

REPORT

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VIRTUAL PA PROGRAM

BCIO

BRIDGE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

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Message from BCIO General Manager

The global citizen has been living through another year under pandemic Covid-19 in 2021. Even this year we have been facing a new deadlier variant of the virus. Due to the situation, the APCC event and PA Camp have to be conducted virtually again.

Learning from the 2020 Virtual PA Camp, the BCIO Management concerns about PA engagement. As it was conducted for only 6 hours in 2 days, the chance for PA interaction and engagement was low. Based on past PA batches, strong engagement led to strong collective motivation, which in turn helped PAs to take active roles of leadership within their club.



Taking all the consideration, the BCIO Management decided to conduct the 2021 PA Program for 3 days, with 2-month intervals in between. PAs were also given some tasks to be done between the event. This format was proven to be effective in encouraging PAs long term active participation.

Overall, we are satisfied with the 2021 PA Program and its result. Credits for this excellent conduct go to the 2021 BCIO Head Office Members. M. Moiz Qazi and Garima Khakurel who have been trusted to become HOMs for the second year, also Ameya Chandak and Fatima Tuz Zehra the new HOMs; their creative ideas, enthusiasm, and teamwork made the event went smooth, fruitful, and entertaining.

Of course, the program would not be able to conduct without support from the BCIO Management, and the BCIO Board of Directors. My highest appreciation goes to these people. Most of all, it is my highest gratitude to see your active participation as PAs within this limitation of the virtual program. From you, I am seeing future leaders of the BCIO. Hope you all keep active, and we will meet in person in Fukuoka after the pandemic is over. We are the BRIDGE!

Arief Adinoto
BCIO General Manager

Messages from BCIO Head Office Members

The journey as a HOM 2021 has been one of the most enriching. Ever since I got to be a PA in 2019, I wanted an opportunity to give back to APCC, and being a HOM was one of the best ways I could! Thank you to the BCIO management for making me a part of the HOM team! A very big thanks to my fellow HOMs Moiz, Garima and Fatima who are now buddies rather than partners!



To all the PAs, first of all, a very hearty congratulations for performing spectacularly as a PA despite all the difficulties you could face. You all have done a great job and we all are proud of you! Please consider this as the start of your journey with APCC and your BRIDGE CLUB. You all are aware of the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead of you at APCC, be a part of them. Being a PA means getting ready to handle your BC effectively. I am sure 2021 PAs have more than the capability to be the leaders APCC requires.

Despite the pandemic, we were able to conduct a very effective PA camp, and that was possible all because of the massive participation we received from you. The PA tasks were done in a meticulous way and in full detail. Wish you the best of luck, and let's meet as soon as the pandemic is over.

Sayonara!

Ameya Chandak, HOM 2021



A group of people from different parts of the world who are young, energetic, and the ambassadors of the OMOIYARI spirit coming together to learn, grow and build a strong network among themselves is what PA camp meant to me. When I found that I would be a part of organizing this PA camp virtually for the second time with a group of exceptional BCIO Head Office Members, I was thrilled.



The goal HOMs had set to meet via this year's PA camp was to help this batch of Peace Ambassadors understand APCC better and equip them to strengthen different aspects of their BRIDGE CLUBs while using the platform to foster their personal growth at the same time. I'm grateful to the BCIO management team and my fellow head office members who dedicated their time and all the effort it required to design and execute the Virtual PA Camp to meet this goal. I'd also like to extend my appreciation to the peace ambassadors who actively participated throughout the Virtual PA camp and made it a success. Cheers!

Garima Khakurel, HOM 2021

This pandemic has completely changed how things function, it has allowed us to push beyond our boundaries and be familiar with something new that was almost non-existent a couple of years back.

