

# 6TH BRIDGE CLUB PRESIDENTS MEETING (BCPM)

**Ipoh, Malaysia**

**August 22-29, 2025**

**BCIO**  
BRIDGE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

**APCC**  
Asian-Pacific Children's  
Convention in FUKUOKA

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**BRIDGE**

# Notes from the BCIO Management Team

## Note from BCIO General Manager

The BCPM conference was unique in the sense that it was the first time post-COVID that we were able to hold an event outside of Fukuoka, Japan.

The plan for this meeting was simple: disrupt the present. We took an unusual approach that didn't revolve around our traditional way of conducting programs, but rather focused on solutions and their implementations. We provided step-by-step guidelines to make things easier, based on years of experience working on the BCIO Programs. This new direction will require close coordination and constant communication among all stakeholders to ensure we follow through effectively.

In this meeting, for the first time, our newly selected HOMs had the opportunity to deliver a session prior to the PA camp. This was a unique opportunity for them to work under the mentorship of senior members and ensure they deliver even more impactful sessions at the PA camp itself.

Additionally, being in Ipoh allowed everyone to immerse themselves in the local culture, forming meaningful bonds through shared activities and the journey of travel.

I want to convey my utmost regards and thanks to the members of the Ipoh City Council and to BRIDGE CLUB Ipoh for making this BCPM happen in such a culturally rich and inclusive way. They played an integral part in our success and ensured every participant was looked after. I also want to pay my regards to the APCC Board of Directors and the APCC staff for the coordination and support that enabled us to turn this vision into a reality.

Lastly, it has been a pleasure to have taken the prestigious role of General Manager for the BCIO Network. I truly appreciate all the faith and support shown to me over the years, and it is my aim to carry the name of BCIO and APCC forward while instilling the Omoiyari Spirit within the network and beyond.

**M. Moiz A. Qazi,**  
**BCIO General Manager**

## **Note from BCIO Assistant Managers**

Congratulations to everyone on the successful 6th BRIDGE CLUB Presidents' Meeting (BCPM) in Ipoh, Malaysia! This gathering served as a meaningful space for learning, sharing, and strengthening our BCs and inter-BC connections necessary to move forward with confidence and purpose.

The world may not be all giggles and rainbows, but at least in our little meeting room, in APCC, and within and among our BRIDGE CLUBs, we can create a space where we continue to strive for a peaceful world abound by our child-like smiles and spirits. May we continue to carry *omoiyari* beyond our programs and into the world we hope to shape.

**Raia Gallardo,**  
**BCIO Assistant Manager**

In Ipoh I posed a question to everyone in the board room: "Have you ever had a hard time explaining what BRIDGE CLUB is to someone?". In an interesting response a lot of people said yes and I too can share their sentiment, the reason is not a lack of understanding. It is because BC is a feeling, a shared memory, a motivation, a purpose and not to mention a massive dream that comes true every single year.

The OMOIYARI spirit was so prevalent in this Presidents meeting. You all shone so bright and made such a big effort and for that I cannot be more grateful. I am so proud of all the work you have done and will continue to do back home. You have all of our sessions the same energy and passion we put into them, thank you. To my fellow management team I also thank you. I am so honoured to work with such a dynamic team.

**Chanel Pardoe**  
**BCIO Assistant Manager**

Coming together from different corners of the world, united by one mission, to make our BRIDGE CLUBs more connected, stronger, and ever-evolving in the spirit of OMOIYARI, demands true passion, determination, and willpower. To bring everyone into one place with care, intention, and genuine hospitality is a feat that demands even more.

It is with the deepest gratitude that I acknowledge the Liaison Office and BRIDGE CLUB Ipoh, Malaysia, whose dedication served as the very backbone of this program. My heartfelt appreciation also extends to my fellow BCIO

Management teammates, the APCC Office, BCIO Head Office members, and our valued friends at BCPN, thank you for your immense effort and the spirit of collaboration that made the BCPM a truly remarkable success.

Witnessing everything unfold, even though remotely, was inspiring. I am continually in admiration of our BRIDGE CLUB Presidents, members and supporters for the positive energy and lasting impact they cultivate in their communities, for the way they bring people together, and above all, for their commitment to nurturing young buds into flowers that bloom with empathy, kindness, and compassion.

