



APAY NEWS

Monthly e-Newsletter of the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs No. 02 / 2010 ~ February-March 2010

1. Executive Committee Affirms Programmatic Thrusts for the Year



The Executive Committee and Related Meetings of the Alliance were held from 10-13 March 2010 at the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong. This was attended by about 100 leaders and representatives from 21 Movements from around the region including Dr. Bart Shaha, Secretary General of World Alliance and Ms. Boon Chin Tan of YMCA USA.

It is heart warming to see and meet up with the 3 past Presidents of APAY ~ Mr. Kan Tanikawa,

Dr. Philip Kwok and Rev. Samuel Stephens. Our former General Secretary, Rev. Tan Chi Kiong also joined us. *All of you who attended including the former officers and staff had given a special and warm meaning to the whole process of this year's Executive Committee. We thank you sincerely.*

We would like to share some of the significant decisions and plans to achieve the quadrennial focus and thrust:

- A Resource Mobilisation (RM) Workshop was conducted as part of this year's Executive Committee Meeting. Each movement presented their own plans/follow-up. APAY will continue its S2S campaign and initiate the Global Fellow for Youth Campaign starting October 2010. Youth Committee members are planning a new S2S video campaign.
- Gender Equity Committee continues to provide Training and Workshop that stimulates more responses on gender issues and concerns this September. They also plan to hold a workshop/global village in the forthcoming World Council.
- Global Citizenship Education (GCE) Training of Trainers will be conducted on 25-30 May in Macau with 2-3 youth leaders/staff participating from Movements. GATF is supporting some of the cost for this training. A workshop on GCE will be featured at the World Council.
- Global Alternative Tourism Network (GATN) was introduced which would be completed in June. There would be a training workshop for YMCAs that join GATN.
- APAY Partnership Project (APP) has now 13 confirmed partners and project details are now being finalised.
- Movement Strengthening (MS) was one of the major focuses giving emphasis on Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia and Vietnam. Several partners will have follow-up meetings scheduled on ~ April 19-21 in Surabaya, Indonesia, June 24-28 in Vietnam and during the World Council for Cambodia PSG.
- Advisory system for MS was proposed and discussed thoroughly. A general guideline for the Advisors outlining their important was developed and this was shared to the Movements.
- The 18th General Assembly 2011 will be held in Penang, Malaysia from 6-10 September. Prior to this, the 2nd APAY Youth Assembly on 4-6 September.
- School of Peace (SOP) will be held from 25 October to 13 November 13 in Sri Lanka for South and South East Asian Movements. This will be participated in by 10 YMCA staff members and 10 more from other ecumenical groups.
- Some main Youth Related Events are: GCE ToT on 25-30 May in Macau, APAY Youth Council on 14-16 July and International Youth Forum on 16-19 July in Hong Kong prior to the World Council and 3rd Asia and Pacific Uni-Y Regional Conference on 19-24 October in Philippines.
- 28th Advanced Studies Programme (ASP) will be conducted from 14 November to 11 December in Hong Kong

- Other follow-up programmes on Ageing, Climate Change, Migrants, GCE, GATN and SOP are in the process of funding support.
- The next Executive Committee Meeting 2011 was tentatively scheduled on 9-12 March 2011 (may change dates depending on World Alliance ExCo)

As in the past, the highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) included the President's remarks, Dr. Park Jai Chang, the Annual Report of General Secretary Kohei Yamada and greetings were extended by our YMCA partners and the World Alliance. There was also special presentation on the World Council 2010. The National General Secretaries met on 9 March and the Youth Participation and Leadership Development Committee had an initial meeting on the same day. *The whole proceedings, report and minutes of this ECM will be shared to all Movements very soon.*



(Dr. Park Jai Chang, APAY President)

2. 18th General Assembly 2011 in Penang

Penang in Malaysia will be the next venue of our 18th General Assembly (GA) scheduled from 6-10 September 2011 as was decided at the Executive Committee Meeting this March. The Penang YMCA has been assigned the local hosts' responsibilities by the National Council of YMCAs of Malaysia.

