The 20th APCC
PA Program Report

20th ANNIVERSARY

We are the BRIDGE

BRIDGE CLUB

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On behalf of APCC in Fukuoka, I deeply express our sincerely thanks toward your effort and cooperation for the BRIDGE CLUB (BC) as well as APCC. As you know, we have started to re-invite the former JA as a Peace Ambassador (PA) for the reunion to confirm the purpose of APCC at the time of 10th anniversary in 1998 and the idea of BC has been conducted for our promise and dream of our bright future. Since then, 14 countries and regions have organized the BC locally and are in active. In this year 2008, we have celebrated 20th anniversary of APCC and 10th anniversary of BC, and we are proud to announce that we have established the BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO) to promote and share our promise and dream to all the participating countries and regions even which have not established the BC.

We have been connected through APCC and have common slogan “We are the BRIDGE“.

We hope that the BC will be established in all countries and regions participating APCC and go for our dream as one man. Please make much of this valuable relation and let’s make a lot of friends in the world.

Lastly I will introduce our promise which we have made at 20th anniversary in the PA camp.

PROMISE

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
We are the BRIDGE

BCIO Managing Director
Hitoshi Iwamoto
Hello, how is everything going with you? I cannot believe it’s been already 4 months since you left Japan. How did you enjoy summer in Fukuoka? I believe the days as a PA have become something special for you. In the year 2008, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of APCC and the 10th anniversary of BC. Therefore, the series of APCC events were fully reported in the media, which resulted in a lot more people in Fukuoka’s awareness of about APCC and BC.

BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO) is now established. It will enable us to unite a variety of activities run by different BCs in the world, to conduct more significant common activities for all the BCs, and to make a strong BC network. In order to bring APCC’s goal, “Peace and Co-existence” to fruition, it’s very important for us to show the world what we are doing as well as we keep promoting meaningful activities. I think the power of BC members who are well acquainted with APCC is indispensable for this.

APCC never stops its steps. APCC will never stop planting seeds of unknown potentiality in participating children. It’s BC’s mission to water and grow them. The seeds will someday turn into flowers and fruits. And, after a while, they can take care of new seeds APCC will sow. I believe the cycle can be endless only if BC helps it to be active in each country. That’s why we need BC in every single participating country. So, members in non-BC countries! I appreciate your effort to establish a BC in your country. And their buddies! I appreciate your effort to support non-BC countries for their BC establishment. Also, Liaison offices, we would be grateful for your understanding and cooperation in establishing and supporting a BC in your country. I believe that we must not fail to see your neighbor to make our goal “Peace and Co-existence” realize. If you do not care about people next to you, how could you work for “Peace and Co-existence”? I think we, BC members, must always keep it in our mind.

PAs of last year agreed to make a promotion video of “We are the BRIDGE” and as you have seen, we have the impressive video as its accomplishment. We thank PAs last year, all the people who helped to make the video and, of course, Desmond for the great contribution. Now, PAs of this year, it’s your turn! Please do your best to realize our common project, “100,000 smile”. It’s time to set your hand to what we agreed to do in the camp including the project! All you need to do is to do what you can do in your country and what you think you should do as one of the BC members.

Finally, I would like to express my hearty thanks to 2008 PAs who came all the way to Fukuoka. I was truly nice to see you all. I believe I can see you again and I hope the day will come in the near future.

Understanding & Respect
We are the BRIDGE
BRIDGE CLUB Japan (President)
Keiichi Inoue
First of all, we would like to inform you that all of the 20th APCC projects were over successfully thanks to all the people concerned like you, Peace Ambassador (PAs) and BRIDGE CLUB (BC) members. It is a great pleasure for us to bring our message to all of you.

This year marked the 10th anniversary for BC and we could invite current responsible leading members of BCs such as president or president-to-be of BCs as special PAs and also new PAs as usual to hold important and decision-making meeting for future BC.

