

# THE 26<sup>TH</sup> APCC INVITATION PROJECT PA PROGRAM REPORT JULY 12- 24, 2014



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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 2014 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.

Last year, 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  
Managing Director, BCIO

## Message from BCIO Area Managers

**Arief Adinoto** (Indonesia)  
**Asia Area Manager**



Attending the APCC, on duty as Area Manager this year, gave me various new experiences from different sides. Interacting with all young PAs, recalled my mind of how long I had been involved in this marvellous program, and how I was just like them back in 1998. Passionate, curious, energetic, and cheerful, those are what I found on this year's PAs. And given the responsibility to lead them was requiring myself to be wise on one side, and playful on the other side. I was very happy that all PAs could blend in and shared wonderful moments up till the end of the event. Also, the PA Camp this year was very successful because of great contribution and teamwork of the Head Office Members. The way they dedicated their effort to prepare and lead the sessions were such excellent examples for the PAs. All I can say, all of you PAs and HOMs were wonderful, and I saw promising passion from you to take lead and initiatives to develop your BRIDGE CLUB and BCIO in the future. My mission was just making you realize how precious this opportunity was, and how you could make more meaning of your life through this network.

From another side, I had chances to interact more with the BCIO Management and APCC Executives/Staffs through meetings. Both the official meetings at the office, and the unofficial meetings during dinners, lunches, and hangouts, gave me sense of how much dedicated they are to this program. I salute you all BCIO Management and APCC Executives/Staffs for all of your continuous hard work. Standing between the executives and BC members, I begin to see further where this network is going to, and how much the responsibility are given to BRIDGE both sides into the direction of our goals. Finally, I urge every participant, specially former JAs, to keep your bond and to give your contribution to this program and its development. It is us who should create the meaning of this network to our life and to the world. And not to forget, a very sincere thanks from the bottom of my heart, to all volunteers, host families, LOs, Chaperones, BC members, and all people contributing to this year's APCC event. It would not be such wonderful without any single of you.

We are the BRIDGE! And will always be!

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 hard working activities through BCs have always inspired BCIO to move further. Also The Fantastic 4 (Oscar, Ayumi, Kasun & Ashima) with The One (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 an another successful PA camp. We will be looking forward to see you and work with you again.

## Message from 2014 BCIO Head Office Members

**Kasun Gunasekara** (Sri Lanka)



It was indeed a great honor to be able to join 26<sup>th</sup> APCC as a Head Office Member, for which I'm truly grateful to APCC and BCIO. Together with the amazing team of Head Office Members and APCC Coordinator, I was able to participate in organizing many activities of this year's Peace Ambassador Program. It was a great pleasure to work with an amazing, energetic team of Peace Ambassadors who were enthusiastic in delivering their support to each and every activity. Oscar and I were in charge of Public Relations and Common Activity. During our presentation sessions, all Peace Ambassadors contributed with many useful suggestions. I'm sure the sessions were helpful in motivating them towards improving public relations of their respective BRIDGE Clubs and also getting more members involved in the upcoming Common Activity. On the lighter side, there were many fun filled activities which made the whole PA program more enjoyable.

The flow of inspiration was clearly established through many sessions, activities and exchange programs. Sharing of experience in the hierarchical order of Area Managers, Head Office Members, Peace Ambassadors and Junior Ambassadors will strengthen the future of APCC and BC network by inspiring them to reach the next level respectively.

Seeing the successful completion of sessions and activities which we began to organize months before the APCC, was truly a great satisfaction. I convey my heartfelt gratitude to all of APCC staff, BCIO staff, Area Managers, fellow Head Office Members, Peace Ambassadors, volunteers and each and every single person who helped in making this 26<sup>th</sup> APCC PA Program a success.

**“There are no fences and no borders we can't cross...when we are joined together!”**

**Oscar Jones** (New Zealand)



This year it was an absolute privilege to be selected as a BCIO Head Office Member for the 26<sup>th</sup> APCC. It was an amazing experience to take part in, and the Peace Ambassadors were fantastic to work with.

