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PEACE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM 2026

July 10th – July 22nd 2026

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The APCC Vision

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We, as members of APCC,
will become global citizens
with an **OMOIYARI** spirit,
Creating a more peaceful world
where the smiles of children abound.

*OMOIYARI is the spirit of
Respect and Understanding

The BCIO Promise

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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.

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PA Program Objectives

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

BCIO Objectives

- To improve and vitalize BRIDGE projects
- Utilize the strengths of each BC and to establish active global citizens.
- To give a foothold for all APCC participants and local BC members.

Program Schedule

Date	Time	Content	Venue
July 10th		Arrival	Marine House
July 11th		Arrival/ Orientation Camp	
July 12th		Arrival/ Orientation Camp	
	15:00-17:00	PA Welcome Session	
	19:15-20:15	Opening ceremony of BRIDGE Summer Camp	
July 13th		Orientation Camp	
	13:00-15:00	PA Session	
	19:00-20:00	Next Chapter Party	
July 14th	AM	Help Orientation Division	
	16:00-17:30	BCIO & BCPN Masterclass	Global Arena
	19:30-21:00	Fashion Show Rehearsal	
July 15th	9:00-10:00	Understanding yourself and working with others (1)	
	10:15-11:45	Stand Out! How to Build a Winning Application	
	13:30-15:00	Motivations and Incentives for BCs	
	15:15-16:15	Cultural Mapping	
	16:30-17:30	Understanding yourself and working with others (2)	

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July 15th	19:30-21:00	Fashion Show Rehearsal	Global Arena
July 16th	9:00-10:30	Social media and digital marketing	
	10:45-11:45	Leadership in Action	
	13:30-15:00	Designing Effective Workshops	
	15:15-16:15	Marketing & Branding	
	16:30-17:30	Wrap Up	
	19:30-21:00	Fashion Show Rehearsal	
July 17th	10:00	Leave Global Arena	
	11:30	Meet with Host Family & Homestay starts	Airef
July 18th	13:00-15:00	Exchange program with Japanese Highschool Students	Fukuoka City General Gymnasium
	13:30-17:30	APCC We are the BRIDGE Festival	
July 19th		Homestay	
July20th		Departure / Homestay	
July 21st		Departure	
July 22nd		Departure	

Peace Ambassadors 2025-2026

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Bangladesh



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Bhutan



Pichanak
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Hawai'i



Rishika
India



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Korea



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Maldives



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Myanmar



Shreeti
Nepal



Muhammad
Pakistan



Anika
Philippines



Lakith
Sri Lanka



Thao
Vietnam

Message from the BCIO Head Office Members



Chloe Martin
BC Australia
JA2014/ PA2024

Thank you to the other HOMs, the BCIO Management Team and the PA division for their guidance and mentorship over the past year to support us to deliver this program. Most importantly, thank you to the PAs for being open to learn, willing to share ideas and collaborate and for being such a kind and joyful group to work with. I hope that the friendship and dedication you each showed during the program will stay with you as you become leaders in your own BCs.



Nishant
BC India
JA2014/ PA2021

Being part of this PA Camp as a Head Office Member has been a truly rewarding experience. It was wonderful to see everyone come together, share ideas, learn from one another, and make the most of every opportunity. Seeing the PAs step up, support each other, and bring their own energy to the camp was especially encouraging. A heartfelt thank you to the entire team and everyone who worked behind the scenes to make this camp possible. I hope everyone takes back not just valuable learnings, but also beautiful memories, lasting friendships, and the confidence to take on new challenges. Wishing you all the very best in your journey ahead!



Mizuki Yasuoka
BC Japan
JA2016/ PA2021,2022

This cohort of Peace Ambassadors engaged actively in each session. I was also delighted to see how each PAs were taking care of their JAs at Marine House, which I strongly expected to see. Overall, at the camp, PAs contributed to smooth and organised facilitation by showing respect for each other and strong enthusiasm.
Personally, becoming a head office member and being involved in PA camp again was a long-held goal of mine.
I sincerely thank this team and all people who were involved in this camp for your contribution.

Message from the BCIO Assistant Manager

— Raia Alexis T. Gallardo



Looking back on the Virtual and in-person Peace Ambassador Programs of 2025-2026, I am grateful to have witnessed the growth, dedication, and friendships that blossomed throughout this journey. Our HOMs worked hard to create meaningful experiences for the PAs, while the PAs themselves brought openness, enthusiasm, and omoiyari to every opportunity to learn and connect.

I hope this program has been more than a memorable experience, that it has inspired each PA to stay active in their BRIDGE CLUBs, nurture the friendships they have made, and continue discovering how they can contribute to our shared mission. Becoming a Peace Ambassador is not the end of the journey, but the beginning of many more opportunities to build bridges across borders.