Now there are only 14 BCs among all APCC participating countries and regions. So we focused on discussing how we can establish new BCs during the PA camp. PAs who don’t have their own BC spoke out their problems and concerns, and special PAs who built up a BC already gave them advices making good uses of their experiences. We believe that they got a clue to take a next step to establish their own BCs.

We got a strong feeling that the special PAs are proud of being a leading BC member for a long time and still keep being active, and the new PAs are full of energy and have new ideas. All of them are very promising and we believe that there are many former Junior Ambassadors to be like them in the Asia-Pacific.

The BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO) was established this year and we strongly hope that it accelerates the set up of BCs in currently non-BC countries and regions and enhance the building of networks between existing BCs. Also we hope that newly-opened BCIO website will be the place where all the former APCC participants reunite and communicate more for long lasting friendship.

We truly hope that you will continue your BC activities for Peace and Co-existence in your communities. Best wishes for your future and please stay in touch with us.

Best Regards,

APCC Coordinators
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What’s BRIDGE CLUB?

History
In 1998, the 10th Anniversary of the APCC, former Junior Ambassadors (one male and one female from each country/region) were invited to Fukuoka again. They participated in a succession of meetings to discuss the future of the APCC as well as the establishment of an international network in the Asian-Pacific region.

Significance of the APCC
Children are energetic, open-minded and full of curiosity in nature. We think good international exchanges and intercultural learning at an early age surely make them real ‘Global Citizens’. APCC puts high value on true peace and co-existence rather than national and individual benefits. Therefore, we believe the ‘Global Citizens’ who have learned to see the world beyond differences in nationality, language, race, ethnicity, religion or culture will play an important role as future leaders in various fields. With this hope and belief, the APCC has been held every year since 1989 and expressing the importance of “Peace” and “Co-Existence” to the world.

Purpose of the BRIDGE CLUB Establishment
The significance and the messages of the APCC have been spreading among the youth who assembles in Fukuoka every summer. Now former APCC participants who are potential future leaders have grown up enough to spread the APCC message to the world by themselves. We are sure that their leadership will realize dreams of the APCC. Thus, the APCC formulated a plan of the BRIDGE CLUB as an organization that former participants can make concrete actions towards peace and co-existence.

Aim of BRIDGE CLUB
1. To foster leaders with a global perspective who will shape the world in the future.
2. To build a network of ‘Global Citizens’ free from religious, political and economic restrictions.
3. To expand the network across the world, establish a circle of friendship and work towards creating a peaceful society.

The name of this network is called “BRIDGE CLUB”. BRIDGE CLUBs are established 14 countries/regions, as reported by former participants. The members have been doing various kinds of activities such as holding reunions for Junior Ambassador Alumni, collecting donations for their local community, having a workshop at school, and so forth.

What can we do to achieve the APCC’s goal; "Peace and Co-Existence"?
Please take your time to think about it. You have a lot of wonderful friends having the same aim as yours all over the Asian-Pacific region. You will never be alone. So stand up now and start! There must be something we can do!
The Establishment of the BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO)

1. Summary

The APCC, which has implemented its projects for 20 years since 1989 and celebrates the 10th anniversary of the creation of the BRIDGE CLUB, assessed its achievements in the past projects and sorted out the tasks it currently faces, and then unveiled its visions for the next 10 years. In these visions, a direction was hammered out that the APCC will further strengthen and promote BRIDGE CLUB activities in the next 10 years. Therefore, during the invitation period in the 20th APCC, the executive members and 29 Peace Ambassadors from 22 countries and regions met and discussed the matter, and decided on the establishment of ‘the BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO)’ with an aim to further accelerate the set up of BCs in currently non-BC countries and regions and enhance the building of networks between existing BCs.

