



# 5<sup>th</sup> BRIDGE CLUB

## Presidents Meeting Report



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# **BCIO PROMISE**

We, BCIO members, promise to achieve

“Peace and Co-existence” throughout the world

by promoting “Respect and Understanding”

between all people and creating a bridge that joins us

together.

“We are the BRIDGE”.

\* “Respect and Understanding” is a spirit of OMOIYARI

## Message from BCIO General Manager

It was an extraordinary honor and privilege to be appointed as the General Manager of BCIO for 2023-2025. The 5<sup>th</sup> BRIDGE CLUB Presidents' Meeting was a huge success, thanks to the APCC office directors, coordinators, 2023 BCIO Management Team, senior managers, BC Presidents and volunteers. The BC Presidents from 17 countries are truly talented and passionate leaders. Each President has their own unique leadership style, creativity, and passion. I was able to witness their dedication and OMOIYARI spirit throughout the program. Their teamwork and affection for APCC and BCIO brought a great number of amazing ideas for the future.



I would like to express my highest appreciation to the APCC-BCIO Board of Directors and APCC office team for their dedication and extraordinary effort they have exerted for the young Ambassadors from all over the world. I genuinely thank them all, and I value the time and devotion they have offered for over three decades.

I am truly grateful to my teammates: Karuna, Moiz and Garima for their generous contribution and impressive leadership before, during and after the BC President's Meeting. It was a memorable experience, and I am excited to continuing my APCC-BCIO journey together with these inspiring leaders. We are looking forward to organizing APCC Virtual Friendship Circles, an online reunion for former APCC participants, chaperons, Liaison officers, the APCC office team, volunteers and host families. This program will reconnect all the APCC family members from all over the world and build a stronger BRIDGE that we can be proud of. We are looking forward to the BC Presidents' further guidance for the young leaders of our APCC-BCIO network. We hope that their future contributions will help us achieve our dreams of "Peace and Co-existence".

We are the BRIDGE!

Tsu Yamin  
BCIO General Manager

## Message from BCIO Assistant Manager

Taking Oath as an Assistant Manager to the BCIO for 2023-2025 has been a profound honor, and I am truly privileged to have had the opportunity to lead the organization in coordinating the 5th BRIDGE CLUB Presidents Meeting in July 2023. This journey wouldn't have been possible without the unwavering support of APCC Directors, Coordinators, Support Staff, Volunteers, BCIO Management, and our dedicated Presidents.



For me, this role as an Assistant Manager and the responsibility of organizing a camp were dreams I nurtured since I was a young JA back in 2008 and a PA back in 2016. To everyone who has been a part of the journey, it's deeply meaningful to have been trusted by all of you and to have received your guidance and mentorship. Your faith in me means more than words can express, and I am sincerely grateful for all the support. I vow to do my best to nurture, support, guide the next generation of future leaders and continue to give back to the APCC & BCIO with utmost dedication. It's a indeed a privilege but beyond that, an important responsibility.

During the camp, I've had the privilege of meeting remarkable Presidents who have impressed me not only with their OMOIYARI SPIRIT but also with their ideas and unwavering passion and commitment to giving back to the APCC and BCIO as leaders of their BRIDGE CLUBS. There's something truly extraordinary about the convergence of diverse ideas and talents at a single table, and we witnessed this magic throughout the camp. The PRESIDENTS CAMP was a huge success. From sessions to the dance rehearsals to the BBQ, along with a Birthday party. We had great amount of learnings & ideas. Most importantly, we saw a priceless bond of friendship being made. I am eagerly looking forward to all the innovative ideas and plans that lie ahead.

I must extend special appreciation to the APCC Board of Directors and the dedicated APCC Staff for their steadfast support. A heartfelt shoutout goes to my extraordinary teammates, Yamin, Garima & Karuna Di, for their boundless creativity, steadfast support, and unwavering dedication throughout the camp. I am truly fortunate to have such an exceptional team, and I am excited about the remarkable things we will accomplish and the lasting legacy we'll create for young leaders to follow.