To our HOMs and PAs, thank you for making this journey meaningful. I look forward to seeing the bridges you will continue to build.

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PA Welcome Session (Jul.12)

BCIO Head Office Members





The PA Program officially began with the PA Welcome Session at Marine House. They PAs formed pairs during an icebreaker game and introduced themselves, sharing their expectations for the program. Following this the group completed a PA bingo card, learning about their shared interests and completing mini social media challenges. Finally, the highly anticipated task to learn the Fashion Show performance began! Among the laughs during this session we saw the bonds between the PAs forming.



Opening Ceremony BRIDGE Summer Camp

Orientation Division & BCIO Management Team





At the Opening Ceremony for the BRIDGE Summer Camp, BCIO Assistant Manager, Raia, acted as the MC creating an exciting start to the program. Speeches encouraged the JAs to embrace the experience, with volunteers and chaperones sharing what APCC means to them. Damste represented the PAs, sharing her APCC journey and reflections.

BCIO Intro Session (Jul.13)

Raia Alexis T. Gallardo, BCIO Assistant Manager





The BCIO, BCPN and APCC intro session engaged the PAs and HOMs through a live quiz bee on general organizational knowledge. It was a fun opportunity to revisit what they knew, learn from one another, and reconnect with the stories behind our organizations. After all, the best way to share information is through stories that bring our history, values, and mission to life.

Next Chapter Party

Orientation Division & BCIO Management Team





During the Next Chapter Party the PAs and HOMs gave a special performance, teaching the JAs and APCC volunteers the Cha Cha Slide dance. This was also an opportunity for the PAs and HOMs to introduce themselves and encourage JAs to aspire to return to APCC in the future.

BCIO & BCPN Masterclass

Raia Alexis T. Gallardo, BCIO Assistant Manager





In the BCIO Masterclass, Raia spoke about the importance of pipelining and reinforced the Peace Ambassadors that their journey has only just begun. There are many ways to stay active and grow within the APCC network, whether through leadership roles in their local BRIDGE CLUBs, progressing to being HOM, or exploring horizontal and diagonal pathways such as joining the Newsletter Team, contributing to ad hoc projects, or becoming a BCPN intern. There is no single path to leadership, every role is an opportunity to keep learning, and contribute meaningfully.

Drawing from her own journey, Raia shared how APCC has remained part of every milestone in her life. She encouraged PAs to preserve and share their experiences through storytelling, inviting them to reflect on the question, *"What bridge will you build next?"* Through their own BCIO stories and continued involvement, each PA can help inspire future generations and keep the BRIDGE strong long after the program ends.

Understanding yourself and working with others

Chloe Martin, BCIO Head Office Member





Across these sessions the PAs considered the overarching question '*what experience, skills and strengths do I have that I can draw upon as a leader within my BC*?'. During the sessions delegation, communication and feedback, essential concepts when working with a team, were discussed and PAs worked collaboratively through different BC related scenarios.

The first session included opportunities for self reflection and a team challenge where PAs had only newspaper and sticky tape to creating a 30cm tower that held the most lollies. This introduction helped the PAs to identify the roles they adopt when working in a team. The second session included a drawing challenge where PAs worked in pairs to describe and draw an abstract image, prompting discussions surrounding how clear instructions, asking questions and providing feedback made the process easier.

Across the two sessions, a reoccurring discussion was regarding the SMART goals set during the Virtual PA Program, the challenges the PAs had encountered and the collective experience, skills and strengths within the group. A key focus was supporting PAs to identify who within both their PA batch and BCs could support them in achieving their goals and promoting a collaborative environment following the PA Program.

Stand Out!
How to Build a Winning Application

Mizuki Yasuoka, BCIO Head Office Member





This session explored how to utilise the opportunities available during and after the APCC and BCIO experiences. These can range from individual opportunities to BC activities, such as university and scholarship applications, internships, BCIO positions, and subsidy or sponsorship opportunities for BRIDGE CLUBs. The session also aimed to present BC experiences as strengths of both individuals and each BC, helping them gain further opportunities.

We first explored how participants could discover suitable opportunities. We also introduced platforms such as official websites and social media and explained how to determine whether an opportunity is relevant by carefully reviewing the application information.

The session concluded with an activity using a worksheet to organise and visualise schedules, eligibility requirements, and the strengths and weaknesses of each individual or BC, helping to turn dreams into achievable goals.