It's been an honor to serve as a Head Office Member for 2021 & 2022. These two years have been unique in the sense that the program was completely revamped to suit the pandemic's restrictions. I'll be honest, it was a challenge. The biggest hurdle we faced was to ensure that the legacy of the PA Programs is fulfilled; to create a program so engaging to properly instill the spirit & skills



needed for being a Peace Ambassador and for taking up a leadership role in the future. And I am glad that with the support of fellow HOMs, BCIO Management & the participation of PAs we managed to continue the legacy to the best of our capability.

To the PAs, I wish we could have met in person, but some things are inevitable. There is a time for everything, and I hope we get to meet each other for real sometime in the future. Till then, stay safe, give back, inspire, form everlasting friendships, and stay connected. Thanks for putting in your hard work. Kudos to you guys.

Enjoy!

M. Moiz A. Qazi, HOM 2021



My experience of being a part of APCC in one way or the other has always been great but this time it was new, unique, and exceptional. Despite everything being shifted online, I got to learn a lot from my fellow HOMs. It gives me immense happiness that we were able to conclude the PA Camp 2021 successfully and I hope the PAs had fun as well as learned through this opportunity.



I wish all the best to the participant PAs for their future activities in respective BRIDGE Clubs and hope that they can implement whatever they learned through the camp and keep the OMOIYARI spirit alive and high in their BCs. I would like to thank BCIO management for giving me this opportunity and my fellow HOMs for their cooperation throughout the camp.

Indeed, teamwork is the key to success!

Let's hope things get normalized soon.

Stay blessed!

Fatima Tuz Zehra, HOM 2021

Introduction

The three-day Virtual PA camp was concluded on 7th September 2021. Despite having just 3 days of online sessions, the program stretched up to around four months where the Peace Ambassadors did different activities with each other and among their BRIDGE CLUBs. Since the Virtual PA camp was an extensive journey with a lot of learning, the third day of the program focused on reflecting upon the learnings and the journey itself.

The PAs were also shown what opportunities lay before them after the completion of the program. Day 3 was full of contemplating, reflecting, bonding, and preparing for what was yet to come.

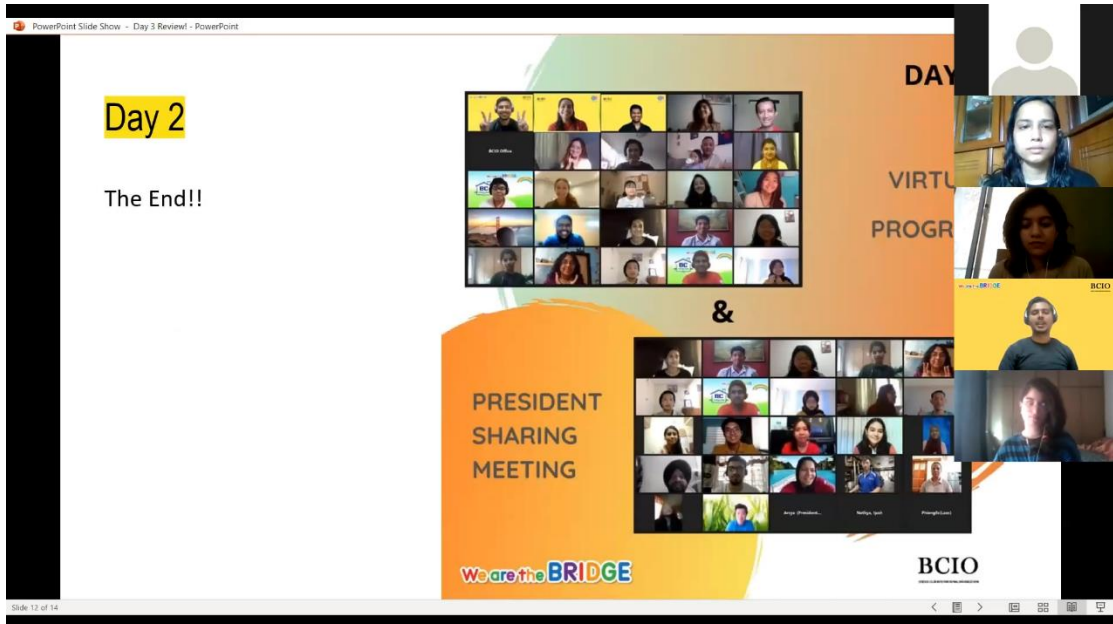
Following are the sessions that were part of day 3 of Virtual PA Camp.