**Garima Khakurel**  
**BCIO Assistant Manager**

# Introduction

The last BRIDGE CLUB Presidents' meeting was held in Japan; this year, the decision to hold the meeting was in Ipoh, Malaysia. The 6th BC Presidents Meeting provided an invaluable opportunity for BRIDGE CLUB Presidents and the BCIO Management team to come together and exchange ideas. The primary focus of the gathering was to outline the future plan of the BCIO, aimed at propelling the growth of the organisation and nurturing Global BRIDGE Leaders.

All nominated BRIDGE CLUB Presidents were inaugurated by BCIO at the 6th BRIDGE CLUB Presidents Meeting. The term for each President was set at two years, lasting until the inauguration of new Presidents at the subsequent BRIDGE CLUB Presidents Meeting.

The 6th BC Presidents Meeting (BCPM) was held in Ipoh, Malaysia, from August 22 to 29, 2025.

## Objectives

- To build a strong BCIO infrastructure and plan for the future
- To strengthen collaborations amongst BCs to optimise the BC global network
- To nurture leadership and management skills and to foster Global BRIDGE Leaders

## Participants

- Nominated BC Presidents for the term 2025–2027
- BCIO Management Team
- BCIO Board of Directors
- BC Professional Network Executive Members
- APCC Executives and Coordinators
- Official Observers

## Opening Ceremony

The official opening ceremony began with a welcoming introduction, followed by addresses from the President of BC Ipoh and representatives of the Ipoh City Council. A short video highlighting the Presidents for the 2025–2027 term was then presented. The ceremony proceeded with the formal commencement and oath-taking led by Mr Hitoshi Iwamoto. Mr Daisuke Morito delivered remarks on behalf of the APCC, and the programme concluded with a speech by BCIO General Manager, Mr Moiz Qazi.





## **Introduction and Icebreaking**

Followed by the Oath taking the main sessions for the 6<sup>th</sup> BCPM officially commenced. To start, there was an icebreaker ceremony for the participants and later on, they were shown a glimpse of the survey results that were conducted and how the sessions were planned and set the expectations for the days to come.

The presidents then had the opportunity to not only introduce themselves but also their BCs and gave everyone a snapshot of the state of their BC. This was really important so all participants could understand each other's BCs.

## **Movie Night**

There was a screening of the APCC movie, Midori's Flying Goldfish, for the participants. For many, this was the first time watching that movie, and for the rest, it was a nostalgia for the earlier times. It was also a great time for the first moments of bonding. There were snacks shared and games played. For some it was a trip down memory lane to snack time at Marine House.