Taking charge of a few sessions and planning parts of the PA Program was a unique and valued experience, which I hope was beneficial to the PA's. All the PA's were engaging and a delight to spend time with and collaborate towards the upcoming Common Activity and Public Relations sessions.

I would like to thank all the PA's, my fellow BCIO HOM's, Area Managers, BCIO Staff and volunteers who made the program such a success year after year. I couldn't have asked for a better team to have the honor to conduct the PA Program with.

Overall, I would like to wish all the Peace Ambassadors the best with their efforts to improve their BRIDGE Club's, to participate in 2014's Common Activity and to thank BCIO and APCC for such an amazing program, which I know they work so hard for every year



**Ayumi Inoue** (Japan)

I am really lucky person to be selected for BCIO Head Office Member 2014. My whole experience was fabulous beyond description, and I really appreciate to meet such a great PAs, HO members, and other BCIO staff members. They are always cooperative for everything. Since January, I along with other HO members started preparation for the PA camp. Sometimes it's not easy work for me as I am not so much good in English, but I tried my best and HO members are very cooperative. All those preparations made me excited for July day by day. In PA camp, Ashima and I were in charge of 3 sessions, BC establishment, Maintain strong BCs, and Funding. These topics are essential for making our ties stronger and keeping BC in active. Especially I would like all participants to remember the keyword, 'TEAM' (-Time -Environment -Ability -Motivation) for running BCs. I hope now they all have clear ideas what they should do to lead and improve BCs in their own countries. I believe PA camp ended successfully. The most important thing for the future is to keep our motivation and keep in touch with friends.

Thank you very much again for giving me such a great opportunity. I will do my best for supporting my friends and future HO members!!!









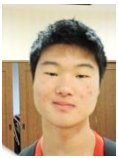


**Ashima Agrawal** (India)










Being a BCIO Head Office Member is a fantabulous feeling and the 26<sup>th</sup> APCC was really an enthusiastic one. I would first of all thank APCC for finding me worthy for this post and thank you APCC Head office and APCC Coordinators for being helpful and considerate in our journey of this convention. Also I would like to extend regards to our Area Managers Arief and Salman. And lastly to the person who has been always with me and my team, Karuna.










We, the head office members started our journey form Jan 21<sup>st</sup> i.e. day of selection, and are working till today and will continue for coming years also. I guess it is the feeling of belongingness towards each other and towards BCIO that motivate us to keep going. I was incharge of "Maintenance of Strong BC" and "BC Funding". The role was to conduct sessions on the above. I was also responsible for PA-JA interaction, in which the junior group and senior group had lot of fun talking to each other and JAs were given overview about BRIDGE Club. In the first three days of the PA Camp in Global Arena we had Global BRIDGE Leader training camp in which we got the chance to interact with Japanese students. We stayed together, played together and learnt together there. Then come the interactive presentation sessions, where we delivered sessions together; the night prior to presentation use to be less sleep night as we use to plan upon the next day work. Also apart from work we use to talk and watch movies and sing songs and a lot more (I wish the coming HOMs and PAs should experience themselves). I really miss the time in Marine House where I and Ayumi use to sit and discuss our work and BCIO meeting keep going in parallel. APCC is truly an effort of sleepless nights of its coordinators who keep working with great zeal to give this convention such organized and beautiful shape. Also staying awake at night gave me chance to see how head office work and to know better other Office members. I really miss the fun of working on presentations, thinking about games for team building and role plays so as to give practical learning through presentations, making reports, Skype meetings, line calls, mails and thinking to writing to compiling and sharing papers among each other. The rush I that time is most memorable and best experience of my life. This was a great experience in terms of work and relationships. And in the end, I would thank the most amazing PAs we had. Thank you all for being so active, energetic and cooperative in all fronts and making 26<sup>th</sup> APCC, most cherishable memory for all. WE ARE THE BRIDGE...!!!



