from Non BC Countries		17:15 - 18:00	Place: Meeting room
	Interview of PAs` from BC countries			Place: Hall 1
		Dinner	18:00 - 19:00	
		Session 5		
	Interview of PAs` from BC countries		19:00 - 20:00	Meeting room
		Session 6		
	PA Program Summary		20:00 - 21:00	Place: Hall 1
23-Jul	Wake up		6:00	
	Breakfast		7:00- 8:00	
	Move to Nokonoshima Island			



5. PA Program report

a) Program in Marine house:

Date: July 16- 19

1. Interview of PAs` by BCIO HO member of 2010

Interviewers: Erin Maitland, Australia
Ngawang Gyeltshen, Bhutan

Erin and Ngawang had an individual interview with 2010 PAs from BC countries to know the current situation of their BC; their problems or difficulties in their BCs. Both of them gave advice to the PAs` and they continue to help them to solve the problems even after going back to their countries through exchanging emails. BCIO Head Office got the report about this from Erin and Ngawang, and we will try our best to improve the situation.

2. Interview of Chaperons` from Non BC countries by BCIO Interns of 2010

Interviewer: Karuna Shrestha, Nepal
Salman Bari, Bangladesh

Karuna and Salman had an individual interview with 2010 Chaperons from Non BC countries to know the current situation of former JAs`, PAs` and the condition to establish BC in their countries and requested to cooperate to establish BC in their countries. BCIO Head Office got the report about this from Karuna and Salman, and we will try our best to keep in touch to the respective Chaperons to establish BC in their countries.

3. Participated in Seminar on Social Business by Dr. Mohammad Yunus

Some 2010 PAs and BCIO Head Office member participated in Seminar by Dr. Yunus on July 17 at Kyushu University. Also the PAs` introduced themselves on that program.

Date: July 20

All PAs` attended the Welcome BBQ party on July 20 at Create Plaza. Some APCC& BCIO volunteers and host families also joined the party.

b) PA Camp Program in the Global Arena

Date: July 21

Session 1 & 2 : Orientation

At first, there was a speech from Mr. Aso, Chairperson of APCC, and he was very happy to see the enthusiastic PAs and inspired them for their continuous work to BC and as well as to be the global citizens.

After that there was a greeting from Mr. Iwamoto, BCIO Managing Director. He was very happy to welcome back the former JAs` as PAs` this year in PA camp and he is very hopeful for the fruitful outcomes of this PA camp. He also mentioned that now there are 6 BCIO Head Office members from 6 different BCs and two of them are working as an intern from March 2010. He also talked about the objective of this camp and encouraged everyone to share their experiences and ideas for the betterment of BCs.

Presentation of the BCIO Affiliation Certificate:

Mr. Iwamoto, the BCIO Managing Director, presented the certificate to each PA whose BC is affiliated to the BCIO with participants` applause and pictures were taken. This year BC Atlanta, BC Fiji, BC Japan, BC Laos, BC Thailand, BC Maldives, BC Pakistan, BC Philippines and BC Singapore received BCIO Affiliation Certificate.

Announcement of the result of 2009-2010 BCIO Common Activity `Visions of Harmony` :

23 BRIDGE CLUBs participated in this common activity by organizing VOH exhibition in their countries and the concluding exhibition was held on July 24 at Fukuoka City Hall by BC Japan. Please check the detailed information on the BCIO website.

After that we all introduced ourselves.

Session 3

Angela had an individual interview with the PAs` from Non BC Countries to know the current situation to establish the BC in their countries. Angela gave advice to the PAs` and she continues to help them to establish BC even after going back to their countries through exchanging emails. BCIO Head Office got the report about this from Angela, and we will try our best to cooperate them to establish BC.

On the other side there was a session on `How to Sustain BC` for BC established countries. Erin presented one presentation on this theme by giving examples of two BCs, BC Australia and BC

Bangladesh. After that we had group discussions where everyone shared about their BC like their leadership skill, number of active members in their BC and yearly activities and event. All PAs` will share this information with their BC members and work their best for BC.

Session 4

BC Network and Communication Tool

Reported by Erin Maitland

This year I was selected to follow on with the previous years training by Colby Takeda on the BRIDGE CLUB Friends (BCF) Website. I thought it was extremely important to improve the website before this session, based on discussions with the 2009 PAs and Colby himself. I worked with a website designer in Japan to improve the site before I arrived in Fukuoka, but unfortunately this site was not completed by the designer in time and I had to work with what was already established.

