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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**29Jan - 4Feb:** APAY-ICF Workshop: Break Walls, Build Bridges (Orissa, India)

**February:** EASY Net Core Team Meeting (Wu Kai Sha, Hong Kong)

**Feb - May:** ICF School of Peace Program (Bangalore, India)

**6Mar - 10Mar:** Executive Committee Meeting 2012 (Hong Kong)

**30Apr - 2May:** Disaster Preparedness Workshop (Yangon, Myanmar)

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## Executive Committee and Related Meetings 2012

APAY's Annual Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) will be held from 7 – 9 March 2012. This year's ECM will be significant for it will commence another quadrennium to start off. Advancements in different thrust areas of the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs will be discussed and deliberated upon by our frontline leaders. Whatever decisions and outcomes that may be resulted with in this ECM will not just take effect for a year but for four (4) years of upward mobility.

APAY thrust areas focus on

Movement Strengthening, Youth Empowerment and Issues and Concerns. Strategic Plans will be brought forth from the outputs of the 2011 General and Youth Assemblies and Leadership Quadrennial Roundtable. Addressing one major concern from the previous ECMs, APAY will hold one (1) hour of Orientation Program for all the greenhorns in this event. Youth Committee and National General Secretaries will meet on 6 March.

Consequently, there will be a Leadership Summit held on 6 – 7 March as supported by the

YMCA of Hong Kong. After the ECM concludes in the afternoon of 9<sup>th</sup> March, Trainings on Resource Mobilization will be conducted. A pool of best and well-experienced resource persons are invited to facilitate these trainings.

*Related documents were already circulated through the National Movements and are available for download in our website*

[www.asiapacificymca.org](http://www.asiapacificymca.org).

*Last date of registrations and training reservations for the Leadership Summit is on **31 January 2012**.*

## Asia-Pac Responds to Disasters through Workshop

In respond to the many disasters that our region had experienced in the past recent years, Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs, together with host YMCA of Myanmar, will hold a Disaster Preparedness Management Workshop on 30 April – 2 May 2012.

In this, APAY is organizing a common platform of gaining knowledge, skills and capacities for movements often affected by disasters to develop and strengthen their capacities for disaster preparedness. Also, this aims to mitigate the nega-

tive impacts, serious damages to lives and properties and enable them to take an active role in supporting communities, particularly young people and children, in coping with and responding to disasters through community preparedness scheme.

Basically, the 3-day Workshop includes Input Presentations, Workshop and Exercises, Sharing of Best Practices, Response Planning, and Field Exposures.

Related documents about the program were already circu-



YMCA volunteers in Japan take action in responding with the March 2011 earthquake.

lated among the movements and are downloadable through our website

[www.asiapacificymca.org](http://www.asiapacificymca.org).

Deadline for registration is on **20 April 2012**.



*From the desk of the General Secretary...*

## Visions of APAY for the Next Four Years (2012-2015)

At the 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (September 2011 at Penang), we discussed our future directions in the Asia and Pacific area. Following that Assembly, the 3<sup>rd</sup> APAY Leaders' Quadrennial Roundtable was held in December 2011 in Singapore. This was participated by 30 leaders including Officers and Lay Leaders, National General Secretaries and young people with the APAY staff. Through the discussions, the first draft of the Strategic plan was made. Hence, this draft will be reviewed and be finalized in the coming Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) on March 2012.

### The focus areas for the next four (4) years will be:

**A. Movement strengthening (MS)** including: 1) Governance Training; 2) Staff Training; 3) Promotion of Resource Mobilization in many movements; 4) Strengthening of identified movements (i.e. Cambodia, East Timor and Indonesia) through multi-partners support system (PSG).

**B. Youth Empowerment** including: 1) Increasing youth representation in the regional, national and local YMCA boards; 2) Promotion and strengthening of YMCA youth groups in universities and high schools; 3) Promotion of Global Citizenship Education (GCE) in many national movements.

**C. Issues and concerns relevant to the societies** including: 1) promoting trainings for Gender Equity and Justice, 2) challenging for Climate Justice, 3) promoting and con-

ducting Alternative Tourism, and 4) promoting active roles in peace making especially through interfaith cooperation. We think those are all related to youth empowerment.

**D. Strengthening of the APAY's functions to carry out the four year Plan** including: 1) Reviewing and changing APAY Board system and Committee functions, 2) Strengthening communication and network with National YMCAs as well as committee and taskforce members throughout the year.