## 2014 Peace Ambassadors

	Name: Artur Dmitrievich Tarasenko Country/Region: Atlanta Year as a JA: 2008
	Name: Sophie Elizabeth McCracken Evans Country: Australia Year as a JA: 2005
	Name: Parag Hossain Country: Bangladesh Year as a JA: 2008
	Name: Sonam Tobgay Country: Bhutan Year as a JA: 1999
	Name: Dyanuth Sry Country: Cambodia Year as a JA: 2008
	Name: Zyus Ahmed Ali Dean Country: Fiji Year as a JA: 2009
	Name: Jae-Sun Chan Young Brown Country: Hawaii Year as a JA : 2008
	Name: Yui Yan Chung Country: Hong Kong Year as a JA: 2006
	Name: Munmun Nahar Country: India Year as a JA: 2000

	Name: Elissa Trezia Vananda Country: Indonesia Year as a JA: 2007
	Name: Senri Sugawara Country: Japan Year as a JA: 2008
	Name: Sein Lee Country: Korea Year as a JA: 2007
	Name: Chandavone Phengkhammay Country: Laos Year as a JA: 2006
	Name: Mohamed Dhaniyal Ageel Country: Maldives Year as a JA: 2008
	Name: Anudarya Tumurbaatar Country: Mongolia Year as a JA: 2009
	Name: Htet Naing Lin Country: Myanmar Year as a JA: 2005
	Name: Roshan Pokhrel Country: Nepal Year as a JA: 2000
	Name: Amelia Jane Melissa Law Country: New Zealand Year as a JA: 2008

	Name: Moiz Rehan Country: Pakistan Year as a JA: 2007
	Name: Michael Eure Gavera Country: Papua New Guinea Year as a JA: 1996
	Name: Raphael Antonia Villamiel Morallo Country: Philippines Year as a JA: 2009
	Name: Olga Andreevna Lesnikova Country: Russia Year as a JA: 2009
	Name: Zayar Phyo Country: Singapore Year as a JA: 2000
	Name: Thilini Amanadee Ariyaratna Kapurallage Country: Sri Lanka Year as a JA: 2004
	Name: Yun Ting Chen Country: Taiwan Year as a JA: 2005
	Name: Phakavit Chulathumkul Country: Thailand Year as a JA: 2005
	Name: Moei Vaisingano Finau Country: Tonga Year as a JA: 1998

	Name: Anh Thi Van Dao Country: Vietnam Year as a JA: 2006
	Name: Sepe Ronna Teddy Palik Country: Micronesia Year as a JA: 2002

### 2014 BCIO HO Member

	Name: Ashima Agrawal Country: India Year as a JA: 2002
	Name: Kasun Geethanga Gunasekara Country: Sri Lanka Year as a JA: 2000
	Name: Oscar Edward Jack Nicholas Jones Country: New Zealand Year as a JA: 2007
	Name: Ayumi Inoue Country: Japan Year as a JA: 2000

### 2014 Area Manager


	Name: Arief Adinoto Asia Area Manager Country: Indonesia Year as a JA: 1989
	Name: Salman Bari Pacific Area Manager Country: Bangladesh Year as a JA: 1995



## 2014 BCIO Head Office Staff

	Name: Shigeyasu Masuda Managing Director, BCIO
	Name: Yoshiyuki Matsumura Asst. Managing Director, BCIO
	Name: Kosuke Takahashi Asst. Managing Director, BCIO
	Name: Kanae Kimoto BCIO/APCC Secretariat
	Name: Ai Kaijo BCIO/APCC Secretariat
	Name: Karuna Shrestha BCIO/APCC Secretariat
	Name: Yukie Arai BCIO/APCC Secretariat

## BCIO Senior Advisor

	Name: Hitoshi Iwamoto Senior Advisor, BCIO
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## 26<sup>th</sup> APCC Invitation Schedule