Relative to this, the Planning Committee has been formed and endorsed comprising of the following representatives from each sub-region, the respective Chairs of the Youth and Gender Equity Committees and the APAY Executive Staff:

East Asia	:	Mr. Nam Boo-Won (Korea)
South East Asia	:	Mr. Jerry Choo Soon Haw (Malaysia)
South Asia	:	Mr. Duncan Chowdhury (Bangladesh)
Pacific	:	Mr. Peter Malone (Australia)
GE Committee Chair	:	Dr. Patcharawan Srisilapanan (Thailand)
YPLD Committee Chair:		Ms. Maria Cristina L. Miranda (Philippines)

The Election Committee has also been formed and approved representing the sub-regions and the APAY General Secretary:

East Asia	:	Ms. Hiromi Nagao (Japan)
South East Asia	:	Judge Edilberto Claravall (Philippines)
South Asia	:	Mr. Joseph John (India)
Pacific	:	Ms. Helen McEwan (New Zealand)

Prior to the GA, the 2nd APAY Youth Assembly will take place on 4-6 September 2011 in Penang YMCA.

Our congratulations to Penang YMCA, the host for the next Assembly in 2011!

We thank the National Movement of the YMCAs of Sri Lanka for their interest to host the 18th GA.

3. Global Citizenship Education (GCE) Training of Trainers, 25-30 May

Are you thinking of initiating Global Citizenship Education in your YMCA? Are you looking for getting trained as trainer for GCE? ... APAY is providing an Exciting opportunity!!!!

Training of Trainers on Global Citizenship Education will be held on 25-30 May 2010 in Macau. This will be an opportunity for the YMCA movement in the region to develop further comprehensive GC Education programme relevant to their context and develop skills for effectively implementing GCE programme in YMCAs. Youth Work staff and Youth Volunteers are expected to join in the Training of Trainers. Details of the programme has been sent to all National Movements and available on our website. [Registration will close on 30 April 2010](#)

4. Youth Committee Impacts ECM 2010



It was a great breakthrough in the history of APAY particularly for this year's Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) as it brought together 18 youths. The strong presence of our youth and their active participation and leadership throughout the meeting had given a very good impact that made the meeting well energized. This has proven how important and relevant the roles of our youth in all our YMCA works and life.

We sincerely thank all Movements that have responded to this call and supported our thrust for youth development, leadership and

participation. We urge all of you to sustain this youth energy and strength in APAY as they engage themselves in their own local/national movements.

5. Updates ~

APAY Partnership Project (APP)

The following YMCAs will engage in partnership for the implementation of the APAY partnership project this year. The partnership projects are expected to begin from April 2010

NO	Implementing YMCA	Partner YMCA
1.	Marthandom/ India	Council of YMCAs of Hong Kong
2.	Trivandrum / India	Council of YMCAs of Hong Kong
3.	Madurai / India	Gyungbuk Prov., Korea
4.	Patna / India	YMCA of USA
5.	Jamshedpur/ India	YMCA of USA
6.	Nepal	Tokyo Korean YMCA, Japan
7.	San Pablo City / Philippines	Gyungnam Prov. Korea
8.	Albay / Philippines	Nagoya and Tochigi Y, Japan
9.	Makati / Philippines	Wanganui YMCA, NZ
10.	Morotuwa / Sri Lanka	Victoria YMCA, Australia
11.	Valachchenai / Sri Lanka	Gwangju-Junnam Prov., Korea
12.	Salatiga / Indonesia	Gyunggi Prov., Korea
13.	Metro Jakarta /Indonesia	Okayama YMCA , Japan

S2S Campaign09

The initial launching of our S2S Campaign in 2009 raised an amount of about 5,600USD contributed by the following Movements, groups and individuals ~ YMCAs of Hong Kong, Macau, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines (Manila~Downtown and Pangasinan) and Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong; 27th ASP participants, APAY Staff, Mitsuhiro Uno, Gilbert Chin, Cristina Dalope and Bruce Van Voorhis. This amount represents the actual contribution received by APAY. Kindly let us know if you still have some contributions raised for this campaign to update our records. *We have allocated this amount for the APAY Youth Council 2010, as this has been the purpose of this campaign.*