Details of the BCIO are as follows. In order to strengthen and promote BC activities and smoothly operate the BCIO, we must seek understanding and the support from APCC liaison officers and past participants. For further information on BCIO and the APCC’s visions, please do ask this year’s Peace Ambassadors and chaperons for their thoughts and experiences. Of course, we would be happy to take your enquiries at the APCC office and the BCIO Head Office.

+Contact+ the BCIO Head Office (inside the APCC office) Email: office@bcio.org

2. Organization and Role

+ Organization +

The APCC office will be partially utilized, with the BCIO Head Office undertaking tasks as the headquarters in coordination and cooperation with the APCC’s executive committee.
3. Fiscal 2008-2009 Project Plan (Proposal)

1) To set up new BRIDGE CLUBs in nine non-BC countries that were among the countries of the invited Peace Ambassadors for the 20th project

   Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Laos, Hawaii (USA), Vanuatu, Maldives

2) To develop and build the IT environment necessary for the function of the BCIO Head Office
   ➢ To create and manage BCIO’s website, mailing lists, blogs and community sites

3) + As common activities to all BCs + To promote the ‘100,000 Smiles’ project
   (Project to be led by each BC, BCIO to supervise the progress and compile results)

4) To visit countries to support the establishment of local BCs

5) To plan and manage invitation and training programs for Peace Ambassadors
2008 PA List

Name: Hye Ri Han  
Nationality: Korea  
Year as JA 1999

Name: Desmond Tosang Lee  
Nationality: Hong Kong  
Year as JA 1992

Name: Wing Shuen Vanessa Lai  
Nationality: Hong Kong  
Year as JA 1998

Name: Shin-Ching Wang  
Nationality: Taiwan  
Year as JA 2000

Name: Nurul Jihadah Hussain  
Nationality: Singapore  
Year as JA 1998

Name: Tanatip Poonsin  
Nationality: Thailand  
Year as JA 1996

Name: Suwasin Kasempiti  
Nationality: Thailand  
Year as JA 1997

Name: Nor Syahmi Bin Hj Zainal Abidin  
Nationality: Malaysia  
Year as JA 1998

Name: Ema Ekayani Taher  
Nationality: Indonesia  
Year as JA 1989

Name: Phuong Lan Nguyen  
Nationality: Vietnam  
Year as JA 1998

Name: Kazi Bushra Ahmed Tithi  
Nationality: Bangladesh  
Year as JA 1991

Name: Turjoy Chowdhury  
Nationality: Bangladesh  
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Nationality: Hawai U.S.A / Japan  
Year as JA 2000

Name: Alex Mote  
Nationality: Kiribati  
Year as JA 1989

Name: Kerkwood Lele Bakokoto  
Nationality: Vanuatu  
Year as JA 1989

Name: Anastasia Strebkova  
Nationality: Russia  
Year as JA 2001

Name: Ibrahim Munaz  
Nationality: Maldives  
Year as JA 1999

Name: Enkhadavaa Erdenedalai  
Nationality: Mongolia

Name: Ratthar Sriduam  
Nationality: Thailand
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Case Studies

We discussed about some topics in groups and shared the ideas among all the participants. Many ideas about establishment and management of BCs were advised to the PAs whose country/region does not have a BC yet.

The main topics were

- How to establish Bridge Clubs
- How to motivate JAs and BC members

Ideas (excerpts):

a) Find the other members from past JAs and PAs.
   * The APCC office gave the former participants list to all the PAs that will be help to find BC members.

b) Start from small activity.
   * Publishing news letter to all former JAs and PAs in own country. It will be easy to start even it is a small group, and good way to motivate other members.
   * Organizing donation program
   * Participating in or organizing charity program

We have to think about JAs. The important thing is that the elder members plan the activity in which young members participate in easily.

Problems:

a) Location of living.
   Since many JAs are living far way from each other, it makes the activity difficult.

b) Communication tools
   There are some communication tools like phone, mailing list or social networking website like “Facebook” or “MySpace”, but there is no common tool which everybody can use.

