



AP Monthly Letter September



Theme: Make a difference beyond the 100th
Slogan: Be healthy!

2021-22 Area President OHNO Ben Tsutomu (Kobe Port/JWR)

Please stay healthy as the two waves of heat wave and Covid-19 hit the world. Not to be outdone by the momentum of global warming, the waves of infection are getting bigger and bigger with each surge.

A number of variants are raging. The arrival of refreshing autumn seems to be a long way off. But at least, I hope that more people will be vaccinated.

‘Stay safe and be healthy!’



<Events in September>

1. Challenge 22: 100 days membership campaign will start.



As in the previous year, as part of Challenge 22, we are conducting a 100-day membership campaign from September 1 to December 9. The campaign goal is to increase membership by 25% from February 2021. There will be prizes.

On September 1, the kick-off day of the campaign, the IP will hold a meeting to promote the campaign. It is hoped that many will participate, not just RDs and RSDs-EMC!

2. Asia Pacific ASD Training - Workshop 1 [Series ① EMC-PR-IBC- Goods] 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, September 4 (Japan time)

OVERVIEW

Service Directors are designated coordinators of YMI service programmes assigned primarily with the duty of raising relative awareness and support to ensure successful implementation

Essentials for Service Directors

EMC & SERVICE DIRECTOR

READINGS (International) available on the website resources page

Essential

1. Service Directors Manual
2. ABC of Y's Men International
3. YMI International Programmes/Project Policies

SERVICE PROGRAMMES SP

Service programmes are a general term to indicate key activities, programmes and projects of YMI to which every single level of the organization has a role to play. These programmes are core components in YMI and key to the fulfillment of our vision.

Examples:

- Total of Fall (TOF)
- Rollback Malaria (RBM)
- Community Service (CS)
- International Brother/Girls (IBG)

ROLL BACK MALARIA

TROIKA

both Immediate Past SD and SD-Elect have responsibilities in securing a good handover and transition of activities as they enter or leave the SD function.

This is the first workshop planned by Edward Ong, ASD-LTOD, for the purpose of training each service area. This time, we will learn more about EMC, PR, IBC, and Supply.

This will be a good reference for each Region and District when they conduct their own training sessions.

We hope that the training will be a fun and mingling experience. Participants other than RDs and RSDs are also welcome.

<https://zoom.us/j/95110976925?pwd=TXhFZ042Sk1kemRuNG9GdHBnU0pxQT09>

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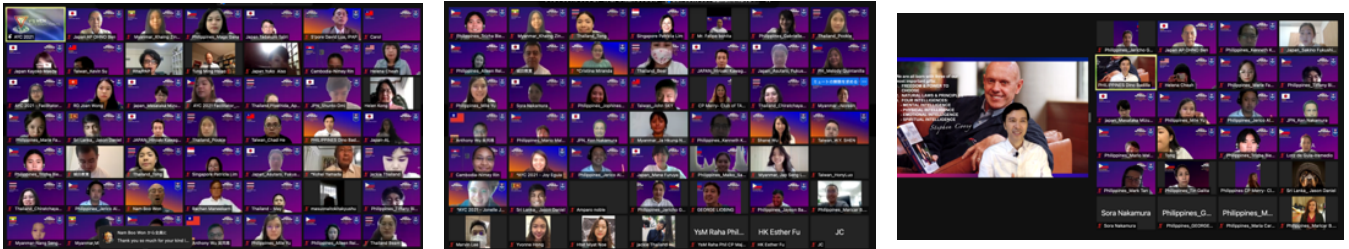
3. IEO & AP Meeting Tuesday, September 24

There will be a meeting for IEOs and Area Presidents. This is the first meeting for me. I would like to inform them of the situation and challenges in our Area and find a direction to make the activities in the Area more active.