Finally, after navigating through virtual programs and a Special PA Camp in 2022 during the challenging times of COVID, it was immense joy to see our JAs, Presidents, and Chaperones gathered once again in Fukuoka, Japan, for a full-fledged BRIDGE SUMMER CAMP 2023 with a performance event, which I am sure Fukuoka was missing out on. This marks the beginning of a new chapter, where we take the lessons and resilience we learned during the COVID phase and apply them to shape even better programs for the future. Tomorrow holds a new day, full of exciting possibilities and opportunities, and I am thrilled to embark on this journey with all of you.

M. Moiz A. Qazi  
BCIO Assistant Manager

## Message from BCIO Assistant Manager

It was in 2008 that I first participated in the APCC as a Junior Ambassador. As a young kid who had not traveled much outside of my own hometown, APCC opened doors for me to learn new cultures, make new friends and see the world from a new perspective. I learnt that in spite of being from different parts of the world we are all the same from within. More importantly, I learnt to dream. I dreamt of someday becoming like the Peace Ambassadors whom I met at the Marine House at that time, full of life, inspiring, kind and confident.



Looking back at my journey starting from a junior ambassador to peace ambassador, head office member and eventually to BCIO assistant manager today, I realize it has all been possible because of the dream instilled in me by the APCC, and the ever-inspiring and supportive role models and friends I met and worked with along the way. I am, and forever will be grateful to the APCC for shaping me into the person I am today and for entrusting me with the role of BCIO Assistant Manager.

My gratitude towards APCC comes with a strong feeling of wanting to give back to the community, nurturing and supporting the younger generation, and creating a tangible impact. What I later found was that, because of our shared experience, anyone working with the APCC, BCIO, BCPM and the BRIDGE CLUBs strongly resonates with that same feeling. And this, I believe, is one of our biggest strengths as a community and as an organization.

The 5th BCPM brought together passionate leaders with hearts full of gratitude from 17 different BRIDGE CLUBs, who are dedicated to spreading the OMOIYARI spirit, creating positive impact in the world while becoming role models for the members in their communities. The 5th BCPM was organized with the goal of helping the BC Presidents realize the strengths that our BCs have, help them equip with tools to set up for success and to enable creating stronger bonds with each other for greater collaborations and greater impact. Even within a limited time, we were able to achieve our goals to some extent. And, I am hopeful towards witnessing the impact of the 5th BCPM in the coming days.

This couldn't have been achieved without the earnest and continuous effort from the APCC office, coordinators, volunteers, board of directors, the sponsors, my colleagues in the current and former BCIO Management team (Moiz, Yamin, Karuna didi, Arief, Erin, Nidhi) and most importantly the dedication of the BC Presidents themselves. I would like to extend my highest appreciation to each individual whose contribution has made the BCPM possible and a great success.

Garima Khakurel  
BCIO Assistant Manager

## 5<sup>th</sup> BC Presidents Meeting Program Schedule

Date	Time	Program
July 14, Fri		Arrival
July 15, Sat		Arrival
July 16, Sun		Arrival
July 17, Mon	15:30-17:00	Chaperon-BC Presidents Meeting
July 18, Tue		Breakfast
	8:00	Leave MH → Move to Global Arena
	9:00	Arrive at Global Arena
	9:30- 10:00	Program Orientation
	10:30 - 12:00	BRIDGE Treasure Hunt
	12:15	Lunch
	13:15	Leave GA to join Munakata program
	13:50	Arrive at venue
	14:00- 15:30	Munakata program
	15:45	Leave for GA
	16:00	Arrive at GA
	17:00 – 18:45	BBQ
	19:30 – 20:30	Fashion show rehearsal
	20:30 ~	Free time
July 19, Wed	8:00	Breakfast
	9:00- 12:00	BCIO: The Past, Present and Future
	12:15	Lunch
	14:00- 16:00	Stronger BC's I: Better Together
	16:15- 17:45	BRIDGE CLUB: The power of connection (Physical and mental well-being)
	18:00	Dinner
	19:00- 20:00	Fashion show rehearsal
	20:00 ~	Free time
July 20, Thurs	8:00	Breakfast
	9:00-10:30	Stronger BC's II :Leverage & embrace virtual globe

