



# Y's Men International, Asia Pacific Area

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## MESSAGE FROM AREA PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members and Friends,

I bring you greetings from the Area Executive Officers and pray that you are staying safe and healthy in combating the deadly COVID-19

pandemic.

The implementation of safety measures by governments to combat the spread of the new corona virus has curtailed international travels and physical gatherings. This has resulted in the cancellation of the International Convention 2020 which was supposed to be held in Odense, Denmark in August this year and many other regional conventions.

During this unprecedented period of our history, we must not lose hope and must not forget to do good in reaching out to the vulnerable groups and to those in need. I am happy to learn of clubs reaching out to those in dire need and giving aid to the many in the community faced with the social and economic problems. Your actions are commendable in making a difference to your community and inspiring others to emulate.

Please share your inspiring stories and accomplishments through this Bulletin as an encouragement to others in our seven regions and beyond. We will also feature reports of service directors and calendar of events among many others. As the writer of the Book of Hebrews in the Bible says, "let us consider how to stir one another to love and good deeds ,..... encouraging one another all the more.....". In this manner, we can inspire each other to "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" for Asia Pacific Area.

This Bulletin is made possible by the commitment and industry of our indefatigable ASD-BE YM Colin Lambie and his Editorial Team to whom I am most indebted.

Enjoy reading!

David S.T. Lua  
28 Sep 2020

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC & NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE

by: Deepak Bhandari, RSD-Web/ DExt. SEA Region



Y Service Club of Lumbini Nepal continuously provides educational and food support to the needy children and their families during the Covid-19 pandemic, the club never stop the service and even distribute necessities to those families of the children.

The club has been supporting cash and foods to low income, and flood/landslide victim families.

## "Make a Difference"



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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



The aim of the Area Bulletin is to enhance the communication between the Area leaders, the Regions, the Districts, the Clubs & the Members.

The goal is one bulletin per month. This will require articles, photos, stories from AP, RDs, ASDs re projects and actions in their area of responsibility. DGs, Club leaders and club members are also encouraged to submit stories & photos.

by: Area Bulletin Editor, Colin Lambie



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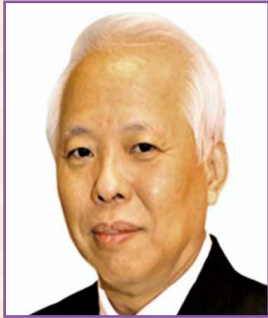
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## COMMUNITY SERVICE A MIDST PANDEMIC

by: PRD Paul Lim, PHIL Region



Community Service cannot be let up even during the corona virus pandemic. As service clubs affiliated with Y's Men International, we find ways to help communities and do charity as part of our duties & responsibilities.

With the Philippine Region under GCQ (General Community Quarantine), ages 0 to 20 years old and those who are 60 years old and above must stay home. People who are at high risk, like those with lung disease, heart disease and diabetes, cannot go out. But almost all clubs in our region have younger, stronger and energetic leaders who are between 21 and 60 years of age. Club members can share their 3 T's (Time, Talent & Treasure) and help organize the CS projects in a way following the guidance from local government.

Aside from extending our assistance helping the front liners in this time of pandemic, we can still try to extend our resources to give love, compassion and caring heart for our "lesser in life" brothers and sisters in Christ, or where the government may not be able to reach them.

We are happy to have two premier clubs that have shown their concern to the community as true servant leaders, braving the pandemic difficulties to send goods and services to the needy communities in our midst.

Y's Men's Club of RAHA Philippines, with Club President Joseph Uyching and the chartered sponsored club Manila Downtown Y's Men's Club under Club President Alex Yu, have done their share during the first two months of their office.

MC Manila Downtown likewise, with the Leaders of Companions of the Poor Ministry, donated 60 sacks of Jasmine Rice (packed in 10kgs) for the 300 depressed scavenger families living in Montalban, Rizal dumpsite. The timely donations helped the depressed families by uplifting their spirit with hope, love and kindness from donors' charity work.

Let us try to find more creative ways of doing community service and extend our Y's Movement compassion to reach more people in more places... to acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right.



YMC RAHA Philippines Relief Goods for Sierra Madre Project thru RAHA Fire Volunteers Fire Chief Ronan Li



YMC RAHA Philippines CP Joseph Uyching (R) donation to RAHA Fire Volunteers represented by Fire Chief Ronan Li (L)



Manila Downtown YMC CP Alex Yu handling rice distribution to the Montalban residents



Manila Downtown YMC CP Alex Yu on Project Montalban



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## JOYFUL EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA REGION

by: Andy FU ASD/RSD-PR, Southeast Asia Region



Some joyful events occurred in Southeast Asia (SEA) Region between late June and early July 2020. The first event was the installation of SMIT District Governor on June 27, 2020. DG Peter Tay was installed by the Regional Director, Lee Liat Cheng. This was followed by the Joint

Installation of the SEA Regional Director and Hong Kong District Governor. Although there was a

sudden outbreak of COVID-19 in Hong Kong and the government implemented a restriction order, the event was successfully held at the Crystal Ballroom of Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong on July 11, 2020. The event was officiated by AP David Lua via on-line. AP David Lua also hosted the inauguration for RD Lee Liat Cheng while RD installed DG Joan Wong and her District Officers. Club presidents in Hong Kong were also installed and a handover ceremony was done on the same day. Warm congratulation were extended to RD, DGs of SMIT and Hong Kong District and wish them every success.



