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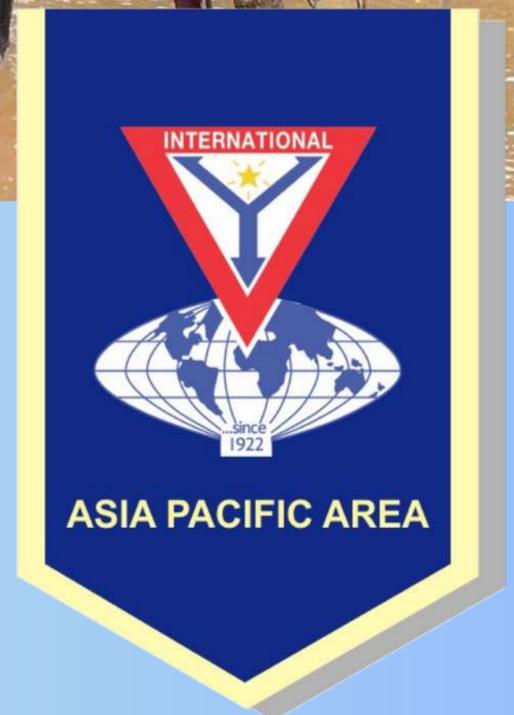
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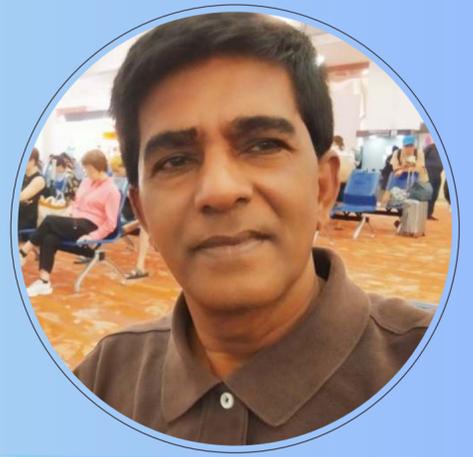
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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



It is with profound pleasure that I write this editorial to welcome you to the 2nd Edition of Asia Pacific Area News Bulletin.

We greatly appreciate the response from Regions who have contributed tremendous support for helping the community developments.

Our vision is to publish that helpful for knowledge sharing, New developments, Critical thinking among the upcoming Youths, awareness among the concerned Community and ultimately benefitting the General Public.

Membership in improving the Y's Dom and it's objectives in large, It's a matter of Pride for us to have excellent.

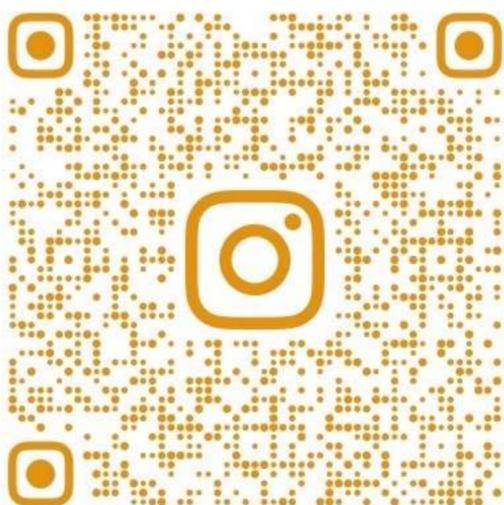
I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the readers of our Bulletin and hope you will join us in the future.

Ranjith Dayarathna
IPRD, Editorial Board.

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We're diving deep into leadership
skills and best practices to ensure
our YMI Asia Pacific clubs are
thriving hubs of creativity and
collaboration.

ASD-PR Sky John Chiang

AREA PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Dear all Y's Men & fellow,

The 1st quarter has already passed in the calendar of Area. First of all, I should say thank you to all AEOs, RDs, ASDs, Committee Chairs as well as all club presidents for working hard on their role and their clubs over the three months. I hope that everyone can keep up the momentum.