My main focus in this years training, was to inform PAs of the necessity of constant communication. I spent the first half of my presentation discussing the importance of a social networking site (SNS) such as BCF. In this session I demonstrated the three different ways of communicating;

- 1 – Person to Person Contact – such as phone calls, direct emails, meetings
- 2 – Bulk communication – such as bulk emailing through mailing lists
- 3 – Social networking and communication sites – Such as BRIDGE CLUB Friends and Facebook

It was agreed by everyone that the best way for the BCIO network to communicate with all participants is through an SNS.

For the second half of my presentation I informed all of the PAs of their usernames and passwords for this site and then I demonstrated how to set up their own page on BCF. I used my page in the demonstration and showed the PAs how to find friends on the BCF system and also how to send messages and use the common calendar.

After discussing the site further with this years PAs and past APCC participants I believe that it is important that the site is used more as a database site like My Space, where all past APCC participants can gain information and contact details from old friends and communicate not only through this site, but by email, MSN or Facebook (if they are over the age of 18), as these communication tools are used by most people every day and would not insist that users log into the BCF site daily, (as I don't believe that many people would take the time or effort to do this). Currently there are only about 5% of past APCC participants using the site and to further build on this number I think it is important to firstly form a group of people who can work directly with the web developer and improve the ease of use of this site and the way in which people can update and display their contact information. Secondly it

would be advantageous to run a common activity that gets trained PAs to share their knowledge of the site when they return to their countries after the 2011 APCC. This way we have 2 years PAs trained on using the site and they can go back to their countries and help past APCC participants set up their own pages and then link them with old friends.

If anyone would like further information on the BCF site or would like to assist in improving the site, please contact me, Erin Maitland, at erinka79@yahoo.com.au

Session 5

BCIO Convention

BCIO HO has proposed to hold BCIO Convention in the country other than Japan in near future.

Background of proposal

BCIO HO/ APCC has invited PAs to bring up leaders for establishing a BC in Non BC established countries or to bring up active members in each BC established countries. We put emphasis on BC establishment in all APCC participated countries and consolidating the foundation of each BCs to maintain it. In addition, BCIO HO needs to promote the affiliation of BCIO and to make BCIO much progress as an upper- level organization to support each BCs. Also we think BCIO should be run by PAs` not only Japanese members in the future. Therefore, we think it is important to hold a BCIO Convention.

Objectives of BCIO Convention

- To enhance the leadership skill
- To strengthen the relationship among the members in each BCs
- To strengthen the BCIO network
- To enhance the sense of being one of the BCIO

How it is different from PA camp?

- PA camp is for new PAs` to train/update them for BC.
- BCIO convention is for experienced, highly motivated BC leaders.
- BCIO convention will be held once in two year. (Dec- Jan)

Plans

- When ?
- on the 5th anniversary of BCIO and 25th anniversary of APCC? Year 2013.
- Convention will be once in two years in Dec- Jan.
- Convention will be for 4- 5 days.

- BCIO OMOIYARI Award (Each BC will nominate the most motivated BC member of their BC and send it to BCIO HO and BCIO will select one.)
- Leadership development activities

How

- Interested BC can send the proposal to BCIO HO. BCIO HO will select the country for BCIO Convention.
- The BC of host country will work as an Executive Committee of BCIO Convention and work together with BCIO Head office to plan and implement the Convention. It will work for 2 years until the convention. During the convention, the next country will be decided to hold BCIO Convention and from then that country will work with BCIO HO as an Executive Committee of BCIO Convention. And, the previous executive committee of BCIO Convention has to transfer all the documents to the new one.

Costs

- BCIO will cover the event cost.
- Travelling cost will have to be covered by participant. (But if there is enough funds then it could be covered.)
- Host country will have to manage the host families/ accommodation and necessary preparation.

Remarks from PAs`:

- All the PAs are interested to organize BCIO Convention.
- Some of the PAs` share their ideas regarding fund raising for BCIO Convention
- The PAs` will share this information with their BC members and will inform BCIO Head Office.

