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From the Editors



私は、長期休暇と称して2週間ほどフランスを訪れました。

南フランスのニースはカーニバルの真っ最中でした。大通りを山車と共に人々が練り歩き、多くの市民が

パレードに参加していました。ミモザの花が南仏に春が来たことを教えてくれています。また、桜に似た花もあちこちに咲いています。それはアーモンドの花です。桜にとってもよく似ている花です。これらの花々を見ていると、日本の「花見」のことを思い出し、私は少し落ち着くことができました。

日本の「花見」を思いながら。

このブリテンも3号目となりました。同

様に今期の活動も残り3ヶ月となります。アジア太平洋地域大会のニュースもたくさんお伝えしたいのですが、なかなか思うようにいきません。どうぞニュースの投稿など、ご協力をお願いします。以下のアドレスでお待ちしております。春が来た！



Spring has come!



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前田香代子

会計年度 (FY) とは、政府や企業が会計上使用する12ヶ月の期間のことです。多くの場合、暦年 (1月1日から12月31日まで) とは異なります。

以下は、各国の会計年度の例です：

米国：10月1日～9月30日

カナダ：4月1日～3月31日

イギリス：4月6日 (前年) ～4月5日

オーストラリア：7月1日～6月30日

日本：4月1日～3月31日

中国：1月1日～12月31日

インド：4月1日～3月31日

これらはほんの一例であり、会計年度は特定の国や組織によって異なる可能性があることに留意する必要があります。





Be the light for change in the last quarter.

Asia Pacific Area President

KEIKO TONEGAWA

ブリテン編集チームに感謝し、この四半期におけるエリアの素晴らしい発展を知らせる会報第3号が発行されることを嬉しく思います。

加えて、各区が最後の四半期を、より成功裡に導く決意をお伝えします。

国際レベルでは、会員数の減少と高齢化が止まりません。特にインドエリアと韓国エリアでの会員数の激減を目の当たりにし、残念でなりません。アジア太平洋地域も、2023年8月1日以降、約140名減少しています。

しかし、私たちは絶望しているわけではありません。私たちは「変革のための光」を見えています。各区リーダーのおかげで、フィリピン、南東、台湾の各区では会員が増えました。他の区でも、今期終了までに会員が増えることを願っています。

まだ4ヶ月あります。あなたや、クラブ、あなたの区が期の当初に設定した目標を振り返ってみてください。まだ目標を達成できていないのであれば、達成するための最後の期間です。あなたはまだ「変革のための光」となることができます。

最後の四半期には、多くの区で区大会が開催されます。区大会は、会員が一堂に会し、友情を深めながら区の発展を見守る最も重要な機会の一つです。私は、すべての区大会に出席したいのですが、日程が重複している区もあります。もし私が貴区の大会に出席できなくても、バーチャルで出席するか、あるいは少なくとも心は皆さまとともにあります。

最後になりましたが、会員の皆様のご健康とクラブ、部、そして区のますますのご発展をお祈り申し上げ、ご挨拶とさせていただきます。



Area Executive Officers

2023-2024 Area Executive Officers



Immediate Past Area President
CHARMING SHEN
(Taiwan Region)



Area President-Elect
JOAN WONG
(Southeast Asia Region)



Area Secretary
MARK EUGEN TANG
(Philippine Region)



Area Treasurer
JAMES KONG
(Southeast Asia Region)



COVER STORY



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カバーストーリー

桜と熊本城。

桜の花が咲くと、日本では花見と呼ばれる伝統的な文化行事を見ることができます。多くの人が公園や庭園で花見を楽しみます。桜は美しく、日本の風景に欠かせないものとされています。

この季節には、友人や家族とピクニックに出かけ、桜の木の下で花見を楽しむのが一般的です。日本全国で様々な花見イベントが開催され、ライトアップされた桜の木の下で酒宴が催されることもあります。