	10:30 - 12:00	Website, Design & SMM Workshop
	12:15	Lunch
	14:00-15:30	BCPN, discussion ideas on future , NEXT BCPN
	15:35- 15:55	Break time
	16:00-17:30	Summary of 5 <sup>th</sup> BCPM
	18:00	Dinner
	19:00-20:00	Fashion show rehearsal
July 21, Fri	6: 30	Breakfast
	7:45	Check out GA
	8:00	Leave GA
	9:30	Arrive at the venue
	10:00 -12:20	Recreational Program
	12:55	Move to Tenjin
	13:00	Lunch at Hiyoko building (4th floor)
	13:45 -14:10	Dress change for Fashion show
	14:20	Reached to the 'We are the BRIDGE Festival' venue
	14:30 -14:45	'We are the BRIDGE Festival' 2023 Opening performance by Presidents
	15:00 ~	JAs performance
	18:00	Leave for hotel
	18:45	Back to hotel
	19:30	Dinner
July 22, Sat	8:00	Breakfast
	9:15	Leave hotel to join programs
	10:00- 12:00	Program with BC Japan
	12:15	Lunch
	14:00- 16:00	Meet and Greet program with HF
	17:00	Back to hotel
	19:30	Dinner time
July 23, Sun		Tenjin tour and Shopping time
July 24, Mon		Departure
July 25, Tue		Departure



## Chaperon-BC Presidents Meeting

BC presidents' meeting with the chaperons was the first official program for the BC presidents in the Marine House. The meeting was attended by APCC coordinators, board of directors, BCIO management team, BC presidents and chaperons from the different delegate countries. The meeting created a platform for the chaperons and BC presidents to better understand each other's roles and experiences in preparing and training JAs for the BRIDGE Summer Camp and also have a better understanding of the Asian Pacific Childrens' Convention, BRIDGE CLUB International Organization and BRIDGE CLUB Professional Network.



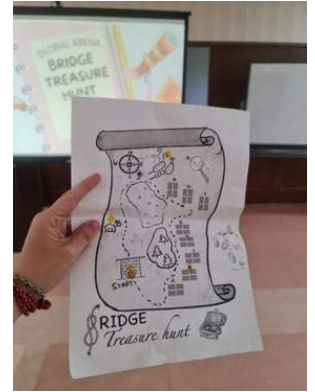
The meeting commenced with a welcome speech by the APCC senior executive director, Mr. Masaomi Fuji followed by screening of the APCC PR video. A presentation was then given about the APCC and its programs which include BRIDGE Summer Camp, BRIDGE Challenge Trip, APCC for education, and the Smile Support Project. This presentation was followed by a presentation by Ms. Betsy Wo, president of BC Hawaii about sending a delegation to the BRIDGE Summer Camp. Chaperon from Singapore also shared about how the BRIDGE Challenge Trip was organized and coordinated in Singapore for the delegates from Japan. There was also a presentation by the BC President and Chaperon from Papua New Guinea about the process and their experience of being a part of the Online Exchange Program.

BCIO management team members also shared about the BCIO, its history and the BCPN along with its vision, mission and objectives. Programs within the BCPN were also shared in the meeting encouraging and welcoming involvement from all the former APCC participants including the Liaison Offices and the chaperons. The new BCIO management team and the new BC presidents were then announced and inaugurated officially. All the inaugurated BCIO management team members and the presidents took an oath to fulfill the BCIO promise throughout their tenure. After the oath, BCIO General Manager, Ms. Tsu Yamin gave her inaugural speech. Finally, the program was concluded by the closing remarks from Mr. Masayuki Yamashita, Operating Director of the APCC. This meeting played an important role in instilling more collaboration between all the entities associated with the APCC and BCIO.



