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MESSAGE FROM AREA PRESIDENT



Dear Club Members and Friends,

June is the final month of the service year 2020-21. It is also the month for Area and Regional leaders to prepare for a smooth transfer of leadership and a time for regional conventions. This last issue of our Area Bulletin will complete our coverage of all the seven Regions.

I commend the Regions that have done well. COVID-19 notwithstanding, it has been an exciting and eventful year with many new initiatives. I thank my AEOs and ASD Team for the very significant roles they play in **Making a Difference** which is most memorable and satisfying this year. Succeeding me is APE Ohno Ben from Japan West Region. Let us accord him with our utmost support.

2022 is a historic moment! We will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Y's Men International. Living up to our commitment to the 4 I's of Idealism (to dream big), Interest (a commitment to reach our full potential), Initiative (to develop and share new ideas), and Industry (to work hard to achieve our goals), our Area will commemorate with three centennial projects:

1. The Songwriting Competition (Song Fest Project). I invite our musically talented members and composers to contribute to the Song Fest.
2. The Food & Heritage Competition Project culminating in an Asia Pacific Area Recipe Book. Those who like cooking and enjoy good food are encouraged to share their recipes in the Food & Heritage Competition for all of us to enjoy.
3. A Climate Action Project - A new model of advocacy partnership with the YMCA of Makati, Philippines.

It is also my pleasure to announce that our Historian PICM Dr. Ramona UJ Morales has completed compiling our Area History Book. I wish to thank her for her indefatigable energy in this very demanding assignment. We owe a debt of gratitude to our past and present Area leaders for their contributions, sharing inspiring anecdotes of their experiences as Y's Men and Women. Looking back and learning from history will propel us to excel as an Area that comprises more than 15 countries.

In closing, please be reminded that the Area Convention is around the corner. It will be held in a hybrid format on Saturday 14th August if the situation in Taiwan permits. The Area Youth Convocation will be held a week earlier on the 7th and 8th August. It will be an exciting two days' event that brings together our youth and young adults to chart the future of our Movement. Keep the dates free and register to be counted.

Let us thank our indefatigable Area Bulletin Editor, ASD Colin Lambie and his amazing team consisting of DGE Deepak Bhandari from Nepal, CP Magda Gana from the Philippines, AS Keiko Tonegawa from Japan and Advisor PICM Dr. Ramona Morales for their hard work and creativity in successfully delivering the eight issues of the Area Bulletin.

Above all, I thank God for His divine guidance in seeing us through a successful and fulfilling year.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Asia Pacific Area President. Let us keep the spirit of Y's Men blazing in our hearts.

Warmest Regards

David Lua
Area President (2020-21)



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

We have come to the last issue of the Area Bulletin for this Ys Men Year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team who have made this publication possible. Thank you Mags and Deepak for working on the designs and layout and thank you to the rest of the Bulletin Team for 2020-2021; AS Keiko for managing the circulation, IPAP Tanaka for translating the publication for the Japanese readership. And thank you AP David Lua and PICM Inday for continuous guidance and advise on the publication. Finally, thank you readers for making time to read this Bulletin and learn more about our fellow Ys Men in the Area. We wish you a blessed and healthy new Y's Men Year ahead!

THIS BULLETIN CAN BE READ FROM THE SCREEN - NO NEED TO PRINT.

- Colin Lambie, Bulletin Editor

THE Y'S MEN OF TAIWAN REGION OVERVIEW

by RD Frank Tsai



Since the first Y's Men's Club in Taiwan (Taipei-Alpha) was chartered in Taipei on March 12, 1955, all Y's Men members in Taiwan Region have been working hard to promote Y's movement and serve the community. Although the number of people has not been able to grow by a large amount, we have always maintained a certain number of members. We also continue to contribute to International program donations and do our best to assist IBC in whole world.

During the term 2020/21, my annual theme is "Join us in shining Y's future", and main goals are that to establish one new lady club and to carry out more CS activities.

