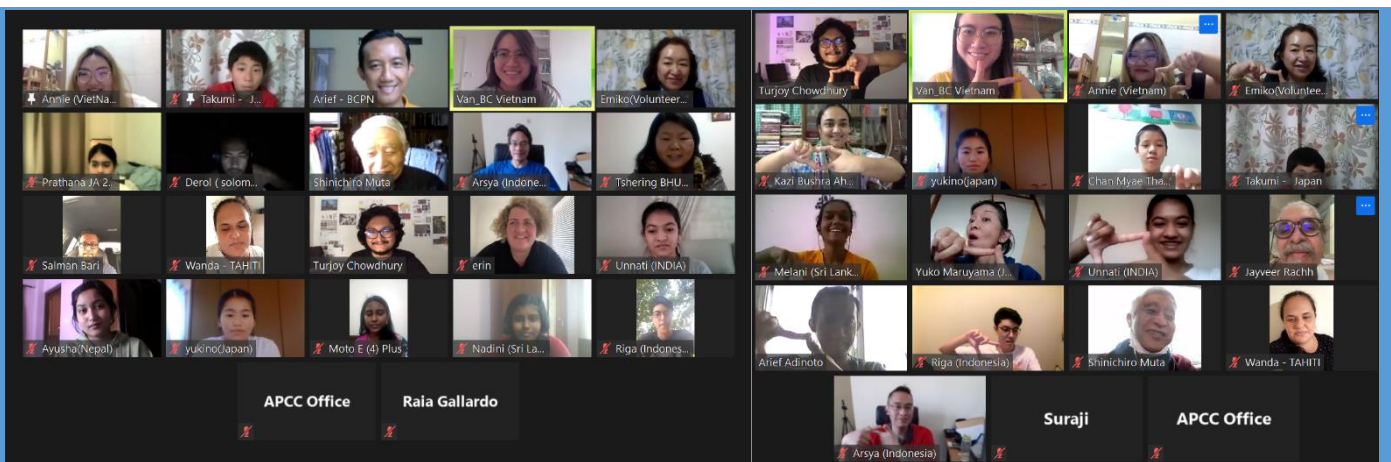




# BRIDGE CLUB Professional Network (BCPN )

## Photography Workshop

### Report



Organized by: BRIDGE CLUB International Organization

Date: March 6, Saturday, 13:00- 14:30 JST

March 13, Saturday, 13:00- 14:30 JST



Following a series of successful webinars and Smile Streaming Concert, BRIDGE CLUB Professionals Network (BCPN) organized two days Photography workshop on March 6 and 13, 2021. The theme of the workshop was “Visual Story Telling: How To Convey Your Story Through Photos”

The keynote speaker of the workshop, Turjoy Chowdhury - JA 2002 and PA 2008 from Bangladesh, is a global documentary photographer and multimedia artist. He is currently working as an official National Geographic photo-journalist with a rich portfolio of winning masterpieces, including UNICEF Photo of the Year 2018, and the International Photography Awards 2020, Environmental Category.

The workshop also featured guest judges, who are experienced in photography. They are Mr. Muta Shinichiro, Japan; Ms. Nguyen Thuc An (Annie), BC Vietnam, and Mr. Salman Bari, BC Bangladesh.

Moderated by the BCPN Communication Team Leader, Ms. Van Nguyen Thi Truc from BC Vietnam, the workshop was held in a way that 30 participants from various countries involved actively. The participants also submitted the best photo taken, as the requirement to register. The photos were reviewed by the speaker and the judges.

The workshop started with the welcome remarks from the BCIO General Manager and BCPN Chairman, Mr. Arief Adinoto. Then our keynote speaker, Mr Turjoy Chowdhury, explained about Visual storytelling through photographs. He quoted "VISUAL as a Language, PHOTOGRAPHY as a Tool" and briefly explained on it. He described basic important factor in photography "Observe- Decide- Compose- Click".