## BRIDGE Treasure Hunt

BC Presidents were asked to bring small coins from their countries, and they were hidden around the Global Arena by the APCC coordinators and BCIO management team. It was the first team activity, which allowed the young BC BC Presidents to explore the Global Arena and have a bonding time while completing the assigned tasks in each designated area. The Presidents were asked to sing 'We are the BRIDGE' song, do a popular Tik-Tok dance, untangled themselves in Human-Knot activity and find the hidden coins. All collected coins were made into artworks and the best artwork was awarded by APCC Vice Operating Director, Hisae san. BRIDGE Treasure Hunt will always be remembered as a special memory for all the Presidents.



## Exchange program with Munakata city

BC Presidents were taken to the English Cafe in Munakata City for an interaction program with the Japanese citizens from Munakata. The participants from Munakata were the local residents who were a part of an English speaking club which they had joined after their retirement.

The program was organized in a speed dating setup such that each BC President could interact with a different Munakata citizen every 5 minutes. It was a very interesting learning experience for the BC Presidents as they were able to talk about the life experiences with people who have worked most part of their lives in different industries ranging from aviation, engineering, medicine and education. While some interactions were about having conversations about life, work and other topics, other interactions were also about learning origami from the Munakata citizens, and sharing about Japanese traditions as well. This made the entire program very vibrant, light and interesting.

After the interactions were over, the participants shared that the whole experience was delightful and that they were able to learn a lot about each other.