July	Day	JA & Chaperon	PA
10	Thu	Arrival -> Marine House Orientation Camp	Arrival -> Marine House Orientation Camp
11	Fri	Arrival -> Marine House Orientation Camp	Arrival -> Marine House Orientation Camp
12	Sat	<Arrival> Exchange Camp	Move to Global Arena Global BRIDGE Leader Training Camp
13	Sun		PA Camp at Global Arena
14	Mon	One day-School Visit Program PM :First Meeting with Host Families	PA &Chaperon, LO meeting Exchange program with JAs
15	Tue		
16	Wed	Homestay/School Visit	PM: Meeting with Host Families
17	Thu	Homestay/School Visit	Homestay
18	Fri	Homestay/School Visit	Homestay
19	Sat	Homestay	Homestay
20	Sun	Homestay	Homestay
21	Mon	We are the BRIDGE Festival 2014	
22	Tue	Homestay / Departure	Homestay / Departure
23	Wed	Homestay / Departure	Homestay / Departure
24	Thu	Homestay / Departure	Homestay / Departure

## 2014 PA Program Schedule

July 10- 12

Date	Time	Program	Venue
10(Thurs)	Arrival	Orientation Camp @ Marine House	
11(Fri)	Arrival	Orientation Camp @ Marine House	
	15:00-15:45	Orientation of PA Program	Multipurpose room
	16:00- 17:00	BC establishment session— PA from Micronesia, Korea, Mongolia, Singapore and Non BC Chaperons from Busan, China, Guangzhou, Palau, Tuvalu *Hong Kong, Indonesia, Fiji : arrival time is evening	Multipurpose room
	9:30	Leave Marine house	

PA Camp (July 12- 16)

12 (Sat)	10:30	Arrival @ Global Arena (GA)	
	10:45- 11:45	Sharing about 1 <sup>st</sup> BC meeting to be held outside of Fukuoka in 2015 by Arief & Salman	Lodge meeting room
	12:00- 12:45	Lunch	No side
	13:00 ~	Orientation to PAs, GBL Training Camp	Gymnasium hall
	14:30	Japanese participants will join, GBL Training Camp	Gymnasium hall
	19:00	Dinner	No side
13(Sun)	8:00- 8:45	Breakfast	No side
	9:00 ~	GBL Training Camp	Gymnasium hall
	12:00- 12:45	Lunch	No side
	13:00~	GBL Training Camp	Gymnasium hall
	16:00	Presentation by BCJ	Gymnasium hall
	17:00- 18:00	BBQ with BCJ members	
	18:00-19:00	Free discussion on BC	Lodge meeting room
14(Mon)	8:00-8:45	Breakfast	No side
	9:00- 11:30	Common activity discussion	Medium board room
	11:45- 12:30	Lunch	No side
	12:45	Leave Global arena for Marine house	
	13:45	Arrival @ Marine House	
	14:00 ~	PAs Chaperon meeting @ Marine house	Marine house
	16:15	Introduction of PAs to the JAs	Marine house
	17:00	Dinner Exchange program with JAs	Marine house

	18:30	Leave Marine house	
	19:30	Arrival @ Global Arena	
	20:00- 21:00	Performance practice	Medium board room
15(Tues)	8:00- 8:45	Breakfast	No side
	9:00- 11:45	Session on “Maintain Strong BC”	Medium board room
	12:00- 12:45	Lunch	No side
	13:00- 14:30	Session on “Public Relation” (also show how to upload BC activity in BCIO website)	Medium board room
	15:00- 18:00	Field visit: Know more about Munakata city	
	18:00- 18:45	Dinner	No side
	19:00- 20:30	Session on “Funding”	Medium board room
	20:30- 21:30	Performance practice	Medium board room
16(Wed)	8:00- 8:45	Breakfast	No side
	9:00- 10:00	Room cleaning	
	11:00- 11:45	Common activity declaration	Medium board room
	12:00- 12:45	Lunch	No side
	14:00- 15:30	PA program summary	Medium board room
	16:00	Leave Global arena	

July 16- 24

16 (Wed)	17:00	Arrival @ Fuku Fuku Plaza	
	17:30	Meet with Host Family	HS① Fukufuku plaza
17(Thurs)		Homestay	HS②
18(Fri)		Homestay	HS③
19(Sat)	10:00-16:00	Exchange Program with BCJ	Clover plaza
		Homestay	HS④
20(Sun)		Homestay	HS⑤
21(Mon)	11:00-18:00	We are the BRIDGE Festival, 2014	HS⑥ JR Hakata city, event space
22(Tues)		Departure	
23(Wed)		Departure	
24(Thurs)		Departure	

## **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. This was the first time where all the PAs met. The PA program schedule was briefly shared during this session.