To increase the exposure of the Asia Pacific Area and motivate every member, I am pleased to announce that a Short Video Contest has been launched. We wish clubs can share their impact stories on community projects to the public and thus attract more potential new members. An on-line DIY workshop will be provided free of charge so that everyone can know how to make a short video or selfie. I do hope that all regions, districts and clubs can motivate their members to submit entries. Non member is also welcome.

Natural Disaster Emergency Relief (NDERF) is a signature fund in the Asia Pacific Area. Every member has a USD 2 contribution in the 1st semester every year. Although the amount is small, it can help a lot in a disaster. Recently, the Committee has approved USD 5,000 to Northern Thailand Relief Projects which was executed by Thai Y's Men Clubs and YMCAs. The projects included the restoration on schools and YMCA care centres in Chiangrai. Chiangmai has also suffered the most severe flooding in over 100 years which caused a lot of damages to Sao Hin YMCA Green Learning Centre. Please help donate and support the fundraising appeal initiated by the Southeast Asia Region for the restoration work. The more fundraising, the quickest resumption

International funds, namely TOF, ASF, BF, RBM are also the signatures and important programmes in YMI. May I call all regions and clubs to work on your plan by active donation or contribution for such programmes by all means so that many people can benefit.

Lastly again I appreciate your continued support to Area and more understanding to our work. Please do not hesitate to reach out to myself for any support in Y'sDom.

May I wish everyone is happiness, health and prosperity.

Yours Y'sly
Joan Wong
Area President

Asia Pacific Area NDERF Fund & IP's Discretionary Fund

Supported Relief Projects for Floods in Phayao & Chiangrai

(A Report by SMIT District, Southeast Region)

A flash flood occurred on 22 August 2024 at 2:00am, inundating buildings, schools and agricultural areas and community learning materials for the villages. In the provinces of Phayao and Chiangrai, the "Ban Pin School" is a school that provides children with more elementary and intermediate school options. Flooding destroyed the YMCA Bangkok (Phayao Branch) housing centre. As a result, the building's ground floor classrooms were completely ruined. Furthermore, due to the water overflow, approximately 20 meters of the fence of school collapsed, causing extensive damage to the entrance road of school. At the same time, the village's preschool learning centre, known as "Baan Phraphon," was a children's centre that was badly affected by the flood, causing massive damage to teaching materials in the Montessori system. This centre was under the care and support of the YMCA Bangkok Foundation. Many cabinets and shelves containing instructional materials were damaged.



Similarly, in the housing centre "Rom Pho Thong Village" in Thoeng District, Chiangrai Province, the village roads have been destroyed by landslides and were so badly damaged that it was impossible for vehicles to enter and exit. Food, water and gasoline are all in short supply. Previously, we had to wait for assistance from government agencies and commercial corporations to bring rice and dry food to the villagers via helicopter, which was insufficient to meet their needs.

A Joint Project initiated by Thailand Y's Men's clubs including YMC Bangkok, Chiangmai & Chiangrai together with Chiangrai YMCA offer relief aids and necessities to the victims and help to restore the schools.



Asia Pacific Area received an appeal from SMIT District, Southeast Asia Region and approved USD 5,000 from Natural Disaster Emergency Relief Fund to fund this Joint Relief Flood Project. The fund were used to set up the YMCA Relief Centre and help the affected schools below:

- Ban Pin School, Phayao
- Ban Phra Phon Centre, Phayao
- Rom Pho Thong Village in Chiangrai
- YMCA Relief Centre, Chiangrai
- Cleaning and repair expenses for Chiangrai

Mr. Thamanon Thiwathip, Club President of Y's Men's Club of Chiangrai and volunteers delivered supplies to assist fellow residents in Theong District, Chiang Rai who have been affected by the severe floods on August 24, 2024.

DG Steve Kwok from SMIT District personally went to Chiangrai to give moral support and met with CP Thamanon Thiwathip and his members to discuss project planning, voluntary support, fund planning and many-related flood relief suggestions inside the compound of YMCA Day Care Centre.