1. Welcome & Recap

PAs joining the online meeting with the 'We Are the BRIDGE' song playing in the background was how Day 3 started. It was then followed by a video depicting the PAs journey and what it meant. The video showed what it really meant to become a Peace Ambassador and how special it is.

After the video was played, one of the Head Office Members, Mr. Muhammad Moiz Ashraf Qazi welcomed everyone and gave a quick recap of the Virtual PA Camp 2021. He shared what each of the sessions that PAs attended signified and how they could use it for themselves and their BRIDGE CLUBs in the days to come.



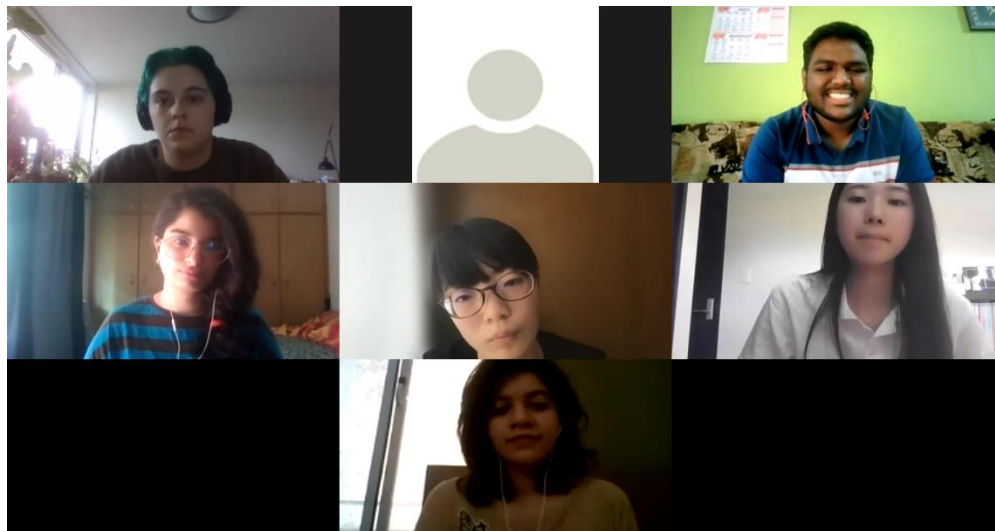


2. Breakout Room Conversation

During the Virtual PA camp, PAs were divided into different Zoom breakout rooms to brainstorm on different topics and ideas, but this time it was different. The PAs were divided into groups for them to have conversations they wanted to and simply bond. In this session, the PAs shared different things about themselves, their ideas, experiences, and APCC memories.

