

The 27th APCC PA Program Report

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Message from BCIO Head Office



I would like to express my best gratitude to all of you that you came back to Fukuoka. Thanks to the initiatives of all of you, the 2015 PA program was successfully ended. In particular, I would like to thank the Head Office Members for organizing the program. Also I was glad to find that most of you were satisfied with the program according to your feedback although there still remains to be improved.

Two years ago, we APCC created the new direction of NEXT APCC which is that we raise young people as Global BRIDGE Leader who have strong global initiatives. A variety of issues were discussed in the program and I'm sure we are going forward to the next stage. We had the Global BRIDGE Leader Training for 2 days with 60 Japanese High School Students, which gave them a meaningful opportunity to touch various values. We already have a global network that enable us to have leadership minds. Our next challenge is to raise and deepen them. I hope that training helped you to find something new.

I hope you enjoyed the stay in Fukuoka and want to ask your continuous support to BC activities. Also we hope you'll connect with us and share the changes in your lives, as well.

Best regards

Shigeyasu Masuda

BCIO Managing Director

Message from BCIO Area Managers



Arief Adinoto (Indonesia)
Asia Area Manager

Begun this year, we, BCIO Management, had been taking more concern in improving BRIDGE CLUBs. Started from PAs as the potential future leaders of the BCs, we made some adjustment to the PA Camp. Since the PA tasks after they had been selected, the evaluation of PA performances throughout the Camp period, and the Annual Action Plan they made in the Camp, all of those were aimed to raise PAs' concern about BC activities, motivation, commitment, communication, and clearer guideline about what they have to do after returning to home country.

It has been a great gratitude that you, all PAs, worked cooperatively and enthusiastically throughout the whole APCC event. Your cheerful and energetic behavior had created positive atmosphere in the camp, while your serious involvement made a perfect balance to it. I can expect promising improvement in your BC through your contribution in near future.

My great appreciation to the Head Office Members, Nelson and Moiz. Your leadership shown in the camp had been more than my expectation. You both are future leaders of BCIO.

My greatest appreciation to BCIO Management, APCC Head Office Members, APCC Directors, and all volunteers. Your devotion in organizing APCC has been changing many people's mind, and their life indeed.



Salman Bari (Bangladesh)
Pacific Area Manager

On behalf of BRIDGE Club International Organization (BCIO), I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you all the Peace Ambassadors participated in the 27th APCC. It was a great pleasure for me to work with an wonderful and active team of Peace Ambassadors who were keen at each and every activity delivered by BCIO team. As an Area Manager of BCIO as well as a BRIDGE Club member, it's always great to see the new faces come from around the world to represent their BCs since 1998. Their optimistic ideas and hardworking activities through BCs have always inspired BCIO to move further. Also The Fantastic BCIO Head Office members, Moiz & Nelson, with Asia Area Manager, Arief, has worked really hard with the Peace Ambassadors during their sessions. You guys were the best. I would like to request all the Peace ambassadors to keep up your good spirit and work actively with your BRIDGE Club. The APCC and BRIDGE Club is such a platform for you by standing on where you can proudly say - 'We are the BRIDGE and we connect dreams around the world.' As a part of that, we all have a common dream- to achieve "Peace and Co-existence" throughout the globe by promoting "Respect and Understanding" among all people. Finally thanks to everyone for making another successful PA camp. We will be looking forward to see you and work with you again

Message from BCIO Head Office Members



Moiz Rehan
BC Pakistan

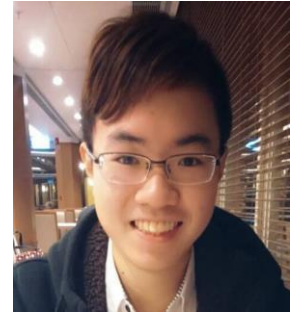
PA Camp, 2015.

An unforgettable experience that allowed me to not only grow as a person but also to connect with talented and extremely motivated Peace Ambassadors from all over the world. The opportunity to be a Head Office Member this year was one that I will cherish for the rest of my life and for which I cannot be grateful enough to the APCC and BCIO !