お花見は多くの人にとって特別なひとときであり、日本の自然や季節の移り変わりの美しさを体感する機会でもあるのです。

私たちが桜を愛でる理由のひとつは、桜の開花と散り際が優雅でその潔さにあると思われます。その潔さには 武士道精神を感じることでしょう。

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東日本区理事より

February 2024, Kohei Yamada, RDE

私が東日本区理事に就任してから7ヶ月以上が経ち、すでに もう1年目の半分が過ぎようとしています。

しかし、私は引き続き 東日本区理事として2期目を続けることにしました。

そのため この2年間で、私の提案した目標に挑戦し続けることができます。

この2年間で 理事スタッフもほぼ全員が 任期を1年延長します。これは 区の歴史上初めてのことです。

現在の中心的なプログラムのひとつは、日本のユースグループとユース・アクション・プログラムを実施することです。若者たちはSDGsのプロジェクトを企画し、実践しています。YMCAと東西両区はそのプロジェクトを資金と支援でサポートします。彼らはSDGsの目標に基づき、社会のために考え、実践し、挑戦しています。このプロジェクトは 今年も継続されます。社会情勢の変化の中、私たちの区は非常に困難な局面を経験しました。少子高齢化です。

当区のワイズメンバーの会員数は、昨年の780人から720人へと、1年で大きく減少しました。平均年齢が65歳である当区においては、この傾向は今後も続くことでしょう。

今こそチャレンジの時だと私は思います。社会のニーズの変化への挑戦であり、組織のリーダーシップ・モデルの変化と世代間格差の拡大への挑戦です。それらに対処するためのアプローチを見極める時なのです。私たちはそのような時代の変化に対応するため 変化しています。これまでのワイズメンズクラブから新たな装備をした組織へと どのように方向転換していくのかを見ていきます。



Theme;

Serving the Y's Family in Harmony and Solidarity

The slogan :

Serving the Y's Family in Harmony and Solidarity



Sebastian Mathew

Acting Regional Director
Australian Region

8-11 August 2024



AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WITH A FESTIVAL FLAIR

I am grateful to AP Keiko Tonegawa and ASD-BE Kayoko Maeda for allowing me to write an article for the upcoming third ASP Area Bulletin regarding the YMI Festival 2024 (74th International Convention) that will take place in Chiang Mai, Thailand from August 8–11, 2024. It's likely that a lot of Y's Men are aware of this incredible event and are keen to learn more so that you can choose to sign up. My sincere appreciation to IHQ for kindly sharing the details of the YMI Festival on its home page, which can be accessed via <https://www.ysmen.org/>. Please allow me to go into more detail about the IC2024.

Benefits: Connects with Y's Men and families from across the globe to build stronger bonds and promote a greater sense of camaraderie in every biennium.

Pre-Events:

Optional: Programs for city sightseeing offered by the YMCA, and YMC of Chiangmai

6-8 August: Club Presidents and Club President Leadership Institute at YMCA of Chiangmai, registration fees US\$100

Official Events:

8 August: International Mosquito Golf Tournament

Venue: North Hill Golf Club <https://www.northhillchiangmai.com/en> Registration fees: US\$110

Convention:

Atmosphere: Official, fun, and friendship

Official Programs

Leadership continuity, Y' s Liaison with WAY, Ceremonies

IPIP, IP, and IPE nights: Entertainment of Local bands, Thai cultural dances, karaoke, music concerts, and participating areas

Side Meetings:

PIP Club/ Y' s Mennettes/IBC Fellowship, Devotion

YMI Festival

Have fun in an inspirational world: Fun games, festival events, displays, YMI Market, historical walk, artwork, tattoos, paintings, witness rooms, talent shows, skill-building, and traditional clothing fashion show

<https://web.cvent.com/event/98af6634-fb9c-43f9-8c58-c27deed4fe5a/summary?locale=en>

Meal/Break: American breakfast, Thai, and international buffet, covered with full breaks

Excursion experiences

A day trip to explore six different programs and routes in Chiang Mai, including Discovery, the colorful Hill Tribe Beautiful Chiang Mai, the Green YMCA and the Magic Moment on Suthep Mountain, Discovery Chiang Mai nature, local wisdom, and Northern Thai society's way of life include lunch at neighborhood eateries serving authentic Thai food. EPF Walkathon, Mae Kha Canal, Y' s influence Project with Dr. Wasan J.