<Activities in August>

1. Area Youth Convocation on 7th-8th Aug. by ZOOM.

The Youth Development Committee played a central role in planning and organizing the event, which was the first successful online AYC with 120 participants. The youth were motivated to continue working with Y's Men and Women in the future. A great video was also made to report on the AYC. Please check it out at the following link. AYC Report 2021=<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRe155g8e5k>

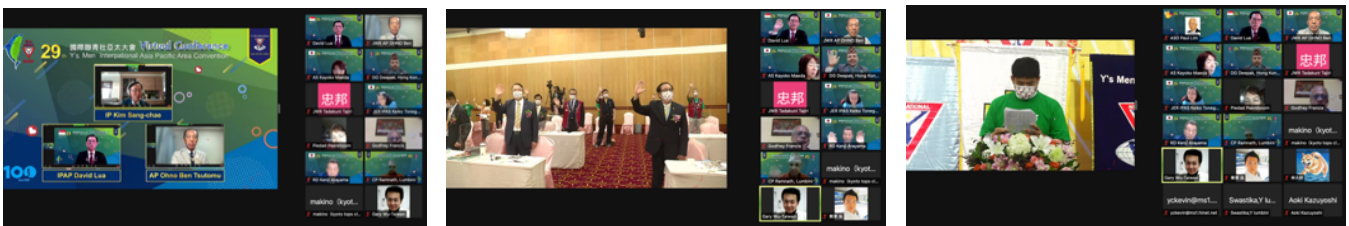


2. 29th Asia Pacific Regional Convention: Saturday, August 14, 2021

Number of participants (489 registered, 258 online participants)

Thanks to the efforts of Y's Men and Women in Tainan, Taiwan, we were able to hold a hybrid Area Convention. After the Opening Ceremony, there was a Welcome Address by HCCC Che-Hung Tsai, IPAP David Lua's Annual Report, Inauguration Ceremony by IP Dr. Kim San-Chae, Closing address by ACCC Tung-Ming Hsiao, etc.

Although there were some problems such as inaudibility due to inadequate sound equipment and simultaneous interpretation, it was a pleasure to hold the Area Convention in a hybrid format despite the Covid-19 disaster.



3. Centennial projects in ASP (August 10: Food Heritage Committee, August 17: SongFest Committee)

In the ASP area, we are working on three projects. The donation of solar panels to the Makati YMCA in the Philippines has completed its signing ceremony; the Food & Culture Our Heritage and SongFest initiatives are underway; and by the end of this year, we plan to have all the materials together, compiled, and make available to the ASP members. We ask for your cooperation. In addition, the return of funds by the Makati YMCA's solar energy program will start next year. We are hoping that these efforts will bring the ASP Area together.



Food & Culture



SongFest



Green Activity Solar Panel for Makati YMCA

4. Obituary: India Area President's Memorial Service on August 20

India Area President Aurelian Figureido passed away at the age of 77. We mourn the passing of a wonderful leader who joined the Y's movement in 1972 and led the India Area. May he rest in peace.

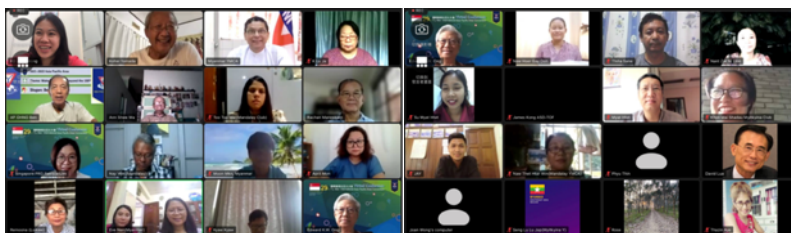


5 . Voting Results for the Amendments of the Constitution and Guidelines for the Asia Pacific Area

As a result of the voting by the presidents of each club held from July 15 to August 15, the total number of votes cast was 136, **134 approved, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention, and it was approved.** It will now go through the process of being reviewed by the YMI. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

6 . Prayer Meeting in Myanmar August 23

On August 23, a meeting was held to hear a report on the current situation from the General Secretary of the National Council of YMCAs of Myanmar and the presidents of the clubs in the country; SEA Regional leaders and YMI liaison Kohei Yamada also participated, reaffirming the need for support in Myanmar. This meeting continues every month as the "Prayer Meeting".



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7 . ACM Report: Saturday, August 21, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Japan time)

The ACM (Asia Pacific Area Council Meeting) was held at the beginning of the fiscal year and various decisions were made.