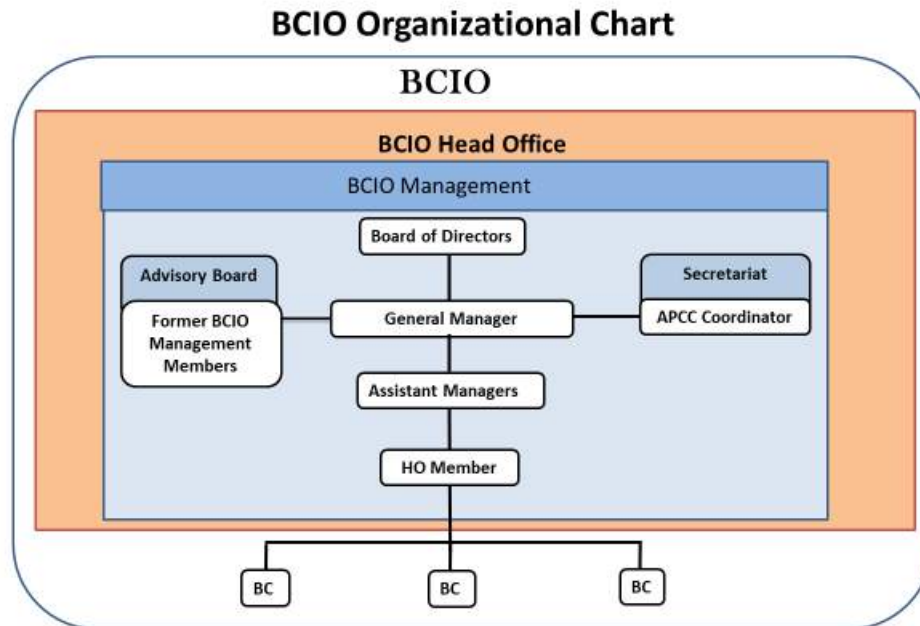


## BCIO: The Past, Present and Future

BC Presidents were given a presentation on the history of APCC and BCIO for the past 35 years. A great number of common activities, common themes, online meetings and BRIDGE projects were organized since BCIO was established in 2008. They were reminded how little things have become big things in life. The reason BCIO has achieved so much is because of a strong foundation the past Head Office Members have created and new leaders supporting the organization with new and fresh ideas. APCC has nurtured so many leaders with OMOIYARli spirit in their hearts that 11-year-old young children have turned into strong leaders of their countries. In order to ensure APCC-BCIO's bright future, BC Presidents were given a task to have a discussion and present their ideas on the BRIDGE Vision Board for 3-5 years. The young leaders came up with brilliant ideas and projects for the future. Virtual Friendship Circles, an online meet-up program between former Junior Ambassadors, Peace Ambassadors, Chaperones, Liaison Officers, Volunteers and APCC host families will be organized by the BC Presidents throughout the year. This will bring a deeper friendship bond and mutual understanding between the APCC family members. This session was concluded by asking the BC Presidents to write down their best experience as a goodwill ambassador with the theme 'APCC Saikou/APCC, the BEST'.



# BCIO Organizational Structure



## 1. **Board of Directors:** -

The members are APCC Senior Executive Director, APCC Operating Director, BCIO Senior Advisors – Mr. Hitoshi Iwamoto, Mr. Shigeyasu Masuda, Mrs. Kanae Kimoto and APCC Secretary General.

- Set the direction of BCIO with BCIO management team
- Reserves right to approve or reject policies and programs proposed by General Manager
- Oversee and supervise General Manager and the Management

## 2. **General Manager:** - Ms. Tsu Yamin (JA 2006, BC Myanmar)

- Must have the vision and set the direction of the BCIO with the Board of Directors
- Develop required policies and programs to grow and develop BCIO.
  - \*Any policy and program must have been approved by the Board of Directors before implementation.
- Oversee the programs, and supervise the Assistant Managers
- Represent BCIO in public and to external parties.
  - \*Must get approval from Board of Directors before approaching any organization.

## 3. **Secretariat:** - (APCC Coordinator)

- Work at APCC Office in Fukuoka
- Central Responsibility of information and communication
- Manage BCIO database

- Manage APCC/BCIO e-newsletter (One World Newsletter)
- Promote the utilization of Doors+ to members
- Be the BRIDGE between BCIO and APCC Secretariat in operational level

4. **Advisory Board:** - Mr. Arief Adinoto (JA 1989, BC Indonesia) ; Ms. Erin Maitland (JA 1991, BC Australia)

- Support and Advise to the Management team in developing the BCIO, and identify the best-practice standards
- Provide Oversight, Guidance, and Expertise to the Management Team to ensure the BCIO is on the track to achieve its vision
- Serve as a Mentor to the Management Team
- Coordinate and Liaise with former BCIO Head Office Members on BCIO projects

5. **Assistant Managers:** -

Ms. Garima Khakurel (JA 2008, BC Nepal)

- Compose/prepare materials for information, announcement, sponsorship proposal
- Manage PR activity for BCIO programs
- Promote the utilization of Doors+ to members
- Supervise BCPN project/event
- Supervise the Head Office Members and support in developing PA program

Mr. Moiz Qazi (JA 2008, BC Pakistan)

- Monitor BRIDGE CLUBs (BCs) activities
- Re-engage past participants in BCs
- Create or initiate project/event for BC
- Supervise BCPN project/event
- Manage APCC/BCIO e-newsletter (One World Newsletter)
- Supervise the Head Office Members and support in developing PA program

6. **Head Office (HO) Members:** -

- Help APCC Secretariat in organizing annual PA program
- Represents the BCIO management giving presentation, discussion, and evaluation to the PA in the PA Camp
- Lead the PA to stay active since the PA Camp and after on.