In the last part of the discussion, we came to the conclusion that we should work for establishment of new BC by making the buddy. The PAs from the country/region which does not have its own BC
made a buddy PA from the country/region which has been already established BC as below. So they can talk over about BC and encourage with each other.

Vanessa (Hong Kong) → Shin-Ching (Taiwan)
Erin (Australia) → Amy (Korea)
Tithi (Bangladesh) → Nurul (Singapore)
Gaurav (India) → Colby (Hawaii)
Dechhen (Bhutan) → Oi (Laos)
Emma (Indonesia) → Syahmi (Malaysia)
Turjoy (Bangladesh) → Munaz (Maldives)
Noon (Thailand) → Phuong (Viet Nam)
Aashish (Nepal) → Lele (Vanuatu)
Kavi & Sheroze (Sri Lanka) → Aquila (New Zealand)

②Conference on BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO)

We discussed and decided as below.
*Please refer to P.2-3 “The Establishment of the BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO)” for detailed information about BCIO.

1. Organization

Opinions from PAs

• An constitution should be made. How this organization will work, who will run the organization.
• The executive committee of the organization should be the most active members of BCs all over the world.
• Promoting “Peace and Co-existence” between countries and not just within single community.
• Open the website on the international organization and include all BCs’ where they can upload their latest activities.
• Create a database of all participants with the whole information about JAs and PAs
• The exchange program should be held in every BCs.
• There should be an international standard set for the appropriate running of Mission Projects between countries to put meaning behind the trip.

Decisions

• The official name of BC international organization is “BCIO”.
• BCIO Head Office will be set in the APCC Head Office in Fukuoka and it will be organized by Japanese members for the starting. The followings are what BCIO Head Office will do.
a) Make a BCIO logo, collecting ideas from APCC participating countries and regions.
b) Support to establish new BCs and promote BC common activity. As one of plans, BCIO Head Office will take an opportunity to explain all JAs and chaperons about the importance of BCs during the Marine House Camp.
c) Set website for all BCs.
2. BC Common Activity
We discussed about what we can do as a BC common activity and decided on one activity as below.

- Promotion of APCC & BC to 100,000 people.
  * At first BCJ suggested the above activity with the target number of 10,000 but there was an opinion that we can do it much more than 10,000 and turned into 100,000.

Decision
We will promote the aim of APCC & BC to **100,000** people and count the number how many we have done in each of participating countries and regions so as the sum of all countries to be **100,000**.

The name of that project is “**100,000 SMILES**”.

3. Promise
We made the words for BCIO as below.

**PROMISE**

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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③PA Program Feedback

These are excerpts of PAs’ comments and impressions about all PA programs.

About volunteer activities at Marine House

(This year, almost PAs worked as the JAs’ room leader.)

- Guidelines should be given to PAs on arrival so we know what we should be doing at camp.
- Being room leaders is really good volunteer.
- Really enjoyed the time with JAs of different countries.
- JAs had too much free time.
- Really moved, seeing a lot of Japanese volunteers with all ages there. They were polite, friendly and always willing to help.
• Some volunteer cannot speak English very well so really hard to understand what volunteers need.
• The food was not good, some people couldn’t eat.
• Not enough food for JAs.

**About PA camp in Global Arena (GA)**
• PA camp was just awesome.
• GA is so much suitable for PA camp.
• Everything was well planned.
• Planning for BCs gave me a lot of motivation.
• Good idea to share experience between the countries they have BC and don’t have BC.
• Too many meetings.
• If the meeting would have been a little more organized, structured and BCJ could take the lead in during the meeting so that we didn’t get lost the discussion.

**Other comments and suggestions for APCC Program for coming years**

**PA Invitation**
• Age of PAs should be over 18.
• Choose PAs to form BC not just from past JAs, sometimes past chaperons would be better than JAs.