## **PAs interview**

BCIO Head Office Members conducted interviews of Peace Ambassadors in order to have a better understanding about each country's situation, either with or without BC. The questions were diversified depending on BC or non BC countries. The answers were helpful to identify common problems and areas that need more refinement in order to achieve the objectives of APCC.



## **How to Establish New BC**

This was the first session for the PAs and was delivered on 11<sup>th</sup> July. It was done by Ayumi Inoue and Ashima Agarwal. The insights were given on BRIDGE Club Establishment i.e. how BCIO came into existence, what is the basic requirement to establish BC, what exactly is BRIDGE Club International Organization, how to enhance its functioning, Examples of some of the established BCs- Sri Lanka, Nepal, Hawaii, Work of BCs, How to form a BC, discussion regarding how PA from Micronesia can go back and start BC in their country and PAs from. Mongolia, Singapore can re-start BC in their country. PAs came up with many questions in between like if only one member is there then what and members are not very active so how to motivate them, regarding permission from LO for opening up BC and hardships they are facing and how to overcome those. The session lasted for about an hour or so. Finally we concluded by listening the point of view of Nepal, Singapore, Cambodia and Thailand. Also Korea and Singapore had some queries regarding how to establish it which was resolved by Roshan (PA Nepal) giving example of how their BC was established and Zayar from Singapore gave some inputs and it was a really good discussion and everybody learned through each other.



## **Sharing Information on 1<sup>st</sup> BC meeting to be held in Indonesia in 2015**

In the 25th anniversary of APCC in Fukuoka 2013, BCIO held BRIDGE CLUB (BC) President Meeting for the first time. In the event, BCIO introduced its plan to arrange President Meeting every 2 year in Fukuoka and BC country/region alternately. Subsequently, before the 26th APCC this summer, BCIO had made selection process for the host of the 1st BC President Meeting outside Fukuoka, and decided it will be held in Indonesia.

The meeting is going to be held in October 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The President or Representative of each BC, Current and Former Head Office Members, BCIO Management, and APCC Executives will be the main participant of the meeting. It is still under consideration to allow other BC members to participate in the event.

Participants will cover their own travel expenses, while other expenses during and related to the event will be covered by BC Indonesia and APCC.

The purposes of the BC President Meeting are:

1. To build BCIO infrastructure and future planning
2. To strengthen positive cooperation among BCs in order to utilize BC Global network
3. To nurture leadership and management skill of BC leaders to foster Global BRIDGE Leaders

The main activities of the event will be:

1. BC Meeting
2. Global BRIDGE Leader Training
3. Cultural Experience
4. Homestay
5. Visit/meeting Indonesian Business and Higher Education



## Global BRIDGE Leaders Training Camp

### **Objectives of GBL training program:**

This year PAs' worked as a leader and motivated Japanese participants to become a person with global perspective. Thus working together to achieve following objectives:

- ♦ To develop your own leadership skills and qualities as Global BRIDGE Leader.
- ♦ Get an idea of how to nurture their countries BC members and general public (children & youth) to become OMOIYARI Global Citizen.
- ♦ Help to nurture Fukuoka's children/youth to become a OMOIYARI Global Citizen and Global BRIDGE Leader (as a part of BCIO's social contribution to Fukuoka)

On the first 2 days of PA Camp in the 26th APCC this year, PAs had the Global BRIDGE Leaders (GBL) Training Camp. After the first lunch at Global Arena, PAs gathered at the Gymnasium Hall to have the training orientation by Kita-san. At the end of the orientaton session, Kita-san informed that the whole training would be run by the Area Managers, following the design he had prepared. After that we preraped an ice breaking activity, and fun grouping activity for all participants, while the rests were prepared on going with the training.