July 22

Session 1

1. BC Establishment Support for Non BC PAs

Reported by Angela Margeaux E. Tolentino

This year, there were 3 Peace Ambassadors from countries without an established BRIDGE CLUB. They were Kanha from Cambodia, Jonathan from Samoa, and Hui from Taiwan. All of them were able to apply as a PA thanks to Colby Takeda, the 2009 BC Establishment Instructor.

I interviewed them a day before my talk in order for me to gauge their knowledge and ideas on BRIDGE CLUBS, BCIO, and the like. Their perception on their role as PA was vague and unclear at

first. Some of them immediately thought that it was to take care of the JAs. I believe that this is not a PA's primary responsibility in the APCC. However, after the session on BC Establishment, they said that their role as PA was already clear for them. Even if an item in the checklist included going through the BCIO website, the answers of the PAs demonstrated how they were not able to fully understand the aims and objectives of the BCIO. I am not sure how we can fully improve this to make sure that they really read the website, however, maybe we can have a pre-departure interview quiz to check up on the PAs.

According to the interview, their relationship with their Liaison Officers are good. Kanha and Hui have said that their LOs are cooperative and will most likely help in BC establishment. Jonathan suggested that the LO in his country should be made public instead of private. Most BCs have public bodies, such as their ministry of education, as their LO, however in the Philippines, we are under a private LO and we are able to cooperate and work closely together.

For the session on BC establishment, I prepared a BC establishment manual, based from the one Colby distributed last year, when I, too, was just a PA from a non-BC country. This 26-page manual contained sample e-mails and files that I personally used in my experience in establishing BC Philippines.

I gave a PowerPoint presentation covering basic knowledge of what a BC is, examples of BC activities, helpful strategies (on contacting, planning, and database creation and management) and possible problems that they might face during and after BC establishment. I had insights from other BRIDGE CLUBs for this part. The common problem of this year's PAs was lack of manpower to establish a BC. They hope to have an established BRIDGE CLUB before summer, before the 23rd APCC. I asked them to create a timeline for their BC as their first assignment.

The session allowed us to have an intimate discussion of planning their first events and meetings, having a support group, and overcoming possible problems. The situation in every country is different, and will require different approaches to BC establishment. Even after PA Camp, I will continue to communicate and watch over the PAs to assist them in establishing a BC in their country. In the near future, we hope to have these 3 countries join the bigger BCIO family.

2. How to update BC activities news on BCIO website

The PAs' were encouraged to update their BC activities on BCIO website. They were taught how to update the activities news.

Session 2

2010-2011 BCIO Common Activity

Reported by Ngawang Gyeltshen

“BRIDGE CLUB’s environmental actions towards safe and clean Earth -Setting up BC environmental action stations”

1. Summary

The Concept of BRIDGE CLUB was set up in 1998 with the assumption that 10 years on, the young Junior Ambassadors would have matured in 1999 and can act towards promoting ‘peace and coexistence’. We would turn gradually into Peace Ambassadors thus. Each year the junior and peace ambassadors continue to mature, mature not only in age but to be able to take noble initiatives locally and globally. The common activity this year is a gearing up step towards saving our planet, where young APCC ambassadors take bold initiatives to combat environmental problems.

Each BC will take country-specific environmental initiative and share with other BCs. At the end, BCIO will compile all initiatives and document, which can be documented, publicized and also used to attract donors for the APCC program.

2. What is BC Common Activity?

One of the main goals of the BCIO is to strengthen the relationship of the BCs for sustainable development the Bridge concept. In order to sustain BCs and meet the causes of APCC, we must conduct activities that will help us spread our messages and unite us as global citizens. BCs throughout the region conduct regular club activities that includes noble initiatives like – donation of books and clothes to the poor, organizing health camps, carrying out various community services, clean-up campaigns, fund raising programmes amongst many others.

Each year however, the Peace ambassadors select a common activity which is different from the regular activities. We pick an activity for the year where everyone, every BC participates. Prior to the summer APCC event, PAs and BCs are invited to submit proposals which are discussed.

The first common activity was carried out in 2008-09, titled, ‘100,000 smiles’. Over 122,000 smiles were spread across the region initiated by the BCs. The smile intended to raise awareness on BC and APCC concept to people and get their support through smiles.