Taiwan Region is little affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but various activities are still held as usual. Each district and club organizes various CS program and regular meetings. We also try our best to cooperate with YMI and Area to attend video conferences. I'm very proud of the YWC of Taichung Ever Grace Chartered on 16th Aug. 2020, and had performed more than a dozen CS program.

Below is our CS program achieved:

1. Bottled Drinking Water Donation Activity - North District in July



2. Assisted by Taichung YMCA Children Summer Camp and Tribal Youth Camp lunch donation - Center District in July.



3. Donation to Elementary School Orchestra - whole region in August.



4. Chang-Hwa Elderly Care Center Charity Sale Activity
- Center District in October.



5. High School Underprivileged Students' Dream Realization Project and Nutritional Lunch Donation
- North District in October.



6. Assist Tainan YMCA Charity Sale and "2020 Run Accompany Taiwan" elderly care activity
- South District in October.



7. Three on Three's basketball game for Zero drug abuse activity
- South District in November.



2020 國際聯青盃 台南 YMCA 青少年三對三籃球賽

EX3 籃球賽

報名表 **日期：109年11月7日(星期六)**
上午8:00至下午6:00
地點：台南市體育公園籃球場
高中組 國中組 國小男子組 國小女子組 國高中女子組

主辦單位：社團法人台南市基督教青年會(YMCA)、臺南國際聯青社、國際聯青社台灣總會、國際聯青社台灣總會南區委員會
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8. Charity Bazaar activity - with YMCA of Taichung - Center District in November.



9. Donation to Elementary School After-school tutoring - Center District in November.



10. Donate money and goods to disabled people - whole Region in November - December.



11. Winter caring activities - whole Region in January.



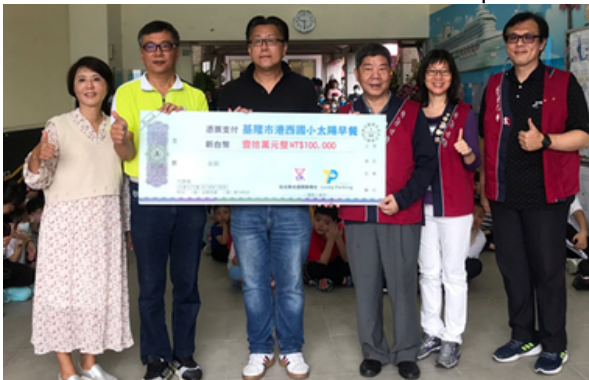
12. Meal delivery activities for the elderly - Center District in March.



13. The Polite manners campaign - whole Region in March.



14. Donate money for Elementary School children breakfast - North District in April.



15. Annual routine - Blood donation activity. - whole Region.



16. Annual routine - Adopt of park maintenance - North District

We also to part in YMI Week4Waste Project:

1. North District: First, combined with Taoyuan Tinfun Protectory to carry on annual "Offer warm in cold winter" in January. around 40 members, Menettes and Y'slings not only offered food and clothes etc. but also cleaned the surrounding environment and restored the street clean. Second, hold a medical lecture combined with park clean-up on Menettes' Activity in April. Around 50 members of Menettes participated.

2. Center District: Together with Changhua YMCA, around 60 Y's members, Menettes and Y'slings attended the wetland clean-up activity in March. Many plastic bags, large waste, glass, dangerous needles were picked up. There were 170.5kg of general waste, 169.2kg of recovery material, 16kg of large waste, total 355.7kg of marine debris which will let the wetland become a clean natural landscape.



For the youth part, we have always encouraged Y'sling to participate in Y's activities, and we will definitely hold a youth camp every year. This year, we had held a youth camp in Taichung on 30-31 January.



In particular, various International program donations have exceeded the original target value, especially a RBM charity golf tournament and a host a regional singing competition. I want to thank all RSDs and Y's Men members and Menettes for their cooperation and the hard work of the cadres. Hope the Y's Men will grow stronger and last forever in Taiwan!