DG Peter Tay, SMIT District



Installation for RD Lee Liat Cheng



DG Joan Wong with her Officers, Hong Kong



Club Presidents' handover ceremony



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## GREEN ACTIVITIES & THE ENVIRONMENT

by: Colin Lambie ASD-BE/Green Activities & Environment



Y's Men International contribute to the cause of climate change, because of travelling, the use of fossil fuels, etc.

Y's Men International also have an impact on the environment because of the waste they create at meetings and conventions, etc. Sometimes it's not easy to split whether the main impact of an action is contributing to climate

change and/or the environment. Reducing contribution to cause of climate change and/or a negative impact on the environment are both objectives we should aim for.

Climate Change or Global Warming, regardless of the name, is clearly shown to be caused by greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and we humans are creating greenhouse gases at a much higher level than at any time before.

We can all take action to reduce our own share of the contribution to greenhouse gases. Examples of action we can take are:

- Fly less or not at all; alternatives include use trains, meet Online, etc.
- Drive less or not at all; use an electric car charged by renewables, use public transport, etc
- Use renewable energy; solar on roof of homes, businesses, etc.
- Buy electricity from renewable sources – a choice in some countries, e.g. Australia & Japan.
- Buy electricity from electricity retailer which sources its electricity from renewable sources.
- Reduce waste, recycle as much as possible, reuse if possible.

### Tree Planting

This is a topic requiring more discussion. It sounds good for both reducing greenhouse gases (trees absorb carbon dioxide) and the environment. However, tree planting does not always provide desirable outcomes. Some tree planting has taken place after displacing farming communities. Some tree planting has a devastating impact on the environment, for example a plantation of 'pine trees' kill under-story plants and this has a negative impact on wildlife which would normally live in a forest.

Tree planting can be desirable; trees absorb greenhouse

gases and trees of the right selection for an area can be good for the flora & fauna.

### Y Service Clubs

Can initiate or support projects that are good for the environment and/or reduce greenhouse gases.

Some clubs take part in 'clean up rubbish' days, which are good for the environment – photo below left of club members picking up rubbish.



Some clubs support community solar rooftop projects, for example by donating funds to crowd funding campaigns to install solar PV on community buildings – photo above right.

### Area Level Action

We want to start an Asia-Pacific Area 'Green Team', which will be made up of 2 people per Region. One of the 2 is proposed to be an 'experienced' Y's Men, the other person is proposed to be a younger person. It is expected that knowledge will be shared both ways between the person with Y's Men experience and the younger person, who may be actively involved in climate and/or the environmental movement.

### International

Y's Men International has a 'carbon offset' fund which contributes to projects that reduce greenhouse gases; these projects 'offset' the greenhouse gases of YMI leaders.



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## BROTHERHOOD FUND PROMOTION

by: Nobukazu (Sam), ASD-BF, Nakai/Nara Club-Japan West Region



Greetings from Osaka, Japan. Let me introduce myself briefly. I have four lovely grandsons and one granddaughter. I love to walk and play tennis twice a week.

In this period, I was also elected DG-Hanwa District, Japan West region. It is very tough

situation to work our project due to the Covid-19. I think most of our members start to use the remote meeting facilities. Also, we start the "Hybrid (remote and actual) meeting" at our district and clubs. Under the "New Normal" situation, let's change our Y's style and Y's life. Everyone knows that it is the tough circumstance for "BF project". However, let's exchange our information and try to find out the suitable activities. Looking forward to seeing you again. Take care!!

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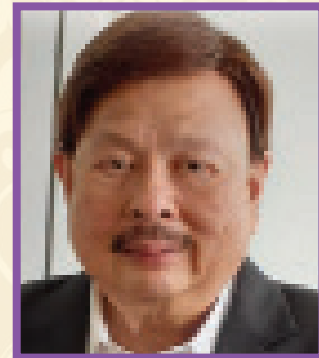
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Region: Philippines



- Oct *Emphasis Month for Brotherhood Fund*
- Oct 9 *Deadline for nominations of ICM/APE 2021-2022*
- Oct 22 *GOLD 2.0 for Youth*
- Nov 14 *IBC Signing Ceremony between Adelaide Club & Kofu21*
- Nov 30 *Deadline for submission of Area Convention 2023 Bid*

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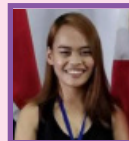
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