### What are the differences between the previous four (4) years and the coming four (4) years?

1. The plans, contents and directions, are coming from the collective voice of the National Movements (NMs). I believe there will be greater chances that the NMs will take ownership in this agenda.
2. Youth are more involved in creating new YMCA culture, thus will result with more youth activities and voices in YMCAs.
3. In order to complete these goals, we need to raise funds in all levels. Cultivating culture of philanthropy would be the most challenging agenda, but it could be a prolific way to carry them out.
4. APAY Board and Committees and Task Forces will work more frequently to monitor and carry out those goals.
5. The indicators of evaluation were set for all goals.

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## APAY Soon Welcomes 2 New Staffs



Mr. Duncan Chowdhury,  
National General Secretary  
of National Council of  
YMCAs of Bangladesh

of YMCAs of Bangladesh. He has been in this position for fourteen (14) years. Duncan has been involved with the YMCA since 1985 being the Gen-

We welcome our new Executive Secretary for Programs, Mr. Duncan Stephen Chowdhury. Currently, he is the National General Secretary of the National Council

eral Secretary of Chittagong YMCA which gives him a total of almost twenty-four (24) years of YMCA experience in local, national, and even in international YMCA arena.

Duncan graduated with a Bachelor degree in Commerce particularly in Accounting at Chittagong University. He has also acquired YMCA Certificate Courses from YMCA Basic Training in India and 12<sup>th</sup> Advanced Studies Program in Thailand.

Also, he shared that with his extensive sets of experience being involved in local and national YMCAs enabled him to learn about the dynamics of the movement. Furthermore, as being closely associated with the Asia and Pacific Alliance of

YMCAs for the past sixteen (16) years, he had the opportunity to participate in a good number of training programs and workshops which made him able to build strong partnerships with the other movements, too.

Duncan is married to Sylvia Merlin Gonsalves and they have their only daughter Raychal Malissa. Duncan will soon be working with us effective this April 2012.

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For 2012 Youth Internship Program, Ms. Julia Mun Pan of Myanmar was selected to work with us effective this March. As an intern for this year, she will be directly involved in regional youth programs and youth works. Mainly, for this year, she will be

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## YMCA World Challenge 2012

OCTOBER 13th 2012



YMCA WILL MAKE HISTORY

The aim of YMCA World Challenge is to tell the YMCA story by mobilizing 5MILLION people on the same day. Start your YMCA World Challenge Plans now, and let the world know your activities. Together, let us make history this coming 2012.

### APAY Soon... (Continued from page 2)



Ms. Julia Mun Pan, Assistant Youth Director of Myitkyina YMCA in Myanmar

greatly involved in the preparation and implementation processes for the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia and Pacific Youth Regional Conference and Global Citizenship Education Training of Trainers.

Julia, as most of the young people know her, has been hugely exposed in several regional activities for the past few years. She has attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia and Pacific University YMCA Regional Conferences, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting, APAY Youth Council, International Youth Forum, 17<sup>th</sup> World Council, and the recent 2<sup>nd</sup> APAY Youth Assembly.

On the other hand, Julia is a Bachelor of Arts in English graduate. At present, she is the Assistant Youth Director/Organizer at Myitkyina YMCA and a Part-time English teacher in a Japanese Orphanage.

## Tina D. Joins Manila Downtown YMCA



Cristina A. Dalope, Executive Secretary for Programs at APAY, (2007-2011)

General Secretary and CEO of the YMCA of Pangasinan for 12 years (1995-2007) and its component

We congratulate Ms. Maria Cristina A. Dalope for being the new General Secretary of the Manila Downtown YMCA effective January 1, 2012. Cristina

was then the General Secretary and CEO of the YMCA of Pangasinan for 12 years (1995-2007) and its component

branch, the YMCA of Central Pangasinan. She is the first woman to hold such position. She served as Program Coordinator from 1990-1993 and Secretary-in-charge from 1993-1995 both at the YMCA of Pangasinan. Then, she joined the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APAY) as Executive Secretary for Programs in 2007 April – 2011 October. Her work covered specific functions in the areas of Youth Participation and Leadership Development, and Gender Equity and Women's Empowerment. YMCA is her first and only job and has been working for almost 22 years.

## MOVEMENT UPDATES: PSG Indonesia



Alliance of YMCAs has been closely and intensively working and helping with the National Council YMCAs of Indonesia and its local, Surabaya YMCA.