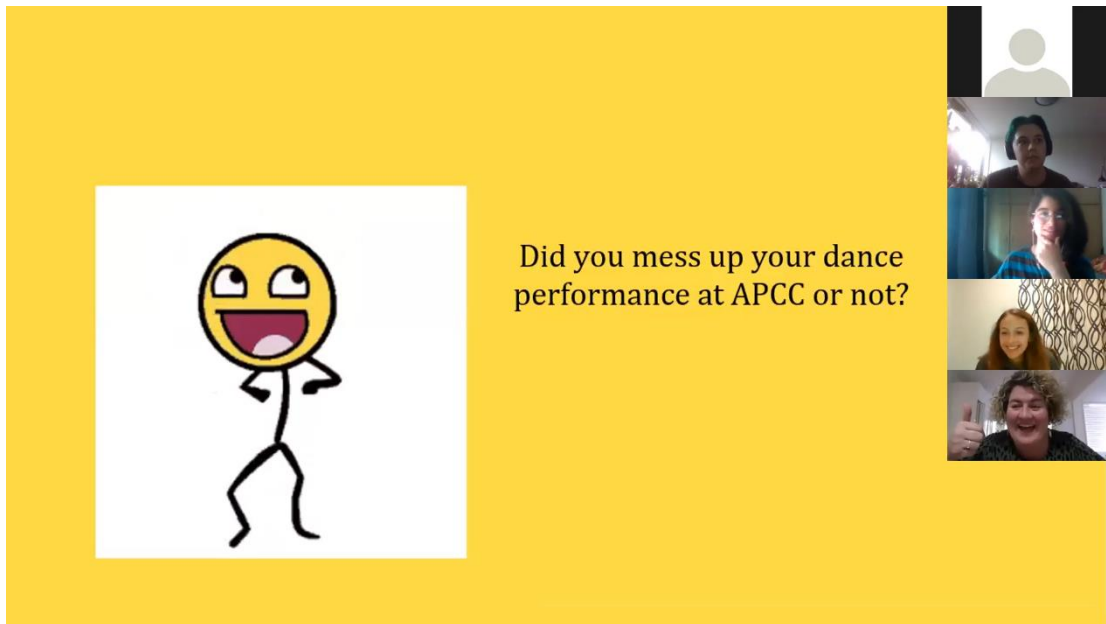
3. Interaction with BVSC Facilitators

After interacting with each other, PAs were then introduced to the facilitators of the BRIDGE Virtual Summer Camp. Each one of the PAs would support one facilitator during the BRIDGE Virtual Summer Camp (BVSC) for Junior Ambassadors, which was scheduled to happen in August. They were also provided with a brief overview of what their role in BVSC would be like. The facilitators and Peace Ambassadors along with other supporters were delighted to get to know each other and be a part of the BVSC.



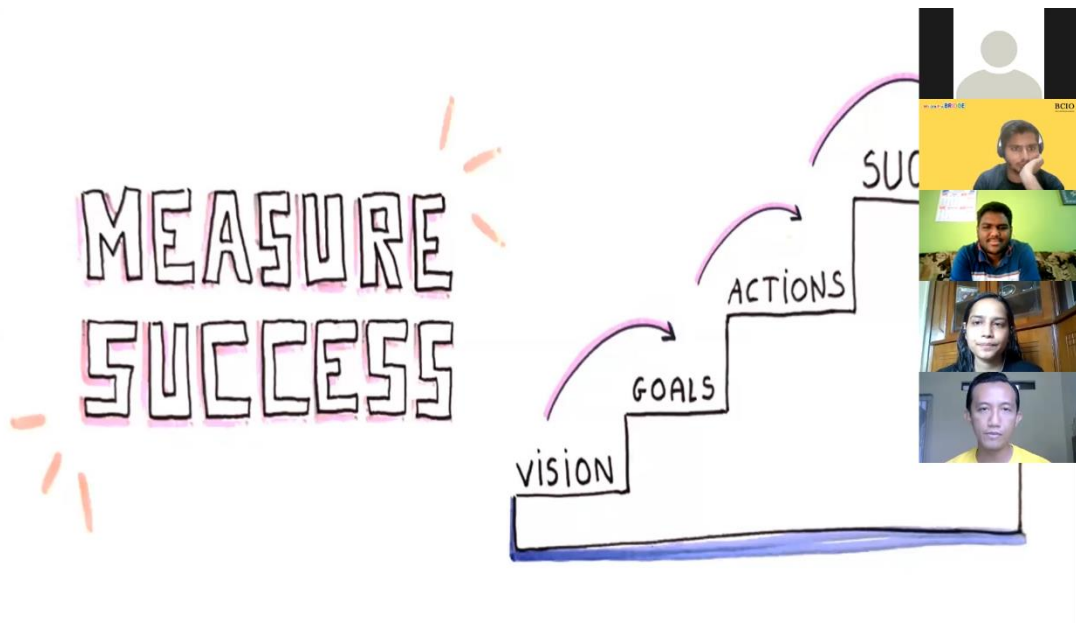
4. Game-Time

The breakout room session with the facilitators of BVSC was followed by a quick Rapid-Fire Game. The PAs were asked different questions and the answers were fun. It was refreshing and also helped the PAs know each other better.