Connectivity: IYC Report, IC26 Promotion/Area Conventions 2025 Promotion, and Documentary

Venue: The Empress International Convention Centre, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Accommodation:

The Empress Hotel, Chiang Mai: with 4, 5-star, free Airport transfer. Rooms start from US\$50 twin share.

YMCA International Hotel: Special package rate at US\$100 from 8-11 August 2024 includes: Standard room (single/twin), breakfast, Airport transfer, YMCA from/to the venue, Email: hotel@ymcachiangmai.org Tel: +66 53 221819, 222366

Chiang Mai: is the most beautiful city in Thailand and a well-known tourist destination. With hundreds of temples and national parks all around it, offers a unique combination of natural beauty and cultural experiences, drawing millions of visitors each year from both domestic and international travel. You will delight in discovering the city's charm and taking part in a range of activities while you are here. Please do not hesitate to register NOW Early Bird Rate – US\$420(offer expires 31 March) Full price (from 1 April) – US\$445. Please come, and join us!

Contact: HCCS at chularat@ymcachiangmai.org to obtain an invitation letter for your visa application when required



Mid-Year Meeting on Feb.24 2024



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Participants

2 International Officers

Ulrik Lauridsen

International President

Jose Varghese

International Secretary General

1 Observer

Edward Ong

Past Asia Pacific Area President

5/5 Area Executive Officers

Charming Shen

Immediate Past Area President (IPAP)
/ International President – Elect (IPE)

Keiko Tonegawa

Area President

Joan Wong

Area President – Elect

Mark Eugene Tan

Area Secretary

James Kong

Area Treasurer

5/7 Regional Directors / Quorum

Sebastian Mathew

Regional Director - Australia Region

Kohei Yamada

Regional Director – Japan East Region

Satoshi Fukaya

Regional Director – Japan West Region

George Liobing

Regional Director - Philippine Region

Ranjith Dayarathna

Regional Director – Sri Lanka Region

13/27 Area Service Directors

Kumiko Kawai

ASD - ASF

Yasuharu Hinachi

ASD – BF Promotion / BF Philatelist

Kayoko Maeda

ASD – Bulletin Editor

Naoya Kawakami

ASD - Christian Emphasis

Rachan Maneekam

ASD - Extension and Membership Conservation

Tetsuya Itamura

ASD - Endowment Fund

Colin Lambie

ASD - Green Activities & Environment

Rita Hettiarachchi

ASD – Leadership Training and Organizational Development

Mitsuko Morita

ASD – STEP iGo

OHNO Ben Tsutomu

ASD – Time of Fast

Joseph Thavarajah

ASD - Webmaster

Sam Nakai

ASD – Y's Extension Support (YES)