In the afternoon, 60 Japanese high school students came and joined the training. They were divided into 10 group through a "Finding Friends" game. They were then called trainees and joined 10 groups of PAs who were called leaders.

The first session of the training was called "World Research". The trainees had to interviewed the leaders as many as possible to collect information from different countries about the national flags and its meaning, population, social problem, etc. At the end of the session, each group presented their research.

On the next day, started from 9 in the morning, the second session was entitled "What Brings People in My Country Together" where the leaders' explained about their country within the group with topic. Next in the third session, "What Brings People in Japan Together" the trainees explained to the leaders within each group about their opinions related to the title. At the end of every session the results were presented to all participants.



After lunch, the training continued to the final session “What Brings People in the World Together”. In this session, both leaders and trainees discussed about the topic, and then they had to present their conclusion through a role play. It was the climax of the training how their conclusions were presented with fun.

Overall, the training was such a successful one, where all had fun together. The Japanese students were encouraged to communicate in English although it was hard for them at first. Everyone got new information and ideas about other countries and cultures. And most of all, they had the senses of togetherness and the core competences to be Global BRIDGE Leaders: Communication, Action, and Respect (CARE).



### **Presentation by BRIDGE Club Japan**

On 13<sup>th</sup> July, members of BRIDGE Club Japan came to Global Arena to join the PA camp. The purpose of their participation was to introduce Japanese culture and to communicate with PAs in English.

After introduction about BC Japan from the president and vice presidents, BCJ members gave a presentation about the origin and meanings of some Japanese traditional food. They also explained how to cook it. After the presentation, PAs and BCJ members enjoyed a BBQ and it was really good opportunity for BCJ members to communicate with the PAs in English.





## **Free Discussion on BC Problems**

The idea of this session was to give an open platform for the PA's to tell the BCIO HO Members about



crucial problems in their BRIDGE Club in a private forum for just PA's, HOM's and some BCIO Staff. We wanted this session to be private so the PA's could discuss problems about their BRIDGE Club without fear of it causing further issues for them. Of all the problems that were discussed, many were found to be common between PA's. Each PA had a chance to speak about problems that they had encountered and the BCIO HO Members gave advice in ways to overcome these struggles. Additionally BCIO HO Members took notes of the major problems and how BCIO can take steps to aid BRIDGE Club's with these.

As the meeting came to a close it was clear that whilst there are many problems that BRIDGE Club's are facing, it is easy to share in a protected environment and there are ways to face these

problems in order to overcome them. The meeting ended with a sense of hope and PA's were given advice on how to deal with the problems in a step-by-step process. Communication with PA's and BCIO HO Members was clearly established and they are now in active communication, supporting BRIDGE Club's with overcoming their problems.

## **Common Activity**

The main aim of this session was to guide the Peace Ambassadors about what a Common Activity is, its features, objectives, previous CAs and to discuss about the CA suggestions which were sent



through the PA questionnaires. Three main CA suggestions, as selected by discussion between BCIO Head Office Members and APCC Staff, were presented to the PAs to receive their feedback. Common problems in carrying out CA of previous years were discussed in order to rectify those in this year's CA. Suggestions from PAs and Area Manager were collected in finalizing the CA for this year.