Good job was done by Chiangrai Club and Bangkok Club, as well as YMCA Chiangrai and YMCA Bangkok (Phayao Branch).



Impact of Flooding in SAO HIN YMCA

In August 2024, relentless rainfall led to the most severe flooding in over 100 years in Chiangmai which also caused widespread damage to Sao Hin YMCA. Sao Hin YMCA is the learning centre for Green Ambassador Training of Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs and is also one of the excursion sites in IC 2024. A lot of funds would be needed to clean up, rebuild and refurnished the learning centre so that the normal operation and classes could be resumed as soon as possible. .

Need Your Support



**Y's Men International
Southeast Asia Region**



Need Your Support!

FUNDRAISING APPEAL FOR RESTORATION OF SAO HIN YMCA, CHIANGMAI

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For those who would like to make a donation individually or collectively through their clubs, please wire transfer to the YMCA account as follows:

Bank: Bangkok Bank Public Company Limited, Pratu Changphuak Chiangmai Branch
Account Name: Y.M.C.A. CHIANGMAI
Account Number: 390-4-78403-4
SWIFT Code: BKKBTHBK

Please include your full name, your club name and e-mail address.

Click below to view the situation of Northern Thailand Flooding & the damages to Sao Hin YMCA



SHORT VIDEO CONTEST 2024 - 2025



IPRD Deepak Bhandari
Chairman of Organizing Committee

Introduction

To strengthen the presence of Y's Dom and stimulate public interest in Y's Movement, the Area is thrilled to announce the launch of a Short Video Contest. The competition is open to all club members as well as non-members and young talent in the Asia Pacific Area*.

Our goal is to foster creativity, collaboration, innovation, and to provide a platform for showcasing community projects and diverse talents in the Area. This initiative will not only encourage the sharing of impactful stories but also facilitate valuable connections and relationships across the Area and beyond.

Join us in this competition through the power of storytelling and creativity.

* Please refer to by-laws 24/25 YMI Constitution 403

Competition Theme & Category

The theme of the contest is "Make A Great Impact".

Category I – Video for Community Project
(Not more than 3 minutes)

The video is a highlight for a community project (can be partnership with other organization(s)) carried by any YMI clubs including Youth & Y's Menettes.

Category II – Video for Free Creation
(Not more than 1 minute)

The video can be any topic related to club life, sports or other self-interest. Entrants may participate individually or as a team with no more than 5 members. Non YMI member(s) must be referred by existing member(s).

Awards and Cash Prizes

**Category I – Community Project
Winner: USD\$400**

First runner-up: USD\$300

Second runner-up: USD\$200

Merit (5 prizes): USD\$100 each

**Category II – Free Creation
Winner: USD 120**

First runner-up: USD 100

Second runner-up: USD 80

All participants will receive a e-certificate of participation.

Awarded video will be displayed in the YMI social media platforms and during any conventions.

Timeline of Contest

There are two phrases you can choose to submit the entrant.:

Deadline of 1st Phase
December 5, 2024

Deadline of 2nd Phase
February 5, 2025

Adjudication period
January to March 2025

Result announcement
End of March 2025
(exact date to be announced)

Please scan for details & enrollment



Chinese



Japanese



English

Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL ASIA PACIFIC AREA SHORT VIDEO CONTEST

2024-2025



THEME

MAKE A
GREAT IMPACT

CATEGEORY

- 1) COMMUNITY PROJECT
- 2) FREE CREATION

SUBMISSIO OF ENTRIES

PHASE I : DEC 5, 2024
PHASE II : FEB 5, 2025

PRIZES & AWARDS

UP TO
USD400 CASH PRIZE



Details
&
Enrollment



ASD-EMC Rachan Manekarn

EXTENSION

I would like to provide the second article of EMC as part of the IHQ campaign, which is a 100-day membership drive. It goes as follows:

To encourage potential people to join and retain existing members of Y's Men's Club, it's important to communicate both the benefits of membership and create a sense of belonging and shared purpose. Here's a strategic approach for both the club's extension membership and conservation:

A. EMPHASIZE THE VALUE AND IMPACT

Show prospective members how networking and personal development may benefit them by joining the club and how it can improve the community as well as their own lives.

