

PROGRAM AND PLAN

BC PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

BCIO STRATEGIC PROGRAM

According to the new BCIO Management Structure, the Main BCIO Strategic Program is focusing on 3 aspects:

1. Attracting professional members to contribute to BC
2. Developing younger members (students) and maintaining their interest and active involvement in BC activities
3. Utilizing the database to develop BCIO/APCC

BCPN

The BCPN will play a significant role in realizing the following Strategic Plan Outcomes;



Personal and Career Development

This is focused on BCPN members firstly making friends and networking then possibly creating business opportunity and developing their careers



Career Startup Support

This is focused on BC members specifically in higher education to gain career experience and opportunities to enter professional life



Data Center

Developing a data center for the BCPN

What is BC Professional Network?

BC Professional Network is a BCIO subsidiary groups/organization special for professional BC members (former JAs that have graduated from college/university).

There have been more than 10 thousand former JA until 2015, and more than half of them had been graduated from college/university. These members have focused interest for their life, that is career and personal development. In fact, most BC active members are school students. We believe, these professional network could be a medium to exchange ideas, expertise, and experience in order to provide opportunities for career and personal development.

Who can be the members?

- Members of the BC Professional Network are BC members.
- It is exclusive for BC members only, but BC member is not automatically become a member of BC Professional Network.
- Interested BC member has to apply and to fulfill the member requirements (=to be determined).

What are the vision and mission of the BC Professional Network?

- Vision :
To strengthen, to develop, and to utilize BC network to work toward its goals.
- Mission :
To develop Global BRIDGE Leaders from BC network by providing opportunity for BC members to gain personal development in their profession through multicultural cooperation.

BRIDGE CLUB & PROFESSIONAL NETWORK POSITIONING

	BRIDGE CLUB	BC PROFESSIONAL NETWORK
Members	All former JA Based on country/region	Interested former JA
Expected Active Members	Up to higher education students	Professionals (and Higher Education Students)
Mission	To nurture 'OMOIYARI' spirit	To develop Global BRIDGE Leaders
Member's Purpose	Learning	Sharing / Contributing
Activity	Social / Charity Activity Common Activity (Top Down Order)	Career & Personal Development Empowerment (Bottom Up Initiative)
Cooperation	Within a country/region	Multiculture/Global

BCPN Purposes

There are 2 main purposes of BCPN:

1. To strengthen our friendship, and providing a medium where members can exchange information, ideas, and opportunity for personal and career development.
2. To share ideas, skills, expertise, and resources, to contribute to BCIO and BC members development.

Standing on these 2 purposes, the programs of BCPN will mainly be encouraging exchanges, both ideas and human resources. We are expecting BCPN members to think about how they can get benefit from the professional network, and how they can contribute to BCIO network. Then, they are expected to take initiative creating various kinds of projects to realize.

Personal and Career Development Programs

Meeting

Coming together for a meeting is a very important way to strengthen friendships, as well as being an effective way to exchange ideas and opportunities. At the meeting, members can introduce their professions, express their business ideas and discuss prospective ideas to create projects which will benefit both them, and the BCIO. At the meeting there could also be:

- A Business Forum Session
- Training
- A Seminar
- Business Tours
- etc.

Business Between BCPN Members

The biggest concern discussed during the BCPN session at the 2nd BC Presidents meeting was the concept of doing business between BCPN members.

If the business relationship does not go well, it may damage the friendship or even the network itself. If the business goes well then it may be a reason for members to want to be involved in BCPN.

The decision we came up with was to insure the following;

- Business matters should stay personal between involved parties.
- The BCPN must be used for contacting members only and it is recommended that no business should involve the APCC or any of its related bodies (including BCIO, BC, and BCPN).
- If the business is going to involve any aspect of the APCC then it must get written permission to do so.

Programs for Career Startup Support

Career Startup Support is meant for BC Members with higher education qualifications. Professional members can help them to get better prepared to enter professional life.

The program could include:

- Training and Seminars
- Company Visits
- Internships

The future plan is to realize exchange internships between countries. To start we could offer internships within one's country and then as we develop we can offer exchange internships globally.

Data Center and Communication Platform

The current APCC database is an extremely valuable resource. The way members contacts are stored currently makes it hard to utilise.

Developing a useful datatabase will take time and money. While we are waiting for the BCPN Database to be built we should use existing social media such as facebook to connect members instead of waiting for the database to be completed. Once the database is complete and tested we can move over to utilise the new system.