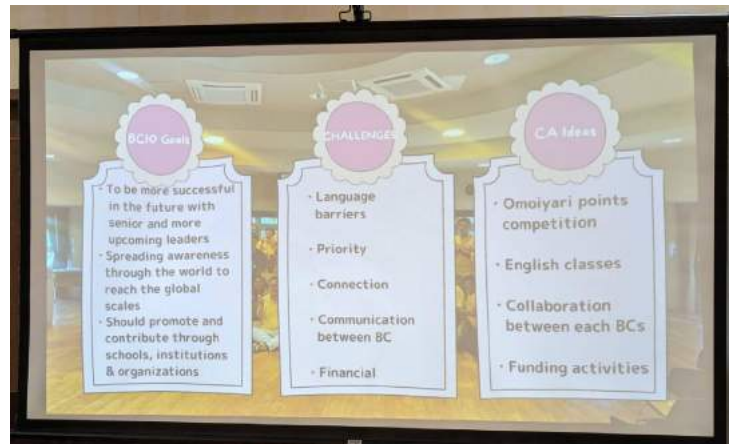
## Stronger BCs I: Better Together

BC Presidents' were asked to perform a SWOT analysis of their BCs for them to understand their BCs better. The session began by sharing the overall observations of the SWOT analysis submitted by the presidents. One common sentiment found in the majority of BCs was that our members are our biggest strengths. And, even though the challenges faced by the BCs varied depending on each BC's context, there were some common challenges that we could overcome together.



The session then directed towards identifying and finding the possible solutions for the common challenges that the BCs are facing. While the discussion was focused on solving the challenges faced by the BCs, it was also reiterated throughout the session that some challenges may not always be solvable and we would have to learn to find a work around for it. In case of such challenges it would be important to think of ways to leverage our strengths such that they overpower the challenges we have.

The presidents then worked in groups to come up with the 5th BCPM promises to strengthen our BCs.



## **BRIDGE CLUB: The power of connection (Physical and Mental well-being)**

Being in a leadership position can get stressful and overwhelming at times. A leader always performs best to their ability when they are in the best of their mental and physical health. To emphasize this message for the BC Presidents, this session was organized with focus on connecting with the inner self, and mental and physical fitness.

In the first half of the session, Garima led a zumba session which is a very fun way to stay fit and active. Even though the activity made everyone out of breath, the BC Presidents enjoyed the activity and participated in it with full enthusiasm.



Being leaders of the BRIDGE CLUBs, the management team believes that the presidents should have a strong mentality and special connection with the BC members. Meditation has been proved as an effective way to start the day in many countries. It brings positive energy, stability and the ability to make better decisions according to the research done in the past decade. A short introduction to meditation was introduced by Yamin as she has been practicing meditation for many years. The BC Presidents learned the basic methods of meditation and some could complete the session very well that it will bring positive impacts in their lives and leading the BCs as well.





## Fashion show rehearsal

During their time in Global Arena, the BC Presidents had one hour designated each day to prepare for their performance for the 'We are the BRIDGE Festival 2023'. They had a performance including a fashion show of their national/traditional dress followed by a quick dance performance. After a full day of sessions and activities, the presidents still gathered up their energy for the practice and rehearsals at the end of the day.



This rehearsal also reflected the presidents' teamwork, taking initiatives and pitching in ideas to create a beautiful performance. During the rehearsals, the presidents unleashed their creative sides and generated ideas on how the performance could be better. Special mention to Nishant who choreographed the whole performance and Mariana who contributed to the dance portion of the performance.

The rehearsal time was also an opportunity for everyone to hang out together in a more casual environment and get to know each other better. On 20th July, after the end of rehearsals, the presidents celebrated Saman's (President, BC Pakistan) birthday together. The birthday celebration turned out to be another occasion for the BC Presidents to form deeper bonds with each other.



## Stronger BCs II: Leverage & Embrace Virtual Globe

Stronger BCs II was a session about improving inter BRIDGE CLUB collaboration and cooperation in order to strengthen our BCs individually and as a whole. The session started with a quick activity for the BC presidents to recall their favorite inter BC activities that have been done. Then, Garima shared how the BCs have collaborated to organize different inter BC activities in the past with examples. Presidents from BC India and Sri Lanka also shared about their experience and the overall process of their most recent inter BC activity 'Food Fiesta'. Garima concluded the first half of the session by stressing on the fact that the BCs have come up with many creative ideas to collaborate with each other and how we can learn from these ideas and from each other to strengthen our BRIDGE CLUBS through inter-BC activities.