5. What Next After Becoming a PA?

One of the important sessions of the day was the one given by BCIO General Manager, Mr. Arief Adinoto. He conducted an engaging session that gave PAs a clear picture of what their next steps could be. This session encouraged the PAs to look out for more opportunities available for them and use them for good.



6. PAs Reflections

Towards the end of Day 3 and the end of Virtual Summer Camp, each one of the PAs shared what it was like for them to take on their journey as Peace Ambassadors. They shared about what they learned and how they were able to create strong bonds even in a virtual program.

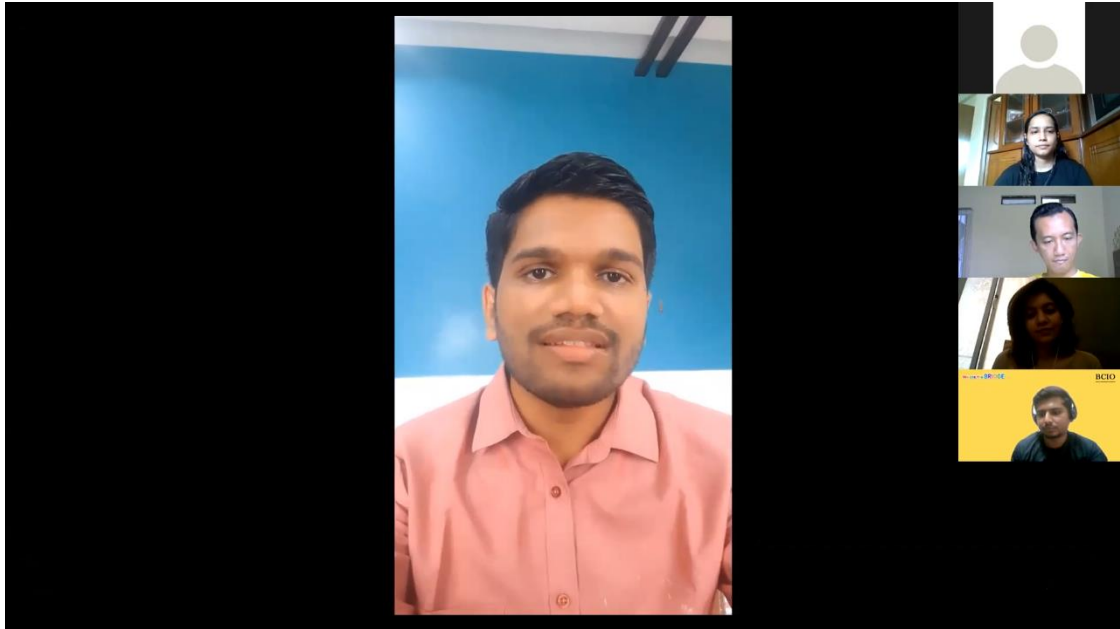


7. HOM stories

After hearing from the Peace Ambassadors, it was then the time to hear the stories from Head Office Members. HOM Ms. Fatima Chaudhary shared her APCC story and her experience working as a President of BRIDGE CLUB Pakistan. What she had been able to do in her local BRIDGE Club was commendable and inspiring for the Peace Ambassadors to take similar roles in their respective BRIDGE CLUBS.