Delivering sessions on Common Activity and PR was an absolute pleasure because of the highly motivated response of the Peace Ambassadors – the discussions were productive and rewarding while many new ideas were shared by the PAs which will definitely make a difference in the BCIO network. As we all worked on the ideas of Action Plan and PA Work Groups together, the excitement of setting a new standard of productivity and efficiency for the working of BRIDGE CLUBs was indeed invigorating.

Working with the PAs on the Fashion Show was a joy while making memories with them during the field trip to Munakata City or to the Mentaiko factory and also during the APCC Festival was amazing. The selfies I took with the PAs will serve as a reminder to me of the fantastic people I had the chance to meet – the craziness, the fun and the bond we all shared was a highlight of this summer!

The amount of work, time and effort that the BCIO Administration contributes to make the PA Camp a reality and a success each year is staggering. By being part of the BCIO staff, I was able to learn so much about the process of making the PA Camp possible. It was indeed an honor to be a Head Office Member this year and I would like to thank the BCIO administration once again for entrusting me with this incredible opportunity. I wish the PAs best of luck and sincerely hope that they take the learning from the PA Camp back home and implement it to improve their BRIDGE CLUBs. Together we will make the BCIO network stronger than ever - we are always here to help if you ever need it!



Lok Hin Fung
BC Hong Kong

It was such an honor and grateful to be selected as a BCIO Head Office Member for the 27th APCC. It was indeed a valuable experience to work with the team of BCIO Head Office Members, BCIO Administrations, and the APCC coordinators.

Taking in charge of both 'Maintain Strong BC' and 'Funding' was a big challenge to me. The workload was high, and it was the first time I took in charge of such an international event. Starting early from April, I spent a lot of time working with other BCIO Head Office Members and Administrations on email and Skype. They are a group of amazing people who are intelligent and cooperative, which I learnt a lot from them. I also spent a lot of time in preparing the training session in PA camp and the Action Plan, so the PAs could be benefit from it. It was such a unique experience to be working as a Head Office Member. I am very happy to see all the Peace Ambassadors enjoying the PA camp so much, too. Being a PA is once in a lifetime experience, I hope you will never forget it, and remember it as one of your most significant time in your life.











I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the PAs, BCIO Head Office Members, BCIO Administrations, and all the volunteers for making the amazing PA camp this year. It would not have been so successful without anyone of you. I also hope all the PAs can remember what you have learnt in the PA camp, take everything back to your country, and make your BC stronger.

Lastly, I wish all the best to Peace Ambassadors in improving you BC, and make the BCIO network stronger. In Chinese, we have a phrase called “天下無不散之筵席” (tiān xià wú bù sàn zhī yán xí), which means there is no never-ending feast, thank you everyone for making the 27th APCC amazing, and hope to see you all soon.


WE ARE THE BRIDGE!!!

2015 Peace Ambassadors

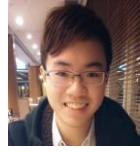

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2015 Area Manager

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BCIO Senior Advisor

	Name: Hitoshi Iwamoto Senior Advisor, BCIO
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27th APCC Invitation Schedule

<i>July</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>JA & Chaperon</i>	<i>PA / BCIO HOM</i>
9	<i>Thu</i>	Arrival -> Orientation Camp at Marine House	Arrival -> Orientation Camp at Marine House
10	<i>Fri</i>	Arrival -> Orientation Camp at Marine House	Arrival -> Orientation Camp at Marine House
11	<i>Sat</i>	<Arrival>	<Arrival > Move to Global Arena
12	<i>Sun</i>	Exchange Camp at Marine House	GBL Training Camp at Global Arena
13	<i>Mon</i>		PA Camp at Global Arena
14	<i>Tue</i>		14 th One day-School Visit Program 14 th PM First Meeting with Host Families
15	<i>Wed</i>	Homestay/School Visit	Homestay
16	<i>Thu</i>	Homestay/School Visit	Homestay
17	<i>Fri</i>	Homestay/School Visit	Homestay
18	<i>Sat</i>	Performance Event	
19	<i>Sun</i>	Homestay	Homestay
20	<i>Mon</i>	Homestay / <Departure>	Homestay / <Departure>
21	<i>Tue</i>	Homestay / Departure	Homestay / Departure
22	<i>Wed</i>	Homestay / Departure	Homestay / Departure