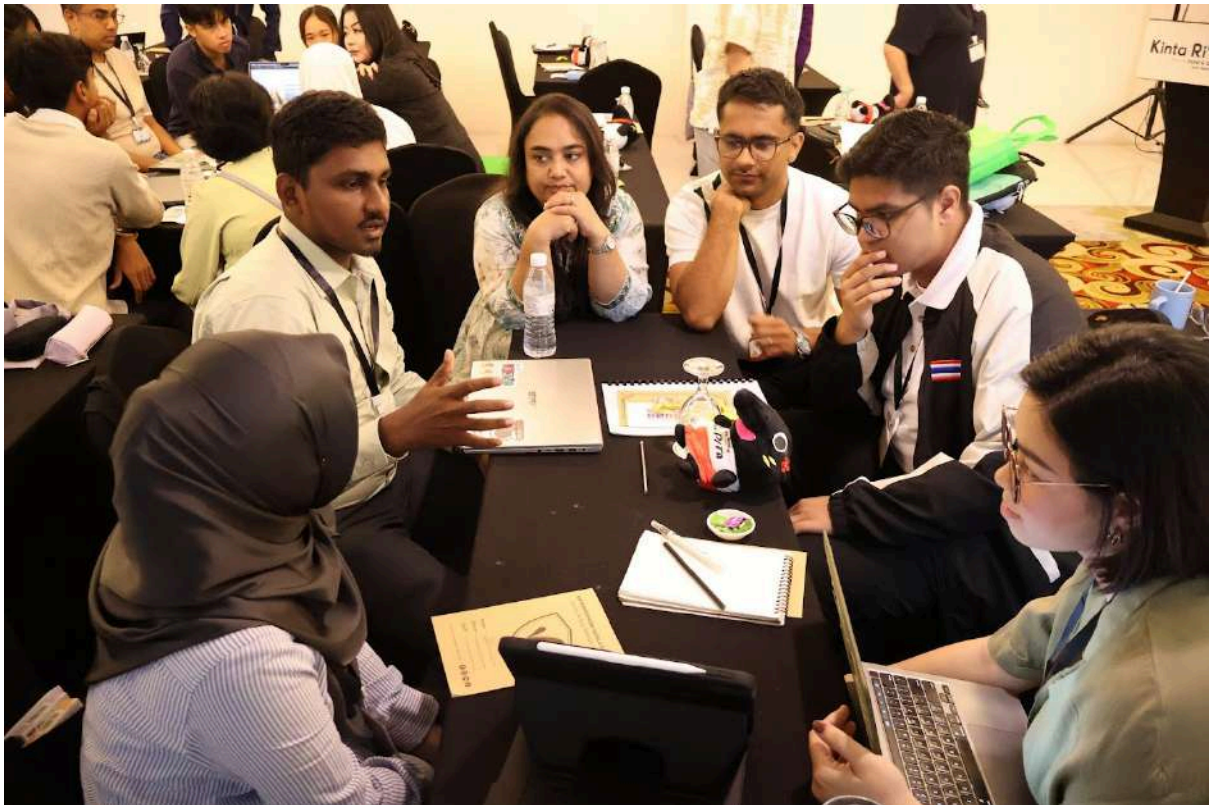
## Session 1.1: Member Retention and Engagement

The BCPM began with a session on Member Retention and Engagement and conducted by The session was conducted by Chloe Martin and Nishant Gupta who are the HOMs for the year 2025=2026, focusing on 'Where are we now?', 'Where are we headed?' and 'How do we get there?' We considered the history of APCC participants, activity within BRIDGE CLUBs and the BCIO priorities to increase the number of active BCs and enhance member engagement within active BCs.

The challenges faced by BCs were discussed with a focus on creating value to promote active participation in BCs. By comparing existing value, which is the intrinsic worth associated with making friendships and travelling to Japan, with created value, which is the value that BCs make for members, we consider the question, 'How will you, as a President, create value within your BC for your members?' Examples of categories of member incentives, such as mentorship, skill development, volunteering opportunities and social events were discussed, along with specific examples created by BCIO, BCs and BCPN.

During the session, BCPs discussed their current engagement and retention, and ideal engagement within their individual contexts and created an action plan. Presidents focused on utilising digital tools, collaborating with other BCs, tracking goals, outcomes and successes to achieve active, connected and growing BCs.





## **Session 1.2: BCPN Updates and Announcements**

The BCPN Impact Sprint gathered BRIDGE CLUB Presidents and representatives to reflect on member engagement and discuss how the wider BCPN network can better support clubs. The session encouraged open conversation, allowing participants to share experiences, challenges, and ideas for strengthening engagement and collaboration across the network.

A key focus was member engagement within individual BRIDGE CLUBs. Presidents and representatives exchanged practical examples, highlighting successful approaches as well as difficulties in sustaining participation and continuity. These discussions helped identify common patterns and shared learning opportunities.

Participants also reflected on their expectations of BCPN as a regional network. Recurring themes included the need for stronger mentorship, more career-oriented initiatives, increased inter-club collaboration, and greater visibility for BCPN activities across the international BRIDGE CLUB community.

Working in groups, participants developed a three-step action plan to improve engagement within their BCs, ensuring each plan aligned with at least one BCPN domain discussed during the session. Another discussion centred on the future of the BCPN Conference, with BRIDGE CLUB Malaysia, BRIDGE CLUB Ipoh, BRIDGE CLUB Pakistan, and BRIDGE CLUB Sri Lanka expressing interest in hosting the 2026 conference pending internal confirmation.