6. Ecumenical News...Our Partners...and Networks

SOP Update: Focus on Identity and Conflict

Since it began on Feb. 1, the participants of the School of Peace (SOP) at Visthar in Bangalore, India, have completed the first two modules of the 14-week program—"Self, the Other and Community" and "Conflict, Violence and War." In addition, sessions of SOP have been devoted to understanding the divine, gender and self, global economic issues and violence against women, and the participants have made two field visits. A Forum Theater and Theater of the Oppressed Workshop was also held to impart drama skills that were used by the participants to share their reflections about their first field visit.

SOP, which is conducted by the joint APAY-CCA program Interfaith Cooperation Forum (ICF), concludes on May 14 for the 20 SOP participants from Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

CCA Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, April 2010

Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) will hold its 13th General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from April 14 to 21. The Assembly meets once every five years to celebrate the unity of the Church in Asia; to review programs and activities of CCA, and to set the future directions of the CCA by drawing insights from the Assembly theme *Called to Prophecy, Reconcile and Heal*. Prior to the assembly, a number of events will be held from April 10 to 13: the Women's Pre-Assembly Forum, Youth Pre-Assembly Forum, People's Forum, Forum of People Living with HIV/AIDS and the Asia Ecumenical Course. Information specifically about the assembly can be found at <http://www.cca.org.hk/13ga/index.htm>. As a partner organization, our General Secretary, Kohei Yamada, will represent the APAY.

Disaster Preparedness Planning (DPP) of Y Care International Piloted in Sri Lanka YMCA

Y Care International (YCI) has developed its own Guide and Toolkit for YMCAs interested in disaster preparedness planning which provides practical guidance and support for undertaking the process. In response to the need of Sri Lanka YMCA to increase its capacity to respond to future emergencies, YCI piloted its DPP Training Workshop with Sri Lanka YMCA in Colombo and Batticaloa from February 11-20, 2010. For more than 20 years, YCI and Sri Lanka have been working in partnership for several projects taking place in different regions of the country. Ms. Cristina Dalope represented the APAY to the 1st series of training workshop on 11-15 February.

7. Congratulations! YMCA Anniversaries...

The YMCA of Tainan celebrates its 55th anniversary celebration on 1st of May this year. Our warm congratulations!

8. Emergency Appeal for Chile's Earthquake Victims

The World Alliance and Latin American and Caribbean Alliance (LACA) of YMCAs had launched an emergency joint appeal of USD 106,000 to support YMCA Chile's life-saving work with earthquake victims. A detailed emergency response plan has been developed with a goal of reaching out to 10,000 people in seven communities affected by the earthquake. YMCA Chile's premises was not spared and been badly damaged, but the YMCA continues to provide desperately needed relief to affected communities. Information was circulated earlier by the WAY to National Movements.

Please communicate all pledges and funds transferred to the following persons: Oscar Ordenes, General Secretary, YMCA Chile: oscarordenes@ymcachile.org; Miguel Blasco, Deputy General Secretary of LACA: miguelblasco@lacaymca.org; Simon Pluess, World Alliance of YMCAs: simon.pluess@ymca.int

9. In Memoriam ~ Hajime Fujimori

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Hajime Fujimori who passed away last March 15 at the age of 84.

Mr. Fujimori served as the Area Secretary from 1970-1973. The APAY was then known as the Asia Area Committee of the World Alliance of YMCAs. He came to the Area with his vast experience as Secretary at the National Council of YMCAs of Japan. It was his task to re-establish the office of the Area Secretary in Hong Kong.

We join Mrs. Fusako Fujimori and the family in thanking God for his life and his service in the community. May he rest in peace.

10. World Council (WC) 2010 Updates

Mr. Richard Kaing, WC Coordinator, Hong Kong shares....