2015 PA Program Schedule

July 9- 11

Date	Time	Program	Venue
9 (Thurs)	Arrival	Orientation Camp @ Marine House	
10(Fri)	Arrival	Orientation Camp @ Marine House	
	15:00-16:00	Orientation for PAs regarding JAs-PAs exchange program	
	19:00-19:45	JAs- PAs Exchange program	Play hall
11(Sat)	9:30	Leave Marine House	

PA Camp (July 11- 15)

11 (Sat)	10:30	Arrival @ Global Arena (GA)	
	11:00-11:45	Orientation of PA program	Gymnasium hall
	12:00- 12:45	Lunch	No side
	13:00-13:30	GBL Orientation for PAs	Gymnasium hall
	14:00-17:00	GBL Training Camp	Gymnasium hall
	17:15 ~	Room Check-in	
	18:00-19:00	Dinner	No side
	19:15-20:15	GBL Training Camp	Gymnasium hall
12(Sun)	8:00- 8:45	Breakfast	No side
	9:00- 11:45	GBL Training Camp	Gymnasium hall
	12:00- 12:45	Lunch	No side
	13:00- 15:00	GBL Training Camp	Gymnasium hall
	16:00- 16:45	Presentation by BCJ	Gymnasium hall
	17:30- 18:30	Dinner with BCJ members	No side
	19:00-20:00	Session on 'Concept of PA development program' by Arief	Gymnasium hall
	20:00- 21:00	Performance practice	Gymnasium hall
13(Mon)	8:00-8:45	Breakfast	No side
	9:00- 11:45	Maintain Strong BC session	Medium board room
	12:00- 12:45	Session on "PA work groups" by Arief	Medium board room
	13:00-13:45	Lunch	No side
	14:00-16:00	PA Chaperon meeting	Medium board room
	16:15- 18:00	Exchange program with Munakata city	
	18:00-18:45	Dinner (Munakata city participants will join)	No side
	19:00- 20:30	Performance practice	Medium board room

14(Tues)	8:00- 8:45	Breakfast	No side
	9:00-11:45	Common activity session	Medium board room
	12:00-12:45	Lunch	No side
	13:00-15:00	Funding session	Medium board room
	15:30- 17:30	PR session	Medium board room
	18:00-19:00	Dinner	No side
	19:00 ~	Free time	
15(Wed)	8:00- 8:45	Breakfast	No side
	9:00- 11:00	Room clean	
	11:00-11:30	Move luggage to the luggage room at club house	
	12:00-12:45	Lunch	No side
	13:00-15:00	Summary of action plans presented by BCIO HOMs	Medium board room
	16:00	Leave Global arena	

July 15- 22

15 (Wed)	16:50	Arrival @ Wajiro Regional Community Center	
	17:30-18:00	Meet with Host Family	HS①
16(Thurs)		Homestay	HS②
17(Fri)		Homestay	HS③
18(Sat)	10:00-18:00	We are the BRIDGE Festival, 2015	HS④
19(Sun)	11:00-16:00	Exchange program with BCJapan	HS⑤
20(Mon)		Free time with host family	HS⑥
21(Tues)		Departure	HS⑦
22(Wed)		Departure	

JAs- PAs Exchange Program

The PAs-JAs exchange program was a great chance for the PAs to interact with all JAs, introduce them what BRIDGE CLUB is, and the concept behind it. This year's exchange program served as a welcoming party for the JAs after they arrived Marine House; at the same time, also the last activity that PAs joined with the JAs before they left to Global Arena for the PA camp. The exchange program was started by dancing the ice-breaking "Cha-Cha Slide", led by all PAs and HOMs on stage. The "Cha-Cha Slide" was the highlight of the whole event, in which everyone enjoyed the dance so much. After that, every PA had a chance to introduce themselves and gave some motivational speech to the JAs for joining more BC activities in the future, and encouraged them to come back to Fukuoka as a PA. Our HOMs also introduced BC and BCIO to the JAs, explained what "OMOIYARI" spirit is, and encouraged them to go on the journey as a future "Global BRIDGE Leader". At the end, PAs and JAs joined hands with the chaperones, room leaders, and sang "WE ARE THE BRIDGE" together.