Membership Statistics of Club - April 2021

North District :156		Center District :274		South District :94	
Club	Member	Club	Member	Club	Member
Taipei-Alpha	19	Taichung	18	Kaohsiung	19
Taipei-Beta	15	Taichung-Evergreen	26	Pingtung	10
Taipei-Downtown	21	Taichung Everspring	15	Pingtung-Southmoutain	6
Taipei-Central	18	Tsaotun	32	Kaohsiung-The Port	21
Keelung	13	Taichung Ever Flow	41	Tainan	13
Taipei-Bridges	21	Taichung Ever Nice	34	Kaohsiung Forever Young	15
Taipei Union	15	Taichung Everlife	60	Pingtung-Wandan	10
Taipei-A-List	15	Taichung Great Vision	22		
Taoyuan	19	Taichung EverGrace	26		

Total: 25 Clubs, 524 members

THE LOVE OF SUPPORT ~ Y'S MENETTES IN TAIWAN

by RSD-Menettes Club Karen Lu

In the history of Y's Men International Taiwan Region, a spouse of a Y's Man is called a Y's Menette and they form an auxiliary to the local Y's Men's Club. Menettes often assist, contribute and support Y's Men without complaint due to the needs of their spouse, and in such a consistent "love" mood, accumulate a deep bond of friendship and strength. Over the years, Y's Menettes in Taiwan, both domestically and internationally, have actively participated in Y's Men's various ministries, and the results are obvious to all. As the number of Y's Men Club Members is shrinking in an all-round way, how to focus on bringing out its possible unique characteristics within the established Y's organizational structure is a top priority.

In terms of expansion

In his 2019 term, IPRD Tony Liao proposed a three-year-plan to expand Y's Menettes Club, i.e. to have each local Y's Menettes Club registered to realign with Y's Menettes International. Menette Sdi Feng, who is the wife of H. K. Chen, IBC RSD of Taiwan Region was invited as the Artistic Director to design a visual identity for Taiwan Y's Menettes. This plan was strongly supported by RD Frank Tsai, RDE Kevin Su, and all the directors and supervisors. IPRD Tony Liao had 12 local Y's Menettes Clubs completed registration in the 2019/2020 term; RD Frank Tsai expects to achieve the goal of registering all of them before the expiration of his term in June 2021.

In addition, before RD Frank Tsai taking office, his wife Helen Tsai started planning the establishment of a new club. She took concrete actions to support the expansion plan. Thanks to Helen's efforts, the Y's Women's Club of Taichung EverGrace was established on August 16, 2020, with a total of 22 club members; making the number of YMI Taiwan Region members increased from 498 to 520. Helen showed her "supporting love", and the result is remarkable!

Image of Y's Menettes

The visual identity for Menettes in Taiwan is the "Silk Scarf". This idea came from the motto of Y's Men and was designed by Sdi-Feng. The element of this design is to connect the logos of Y's Menettes and to make a cross with the spirit of Christ's love. The four cardinal directions are the metaphor of the globe and the regions. The intertwined ropes and nods linking the four corners, are the symbol of Y's Menettes' unity and sustainability. The color scheme design is based on the evergreen in Taiwan and the friendliness of people; the pure fragrance of lilies will be endless. The Y's Menettes will help Y's Men to pass on the love and service to the society. It will never end.

The "Silk Scarf" designed by Sdi Fong is made of pure silk with high quality, and the packaging and finished products are comparable to international famous brands. It is elegant but not expensive, and it is suitable as a gift or for personal use. Taiwan Region Menettes Committee specially reserved 50 pieces for charity sale at the Area / Regional Convention in coming August; the proceeds from the charity sale will be injected into the 2022 Fund. Hopefully, with the support of love by Menettes, Y's in all Regions will be stronger and stronger.