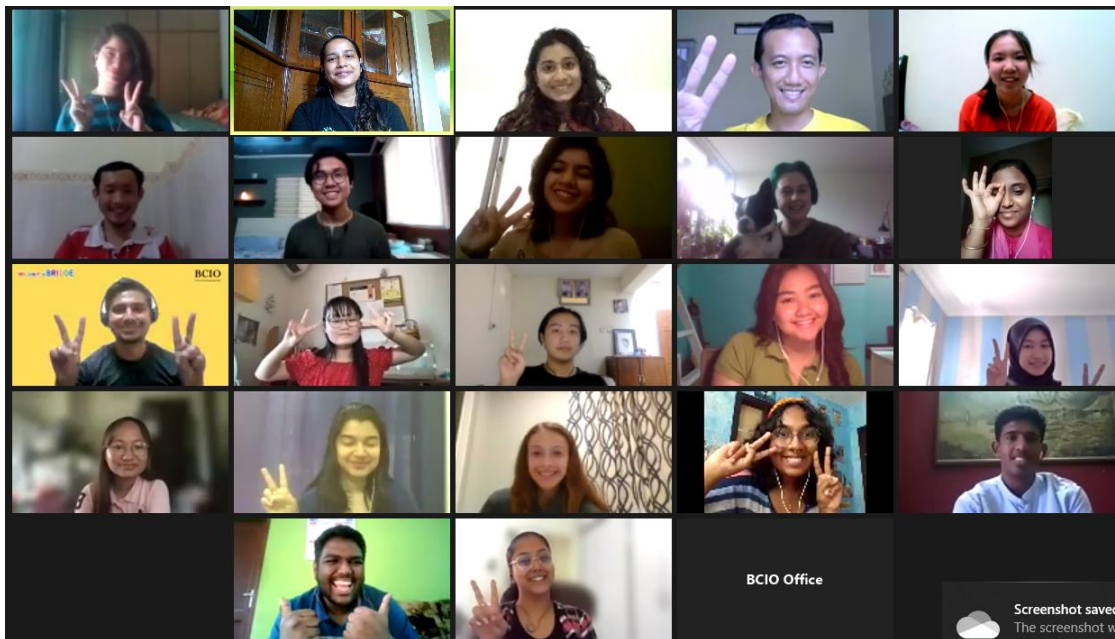
After Fatima's story, a video message from HOM Ameya Chandak was also shared. In the video, he mentioned how the day did not just mark the end of Virtual PA Camp 2021 but the beginning of a journey of the Peace Ambassadors in creating more impact in their lives, people around them, and their BRIDGE CLUBS.

- In 2010, Bridge Club Pak established.
- I remember I received a call from Chairman BCP Mr. Mir Mur asking me if I was willing to be a member of Bridge Club Pa wanted to go back to Japan.
- My instant response was a Yes!



8. The Conclusion

The months-long program was wrapped up by HOM Mr. Muhammad Moiz Ashraf Qazi by giving his closing remarks which resonated with the idea that the ending of the PA program was indeed a beginning of a new journey for the PAs. Finally, what every PA camp is incomplete without, the 'We Are The BRIDGE' song was played and everyone sang it together. And at that moment, one could feel each other's connection with the song and all the APCC memories they have created so far, both online and offline.



Name List of 2021 Peace Ambassadors

Country	Name
Atlanta	Jamie Rivka Marlowe
	Nithya Guthikonda
Australia	Chanel Pardoe (Representative)
Bangladesh	Afsana Rokaiya Lima
Bhutan	Namgay Thinley
Cambodia	Sovanndara Soem
India	Nishant Gupta
	Suraji Govindarajan
Indonesia	Lula Yasminabel Hakim
Ipoh	Poon Shi Yu
	Raavenkumar Selvakumaran
Japan	Mizuki Yasuoka
Maldives	Aishath Faathin Maseeh
Myanmar	Min Khant Tun
	Khin Yati Win
Nepal	Pragya Bomjan Tamang
Pakistan	Saman Zahid Khokar
Philippines	Luis Alfonso Maranan Minglana
	Nina Simone Moran Herrera
Sri Lanka	Nilukshan Krishnaram

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Mr. Ameya Chandak	India	BCIO Head Office Member 2021
Ms. Fatima Tuz Zehra	Pakistan	BCIO Head Office Member 2021
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