

## Guideline for the 2025-2026 Peace Ambassador Program

We're continuing this year with the new style of the Peace Ambassador (PA) program, designed to provide PAs with enhanced learning opportunities and support the growth of their local BRIDGE CLUBS (BCs). We're confident that the dedicated PAs will contribute to the continued success of both the BCs and BCIO.

The selected PAs will participate in the virtual program in the first year and in-person PA Program in Fukuoka in the following year.

\*With regard to the in-person PA Program in Fukuoka, the BCIO management team will evaluate the PAs performance and activities in the first year, and only the active PAs will be invited to participate in the program in Fukuoka.

<b>BKP 2025</b>				<b>BKP 2026</b>
<b>PA application</b>	<b>Selection of PA</b>	<b>Virtual PA Program</b>	<b>Selection of PA for PA Program in Fukuoka</b>	<b>PA program in Fukuoka</b>
April, 2025	June, 2025	September, 2025	January, 2026	July 2026

\*BKP = BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS

We will welcome applications from active BC countries who have the passion:

1. To expand the BC network and strengthen the bond of friendship with an OMOIYARI spirit.
2. To develop their own leadership skills and qualities as Global BRIDGE Leader
3. To help to nurture JAs, Fukuoka's children/youth to become a OMOIYARI Global Citizen and Global BRIDGE Leader.
4. To undertake a more proactive role in BCIO management.

If you are an active member of your BC and enthusiastic to be a PA in this year then please check the Guidelines for applicants from countries/regions with an established BRIDGE CLUB.

<b>Countries/regions with an established BRIDGE CLUB</b>			
Atlanta (USA)	Australia	Myanmar	Micronesia
Bangladesh	Bhutan	Nepal	New Zealand
Cambodia	China	New Caledonia	Oakland (USA)
Cook Islands	Dalian (China)	Pakistan	Philippines
Fiji	Hawaii	Papua New Guinea	Peru
Hong Kong	India	Russia	Vietnam
Indonesia	Ipoh (Malaysia)	Singapore	Sri Lanka
Jiangsu (China)	Japan	Solomon Islands	Taiwan
Korea	Kiribati	Tahiti	Thailand
Laos	Malaysia	Tonga	Vanuatu
Mongolia	Maldives		

If you are a former JA and don't have established BRIDGE CLUB (BC) in your country and are interested to establish BC in your country then email us directly at [office@bcio.world](mailto:office@bcio.world)

## **Guidelines for applicants from countries/regions with an established BRIDGE CLUB**

Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka (APCC) invites former Junior Ambassadors to apply for the Peace Ambassador (PA) program. Selected PAs will participate in a virtual program this year, and those who meet the requirements will be invited to an in-person program in Fukuoka during the BRIDGE Summer Camp (BKP) 2026.

Through various activities, PAs will share ideas for BRIDGE CLUB (BC) activities and build stronger connections with fellow members. This program aims to develop participants' skills as future Global BRIDGE Leaders.

Active BC members with a strong interest in becoming a Peace Ambassador are encouraged to carefully review the guidelines below and submit their applications by May 31, 2025.

### **Schedule of the Virtual PA Program**

September 20, 2025 (11:00- 13:00 JST)

September 27, 2025 (11:00- 13:00 JST)

### **Schedule of the PA Program in Fukuoka**

July 2026 (Date will be informed later)

### **Objectives:**

1. To foster leaders with a global perspective who promote or lead BRIDGE CLUB activities in their local community.
2. To nurture Global BRIDGE Leaders and expand a friendship network with the participants and people of Fukuoka.
3. To support the Junior Ambassadors as a role model in their delegation.
4. To exhibit their experience and ability as former JA and contribute to the operation of BRIDGE Summer Camp.
5. To undertake a more proactive role in BCIO management.

### **Participation Criteria for PA program:**

A. Must have taken part in APCC between **1989 (the 1<sup>st</sup> APCC)** and **BKP 2020 (32<sup>nd</sup> APCC)** as a Junior Ambassador (JA).

\* The age of participant must be at least 16 years old as of June 30, 2025.

\* Those who have already been PAs are NOT eligible for selection.