B. CREATE A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE ATMOSPHERE

When people feel like they belong, they are more likely to join. Demonstrate that your club is a friendly environment where each person is respected. Make sure the message makes clear that new members are welcome to participate in meetings, events, and volunteer opportunities and that people from all backgrounds are welcome.

C. OFFER INCENTIVES FOR JOINING

Everyone loves privilege! You could offer the information that has been given in the IHQ 2024 campaign. Create a program that recognizes new members for their early contributions.

D. LEVERAGE TESTIMONIALS AND SUCCESS STORIES

Tell members' tales to draw in new ones. Hearing positive feedback from happy members about their experiences can inspire others to take part in sharing accomplishments. Share project highlights, testimonials, and the advantages of participating through social media, newsletters, and your website.

E. USE A PERSONAL INVITATION APPROACH

An invitation from an existing member is the most efficient way to invite someone. Existing members are encouraged to extend invitations to friends, colleagues, or relatives. Envoy programs should be made available so that current members can invite friends to club events.

MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION

A. CREATE A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Members stay when they feel a sense of belonging. Foster camaraderie through regular social events such as picnics, parties at member's homes, or even virtual events to strengthen bonds among members. Create a Pair of long-term members with newer members to build relationships and help them integrate into the club more effectively.

B. RECOGNIZE AND REWARD CONTRIBUTIONS

Recognizing members is necessary for conservation. Give awards as a way to express gratitude and recognition. Members are made to feel more significant and responsible to the group when they are assigned to committees or projects based on their interests and skill sets. Give members a chance to be recognized for their contributions by showcasing them in newsletters or social media posts.

C. CONSISTENT COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Encourage participation and enthusiasm among members by providing frequent updates on social media, newsletters, and other platforms. To give members the impression that they are actively involved in forming the club, ask them for ideas for new initiatives or events.

D. FLEXIBLE INVOLVEMENT

Offering flexibility in the form of various involvement levels and digital possibilities is vital because people lead busy lives.

E. FOSTER A CLEAR SENSE OF PURPOSE

Joining Y's Men's Club allows one to support a greater cause. Reiterate the mission and make sure your members always feel like they are having an impact.

F. OFFER CONTINUING EDUCATION OR GROWTH

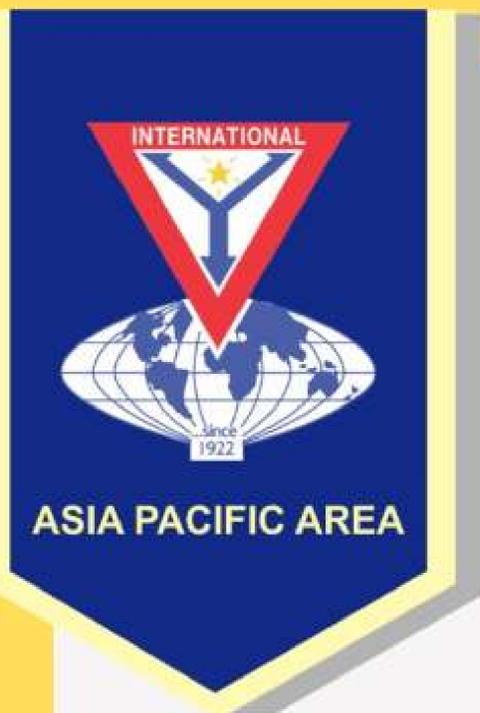
Ensure that long-term members still perceive the benefits of their membership in terms of developing their leadership and skill sets.

G. SHOW GRATITUDE

Never undervalue the impact of expressing gratitude to members for their participation in club events.