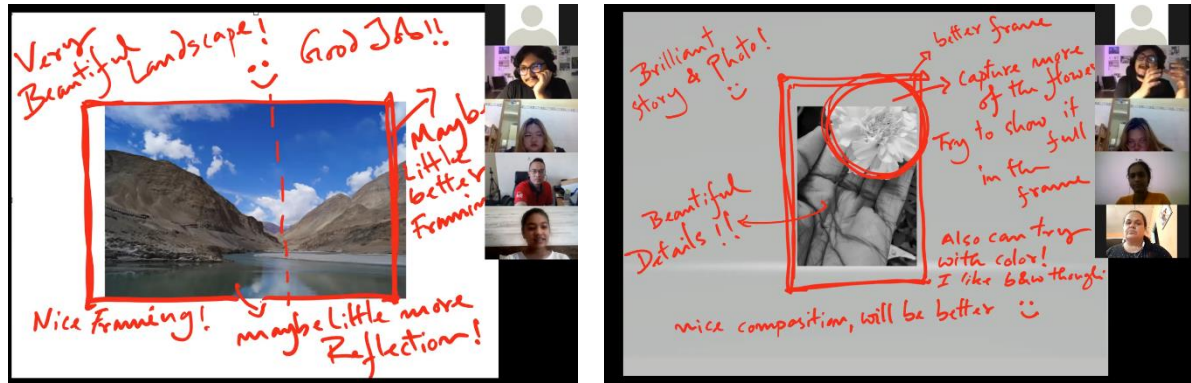
Some submitted photos were reviewed by the keynote speaker and guest judges. All of them gave tips on how to take better photos.

The 1<sup>st</sup> day workshop closed with the assignment given to the participants to take new photos and submit to the organizing committee.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> day workshop opened with the excitement where our keynote speaker recap a bit on few points explained on first day. He then described on many aspects of photography like "Photography is not about what we see. It's about what we DO NOT see" and "Photography is all about what you THINK and how you PERCEIVE".



Then our keynote speaker and guest judges shared their comments on each photograph submitted by participants. They praised the photos were much better than the first submission, and also gave advices on how to improve them more.



We asked Mr. Turjoy about his insights on this photography workshop from a keynote speaker's point of view and these are some of the points he has shared with us.

***"Well, it was an interesting experience for me because the participants were of different ages. As a matter of fact, the wide range of age makes it really difficult! I tried my best to keep it simple but effective for all the participants. I am very much amazed by the kids. Their thirst for learning, interest for visual storytelling and fresh thinking along with their talent motivated me a lot! One point I am really concern about - it was too short!!! Only 2 classes of 1 and half hour each was just introductory. Photography is a vast thing and it needs time for students at any level. I also think that it is really important to sort the participants out according to their age. As the very first photography workshop, I enjoyed a lot!"***

**- Turjoy Chowdhury**

A session of Questions and Answers were also held and the keynote speaker answered the questions of the participants. BCPN Chairman expressed his wish to establish a BCPN Photography Community where all the participants of this workshop are invited to join. BCPN management team will inform the details to everyone later through email.

The two days' workshop was concluded with Vote of Thanks by BCIO General Manager. All the participants promised to be in regular touch and keep being passionate in photography.

The BCPN Management Team is delighted to have two days photography workshop become a success. We wholeheartedly appreciate the participants for taking their precious time and being a part of this event with great enthusiasm.

We followed up with some of the participants of the webinar and the following are some of the feedback we have received.

**Ms. Prathana Pandey, JA 2020 from BRIDGE CLUB Oakland joined the 2 days’ workshop actively. “I appreciate the feedback that you gave me and how fun you made these 2 photography workshops. They are definitely worth coming back for. I learned so much like how clicking is the least important part of photography and we really just need to focus on the story behind it. Just like the smallest changes can change the way you see the picture. Thank you Mr. Turjoy for that learning experience. Maybe next time you could focus on a certain topic like Portraits or Scenery. But once again the workshop was wonderful.”**

**Ms. Emiko Kashima, from Japan who has been volunteering in APCC for more than a decade, expressed thanks to the organizing team. “Thank you for holding the workshop, and thank you for sending a feedback illustration. I had the courage to apply the workshop but it was really good experience. I’m very impressed by Mr. Turjoy’s checking and correcting my photography.”**

The next BCPN program is tentatively scheduled after about 2 months. Please stay tuned with us for more information on the upcoming program.

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