Orientation of PA Program

The PAs orientation session was held before the PA camp started. BCIO Managing Director warmly welcomed all the participants. After that PAs & BCIO HO members introduced themselves. The PA program schedule was briefly shared during this session.

Global BRIDGE Leaders Training Camp

Theme I: Differences and Commonalities Among Culture

Activity I: The Values of Traditional Games

Since the very beginning after the trainers' introduction, participants had experienced different culture by dancing Indonesian folkdance "Poco-poco". This happy dance was aimed to relieve hesitation and get ready with full of fun for the training. In the first activity of Theme I, participants, consist of 31 PAs and 60 Japanese students, were grouped into 7. Each PA explained their traditional game to the group. The group then selected one game to play together.



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After playing the game, each group discussed the values taught in the game, and presented it to all participants.

From all presentation, most group mentioned some common values taught from the game, they are: communication, making friends, and teamwork.

Activity II: The Spirit of Folkdances

In the second activity of Theme I, participants were re-grouped into 6. This time, each PA showed their folkdance to the group. The group then selected one dance to perform together. All groups were given time to practice the dance performance after dinner. Then they performed in the morning of the second day training.

After performing the dance, each group discussed the spirit and values expressed through the dance, and presented it to all participants.

From all presentations, most group mentioned some common spirit expressed from the dance, they are: happiness, and valuing the togetherness.



Intermezzo Activity: Omoiyari Game

Participants had a funny activity during their lunch. They were paired to another participant they had not known well. One member of the pair had to be blindfolded during lunch, while their pair-mate had to help and serve them for lunch. And after 30 minutes, the role switched.



All participants liked the game, and after the game, some participants shared their impression. Gratitude for having perfect sight and other senses, building empathy to others, and learning to trust others, were their common impressions from the game.

Theme II : Human Universalities

Activity III : What You Want Most in Life

For the second theme, there is only one activity that was sharing about what each participant wants most in their life.

Firstly, each participant wrote in a given paper about what they want most in life. Some of them wrote short-term wants. The trainer then played a video to guide the participants to think about ultimate wants that they will have no further want when it achieved.



After the video, they were given a chance to change or re-write their ultimate want in life.

Participants were then re-grouped again into different 6 groups. Then they share their ultimate want within the group.

The final action was, each group had to perform a role play, expressing how they would achieve their ultimate want.

The conclusion from the ultimate wants sharing was, most participants want happiness and to have a meaningful life. They would achieve them through implementing the **OMOIYARI** spirit and GBL core qualities: **Communication, Action, and Respect.**



Presentation by BRIDGE CLUB Japan

Members of BRIDGE CLUB Japan organized an exchange program with the PAs at Global Arena in which they played games with the PAs and also made a presentation about the Japanese food “Mentaiko”, combined with a small skit. The PAs were excited to learn that they would be going to a Mentaiko factory and will be making their own Mentaiko with BCJ on July 19!



Concept of PA Development Program

Since the 1st PA Camp in 1998, PAs were given guideline of how to establish Bridge Club in their homecountry, and to run activities in order to maintain its members involve actively. The sessions about those topics were delivered by APCC executives. Until the BCIO were established in 2008, the sessions were then delivered by former PAs whom were selected as Head Office Members (HOM). This change of deliverer had enriched the sessions with the HOMs’ experience of running their BC in different countries.

Since the 25th Anniversary of APCC in 2013, the position of BCIO Area Managers were established. The Area Managers, along with BCIO Managing Director, Assistant Managing Directors, and APCC/BCIO Coordinators evaluated the concept of PA Camp. The evaluation of both PA Camp and PA state of involvement in their BC activities after the Camp, came up into conclusion that many PAs have been shouldered much burden without getting enough support, specially in the non-BCs, newly established BCs, and not strong BCs. This lack of support resulted in stagnant growth of BC, even worsen to inactive BC.