Y's Men's Club may continue to develop and have an engaged membership by emphasizing both the extension and membership conservation components with meaningful interaction

100-DAY MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN



TIPS FOR EXTENSION & MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

ICM 24 Motion

- Waiver of Charter Fee for new club chartered in 2024/25 & exclusively with club members aged between 18 to 30 are eligible for a 50% discount on international dues for the years 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27.
- Spouses of existing club members when they join as a new club member during the campaign period of 2024 to 2027 pay 50% international dues until the end of the campaign provided that the club is in good standing and has at least 15 club members.

Action Now!

Together, Let's Commit to Growth and Sustainability!

October Emphasis - ASF



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Alexander Scholarship Fund (ASF)

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CONTACT ISD



Ym. Mathews Abraham ISD ASF

Greetings,

Our founder, Judge Paul William Alexander, was a great visionary. When he started this great Movement in the YMCA, he was visualising a progressive relationship. The purpose of the Alexander Scholarship Fund (ASF) is to promote the training of YMCA staff to improve their proficiency. Through our support, we will be able to make YMCA staff more professional and service-oriented.

When he introduced the ASF in 1954, Judge Alexander was building on this vision and strengthening the YMCA-YMI relationship. Our umbilical cord is still connected to the YMCA, which birthed us, and we are bound to move forward together. By giving a small contribution to the ASF, you can help support YMCA staff training and even provide scholarships. Contributions towards this fund are used at both local and international levels.

This year, our IP envisages collecting CHF 18,000 (INR 16.40 lakhs) towards ASF. An area-wise breakdown of the target is given for reference.

AFR	ASP	CAC	EUR	IND	KOR	LAM	USA	TOTAL
594	6,534	594	535	1,307	5,940	54	2,475	18,033

We earnestly encourage all clubs to contribute towards this fund. As the YMCA celebrates its 180th anniversary this year, we have a responsibility to renew our commitment to our primary partner. With your strong engagement, we can achieve our IP's targets.

Through various innovative fundraising activities and strategies, such as lucky coupons, auctions, etc., we can raise more contributions towards ASF. Let us make this year a record year for the ASF. Top contributors will be suitably honoured at both International and Area levels by the ISD. Let us work together, considering our responsibility.

November Emphasis - BF



Dear Ys Men friends,

November is approaching, which has already been referred to as Building Fellowship (BF) emphasis month. Therefore, I would like to remind you of the importance of BF in our movement and not to forget to submit the BF hosting form by December 1, 2024.

In August, an excellent Ys Men conference took place in Chiang Mai (Thailand), with around 500 participants from 31 countries. Some of the participants were BF delegates or ambassadors who received a BF grant to attend the conference, giving them the opportunity to experience the friendly atmosphere of the Ys Men movement. All who attended this conference returned home with the most precious gift – new friends and wonderful memories.

The goal of the BF program is to give emerging leaders the opportunity to get acquainted with Ys Men clubs in another country, make new friends, share experiences, and gain new ones, as well as explore the country they've traveled to. Especially in the current situation, it is crucial to strengthen fellowship between nations.

Let's support this BF program by donating financial resources and being open to hosting BF ambassadors in our own country and club. BF policy offers awards for monetary donations and also for hosting a BF ambassador in your club. The more points the club earns, the greater the chance for a club member to qualify for a BF grant.

Donate to the BF fund here: [Donate | Y's Men International](#)

APs, and RDs, please pass this information on to your clubs in your country, as they need to apply to host a BF delegate. This will give clubs the opportunity to qualify for grant privileges.

**To host a BF ambassador in your club, first fill out this form:
[Host a BF Ambassador | Y's Men International](#)**

The deadline 1st December, 2024.

With best regards and hope to your cooperation,

Ineta Krumina
BFECC

REGIONAL NEWS

Southeast Asia Region



Charter of new club in Hong Kong District

Charter of Y's Men's Club of Kowloon West with 21 members on 14th September 2024. It is the club with the most young members in SEA Region.