Towards the end, BRIDGE CLUB Malaysia President Dr Vik shared reflections on BCPN's future direction and the role of BRIDGE CLUBs in strengthening regional collaboration. BCPN Founding Chairman Arief Anindo also spoke about the network's origins and early development. The session was facilitated by Surhid Samyadip, Senior Executive Member (Development), BCPN, who guided discussions and group exercises.

### **Action Items:**

The following action items were agreed upon:

- Finalised Action Plans: Clubs were to submit their finalised action plans and Impact Card responses, including rewritten reflections for those who no longer had their original cards.
- Implementation Timeline: BCs were encouraged to begin implementing their action plans, with visible progress expected by year-end.
- BCPN Ambassador Appointment: Each club was encouraged to appoint a senior alumni member as a BCPN Ambassador to strengthen communication between BCPN and individual clubs.

It was later confirmed that BRIDGE CLUB Malaysia will host the BCBN Conference in October 2026.



## **Session 2: External Relations and Partnerships**

BRIDGE CLUB Presidents with practical tools and confidence to engage partners and manage external relations effectively. The session opened with a fun Australian slang game that energised the room and set a relaxed tone, followed by a guided walkthrough of the BCIO Toolkit. Participants were introduced to key resources such as the Value Deck, Value Matching Sheet, Email Templates, Thank You Certificate, and Corpo Slang Guide, all designed for immediate BC use.

A key highlight was the discussion on value decks, value matching, and the partnership cycle, emphasising the importance of understanding both what partners need and what BCs can offer. Through examples and shared experiences approached with the mindset of “we listen, and we don’t judge,” BCPs reflected on how partnerships are built on mutual value, trust, and clear communication.

Moving forward, action items include completing each BRIDGE CLUB’s Value Deck and reviewing the toolkit in full, with access shared across their respective BCs. These outputs aim to strengthen BC sustainability, improve confidence in external engagement, and support long-term, self-sufficient partnerships.

### **Action Items:**

- Complete Value Deck (<http://bit.ly/BCIO-Toolkit>)
- Review toolkit and share access for BCs.



### **Session 3: How to run a successful event and conduct activities.**

Over the course of time, and especially post covid, it was fairly noticeable that the number of events and activities organised by the BRIDGE CLUBs has reduced by a significant amount. It can have varying options. But the idea was to move forward and encourage the Presidents to organise more activities and events within their BRIDGE CLUBs to promote member involvement and have more activities.

Moiz presented a small presentation on how to organise an event or to organise different activities in their BRIDGE CLUBs. The Presidents went through a journey of the successful common activities of the past and understood what worked well and what didn't. They were shown a step-by-step way to execute an event from idea generation to execution. They were also introduced to a checklist that would make things easier for the Presidents, because they have to follow some steps to organise different activities in the BRIDGE CLUBs.

There was a panel discussion conducted within the session with a mix of seasoned and emerging leaders within their BRIDGE CLUBs. They were asked questions pertaining to how they organised activities in the past and how they continue to organise and manage different activities currently. This was a great way to expose the presidents to the people within themselves who have been continuously organising activities for a number of years.

#### **Action Items:**

- 1x Meeting with BC Team and share BCPM experience.
- 1x Social Activity per year and use the event checklist for guidance (more the merrier)

### **Session 4: Feedback Session**

An open-air feedback session was conducted to extract feedback from the participants about their thoughts and opinions on the meeting itself, primarily, what expectations they had while flying in and what they were able to extract. Mixed feedback was recorded, with more junior Presidents enjoying the sessions, and senior Presidents looking forward to more actionable items. This was a helpful session, and the learning was recorded for future sessions/events.

# Social Events from BC Ipoh

## Meet & Greet with the JAs and Patriotic Parade

After having breakfast at the hotel, the participants went to the Ipoh City Council's office to meet the past Junior ambassadors, where the JA 2025 from Ipoh gave a small presentation to the participants based on their experience of the BRIDGE Summer Camp.

Afterwards, the participants were taken to the booth set up by the BC Ipoh at the National Day Patriotic mini program, and they talked with the people there. They were also able to look at different cultural stalls and participate in different experiences. Additionally, they were also able to witness the cultural performances from the people of Ipoh.