For 2009-10, a photo exhibition themed, ‘Visions of Harmony’ was conducted across the Asia-Pacific region covering 24 countries in two groups. Photos compiled from different BC countries that depicted specific country’s nature/landscape, culture and APCC experience were witnessed by 38,899 visitors. Visitors could also learn the causes of APCC and BC, and the drive towards ‘peace and coexistence’ by the young ambassadors in the region.

3. BC Common Activity – 2010-11

“BRIDGE CLUB’s environmental actions towards safe and clean Earth -Setting up BC environmental action stations”

Given the varied prevailing and emerging environmental issues in the Asia-Pacific region which is both environment and climate sensitive (see Box 1), the Peace Ambassadors decided to set up BC environmental stations in individual countries for the year 2010-11. Considering that APCC ambassadors spread across the Asia-Pacific region are matured over two decades of experience, it is anticipated the ambassadors can now make bold moves and initiatives that can leave substantial impacts. Thus, it is in line with APCC objectives of children becoming ‘Global citizens’ and ensuring a safe earth for ‘Coexistence’.

Through this common activity, each BC will set up an environmental action

Box 1: State of Environment – The Asia-Pacific

The Asia-Pacific region is climate and environment sensitive, and rapidly undergoes striking changes in the global scenario. Studies reveal that the Asia/Pacific region encompasses some of the planet’s greatest cultural, economic, and ecological diversity. Population growth, economic development creates serious environmental problems in the region including deforestation, air pollution, drinking and irrigation water problems, energy crisis amongst many others. Thus the environmental problems might create lots of social costs, impact economy etc. Climate modeling and Multiple factors have indicated that the Asia/Pacific region possess a high degree of vulnerability to such climate changes. Many nations within the region already struggle to cope with the current climate variability to which they are exposed including tropical cyclones, rainfall extremes, frequent droughts, and extreme tides.

Much as the region witnessed the net increase in forest cover particularly by plantations in China, forest areas in Southeast Asia continued to set high rates of losses at global scale. With the global issues on one side and

station where BC members will design proactive measures through small activities to address environmental programmes relevant to their country. Where possible, BC will liaise with governmental or NGO bodies to initiate such activities.

The activity from each BC will be updated on the Common activity page on BCIO website with information and pictures. This way all members can also learn about the environmental issues in other countries and the strategies for addressing them worldwide. Examples of such activities might include;

“Here in Australia there is a serious problem of drought, so we intend to harvest water for use on gardens.”

“Deforestation is a serious problem in mountainous countries like Nepal and Bhutan. We will join

with local foresting organizations and volunteer to plant trees.”

The Peace Ambassadors 2010, will take lead role in setting up the environmental action stations and initiate activities and report to the overall coordinator (for guidelines, see Box 2).

By May-June 2011, the overall Common activity coordinator will compile the report and submit to

Box 2 Guidelines for 2010 PAs to initiate actions and submit reports

1. Host a BC meeting to discuss on this year’s common activity.
2. Discuss and identify prevailing and emerging environmental issues in your country. Or what your community needs in terms of environment security
3. Pick an activity (-ies) that your BC can participate in some environmental action or programme – proactive measures to prevent environment degradation or save environment
4. You can initiate creative ideas (target a climate or environment program) and also use it as a fund raising activity for your also collaborate with other organizations
5. Make a draft plan and put it up on the BCIO website for feedbacks and advices (deadline – end of October)
6. Identify potential government/NGOs to liaise your activities (optional)

the APCC/BCIO head office. APCC/BCIO can use the reports to present to the potential donors and attract them to fund APCC activities/BCIO convention etc.

Prepared by;

Ngawang Gyeltsben, President BC Bhutan

BCIO Head Office Member, 2010

Common Activity Coordinator

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2. *Karuna Shrestha - BCIO head office member and Common activity coordinator for 2009*

Session 3

PAs`, Chaperon and Liaisons Officers` meeting

Attendance: All chaperons (42), Observers (2), Liaison Officers (8)

All PAs (26), BCIO Head Office members (5)

Senior Executive Director, Operating Director, BCIO Directors, Office staff, Interpreters

First there was an opening address by Mr. Kurisu, Senior Executive Director, APCC. Then there was a presentation on APCC to reconfirm the APCC and BC Concepts & its visions. After that there were two case studies, One from Australia on 'How Liaison Office collaborate with BC' and another from Singapore on 'Obstacles that we are facing in progress of the BRIDGE project'. After the two presentations there were Q/A session. Then there was 30 minutes group discussion on 'How shall we overcome to reach our goal cooperating each other'. Introductory video on Mission project was also shown. Then the Chaperon from Bhutan spoke on 'How does the APCC Mission Project is effective to children in our country'. After that the questionnaire for 2011 Mission project were distributed.