Based on all the developments and outcomes from previous movement strengthening support, both YMCAs will have to undergo revitalization process. Programs and workshops such as Orientation, trainings, strategic planning, and capacity building will go along with this time's Movement

Since December 2011, Asia Pacific

Strengthening (MS) Process. These will all be guided by the three pillars of MS such as: Institutional Viability, Mission Clarity, and Social Relevance. For these, series of visit from APAY side will be done for the first half of this year 2012. Several runs of meetings with different set of YMCA people in Indonesia will be held.

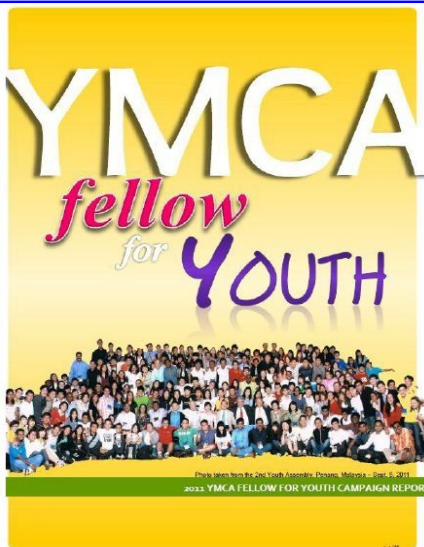
At this point, our Executive Secretary Ms. Eloisa Borreo is working with this. The next consultation visit with the National Council YMCAs of Indonesia and Surabaya YMCA will be on the 2-12 February 2012. A Partners Support Group meeting will also be held within the whole consultation and movement strengthening re-planning visit.

### Notice: EASY NET Core Team Meeting Postponement

From our previous issue (November-December 2011), it was announced that the Ecumenical Asia-Pacific Students and Youth Network or EASY Net will hold its Core Team Meeting last 26—28 January 2012. However, due to some inevitable circumstances, some participants can not make it on the aforementioned schedule. In relation to this, the EASY Net Core Team better decided to postpone the meeting and rather set it for February. At this moment, the Core Team is undergoing some deliberations for the setting of the dates. For updates regarding the revised schedule of the meeting, please visit us on our APAY Facebook page ~ Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs—APAY).



## APAY Campaigns for YMCA Fellow For Youth 2012



**YMCA fellow for YOUTH 2011-2012**

How to join the roster of YMCA Fellows?  
You can be one of the YMCA Fellows by contributing 1,000 USD or more in one time or during the 4-5 year campaign period. Please use the YMCA fellow form below and send back to APAY.

**Pledge from:**  
1. YMCA Fellow for Youth US\$ 1,000  
2. After (donation amount) USD  
3. I will continue to support in the following year 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 for a total of USD  
(Please circle the year(s) of your plan of supporting. You can send the 2000 USD in three or four years, if you prefer.)

**A. DONATION**  
How would you want your support to be sent?  
☐ I would want to donate the FULL amount to APAY Youth.  
☐ I would prefer the amount to be split 50% to APAY Youth, 50% to MY NATIONAL MOVEMENT.

**B. DONATION INFO:**  
CIBANK TRANSFER:  
Account Name: Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs  
Bank Name: Bank of East Asia  
Account Number: 955 913-00-0904-5  
Swift Code: BEA333 KHH  
SEND TO THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT FIRST DUE TO TAX REDUCTION PREFERENCE  
(CASH TO APAY WHEN AVAILABLE (please specify date/year))

**YMCA FELLOW NAME (must be under 30 years old)**  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT NO./: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**fellow for YOUTH REFERRAL FORM**  
Can you recommend someone else to join the fellowship? If so, please write the person's info below.

**YMCA FELLOW NAME (must be under 30 years old)**  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT NO./: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

This year's campaign will continue until March 31, 2012.

Cover of the 6-page 2011 YMCA Fellow for Youth Campaign Report.

other national movements.

YFY has started since 2010. This is seen to be an avenue for developing young leaders, their potentials, and social awareness. This campaign will run from December 2011 until the 19<sup>th</sup> APAY General Assembly in 2015. The goal is to receive at least 100 YMCA Fellows each year.

**Let us all spread the Christmas spirit through supporting the YFY 2012 Campaign and together we will EMPOWER the YOUTH!**

You can browse through this YFY Campaign Report Booklets through our APAY facebook Page (Asia Pacific Alliance of YMCAs) or download it through our website: [www.asiapacificymca.org](http://www.asiapacificymca.org).

Campaign Report Booklets of our YMCA Fellow for Youth (YFY) have been circulated to some movements during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Leaders' Quadrennial Roundtable in Singapore. Soon it will also be circulated among



**APAY wishes everyone all the best and the blessings that the Year of the Dragon brings!**