New concept of PA Camp was then developed with the objectives to build stronger motivation and stronger commitment of PAs, and to provide stronger support both from their respective BC, from their peer fellow PAs, and from BCIO Management, through intensification of communication.

I. PA Evaluation

We are going to make PA evaluation from the preparation until next year when the action plan made in the camp are done. There will be 2 phases of evaluation:

a. Pre and On APCC Event Evaluation: It is started since the Announcement of PA Selection until the last day of APCC this year. The evaluation can be scoring or grading for some criteria, e.g. attitude, BC knowledge, personality, etc. We will let all Presidents know that we are evaluating their PAs, and will

announce the result to all Presidents openly, so that they will evaluate themselves of how they develop their PA.

b. Post APCC Event : It is started from the PA's home country arrival until the last date of action plan made in the camp. The evaluation will be scoring or grading for some criteria, e.g. achievement, communication, teamwork, etc. We will announce the action plan to all BC members (bc mailing list) soon after APCC, then we will announce the achievement to all members. Meanwhile, the PA evaluation result will be announced openly to all PAs and Presidents.

II. PA Monitoring

First phase, we are going to monitor PA assignment submission, and PA behaviors in the camp.

Second phase, we will make groups of PA to help monitoring their action plan related activity. The group leaders should be rotated periodically, so that everyone gets a chance to lead.

III. PA Mentoring

If you find obstacles, please communicate with BCIO HOMs and Area Managers. We will certainly help you.

IV. PA Celebration (Tentative)

At the end of the action plan, I'm planning to propose a PA gathering. It's all on PAs own expenses, like a vacation. If it is expensive to travel to one particular place, the gathering can be held in some places. PAs can come to the nearest place. The gathering is aimed for celebration after a period of hardwork. But behind the celebration, the main purpose is to maintain PA engagement of which they would share the spirit to other BC members.

V. PA Selection (for next APCC)

New PA selection process:

Stage 1 :

Essay. The purpose is to get to know about candidate's background

Stage 2 :

The task to have a meeting with BC members and interview other BC member. The purpose is to get to know candidate's enthusiasm and responsibility, relation and support with other BC members.

Stage 3 :

Action Plan. The purpose is to get to know candidate's quality of vision and thinking.

- Throughout every stage, any candidate can fail, even if they are the only from their BC. The reason is to avoid PA having just a free trip in their mind, and it will also push the BC leaders to develop their members more seriously.

Maintain Strong BC session

Maintain Strong BC session was the first session of the PA program in the PA camp. It aimed in strengthening the network within every BC, and inspired PAs to take more initiative in growing their BC. By implying the new concept of PA camp, a lot of time was given for PAs to discuss with each other. This was very efficient that they could learn and help each other out during the discussion.

This session was started by a brief introduction on why we need to strengthen the network between BCs. It was followed by two presentations given by PAs from Sri Lanka and Hawaii on how they run their BC, what activities they do every year, and how they motivate keep their BC strong. After the sharing, PAs had a discussion on how to motivate their members, and the problems they had in running their own BC, with the assist by the HOMs. Many constructive solutions were drawn from the discussion in solving the common problems among BCs, such as some geographical problems, and difficulties in holding events. Many ideas were also suggested in motivating other members, for example staying connected with the parents, and giving initiatives to young members like providing a certificate to them. The Action Plan was later introduced to the PAs, and they had a short discussion in amending the details. At the end, the Action Plan was agreed by all PAs, it is a guideline for what they can do with their BC, and they are going to follow it in the coming year. To conclude, it was a very successful session, because PAs could not only learn the HOMs, but also other PAs; in which everyone took the initiative in the discussion, and made it more constructive. It gave them a lot of practical ways in improving their own BC, as well as to make the BC network stronger.