- Approval of the minutes of Final ACM for 2020-21 (June 26)
- Nomination of PAP Hiroyuki Tanaka) as the 30th Asia Pacific Area Convention Committee Chair
- Nomination of Asutaro Fukushima (Tokyo Mukade) as the Auditor for the fiscal year 2021-22
- Approval of the annual policy plan for each Regional Director and ASD
- Discussion on the distribution of the YES fund
- Approval of the Area Secretary, Area Treasurer, and ASDs for 2021-22



The above were all approved. The inauguration ceremony was then held.

The financial statements for the previous year and the budget for the current year will be proposed and discussed again.

<September Emphasis Month Theme: EMC>
"Extension and Membership Conservation"

The new EMC Manual=<https://online.anyflip.com/guxds/uqbu/mobile/index.html> is published in March 2021. Please click here to see it.

<Scripture of the Month>

There shall be no other gods besides me. Do not make any image of yourself. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God without reason. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holly. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

(Exodus 20:1-17, Old Testament)

Every year when September 11th comes, I think of the 6th commandment of the 10 commandments that Moses received from God, "You shall not kill. The many lives that were lost with the collapse of the buildings, all had names and were connected to many other lives. All of these connections were cut off in an instant. They were cut by hatred. And that hatred was followed by a chain of retaliation. My heart aches for the current situation in Afghanistan. Jesus deepened the commandment, "You shall not kill," to forgive your enemies and love even your enemies. I hope that the work of our Y's Men's Club this year will also be based on fear and respect for each and every life.

Kazuko Niwa (Kobe Port Club)

<Notice from the YMI>

1. The YMI 100th Anniversary Celebration to be held instead of the International Convention.

The YMI 100th Anniversary Celebration will be held in Taipei, Taiwan from November 15 to 17, 2022.

The 2022 International Convention in Hawaii has been cancelled. We hope that many members from our Area will be able to participate in this international meeting in the Asia Pacific Area. Taiwan members are currently planning and preparing the program.



<The following is from RD Memo 1 issued by the International Headquarters on August 24>

2. Nomination and Election, 2021/2022

The dates for the 2021-22 elections can be found on the Provisional Calendar at IHQ and on the YMI website. Voting will be available online from December 14, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. until January 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. (both in Geneva time).

3. Voting Rights for IPE and ICM/APE Elections

Voting privileges are available to clubs that have paid 100% of their International, Area, and Regional dues for the past three semesters and have had at least 15 members for the past three semesters. (International Constitutional Guidelines 409)

Clubs with five to fourteen members that have been in existence for more than 25 years may apply for voting privileges in accordance with International Constitutional Guideline 411. Applications should be submitted to your Regional Director. (By September 30)

4. YMI Open House

Each club is requested to hold an Open House. An Open House is a meeting (event), either in person, online or a combination of the two, where the public (or potential new members) are invited to learn about Y's activities in a fun and informal atmosphere.

5. Challenge 22 Ambassadors Program

As part of the Challenge 22's Extension activities to new countries, the Challenge 22 Ambassador Program has been established and the BF Fund will provide for travel expenses related to the organization and support of new clubs, especially in remote areas and new countries.

Extension work in a new country is a necessary activity, but one that most Area budgets cannot adequately support. Applications will be accepted through the BF Fund Application Form, and only travel support will be provided. Lodging and other support will be the responsibility of each Area, Region, etc. With this new initiative, it is expected that a YMI representative will be present at the club charter ceremony.

6. Submission of Regional Report to the International Historian

Debbie Redmond, International Historian, needs copies of your Regional bulletins for our archives. Please add her to your mailing list and send a copy of your bulletin to IHQ as well.

7. About BF Cultural Exchange Grants

In the 2022-23 fiscal year, the ASP area will send a representative to the India Area, and the Africa Area will accept a Cultural Exchange Grant from ASP Area.

The information on the application will be sent in October 2021, so please apply accordingly.

<Editor's Note>

In August, we had a series of important meetings including AYC, AC and ACM. As the AP, I am trying my best to provide appropriate leadership, but sometimes it is difficult to do so. I would like to continue to grow with many members.

But still, more fun to socialize! I would like to be able to provide a place for people to get to know each other better. Let's enjoy the future activities of the Area and make them fruitful. Together with you all.