## PA Chaperon meeting

Mr. Kurashige, Senior Executive Director of APCC, commenced the meeting with the opening address, followed by screening a video on 'Next APCC' initiative. Mr. Mori, Director of Content Development Department explained about the APCC Global BRIDGE Partnership. Then a video was screened about Wing Kids project and Mission Project, emphasizing how Global BRIDGE Leaders are nurtured by them. It was followed by presentations from the chaperones of the Philippines and New Zealand about the experiences of Spring Mission Projects to their countries. One group of Chaperone's presented a declaration, which was created during the Chaperon workshop. Afterwards, Mr. Yasutake, Operating Director of the 26<sup>th</sup> APCC discussed about 2015 Mission Project and 27th APCC Invitation Project. BCIO Head Office Members Ayumi and Oscar did the presentations on GBL training camp and report of "Peace by Piece" art contest - Common Activity 2013, respectively. Then the winners of the art contest were announced by Kasun, BCIO Head Office Member and prizes were distributed by Mr. Masuda, Managing Director of BCIO. Common Activity 2014 was introduced as a photography contest in which the details would be announced within August 2014. Arief, BCIO Area Manager, gave his presentation about the Second BC Presidents' meeting which will be held in Indonesia in 2015. The meeting was concluded after a Q&A session.





### **PAAs-JAs exchange program**

The PA-JA exchange program was the best part where all the PAs interacted with the JAs and it was really good time to interact. Seeing their respective PAs, all the JAs were running towards them and were very happy to see each other after 3 days. Room leaders too were very happy seeing their PA friends. All the PAs introduced themselves to the JAs and greeted them in their native language or by saying aloud “Konnichiwa”. After their introduction, all the PAs and Head Office Members asked JAs about what they will be doing after going back from Fukuoka, how many friends they made?, are they enjoying the marine house? And JAs responded with great enthusiasm and were enjoying interacting with the PAs. PAs also did Cha Cha dance for JA and involved them. It was an ice breaking strategy that we all followed to make JAs more comfortable. Then there was a question answer round with JAs from Ashima Agarwal in which first JAs were asked about what is APCC and what is there role of participation in 26<sup>th</sup> APCC? Do they want to return to Japan again as PAs? JAs from Russia, Australia and India were participating actively and also encouraged other shy JAs to give answers. They were giving answers in a word or line but it was a good way to open them up. Then PAs joined in and told them about BRIDGE Club and how JAs can be part of BCs after going back to their homelands. In the end the PAs joined the JAs and all sung the ‘We are the BRIDGE’ song. The session was ended by the group photograph. PAs and JAs then shared experiences over dinner where they had a chance to interact with each other. 3 PAs were included in each group of JAs for dinner exchange program.



### **How to Maintain Strong BC session**

We had the session on How to Maintain Strong BCs on 15<sup>th</sup> July. In this session, all of us learned important things for making and maintaining a strong BC through the presentation and games. Before starting presentation, we had TELEPHONE game as an icebreaker. PAs were divided into 5 groups and one person in each group passed a secret message down to next person until the message travels to the end. The goal is to have the correct message and at the end of the game match it with the original.



In this simple game, all PAs experienced how communication, networks and teamwork helped to reach our goal. Then back to the presentation, we learned that the important strategy to reach our goal is “**TEAM**”. This keyword contains 4 meanings, **Time**, **Environment**, **Ability**, and **Motivation**. **TEAM** is very different from **GROUP**, so we discussed the difference and reminded that **TEAM** is very important for our BC activities. After obtaining these ideas, we had the **TELEPHONE** game again. We found that we could improve our communication skills more and more after being conscious of the word, **TEAM**. In addition, we reconfirmed the

meaning of being PAs and their responsibilities. The most touching moment of this session was hug time with all PAs, and finally we made a big circle, and shouted [We are the **BRIDGE**] many times to keep our strong ties and motivation.

### **Public Relations session**

During the PA Program at Global Arena, all PA's took part in the Public Relations session. The focus of this presentation was to enlighten PA's on how to make effective use of all media to publicize and promote the work done by **BRIDGE Club's**, **BCIO** and **APCC**.

We started the session with a presentation explaining PR and existing successful use of PR in **BRIDGE Club's**, explaining all useful platforms for communicating the **APCC**, **BCIO** and unique **BC** vision.



After the presentation we moved into a large circle so we could discuss various ways the PA's have used PR in their own **BRIDGE Club's** and what leaders in their **BRIDGE Clubs** have accomplished. Listening to the performance of each **BRIDGE Club's** PR helped the **BCIO HO** Members to analyse/answer questions tailored to each **BRIDGE Club's** national needs with regards to availability to Internet media and other forms of communication.