Session 4

PA program Summary

Mr. Iwamoto, Managing Director of BCIO, summarized the outcomes of 2 days PA camp. After that the PAs' were asked to read carefully the Peace Ambassador Invitation Agreement which was sent before finalizing the selection as a PA. It was a below.

To: BCIO HO

1. I will do my best to establish a new BC or strengthen the BC in my country/region, which meets the above criteria without neglecting any necessary preparation or action.
2. I will stay in my home country and continue to participate in BC activities at least ONE YEAR after the APCC Invitation Project. I will be a President or a leader to take the initiative in establishing/ leading a BC.
3. I will inform other members (liaison officer, former JAs' etc) of items decided during the PA Camp and take the lead in conducting BC common activities.
4. I will keep in contact with other PAs, BCs and BCIO Head Office members actively before and after the invitation, and will reply to E-mails from the BCIO Head Office by the designated deadlines.
5. I will actively report to the BCIO Head Office on BC activities in my home country after returning home.

It was to make PA's role and mission clear and lead PAs to continue BC activities, after going back to their countries.

c) MIRAI Camp at Nokonoshima Island

Date: July 23

Volunteer work :

All Peace Ambassadors (PAs) have done the volunteer work with Japanese volunteers during the exchange camp at Nokonoshima Island.

Objectives:

1. To take care of JAs during the exchange camp and lead them to have a great experience, so that they can make the best use of it in the future like you.
2. To realize that a lot of Japanese volunteers made great efforts for you when you were JAs` and by knowing it, to be motivational yourselves more for your future BC activities.
3. To be a role model for JAs during exchange camp and to make them feel like that they want to come back to Fukuoka again as a PA. To let the JAs from non BC established countries/regions know about PAs, because they don`t have an opportunity to communicate with PAs in their countries/ regions.
4. To stimulate JAs by letting them know that there are other PAs from different countries.

Works:

* Take care of JAs`

Paying attention to where they are, keep away from them any injuries and accidents, helping them to interact with others from different countries.

* Communicate with them

* Lead them to follow the schedules

All the PAs enjoyed sharing their experiences as a JA, PA and playing games with JAs` during camp. Also PAs` performed tremendous performance during performance event on Noko camp. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

d) 1st International BC Carnival 2010

Date: July 24

Background of the Project:

“1st International BC Carnival 2010” was proposed on May 5th 2010 in the BCIO Meeting as because to introduce a new project from BCIO to promote all the BCs around the world. It was also mentioned in the BCML & BCIO HO Staff Blog so that all the local and overseas BC members, volunteers,

supporters and participants can share their views, ideas and suggestions regarding this project. And after the approval of Performance Event team, it was ready to launch on the Performance Event Day.

Aims & Objective:

- To exhibit the harmony of all BRIDGE CLUBs from a sole platform.
- To encourage the BRIDGE CLUB activities at present and future.
- To support and broadcast each BCs in front of the civil audience, Print & Electronic Medias.
- To promote an awareness on BC and BCIO in the society through the interaction in between BC representatives and audience.

Detailed description:

On July 24th 2010, the “1st International BC Carnival 2010” took place in front of Fukuoka City Hall. It was started from 3.00 pm. All the Peace Ambassadors from 24 BC countries participated in that carnival. They decorated their own BC booth and tried to inform the visitors about their respective BRIDGE CLUBs. Also there was a booth for BCIO where the Visions of Harmony photos exhibited and sold. All the Peace Ambassadors were previously instructed to sell their BC souvenirs during the carnival if they want to add some charity to their respective BC Fund. They have done a very good job and almost all the BCs earned some charity money for their BCs. The total amount of charity raised 71,575 yen. The “1st International BC Carnival 2010” was highly appreciated by all the visitors, supporters, sponsors and participants and everyone is expecting more positive outcomes from the next BC Carnival on next year.