In the second half of the session, Moiz led an interactive discussion to talk about the tools and technology available currently that we can leverage into realizing our ideas for the inter-BC collaboration. He discussed different tools like Zoom, Google Meet, Notion, etc. some of which the BC Presidents were familiar with and some of which they were new to. It was an interactive session where the BC presidents also shared the tools that they have been using to enhance efficiency and collaboration in their work. Finally, the discussion also came up with a list of inter-BC activities that can be carried out in order to enhance the collaboration between the BRIDGE CLUBS and in turn strengthening them.

## Website, Design & SMM Workshop

This workshop was conducted in order to equip the BC presidents to better manage their social media platforms and the BCIO website. The workshop started with quick refreshers on updating BC activity reports on the BCIO website facilitated by Garima. Then, Mizuki, the president of BC Japan delivered a session on the basics of Canva and creating designs using the platform.

The final part of the workshop was facilitated by Moiz, who shared ideas on managing the BCs' social media handles. The session also included how social media and branding of the organization can be used in getting sponsorships for the organization.



## BCPN, discussion ideas on the future. Next BCPN

The session on BCPN led by Moiz, gave the BC Presidents a brief overview of BCPN's mission, vision and the current ongoing projects of the BCPN. The session also involved discussions about what the Next BCPN should look like in the coming years. We also unveiled the BCPN Pamphlet which was the hard work of our talented BCPN Interns 2023. That will be used as a first source of information in future conferences.

As a part of the session, the BC Presidents were divided into three groups where they planned a BCPN Stars project that they would carry out together. All three groups came up with many fresh ideas for projects for the BCPN. One idea from each group was then chosen by the BCIO Management Team to carry forward. Then, as a final group discussion for the BCPN, the presidents worked together to create a project plan for the project that was chosen from their group. After the group discussion they pitched their project idea and execution plan in detail. It was commendable what each group was able to come up with in a short period of time.

The three groups as divided in the session will work together to implement their BCPN project post the 5th BC Presidents' Meeting. The projects that will be implemented are as follows:

1. Mentor Mentee Arrangement
2. BCPN Career Summit Expo
3. Online Study Groups



## Summary of 5<sup>th</sup> BCPM

The 5<sup>th</sup> BC Presidents Meeting at Global Arena ended successfully on the 20<sup>th</sup> July. Each BC President and BCIO Management Team member shared their thoughts and appreciation messages during the session. Many BC Presidents became emotional and couldn't stop their tears as it was the end of BC Presidents' Camp. They learned a lot on how to keep their BC members involved in the future activities, ways to keep themselves physically and mentally strong while leading the BCs, APCC and BCIO's dreams and ideas to create a better future within their BCs and keep the BRIDGE connection strong. They were truly touched by Arief Adinoto (former General Manager of BCIO)'s video message as well. The summary was concluded by showing them a video compilation of photos and videos taken during their stay in Fukuoka and singing 'We are the BRIDGE' song together.



## Recreation Program by APCC PA Program Division

All the BC Presidents were very thankful to the APCC PA Program Division for organizing a truly memorable program which will remain a core memory in their lives. BC Presidents were taken to a Yukata(Japanese traditional clothing for summer) rental store and given chances to choose their favorite designs. Everyone was satisfied with their choices and took a great number of photos at Ohori Park in Fukuoka City.



## 'We are the BRIDGE Festival 2023'

'We are the BRIDGE Festival' resumed this year for the first time after the COVID pandemic hit the world. BC Presidents and BCIO Management Team together did the opening performance for the 'We are the BRIDGE' festival which they had prepared for in the Global Arena during the 5th BCPM. The fifteen-minute-long performance was very captivating where the presidents showcased their traditional costumes like in a runway fashion show and then performed a dance together. After their performance, the presidents helped their Junior Ambassadors prepare for their performances as well.