## Official Dinner

An official dinner was held at the Royal Perak Gold Club in honour of the participants; several members of the Ipoh City Council, as well as the APCC leadership, were present as well. A cultural performance was also presented, highlighting the diversity and culture of the regions. A special note goes to the Ipoh Liaison officer and the BRIDGE CLUB Ipoh president, who gave a dance performance as a mother-son duo, which was greatly appreciated by the participants.

In the end, a birthday surprise was given to the participants with their birthdays in August; everyone sang Happy Birthday and enjoyed the cake.





## Meeting with the Mayor of Ipoh

The participants went to the Ipoh City Council's office and met Mr Datuk Ahmad Hariri bin Kamaruddin, Councillor of Ipoh City Council and Representative for Ipoh City Mayor, for lunch and presented souvenirs from their countries.



## **Visit to Batu Gajah District**

Batu Gajah is a historic town in Perak's Kinta District, known for its tin-mining heritage, colonial landmarks, and proximity to Ipoh. It serves as the district's administrative seat and is home to notable attractions such as Kellie's Castle and the Tualang Tin Dredge. The participants met and had lunch with Mr Mohamad Razif bin Ramli, Chairman of Batu Gajah District Council and Mr Mohd. Shah Ridla bin Mohd. Ismet, Chief of Corporate & PR Unit. And were fortunate enough to visit the following areas.

### **TT5 (Tin Dredge)**

Tanjung Tualang Tin Dredge No. 5 (TT5) is Malaysia's last remaining tin dredge, a 4,500-ton floating mining vessel built in 1938 and preserved today as a key heritage landmark in Batu Gajah. Once part of a fleet that powered Perak's tin-mining boom, TT5 operated until 1982 and now serves as an educational site showcasing the machinery and processes that shaped the region's economic history.

The participants were given a tour of the dredge and observed how various tin mining operations took place.

### **Lat Gallery (Art & Cartoon)**

The Lat Gallery, located in Batu Gajah district, is a dedicated art and cartoon gallery celebrating the work of Malaysia's renowned cartoonist, Datuk Mohammad Nor Khalid, better known as Lat. Housed in a restored traditional Kampung Lalang house, the gallery showcases Lat's iconic sketches, comic strips, and illustrations that capture Malaysian life and culture. It serves as both a cultural landmark and an educational space, preserving the legacy of one of the nation's most influential artists. The participants had the pleasure of observing Lat's lifestyle and his art; they were also able to observe the progress of his art over the years.

### **Kellie's Castle**

Kellie's Castle is a historic mansion located in the Batu Gajah district, built by Scottish planter William Kellie Smith as an ambitious residence that was never completed. The structure blends Moorish, Indo-Saracenic and European architectural influences and has become one of Perak's most iconic heritage attractions. Surrounded by lush greenery and set on a hill overlooking the Kinta

Valley, the castle offers insight into the colonial era and the personal story of its builder while serving as a popular cultural and tourism landmark. The participants were able to go on a tour of the castle, understand the history and preserve the memories by taking numerous photos.

## **Bowling Tournament**

A friendly bowling match was held between Ipoh City Council and the Participants themselves at the Ipoh Parade Shopping Centre. The participants had a great time with a small banter to keep things lively and fun. A healthy competition kept things lively throughout.

## **Visit to the Lost World of Tambun**

Participants visited the Lost World of Tambun, which is a theme park with hot springs. They enjoyed the well-deserved soak in the hot waters after working really hard in the President's Meeting. They also enjoyed looking at the different animals, water slides, and massages and ended the night with another cultural performance by the local artists.

## **Mirror Lake**

Mirror Lake in Ipoh is a scenic natural attraction known for its calm emerald water surrounded by dramatic limestone cliffs. Located near Kin Loong Valley, the lake is accessed through a short tunnel that opens into a quiet, enclosed landscape often described as one of Ipoh's hidden gems. Its serene environment and striking rock formations make it a popular spot for photography and a notable feature of the region's limestone heritage. The participants took a boat ride on the lake and enjoyed the scenic views and the calmness.

Afterwards, the participants enjoyed a local delish white coffee at the local café.