As a result we were able to learn a lot from not only the initial presentation but also from listening to each other. We found that often one problem being experienced by a PA in their BRIDGE Club had been conquered by another BRIDGE Club and so PA's learnt that through communication of these problems the PA's could find answers.

A few guidelines were established for the effective use of PR in BRIDGE Club's. Firstly all PA's are now in the process of either creating or maintaining an official BRIDGE Club Facebook Page. Secondly all PA's were trained and given instructions on how to upload to the BCIO website activity reports. Overall the Public Relations session was a success and now the PA's are bringing this information back to their BRIDGE Club to improve its active PR.

### **Field trip to Munakata shrine**

The visit to Munakata shrine with the Munakata people was one of the good opportunities for the PAs to learn Japanese culture. Around 13 students (high school and university) of Munakata city guided PAs in moving around the shrine. They taught how to wash hand before entering to the shrine, how to pray in Japanese style as well as share the history of shrine. PAs seemed very interested in learning it. After spending 1 hour in the shrine, all of them returned to the Global arena. Each group then presented what they learnt from this visit.



### **Funding session**

Session on Funding was given in Global Arena and it was delivered on 15<sup>th</sup> July. It was a very interactive session as the start was with the question "Why funds are required??" and all came up with the necessity they have of the funds for completing any small event such as publishing BC brochures to banners to thinking of doing any big event. Funds are the base for doing things. And presently most of the BCs collect it by shelling out money from their own pockets. Methods of collecting funds were told during the session like asking for grants, from individuals and from philanthropies. Apart from this the main source of funds should come from membership fee, selling club merchandise and or other things, organizing events to get sponsors and requesting donations. Then in between the countries that have



good funding system gave their way of collecting funds or how they don't have to worry about funds as their Liaison officer support them. Artur from Atlanta and Oscar from New Zealand shared their fundraising method through membership and with support of LO.

There was role play given in this so as to make PAs learn how they should approach an organization for sponsorship for a BC Event say for example for keeping BC President's meeting, how will they approach the company and what preparations are required for it. This was a really fun exercise and a memorable learning experience for life. All coordinated greatly and really gave a good role play. Finally the session concluded by restating the gist of the presentation. Which was to properly market your organization and project its mission and vision to the donating organization.

### **PA Program Summary**

The last session of PA camp was the summary session where all the PAs shared what they learnt from this 5 day camp. All the PAs promised to help in strengthening their BC.

### **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 16 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.



### **Japanese Food Cooking with BRIDGE Club Japan**

PAs and BCJ members cooked Japanese traditional foods together on 19<sup>th</sup> July. The traditional dishes were Miso-soup, Gameni, and Onigiri. These were not easy to cook even for the Japanese participants, because the recipes were very complicated, especially Miso-soup and Gameni in which it's needed to make a broth first.

But all groups cooked it very well, and we all enjoyed Japanese traditional foods with saying [ITADAKIMASU]. BCJ members and PAs had a wonderful time with each other.



### **BCIO Booth, We are the BRIDGE Festival, 2014**

BCIO Booth was probably the most active booth at 'We are the BRIDGE' festival held in JR Hakata City, event space from 11am to 5pm. It was decorated with winning artworks of 'Peace by Piece' art contest. All the Peace Ambassadors took charge of the booth in a number of groups, with the help of BCIO volunteers. The main attraction was the ring game for which kids and adults alike participated throughout the festival. PAs talked with the visitors about BCIO, their own countries and BRIDGE Clubs. Winners of the ring game were presented with gifts brought from countries of the PAs. The participants really enjoyed it and went back with memorabilia from different parts of the world!

Another highlight of the event was when Peace Ambassadors took the stage. All of them wore traditional dresses depicting their countries and performed a beautiful fashion show. Afterwards the BCIO Head Office Members introduced themselves and PA s returned to stage for their surprise act of the 'Cha-Cha' dance. It was a fun filled session in which audience also participated in dancing with the PAs.







**See you again!!!**