Loving and Caring

The Y's Menette Lily Chen Welfare Fund was established by Charming Shen in 2019, in memory of his beloved wife, who passed away in January 2019 due to sickness. The fund was formed to raise awareness of good health, assist members in providing medical aid and promote education among others. On April 24, 2021, in response to Charming Shen's concern for Menettes, the North District Governor Shih-Chin Li specially held the "Event of Menettes in the North District", to give a medical lecture on the topic of vision health at the Keelung City Council Multimedia Audiovisual Center. APE Charming Shen, on behalf of family members of "The Y's Menette Lily Chen Welfare Fund" sponsored the event with a cost of NT\$10,000.

The Event of Menettes in the North District was hosted by DG Shih-Chin Li.

PAP Tung-Ming Hsiao attended and provided guidance.

PRD Aisha Huang gave a few statements to emphasize the importance of "cleaning".

Actively participate in international Activities

In line with YMI Week4Waste, the "Sweeping Street Activity" was carried out at Chong Cheng Park in Keelung City, right after the North District Menettes Event on April 24, 2021. Menettes worked together with Y's Men Club Members to keep the environment litter-free !

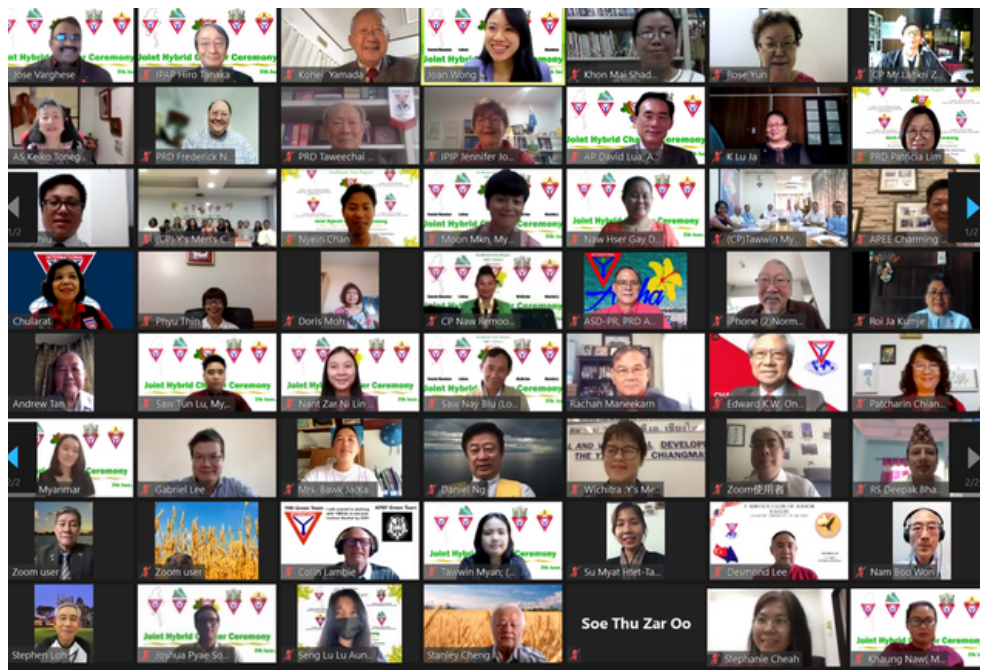
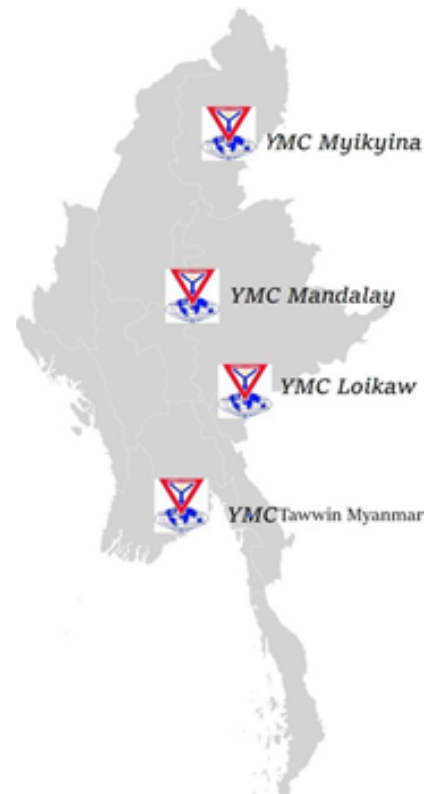
FOUR NEW CLUBS FROM MYANMAR SUCCESSFULLY JOINED Y'S MEN'S FAMILY