PA Work Group

The purposes of the work groups are:

1. To intensify communication
2. To provide stronger support
3. To heighten motivation
4. To encourage teamwork and cooperation among BCs
5. And ultimately to achieve the Action Plan

Guideline:

- All PAs are grouped into 5 groups
- Each group elects a leader every 2 month
- During his/her leadership, the leaders are responsible to monitor his/her members according to the Action Plan made in the PA Camp
- Leaders should communicate any obstacles and problems of their group to BCIO Management
- Leaders have to join Skype meeting at the beginning of their leadership term, and make a report of their group achievement at the end of their leadership term.



2015-2016 PA WORK GROUPS (in Leadership Term Orders)

NAME	BC
Chanel Tiffany Pardoe	Australia
Elsa Yeo Hui Seen	Malaysia
Aman Paul Singh	India
Virna Tamui	Tahiti
Mary Jane Perpetua	Papua New Guinea
Kalsav Ian James	Vanuatu

NAME	BC
Nondita Sarker Priya	Bangladesh
Mehrosh Agha	Pakistan
Swe Myat Win	Myanmar
Nguyen	Vietnam
Kyle Davie	Atlanta
Taylor George	New Zealand

NAME	BC
Tina Wong	Hong Kong
Chansonich Teck	Cambodia
Suchatkul Kempetch	Thailand
Asyur Anwar	Ipoh
Maia Dapul	Philippines
Nahula	Maldives

NAME	BC
Ilal Wardhani	Indonesia
Alina Zolotukhina	Russia
Dapenisa Tapaa	Tonga
Wesley Lum	Hawaii
Nam Phimmasenh	Laos
Shabneez Shazmine	Fiji

NAME	BC
Tsering Tserzang	Bhutan
Darshi Nayanathara	Sri Lanka
Wan Ting Wu	Taiwan
Sanskriti Subedi	Nepal
Misaki Naito	Japan
Therese Matara	Cook Island
Manoa Oker	New Caledonia

PA-Chaperon Meeting

It was held on the July 13th 2015 from 2.00 pm in the Medium board Room, Global Arena. The meeting was started with the opening address of Mr. Kurashige, Senior Executive Director of APCC followed by a glimpse on 'Next APCC' initiative. Later on, couple of nice presentation took place regarding nurturing Global BRIDGE Leadership (GBL) through Mission Project, Wing Kids Project and GBL training camp. Mr. Nakanishi, Director of Mission & Nurturing Project Department, Mr. Shinichiro, Vice Executive Director and Mr. Wesley, PA of BC Hawaii presented during the meeting. BCIO Head Office Member Nelson did the presentation on GBL training camp. After the presentation, group discussion took place regarding APCC's new nurturing program. All the participants including chaperons, peace ambassadors, head office members and volunteers shared their valuable ideas and suggestions on how to improve that program. After a short break, BCIO Area Manager Mr. Arief explained about BRIDGE Club & BCIO through his presentation. Also he has shared his planning & working strategies about 2nd BC presidents meeting which will be held on October 2015. The meeting was concluded by sharing information about 28th APCC.



Exchange program with Munakata City Students

The trip to the Munakata shrine was a good opportunity for the PAs to learn some traditional culture in Japan. Guided by the Munakata city high school students, PAs were able to make new friends with them, and see some good old friends as some of them had already joined the GBL Training Program. The Japanese students taught the PAs how to wash their hands and pray in the shrine, and explained a lot of traditional Japanese culture to them, too.

After the visit to Munakata shrine, the high school students had a dinner with all the PAs, they chatted, had fun, and had a great time together.



Common Activity session

The Common Activity session focused on describing in detail, the definition, purpose and objectives of Common Activity. Through a show of hands, it was found that many PAs had not participated in any Common Activity before so the session was geared towards giving sufficient information to the PAs to carry out next year's CA. Common Activities from previous years were shared with the PAs and the three main ideas for the next year were also shared. The PAs from Myanmar and Fiji made presentations about how Common Activity was done in the respective BRIDGE CLUBS in their previous years. This was followed by a rigorous discussion among small groups of PA where they discussed which CA idea they liked the most and why. These small groups then shared the pros and cons of each idea with the whole group. Through discussion and voting by PAs and Area Managers, the idea for the 2015 CA was finalized.

The session concluded with a discussion about the Common Activity Action Plan and a unanimous agreement on the timeline for the Common Activity.

