

BCIO Common Activity 2010-2011

“Bridge Club’s environmental actions towards safe and clean Earth -Setting up BC environmental action stations”

Given the varied prevailing and emerging environmental issues in the Asia-Pacific region which is both environment and climate sensitive, the 2010 Peace Ambassadors decided to set up BC environmental stations in individual countries for the year 2010-11. Considering that APCC ambassadors spread across the Asia-Pacific region are matured over two decades of experience, it is anticipated the ambassadors can now make bold moves and initiatives that can leave substantial impacts. Thus, it is in line with APCC objectives of children becoming ‘Global citizens’ and ensuring a safe earth for ‘Coexistence’.

Each BC will set up an environmental action station where BC members will design proactive measures through small activities to address environmental program relevant to their country. Where possible, BC will liaise with governmental or NGO bodies to initiate such activities.

The activity from each BC will be updated on the Common activity page on BCIO website with information and pictures. This way all members can also learn about the environmental issues in other countries and the strategies for addressing them worldwide. For example :

“Here in Australia there is a serious problem of drought, so we intend to harvest water for use on gardens.”

“Deforestation is a serious problem in mountainous countries like Nepal and Bhutan. We will join with local foresting organizations and volunteer to plant trees.”

The 2010 Peace Ambassadors will take lead role in setting up the environmental action stations and initiate activities and report to the overall coordinator.

By June 2011, the Common activity coordinator will compile the report and submit to the BCIO head office.

Guidelines for 2010 PAs to initiate actions and submit reports

1. Host a BC meeting to discuss on this year’s common activity.
2. Discuss and identify prevailing and emerging environmental issues in your country. Or what your community needs in terms of environment security
3. Pick an activity (-ies) that your BC can participate in some environmental action or program – proactive measures to prevent environment degradation or save environment

4. You can initiate creative ideas (target a climate or environment program) and also use it as a fund raising activity for your also collaborate with other organizations
5. Make a draft plan and submit it to support@bcio.org (deadline – end of October)
6. Identify potential government/NGOs to liaise your activities (optional)
7. Initiate/conduct activities (November 2010 to March 2011). Take pictures/videos during the activities.
8. Submit a report to Ngawang Gyeltshen based on the Reporting format.

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