

Guideline for the Peace Ambassador Program

Last year, we launched a new style of the Peace Ambassador (PA) program in order to give PAs more opportunities to learn from the program and develop their local BRIDGE CLUBs (BCs). We are continuing the PA program in the same style this year. It is our hope to see the continued growth of the BCs and the BCIO with such dedicated PAs.

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

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

BKP 2024				BKP 2025
PA application	Selection of PA	Virtual PA Program	Selection of PA for PA Program in Fukuoka	PA program in Fukuoka
April, 2024	June, 2024	August, 2024	January, 2025	July 2025

*BKP = BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

 If you have any questions, please contact: office@bcio.world

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

Asian Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka (APCC) will be inviting former Junior Ambassadors to become Peace Ambassadors (PAs) and to participate in the Peace Ambassador (PA) program. The selected PAs will participate in the virtual PA program this year. The same PAs, who meet the requirements, will be invited to the PA Program, which will take place in Fukuoka, during the BRIDGE Summer Camp, BKP 2025.

PAs will exchange ideas on BRIDGE CLUB (BC) activities and strengthen their friendships through various programs. The aim of the PA program is to enhance participants' skills to become Global BRIDGE Leaders. If you are an active member of your BC, and is highly motivated to become a Peace Ambassador please read the following guidelines thoroughly and apply by May 30, 2024.

Schedule of the Virtual PA Program

August 17, 2024 (11:00- 13:00 JST)

August 24, 2024 (11:00- 13:00 JST)

Schedule of the PA Program in Fukuoka

July 2025 (Date will be informed later)

Objectives:

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

Participation Criteria for PA programs:

A. Must have taken part in APCC between **1989 (the 1st APCC)** and **2019 (the 31st APCC)** as a Junior Ambassador (JA).

* The age of participant must be at least 16 years old as of June 30, 2024.

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

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

*For the PA program in Fukuoka in 2025, APCC will manage visa support documents and air ticket from his/her home country only.

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

Regarding guidelines for the PA Program to be held as part of BRIDGE Summer Camp, BKP 2025 will be shared with the selected PAs in January 2025. Please understand that BCIO Management Members will evaluate all the PAs performance and activities in the first year, and only active PAs will be invited to join the program in 2025 in Fukuoka.

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

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

Selection Process: BRIDGE CLUB Nomination:

< Applications must reach the BCIO Head Office by **May 30, 2024** >

Applicant:

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

BRIDGE CLUB officers:

- BRIDGE CLUB can select a maximum of 2 applicants to be sent to the BCIO Head Office as nominees for the Peace Ambassador position. The BCIO Head Office must receive all applications by **May 30, 2024**.

BCIO Head Office:

- Collect all nominee applications by the deadline
- June, 2024: Select PAs and announce the results to Liaison Offices
- * We may ask to conduct an online interview as part of the selection process. For the online interview we will contact the applicant directly by mid of June 2024.

Liaison Office:

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

Selected PAs:

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

Advertisement for the PA Invitation:

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

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

Necessary Documents for PA Application:

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

Applicant must submit following documents together by May 30, 2024.

1. Application Form

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

Application form Name: [2024 PA Application Form](#)

2. Application Video

Applicant should submit 1-minute video. In the video, please introduce yourself and explain why you want to be a Peace Ambassador and what skills or ideas you can bring as a PA to the camp and your BC? Please check ["Application Video Instruction"](#)

3. Two Letters of Recommendation

* Letter of Recommendation from BC President.

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

4. Curriculum Vitae / Resume

5. Your BC activity plan for the year 2024

Contact: BCIO Head Office

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