**Exchange camp in the Marine House (MH)**
• Food should be more suitable for JAs. Some more snacks for JAs.
• Informing JAs/chaperons about BC so that they could be proud of themselves by participating in APCC.
• More meaningful activities for JAs during exchange camp at MH. (Ex: visit the orphaned house)
• Hold a lot of activities to make JAs feel they are ones of BC members so that they are willing to do more for BC and BCIO.
• Organize small corner for each country to show their traditional costumes or hand made stuff

**PA camp**
• The PA camp in GA should be done every year.
• Invite other media to show our activities.
• Chairperson in the PA conference should lead the members, and don’t let the discussion get out of topic.
The 20th Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention in FUKUOKA Commemorative Ceremony

APCC Presentation of its Future Vision

Commemorating the APCC’s 20th Anniversary, we welcomed about 250 guests from our longtime supporters both of public and private sectors and showed them our achievements of about the past two decades of operation and our future vision. It started with the opening video which was APCC theme song “We are the BRIDGE” sung and recorded by BRIDGE CLUB members of many different and regions. Mr. Desmond Lee from BRIDGE CLUB Hong Kong edited this video.

It was an honor for all the Peace Ambassadors on the stage to declare the establishment of BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO) and spoke about what they have discussed during the PA camp in front of His Imperial Highness Prince Hitachi, Mr. Taro Aso, the present Prime Minister of Japan and other honorable guests and supporters.

When the ceremony ends, all the guests were guided to Fukuoka International Center where the Junior Ambassadors’ Exchange Event was held to take part in the grand finale.

Date and Time  Monday, July 21 2008
Ceremony start:  15:00 - End 16:30

Venue:  Fukuoka International Congress Center

Guest:  Ministry officials from Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
Foreign ambassadors and envoys in Japan: Embassy of the Maldives, Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia, Embassy of the Republic of Singapore, Embassy of Brunei Darussalam
Persons in Japan who have so far supported the APCC: about 120 people
Support companies/organizations, people from the business community, government officials
Chief officials of APCC Liaison Offices: China, Korea, Philippines, Thailand, India, Sri Lanka, Northern Mariana
All chaperons and all Peace Ambassadors
この広い世界　両手をひろげて
そっと笑顔でつつもう
心に国境はない

手をつないだら　いっしょに歩き出そう
誰もみんな　きっと素晴らしい
翼を持っているから

※ We are the BRIDGE　心と心を
希望の橋でつなぐ
夢を追いかけ
立ち止まらないで
明日が待っている
We are the BRIDGE みんなの笑顔が
輝く虹に変わり
胸にあふれる
夢は必ず叶うよ
信じていて

悲しい時でも　ひとりきりじゃない
そばに仲間がいること
いつでも忘れないでね

見上げてごらん　夜空に光る星が
どんなときも　僕たちの未来
明るく照らしている

Sometimes
It's hard to make a friend
We talk
But words keep us apart
But with hope
And Love and understanding
We find we speak
The same language in our hearts

This world has room for us all
And we could be one happy family
So let's stand hand in hand
And sing our song together
And we can make it better
Wait and see

* We are the BRIDGE of love
From heart to heart
We have a dream
For everyone to share
All our tomorrows bright and new
Starting here and now, me and you
The bridge we build
Will take us there

** We are the BRIDGE of love
From friend to friend
A rainbow bright
When all the rain is through
And if we listen to our hearts
Keep our eyes upon a star
Then someday soon
All our dreams will come true

Sometimes
The road may seem so long
We walk
But there's so far to go
But each step
Will take us that much closer
So don't give up
We'll be there before you know

This world is home for us all
And we could be one happy family
So let's stand hand in hand
And join our hearts together
And we can make it better
Wait and see

** Repeat

And when we're lonely
And we feel a little lost
If we just care for one another
You know there are no fences
And no borders we can't cross
When we are joined together

* Repeat

** Repeat

And if we listen to our hearts
Keep our eyes upon a star
Then someday soon
All our dreams will come true
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