by RD Joan Wong, Southeast Asia Region

Amidst the turmoil in Myanmar, four new Myanmar Clubs were successfully chartered on June 5, 2021. A Joint Hybrid Charter Ceremony was held on the same day. AP David Lua, ISG Jose Varghese, Maung Maung Win, National General Secretary of Myanmar YMCAs were invited to address the gathering. IPIP Jennifer Jones, IPAP Hiroyuki Tanaka, Nam Bon Woon General Secretary of Asia & Pacific Alliance of YMCAs gave congratulatory message to all clubs RD Joan Wong and DG Peter Tay hosted the installation of charter club presidents and induction of club members respectively. Other international leaders: IPE Dr. Kim Sung Chae and APE Ohno Ben Tsutomu sent a congratulatory letter and video respectively though they were unable to attend. A written prayer message for Myanmar from IP Jacob Kristensen was sent to all new clubs after the ceremony.

The four new clubs namely Y's Men's Club of Tawwin Myanmar, Y's Men's Club of Mandalay, Y's Men's Club of Loikaw and Y's Men Club of Myitkyina added a total of 70 members to Southeast Asia Region. Clubs from within the Region provided the cross-border sponsorship, namely Y's Men's Club of Alpha Chapter, Singapore; Y's Men's Club of Chiang Mai, Thailand; Y's Men's Club of Island East, Hongkong; Y Service Club Lumbini, Nepal, Y's Men's Club of Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong and Y's Men's Club of North West, Hong Kong. Sponsor club presidents Daniel Ng, Wichitra Khuenkhai, Leo Chiu, Gabriel Lee and Deepak Bhandari together with club representatives Tony Chan attended the ceremony and presented the table flagstand, bell and gavel to each of the four new clubs.

Since October 2020, a Special Area & Regional Extension Team for Myanmar was formed in the Southeast Asia for the establishment of Y's Men's clubs in Myanmar. The team included AP David Lua, ASD-EMC/PAP Edward Ong, ASD-YL Kohei Yamada, RD Joan Wong, RSD-Ext James Kong, DG Peter Tay, RSD-YL/DGE Rachan Maneeakarn and RS/DGE Deepak Bhandari. Several meetings with all clubs were held and an orientation session was organized on May 15, 2021. Although the original charter date in February 2021 was postponed due to a sudden change of political situation. The utmost effort given by National YMCA of Myanmar in the extension effort no doubt led to the successful charter of the four new clubs.



Over 90 participants including new club members attended the ceremony either physically or via Zoom. (top)

Four Charter Club President gave an acceptance speech. (upper right)

Board Members and Maung Maung Win, General Secretary of National Myanmar YMCA (lower right)

YMI ASP PARTNERS WITH MAKATI YMCA FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