B. Must currently participate in the activities of the BC in your country, and have strong willingness and enthusiasm towards them. \*If the applicant is studying abroad, he/she should explain how he/she participated in his/her home country BC activities.

\*For the PA program in Fukuoka in 2026, APCC will manage visa support documents and air ticket from his/her home country only.

C. Must take a leadership position (President or Executive Member) in your BC after joining the PA Program.

- D. Must be able to stay in your home country and continue to participate in BC activities at least **one year** after the programs and report the activities of your BC to the BCIO Head Office every month.
- E. Should be recommended both by the President of their BC and the Liaison Officer.  
Should have ideas about how to improve BC and be able to express them well in English.
- F. Should interact with other participants during the PA Program, and contribute to strengthen the network of friendships with them.
- G. Must be willing to help the Liaison Officer and Chaperon in preparing JAs for their trip to Japan, and act as a good leader. This may include telling the JAs about your experience as a JA and helping them to understand the objectives of APCC.

Regarding guidelines for the PA Program to be held as part of BRIDGE Summer Camp, BKP 2026 will be shared with the selected PAs in January 2026. Please understand that BCIO Management Members will evaluate all the PAs performance and activities in the first year, and only active PAs will be invited to join the program in 2026 in Fukuoka.

\* If applicants do not meet these criteria (ex. cannot speak English well, will be away from his/her home country after the PA program, etc.), we may choose to cancel the applicant's invitation, even after the selection has been made.

\*\*If the PA shows unsatisfactory / unfavorable behavior during the programs, it may affect the opportunity for the selection of future PAs of their respective BC.

### **Selection Process: BRIDGE CLUB Nomination:**

< Applications must reach the BCIO Head Office by **May 31, 2025** >

Applicant:

- Contact the president of your country/region's BC, tell him/her your intention to apply, and get instruction/information about the application process from BC officers.
- \* Each BC's contact information is on the BCIO website (<http://www.bcio.world> ). Please click on your country/region and get their information if you do not know it.

BRIDGE CLUB officers:

- BRIDGE CLUB can select a maximum of 2 applicants to be sent to the BCIO Head Office as nominees for the Peace Ambassador position. BCIO Head Office must receive all applications by **May 31, 2025**.

BCIO Head Office:

- Collect all nominee applications by the deadline
- June, 2025: Select PAs and announce the results to Liaison Offices
- \* We may ask to conduct an online interview as part of the selection process. For the online interview we will contact the applicant directly by mid of June 2025.

Liaison Office:

- Inform all nominees of the results.
- Have selected PAs fill out the required forms and return them to the BCIO Head Office by the deadline mentioned in the documents.

Selected PAs:

- Start preparing for the program with the BCIO.
- Submit required documents to BCIO Head Office strictly before the deadline assigned.

### **Advertisement for the PA Invitation:**

BCIO will advertise the PA Invitation Program through the following channels:

1. BCIO / APCC website (BCIO: <https://bcio.world/> APCC: <https://www.apcc.gr.jp>)
2. APCC Facebook page
3. APCC Liaison Offices
4. BCs Official Gmail Address /BC Presidents

### **Necessary Documents for PA Application:**

Any applications that do not meet these guidelines, (ex. incomplete or missing documents, submitted past the deadline, using an old Application Form, and so forth.) will not be accepted.

### **Applicant must submit following documents together by May 30, 2025.**

1. Application Form

Download the application form from the BCIO website. Be careful not to use the old form.

Application form Name: [2025 PA Application Form](#)

2. Application Video

Applicant should submit 1-minute video. In the video, please introduce yourself and explain why you want to be a Peace Ambassador and what skills or ideas you can bring as a PA to the program and your BC.

Please check "[Application Video Instruction](#)"

3. Two Letters of Recommendation

\* Letter of Recommendation from BC President.

\* Letter of Recommendation from the Liaison Office. (If it's difficult to get recommendation letter from the Liaison Office, please consult with BCIO Head Office as soon as possible)

4. Curriculum Vitae / Resume

5. Your BC activity plan for the year 2025: The activity plan must be discussed and finalized with the BC President before submission.

**Contact:** BCIO Head Office

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