In less than 3 months, YMCA volunteers, leaders, youth and staff all over the world will meet in Hong Kong for the 17th World Council from 19-24 July 2010 with about 750 participants already registered to attend the conference. The Host Steering Committee (from the Council of YMCAs of Hong Kong) is working hard to ensure the success of this important World event, for the first time in Hong Kong.

The World Council will provide an opportunity to celebrate the YMCA's life and work in 124 countries under the “**Striving for Global Citizenship for All**”. Highlights of this World Council includes: Skills building workshops and global village, forums on YMCA cutting-edge issues, cultural night, daily inspirational worship and exposure Visits to local YMCA programmes and key cultural and historical sites. The election of Officers and Executive Committee Members for the next quadrennial will also take place.

Prior to the World Council Meeting, there will be a 3-day **International Youth Forum** from 16-19 July 2010. The Youth Forum aims to empower young people to advocate on global issues that impact their lives and their communities. New communications technology will be leveraged to enable 350 young people across the world that could not come to Hong Kong to input into the discussions with youth delegates in Hong Kong. *For more updates, please visit the WAY website: www.ymca.int*

11. New APAY Website Ready for Testing

On April 1, 2010, our new APAY website (www.asiapacificymca.org) is ready for viewing although we have not fully completed its architecture information. This is only a test for its usability and affectivity. For reference, we have provided a link of our “old” website which can be found at the bottom of this new web.

12. Forthcoming Events/Meetings

DATES	EVENTS	VENUE
25-30 May	Global Citizenship Education Training of Trainers	Macau
14-16 July	APAY Youth Council	Hong Kong
16-19 July	(WAY) International Youth Forum	Hong Kong
19-24 July	World Council 2010	Hong Kong

13. Notice!!!

The APAY Secretariat will be closed for Good Friday and Easter Holidays on 2 April and on 5-6 April.

May we all have a Blessed Easter filled with Love, Peace and Joy!

14. From the Desk of the General Secretary...

From March 10 to 13, we had our annual Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) in Hong Kong. ECM is one opportunity for every member movement of Asia and Pacific area to come together and discuss openly about what we have done for the past year and what we should do next. This year there were nearly 100 participants from 21 movements.

This year's ECM is my first as APAY's General Secretary, and this ECM has some special characteristics that I would like to share with you.



Firstly, we had 18 youths representing their Movements, namely, Australia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. They are members of the Youth Committee. These youths stayed on the 7th Floor of the Administration Building that used to be the residential quarters of the APAY Secretaries. These youths met a day before the ECM and learned about the process, got to know each other as well as some orientation of

APAY issues in advance.

During the ECM I felt, and I guess many others too, there was something new to the flow of discussions and some added dynamism during the meetings. The strong participation of the youths in some of the decision-making processes made me feel motivated on the role of our youths in the directions of APAY. This makes me feel encouraged throughout the year and this is indeed a PLUS for our Movement.

Secondly, Resource Mobilization (RM) was another highlight this year. The RM workshop held during the first two days of the ECM, opened the eyes of the participants on the new trends and trials of our YMCAs in RM. The case stories of the Singapore YMCA, the Philippines and India were motivating. The participants spent sometime to discuss the challenges in raising funds and also what we could do on RM in our respective movements. I believe this is the beginning of greater things to come for many movements in our area in RM.

Thirdly, Movement Strengthening (MS) was another focus area of this ECM. I was really pleased to see so many people and movements participating in the various partners meeting for Indonesia, East Timor, Cambodia and Vietnam. Much time was spent on discussing the use of advisors to assist some of these weaker movements.

Throughout the ECM processes, I felt a positive response and willingness to go forward on our agenda. Lastly, I appreciate Dr. K.C Abraham for sharing his wisdom of our relationship with God, people and nature. It was a really an inspiring message. Many things were discussed and decided during ECM. This is only the beginning of the year ahead for APAY.



Thank you for your participation and contribution.

A Blessed Easter to All!

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