Tadashi Tanoue

ASD - RBM

3/4 Committee Chairman

David Lua

Area Development Committee Chair

Hiroyuki Tanaka

Finance Committee Chairperson

Colin Lamie

Environmental Policy Committee Chair

Agendas

1. Call to Order by AP Keiko Tonegawa
2. Opening Prayer by ASD-CE Naoya Kawakami
3. Y' s Men Hymn by AVP
4. Roll Call by AS Mark Tan
5. Welcome Address by AP Keiko Tonegawa
6. Greetings from IP Ulrik Lauridsen
7. Greetings from IPE Charming Shen
8. Maiden Greetings from APEE Tadamashi Tanoue
9. Updates on YMI by ISG Jose Varghese
10. To adopt Agenda (Motion 1)
11. To approve the Minutes of the Area Council Meeting held on the 19th of August 2023 via Zoom (Motion 2)
12. To approve the corrections, attendee' s name and APE Joan Wong's excerpts. (Motion 3)
13. Matters Arising from the Minutes
14. To receive and approve the Audited Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 by AT James Kong (Motion 4)
15. To approve SDS Distribution for 2023 - AT James Kong (Motion 5)
16. To Approve the USD 1,500 to be donated to APAY Global Ecology and Peace Center from the green levies collected as part of the Area Convention registration fees (Motion 6)
17. To receive the reports of the AEOs (Motion 7)
18. To receive the reports of the RDs (Motion 8)
19. To receive the reports of ASDs (Motion 9)
20. To receive the reports of the Committee Chairs (Motion 10)
21. YMI Development & Issues Update by ICM Joan Wong
22. Any Other Motions
23. Any Other Matters
24. Closing Remark by APE Joan Wong
25. Closing Prayer by AS Mark Tan

Motion 1

That the Agenda for the day was moved and approved.

RD Sebastian Mathew, RD Kohei Yamada, RD Satoshi Fukaya, and RD George Liobing are present.

(4 Yes, 3 Absent - Motion Carried)

Motion 2

That the Minutes of the Area Council Meeting held on the 19th of August 2023 via Zoom was approved.

RD Sebastian Mathew, RD Kohei Yamada, RD Satoshi Fukaya, and RD George Liobing are present.

(4 Yes, 3 Absent - Motion Carried)

Motion 3

That the Minutes of the First Quarterly Asia Pacific Area Council Meeting held on the 5th November 2023 in Hong Kong was approved. (with 2 corrections, attendee name and APE Joan Wong' s excerpts)

RD Sebastian Mathew, RD Kohei Yamada, RD Satoshi Fukaya, and RD George Liobing are present.

(4 Yes, 3 Absent - Motion Carried)

Motion 4

That the Audited Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 was received and approved.

RD Sebastian Mathew, RD Kohei Yamada, RD Satoshi Fukaya, and RD George Liobing are present.

(4 Yes, 3 Absent - Motion Carried)

※SDS Distribution report' s motion was deferred for the next business meeting as

there was an inquiry of the component of CHF 4,687.50 from IHQ for its distribution. AT James Kong would clarify this with IHQ.

Motion 5

That the USD 1,500 to be donated to installing SOLAR PANELS & SYSTEMS to APAY Global Ecology and Peace Center from the green levies collected as part of the Area Convention registration fees was moved and approved.

RD Sebastian Mathew, RD Kohei Yamada, RD Satoshi Fukaya, and RD George Liobing are present.

(4 Yes, 3 Absent - Motion Carried)

Motion 6

That the AEOs' reports were received and approved. (verbal reports by AT noting that SRI LANKA' s past dues are cleared) RD Sebastian Mathew, RD Kohei Yamada, RD Satoshi Fukaya, and RD George Liobing are present.

(4 Yes, 3 Absent - Motion Carried)

Motion 7

That the RDs' reports (except for SEA) were received and approved. (verbal reports done by RD of JER mentioning the continuity of being RD for the next term, RD of Sri Lanka mentioning forming 3 new clubs and confirming the full payment of past dues, and Philippine Region chartering 1 club)

RD Sebastian Mathew, RD Kohei Yamada, RD Satoshi Fukaya, RD Ranjith Dayarathna, and RD George Liobing are present.

(5 Yes, 2 Absent - Motion Carried)

Note: That Chair Hiroyuki Tanaka suggested for JWR to apply for NDERF because of the recent earthquake in Japan.

Motion 8

That the ASDs' reports (except for GOLD 2.0, HIST, IBC, PR, YIA, YL, YM, Y' s Menette) were received and approved. (verbal reports done by BF-Promotions & Philatelist, CE, YES)

RD Kohei Yamada, RD Satoshi Fukaya, RD George Liobing, and RD Ranjith Dayarathna voted, RD Sebastian Mathew abstained.