The presidents also worked together with the BC Japan members at the event to collect the Smile Support Donations in the venue.



## Program with BC Japan

BC Presidents had an exchange program with BC Japan in order to know more about BC Japan and their activities. Hayato, the former president of BC Japan, gave a presentation about BC Japan and the activities that they have conducted with beautiful posters created by the members. After the presentation, the Presidents and the participants spent some time sharing about their own experiences with conducting activities in their BCs and dealing with some challenges that come along with it.

After the discussions and the sharing sessions, some activities were conducted by BC Japan in which the BC Presidents took part with enthusiasm and excitement. First, the BC Presidents' were divided into groups and they played a game in which they had to write as many English words as they could starting from the given specific letter. The game wasn't as easy as it seemed, making it very engaging, competitive, and fun.

The participants also played pictionary in groups and they had a great time trying to guess the pictures drawn by their teammates. Surprisingly, the groups of presidents were so good at drawing and guessing that they found the correct answers very quickly.

The exchange program with BC Japan concluded with insightful ideas, lots of laughter, formation of new bonds, and of course many happy pictures!



## Meet and Greet Program with Host Families

The APCC Office along with the volunteers organized a meet and greet program for the BCPM participants to meet their host families with whom they did their homestays in their previous APCC participations. Both host families and the BC presidents were looking forward to this event and one could feel their excitement and joy to be there and meet each other.

The host families and the BC presidents played quizzes together about different countries that the presidents were from. They also had a lot of catching up to do because most of them were meeting each other after many years. The volunteers also conducted a bonding activity for everyone to unleash their creativity and create photo stands together. Everyone then took pictures with their host families whilst using props. Finally, when it was time to leave, the BC presidents embraced their host families, and everyone smiled with gratitude for the eventful day. The eyes sparkled with tears for having to bid each other goodbye, and the hearts hoped to see each other soon again. It was a beautiful moment to witness.





## Participants Name List

### BRIDGE CLUB Presidents

Country	Name
Atlanta	William Perry Owen
Bangladesh	Rana Projjal Sarkar
Cambodia	Soem Sovandara
Indonesia	Teuku Arkansyah Ali
Ipoh	Raevenkumar Selvakumaran
Nepal	Divas Bashyal
Australia	Chanel Tiffany Pardoe
Bhutan	Tshering Peldon
Hawaii	Betty Suzanne Yuriko Wo
India	Nishant
Japan	Mizuki Yasuoka
Myanmar	Khin Yati Win
Pakistan	Saman Zahid
Papua New Guinea	Carol Lessi
Peru	Marianna Elvira Guzman Sebastian
Philippines	Nina Simone Herrera
Sri Lanka	Jinushki Chalindi Saluwadana

### BCIO Management Team Members

Country	Name
Myanmar	Tsu Yamin
Pakistan	Muhammad Moiz Ashraf Qazi
Nepal	Garima Khakurel

BC Presidents Meeting

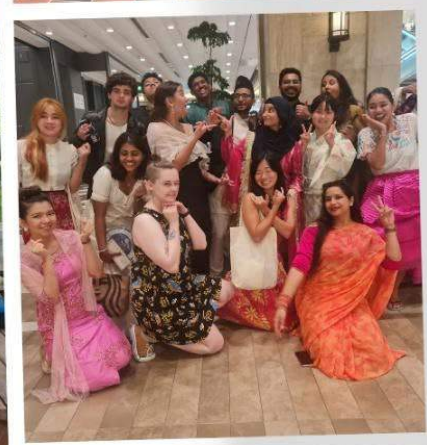


Photo Gallery



Fukuoka July 2023

# Happy Moments

We are the BRIDGE!