Funding session

This session mainly focused on giving suggestions in raising funds, and how to solve the financial problems. It was started by giving a presentation about the importance of funds and introducing the concept of fund



raising to the PAs. It was followed by a presentation given by the PA from Bhutan, sharing about how they got aids from the government. The PAs later had a discussion about how they got funding and the ways to solve their financial problems. Some PAs suggested that they were lacking support from their LO or government, so they were not able to hold some mass scale event like Mission Project. Due to the reason that some BCs have encountered serious financial problems,

some ways of raising funds were suggested to them in the presentation by the HOM, such as getting sponsors, holding fund raising events and collecting membership fee. The HOMs and PAs from Pakistan and Hong Kong respectively shared the experience in holding large scale fund raising activity and how they collected life membership fee. Once again, the PAs were reminded that BC is only a non-profit organization, money is only the secondary goal of the fund raising event; the primary goal is always sharing the concept and meaning behind APCC to everyone. Lastly, the action plan was agreed by every PAs. They are going to make budget plan and financial report for every activity, and hold a fund raising activity in the coming year. Finding sponsors are also encouraged for every BC event.

Public Relation session

The Public Relations session provided the PAs with the opportunity to learn about various ways they could use traditional media and online media to increase outreach for their BRIDGE CLUB. The PAs also shared the various forms of PR that their BRIDGE CLUBs have employed already and which ones were the most successful.



The PR presentation focused on the importance of PR for a BRIDGE CLUB, ways of increasing exposure for a BC through old media (TV, Radio, and Newspaper) as well as the tricks that can be used to increase outreach through social media. Increasing PR through blogs, Twitter, Instagram as well as uploading activities on the official BCIO website was discussed. In small group discussions, the PAs shared the successes within their own BRIDGE CLUBs with regards to PR and the ways they had combined PR with funding. The PAs from

Indonesia and Taiwan made presentations about the modes of PR their respective BRIDGE CLUBs used and the problems they had encountered and how they overcame those challenges.

A major portion of the session was focused on discussing the PR Action Plan in detail with particular attention on the new concepts of PR Manager, making a Facebook page as well as a Facebook group for each BRIDGE CLUB and engaging maximum number of BRIDGE CLUB members by creating new roles for them.

PA Program Summary

The last session of PA camp was the summary session where all the PAs shared what they learnt from this year's camp. All the PAs promised to follow and implement action plans that they decided during sessions.

PAs meeting with Host families

Homestay is one of the most awaited programs for all the PAs. After completing PA camp, all the PAs met with their host families and had home stay from July 15 till their departure day. They seemed very happy to see their host families. Most of them stayed with the same family when they came as JAs.



BCIO Booth, We are the BRIDGE Festival

Lights.Camera.Fashion!

The PAs took the stage at the APCC Festival this year and showed off their traditional attires while striking a pose or two during the PA Fashion Show. Thunderous applause from the audience welcomed each PA as they walked on stage and then individually cat-walked to the front of the stage and presented their traditional clothes. At the end, all the PAs and the HOMs walked on stage and took a bow. The diversity of dresses on stage really encapsulated the spirit of APCC as the world literally came together and the smiles of the PAs and the audience were heartwarming to say the least.



Another exciting aspect of the APCC Festival was the BCIO booth where the general public could learn more about BCIO and also participate in mini-games in order to win souvenirs from all over the world! The PAs were responsible for taking care of the BCIO booth and inviting people to come while also helping them with the games and giving prizes to the winners. A selfie/picture booth was also set up at the BCIO booth where the public could take pictures with the APCC logo.



Exchange program with BCJapan members

On July 19, the PAs and BCJ members visited the Haku Haku Mentaiko factory where they enjoyed lunch together. Then they had a guided tour of the factory and learned about the various stages of making Mentaiko. After this, the PAs and BCJ members had the opportunity to make their own Mentaiko with the help of tutorial by Haku Haku representatives – the day ended with the PAs and BCJ members receiving goodie bags from Haku Haku and a group photo with the Mentaiko mascot.





See you again!!!