(4 Yes, 1 abstain, 2 Absent - Motion Carried)

Note: That ASD-LTOD Rita Hettiarachchi suggested for an Asia Pacific Area RDE only (virtual) Training after the RDE Summit in Denmark, with the confirmation of APE Joan Wong.

Motion 9

That the Committees Chairs' reports (except for NDERF) were received and approved.

RD Sebastian Mathew, RD Kohei Yamada, RD Satoshi Fukaya, and RD George Liobing are present.

(4 Yes, 3 Absent - Motion Carried)

Taiwan Region



Hold a community baseball training camps



Taiwan Marathon



Three on Three's basketball game for Anti-drug activity



Japan West Region



Clean-up days



Weeding



Philippines Region



Mental Health Seminar & Gift Giving Project



Blood donation

SEA Region



Kpg. Simee Old Folks
Home Food Fair



Loyal Handicapped & Disabled Children' s Home

YMCA

Ground 1.5 Project



The National Council of YMCAs of Korea, the World Alliance of YMCAs, and the YMCA of the USA start a historic launch of the campaign to relocate the headquarters of the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs and build "Ground 1.5" (an international campground for youths) on Jeju island

Introduction of Standing Committee



Carlos Sanvee
Secretary General of
the World YMCA



Chin- Chen Seng
President of
the APAY



Suzanne McCormick
CEO of
the YMCA of the USA



Shin Hyang Kim
President of
the YMCA Korea



Hooranky Bae
Media Artist

The fundraising goals for the Ground 1.5 Project

1. Relocation of the APAY HQ



Architectural blueprint of the new HQ of the APAY

Founded in Hong Kong in 1939, APAY has supported various movements for peace, human rights and civil society in the Asia-Pacific region for about 80 years.

The APAY will further expand its activities to respond to climate change and strengthen democracy following this relocation to Jeju based on Korea's vibrant cultural legacy and mature democracy.

2. Construction of "GROUND 1.5"

An international campground for youths will be built near the new HQ of the APAY, providing a venue of solidarity for climate-conscious young people. It will operate various global exchange programs on life, peace, and community. The campground was named to imply our desire to keep the global temperature rise well below 1.5 °C.



How to get involved

You can contribute to the fundraising campaign by making a donation.



Donate

1) Sponsor through bank transfer

(1) Swift Code: CZNBKRSE

(2) Bank Address: KB Kookmin Bank Seokyodong Branch 2F Yanghwaro 147,
Mapogu, Seoul, South Korea

(3) Bank Name: KB Kookmin Bank

(4) Account Number: 465768-11-000731

(Name of the account holder: YMCA of Korea)

2) Use online bank transfer platforms

(1) Wise (<https://bit.ly/3STXZ7n>)

If you have any question, please contact koreaymca100@gmail.com

星とたんぽぽ

Stars and Dandelions

金子みすゞ

Misuzu Kaneko

青いお空の底ふかく、
海の小石のそのように、
夜がくるまで沈んでる、
昼のお星は眼にみえぬ。
見えぬけれどもあるんだよ、
見えぬものでもあるんだよ。

Deep down in the blue sky
Like pebbles on the ocean floor
They lie submerged till dark comes...
Stars unseen in the light of day.
You can't see them, still they're there.
Even things not seen are there.

散ってすがれたたんぽぽの、
瓦のすきに、だアまって、
春のくるまでかくれてる、
つよいその根は眼にみえぬ。
見えぬけれどもあるんだよ、
見えぬものでもあるんだよ。

Petals drop and withered dandelions
Hidden in cracks between roof tiles
Wait silently for spring to come...
Their strong roots unseen.
You can't see them, still they're there.
Even things not seen are there.



(translated by D. P. Dutcher)

Take a picture of your Spring Activity.
And send us your photos with captions.



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