Japan West Region

With the onset of the autumn season, the District Conventions in nine districts of Japan West Region have started one by one every weekend. Conventions in four Districts (Kyoto, Biwako, Hanwa, and Chubu) have already been held during in September.

Many members coming from various districts also joined each convention, and all participants were able to deepen their fellowship, learn, and enjoy unique programs that utilized characteristics of each District. We have vigorously promoted the ASP Area Convention, scheduled for August 2025 in Kumamoto, Japan.

In this fiscal period, Mr. Shigeki Yamada, RSD-BF, EF, IBC, Step/iGo, plans to visit each District and local YMCA located in JWR by motorbike touring with members and friends who like to go bike-touring as his original exchange program. They have already visited two Districts and the local YMCA, where many members have warmly welcomed them and are enjoying their fellowship. This program will last until next spring and cover all Districts.

RD-Uniya, JWR



Joint IBC Celebration between Taiwan, Malaysia and Japan.

Y's Men's Club of Taichung Ever Life celebrated their 30th Anniversary on 21st September 2024 together with IBC Club Silver State Y's Service Club, Malaysia and IBC Club from Japan. It was a very grand celebration with lion dance, releasing paper lanterns on the stage, honoring the 30 Past Presidents and distributing generous donations to various charities.



Fellowship by bike tour

Kyushu District Convention



Y's Men clubs celebrated International Day of Older Persons by organizing Free Eye and Medical Camp

Sri Lanka Region

Both club members from YMC Kurunegala, Colombo & YMC Colombo not only sponsored to a free medical camp together with 'Supreme Global Holdings - TV Company, but also volunteered in helping 400 lower income people living in villages for the registration of free eye check. Amongst of them, 20 elderly were diagnosed Cataract and offered free surgery which was financed by Supreme Global Holdings TV Company while some of the beneficiaries were offered free glasses.



Taiwan Region

Relief Donation for Hualien Earthquake together with Japan West Region, YMC Osaka Nishi & YMC Tokyo-Koto

On April 3, 2024, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake occurred in Hualien, killing 18 people and injuring 1,155 people across Taiwan. The Hualien area was the most severely affected.

Taiwan Region taken a donation activity for "Hualien earthquake on April 3, 2024 disaster relief donations", there three units donated together: Japan West Region, Osaka Nishi Club and Tokyo-Koto club, total donation money is NT\$548,656.

At the beginning of September we carried out the donation, there are two targets for donation: one is a severely damaged building with 150 households (donation of NT\$250,000), and the other is a food bank that cares for the affected households (donation of NT\$298,656).

We very appreciate for Y's Men of Japan assistance.



Japan East Region

New Club Charter

The Yamato Creative Y Service Club will be chartered on November 23, 2024. They had a general assembly meeting to apply for the charter.



Madarin Speaker
PDG Gary Wu
(Taiwan)

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(Specially for Asia Pacific Area
Short Video Contest)

Content

- How to speak in front of the camera
- How to edit your video with multi languages by using simple apps

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English Speaker
Ym Tommy Suen
(Hong Kong)



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Report

The 31st Asia Pacific Area Convention in Kumamoto 2025



1 August 2025(Fri.)~3August(Sun.)

Theme: For Greater Joy



Venue: Kumamoto Castle Hall, Nikko Hotel Kumamoto

This will be the first time for an international convention like this to be held in Kumamoto, Kyushu.

We sincerely welcome the many participants from Japan East and West Regions as well as from countries in the Asia Pacific Area, with the hospitality that only Kumamoto can offer.

Program Overview:

The three days' Area Convention program includes Opening Ceremonies, Installation of the Asia Pacific Area President, Keynote Speech, Excursions, Culture Night, Worship Service, Reports, Closing Ceremonies, and two Banquets.

Registration Fee: JPY45,000 No early bird

Registration fee includes a US\$10 (Green Levy)

※This was approved by the ACM on December 5, 2020

Convention website (conference information, registration, hotel information) is in preparation.



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