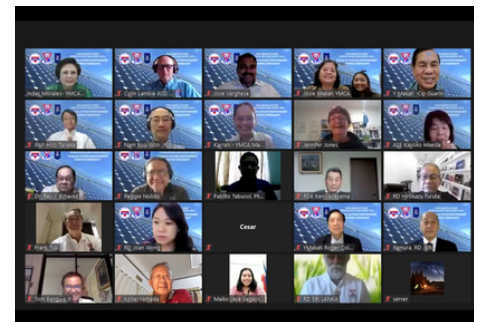
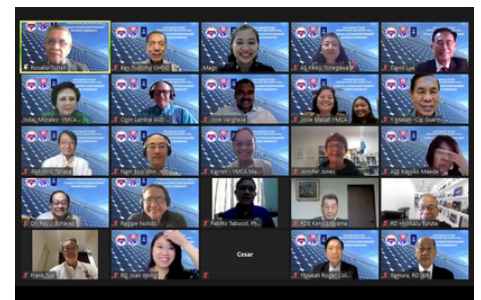
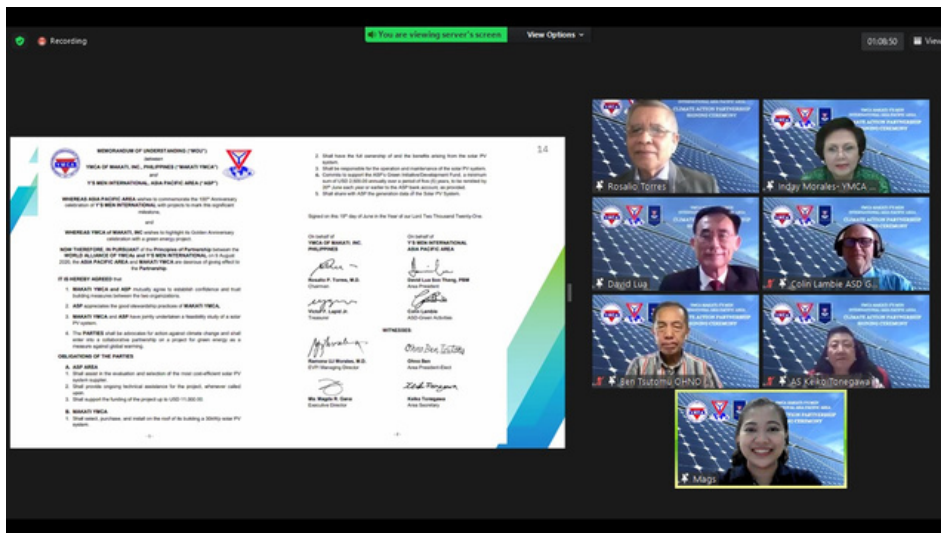
By: Colin Lambie ASD BE/Green Activities & Environment and Magda Gana, Executive Director YMCA Makati

The Y’s Men International Asia Pacific Area (YMI-ASP) signed a Climate Action Partnership with the YMCA of Makati Inc. (Makati YMCA) in the Philippines for a Renewable Energy Project last June 19, 2021.

ASP co-funded the installation of a Solar PV System on the Makati YMCA Building which aims to reduce carbon emission from energy consumption. In return, Makati YMCA will support the funding of ASP Projects on Environment in the next five years.

In his message, AP David Lua expressed that ASP finds worthy to support this project in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Y’s Men International and is the first of its kind of a YMI-YMCA partnership model. Makati YMCA Chairman, Dr. Rosalio Torres mentioned that this is one of the flagship projects of Makati YMCA in commemoration of its Golden Anniversary this year.

The historical virtual signing ceremony was graced by YMI and YMCA Leaders from International and Asia Pacific Area; YMI IPIP Jennifer Jones, YMI Secretary General Jose Varghese and YMCA General Secretary of Asia Pacific Alliance Mr. Nam Boo Won were among those present.



From top: Makati YMCA Chairman, Dr. Rosalio Torres, EVP/ Managing Director Dr. Ramona Morales, YMI-ASP Area President David Lua, ASD-Green Activities Colin Lambie, APE Ben Ohno, AS Keiko Tonegawa and Makati YMCA Executive Director Ma. Magda Gana

INTERNATIONAL NEWS – FROM JUNE 2021 IP NEWS

IC2022 (2022 YMI International Convention) has been cancelled.

YEEP Program has been closed.

New program called IGo (Internships 4 Global Outreach) has been approved by the International Council.

For details refer www.ysmen.org

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