Motivations and Incentives for BRIDGE CLUBs

Nishant Gupta, BCIO Head Office Member





This session focused on increasing active members in PA's respective BRIDGE CLUBs and motivating the future leaders of their BCs.
Throughout the session, PAs brainstormed together considering how they can collaborate with other BCs to increase JA engagement.
We started the session by understanding where each PA's BCs are currently at in terms of member retention, activities and goals. PAs then learnt more about BCIO as an organisation and how it can be used as a resource to engage members. The session was divided two parts - Inherit Value and Created Value of their BCs.
For the activity part, PAs set both current and future goals for our BCs. All the PAs performed really well, sharing their perspectives on the topic, making suggestions and discussing together, helping their fellow PAs to set goals.

Cultural Mapping

Mizuki Yasuoka, BCIO Head Office Member





This session aimed to deepen participants' understanding of cultural differences and people's behaviour. We also welcomed Mr Yutaka Aso, the chairman of APCC, who participated in the activity with us.

The session consisted of two parts: a group discussion and a lecture. First, participants were presented with ten questions about how they would behave in certain situations. They described their behaviour in one or two words and then shared their answers with the group.

The lecture explored how individual behaviour can vary and emphasised the importance of respecting different cultures and values. It introduced Korthagen's Iceberg Model, a framework that helps people consider the thoughts, emotions, values, and other factors behind behaviour. Although it is unrealistic to learn about every culture, value, and perspective in the world, this model can help people understand others and become more open-minded and flexible. These qualities are crucial for demonstrating leadership and collaborating with diverse groups of people.

At the end of the session, the PAs created their own Iceberg Models, which visualised their behaviour and the various factors influencing it.

Social Media and Digital Marketing

Nishant Gupta, BCIO Head Office Member





The goal of this session was to understand the need of the hour - Social Media and Digital Marketing. This is essential for BCs because in this generation everybody is connected with each other through Social Media and to showcase our BCs effectively we should know how to market it properly.

The session started with learning what a brand is and how our BCs can become one. We dove into the topic by talking about brand recall and identification.

To better understand how to make a BC a brand and set its own identity, we used the S.P.A.M Framework, where S stands for Setting, P for Positioning, A for Awareness, M for Measurement.

To conclude the session PAs did an activity creating a vision board of their BC's social media. During this activity all the PAs performed very well and brought out their creative and unique side.







Leadership in Action

Mizuki Yasuoka, BCIO Head Office Member





This is the sequence of "What is a Good Leader?" from the virtual PA camp held in 2025 and "Cultural Mapping" from day 1 of the in-person PA camp. We explored more concrete actions that we can take to collaborate with diverse people and to tackle challenges together.

In the first part, we covered two dimensions of leadership: Lead yourself and Lead your team. As many researchers in the leadership development field note, self-care is an essential element for reinforcing yourself and demonstrating leadership within a team or community. We explored the concrete leadership actions that could be taken, such as journaling, 1-on-1 meetings, celebrating small wins and more.

In the second part of the session, we had a case study activity within each group, utilising a possible situation that could happen in their local BC, such as "One of your executive members volunteers for almost every task. The quality is excellent. However, recently they look exhausted and have become less positive during meetings." Each group discussed the solution and action plans, including feedback, in order to deal with the situation, as well as analysing their behaviour in the situation using the Iceberg model from the "Cultural Mapping" session.

Designing Effective Workshops

Chloe Martin, BCIO Head Office Member





The goal of this session was for PAs to develop practical skills for designing effective workshops and to apply their understanding to creating a presentation to give to JAs when they return home from APCC on the topic 'What's next for JAs after APCC?'.

PAs were introduced to Cognitive Load Theory which describes how information is stored and retrieved from working memory and long term memory. Taking cognitive load demands into consideration helps to ensure that attention and memory is directed to the important elements, providing working memory space to process new ideas. Discussion surrounded key considerations including keeping slides simple, pairing visuals and oral representations and prioritising accessibility and consistency. The PAs also considered features included at the start, during and the end of workshops which decrease cognitive load and support engagement such as connecting to prior knowledge, checking for understanding, practice new concepts or skills and concluding with a summary and reflection.



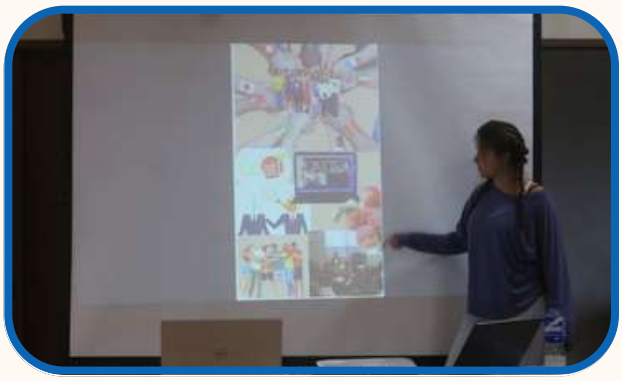




Marketing & Branding

Nishant Gupta, BCIO Head Office Member





Continuing the energy from their previous session on Social media and Digital Marketing, this session elaborated on how PAs can manage their BC's social media accounts. We focused on using the framework and their vision for their BCs and how to maintain the essence and individuality of their BCs.

The session started with understanding the difference between different social media platforms and what to post on each platform. We focused on the use of Instagram and how to create posts, stories and reels.

We then dived deeper into understanding the basic functionalities of Instagram and strategies to increase our reach and presence of our BC accounts.

We ended the session by creating Instagram posts, keeping all the major points learnt during the session in mind.

Wrap up

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The PAs would continue to spend some time together at the festival and travelling home; however, the program officially ended with the Wrap Up session. While it is hard to summarise the friendships built and the new understanding and perspectives gained throughout the program, it was clear the PAs had bonded during the PA program with many shared memories that they would carry home with them.

The session formally included a message from each of the HOMs, BCIO Assistant Manager and APCC Secretariat, a video montage of the program and an opportunity for everyone to write a message for each person who had played a part of this trip. Participating in a reflection activity where the group passed cards around and left a message for each person showed just how much each and every PA had contributed to the happiness, success and fun shared during the program.

The session concluded with everyone joining together to sing 'We Are the BRIDGE'.

Fashion Show Rehearsal





While the Fashion Show acts as a way to share elements of each PAs' culture and traditions with the APCC community, the Fashion Show rehearsals acts as an important part of the PAs bonding at camp. At rehearsals each night the PAs pushed themselves out of their comfort zones, acted as leaders to support those around them and reminded us that 'We're All In This Together'.

Homestay





Energy was high as the PAs left Global Arena and headed to meet their host families. For many of the PAs they had anticipated this moment throughout the week, looking forward to being reunited with the family who hosted them as JAs. After many years of keeping in touch, there were smiles (and a few tears) as everyone met again. This welcome alone demonstrated the kindness of the host families, the unforgettable bond formed between participants and how unforgettable the homestay experience is.

APCC Festival

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This was the very last time that Peace Ambassadors gathered together.

In the morning, there was a cultural exchange session with high school students from Fukuoka. PAs and high schoolers formed groups and shared reflections on the past five years and the next five years from now. Additionally, some Junior Ambassadors presented their local game from their country. Each group experienced unique activities from across Asia Pacific.

In the afternoon, the performance stage took place. The PA performance featured a remarkable performance and a fashion show as the finale of the event. Each of them wore traditional clothes from their region, and at the end of the performance, PAs went off the stage and involved the audience: JAs, Chaperones, Host families, volunteers, and some BC members who visited the venue.

The entire day turned out to be an excellent experience to interact with local people in Fukuoka and share cultures from our own countries and regions.

PHOTO GALLERY & REFLECTIONS



'To everyone who participated in this journey, I want to say thank you for sharing your smiles and laughter with me. I truly hope our paths cross again someday." - Kays





"The greatest lesson I gained was not only from the content we learned, but from the people who walked this journey with me." - Thao



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"We all left knowing that no matter where we come from, our hearts speak the exact same language!" - Lakith







"The PA Program inspired me to think about how I can contribute to BCIN's growth in India, encourage more young people to participate, and strengthen connections between BCIN and international communities.
This program has made me more confident, open-minded, and willing to take initiative. I am truly grateful to BCIO, the organizers, my fellow PAs, and everyone who made this journey so special. I hope to carry the spirit of friendship and peace from this experience into everything I do in the future."
- Rishika

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"One of the most sentimental parts of my journey was reuniting with my host family. Despite the years, we have always kept in touch. Seeing them again and being welcomed as if I had never left reminded me that we had created a family bond like no other, one that I know I will always have in Japan.

APCC is an unforgettable experience that stays with you long after you return home. The friendships, lessons, and values you gain become something you carry with you through whatever life brings." - Anika





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"From fellow PAs and HOMs to our host family, volunteers, and coordinators, everyone made the experience feel welcoming and meaningful. The connections I made, the things I learned, and the memories we created together are what I will carry with me long after the camp." - Eexaan







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"After months of virtual interactions, finally meeting my fellow PAs in person felt less like meeting strangers and more like reconnecting with friends. From learning together at Global Arena to experiencing the kindness of my host family and even stepping outside my comfort zone to learn and perform a cultural dance, every stage brought something different.
Most importantly, the program deepened my understanding of leadership, volunteering, and the Omoiyari Spirit. Seeing so many people give their time and energy to create opportunities for others reminded me what APCC's mission truly represents. I returned to Pakistan not only with memories and friendships, but with a stronger sense of purpose: to keep learning, contribute to my Bridge Club, give back, and hopefully help create the same experience for others someday." - MBA





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