



希望の鐘 The Bell of Hope

The Y's Men's Club of Kawagoe

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President Goshiro Yamamoto CP's Theme: "Learn about the past and gain new ideas
 Vice President Atsuko Matsukawa and knowledge from it. Meet new people for tomorrow!"
 Treasurer Kimiyo Yoshida IP Ulrik Lauridsen (Denmark)
 Secretary Katsusaburo Yoshino Theme: "Let Your Light Shine"
 AP Keiko Tonegawa (Kawagoe)
 Theme: "Be the light for change"
 Japan East Regional Director Kohei Yamada (Utsunomiya)
 Theme: "Learn and discover now for the future! For the future,
 develop confidence and encounter true joy!"
 Kantotobu District Governor Masao Nagao (Chiba West)
 Theme: "YMCA and Y's Collaborate to Aim for Serving the Community!"

October Scripture

It shall be one day Which is known to the Lord--
 Neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall
 happen That it will be light.
 Zechariah 14:7

September attendance (Sept. 26th)

Participants 4 Rate 44%

Preface

"At evening time, it shall happen that it will be light."

Goshiro Yamamoto

The biblical phrase "At evening time, it shall happen that it will be light" is quoted as the operating philosophy of Kawagoe Kings Garden, where I work, and its corporate body, Kings Garden Saitama. Whether we spend the evening of our lives in darkness and loneliness or in light and joy is crucial. Each day of our present life is essential to spend with peace and joy in the evening of our life.

November notice, the 24th Saitama YMCA International Charity Run on Friday 3, November, will be the November Monthly Meeting of the Kawagoe Club.



あなたが走るとハッピーになる子どもたちが増えます

第24回埼玉YMCA国際チャリティラン2023

The 24th SAITAMA YMCA International Charity Run



2023年11月3日 (祝・金) ※文化の日

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September Monthly Program Report

Goshiro Yamamoto

The September monthly meeting was the annual Saitama 3 Y's Men's Clubs' joint meeting.

Date: 9 September (Sat), 2023 16:00-18:30
Place: Saitama YMCA Tokorozawa Centre

A joint meeting of the Saitama 3 Y's Men's Clubs (Saitama, Tokorozawa, and Kawagoe) was held at the Saitama YMCA Tokorozawa Centre with 28 participants. This joint meeting was the official visit of the Kanto Tobu District Governor, Mr. Masao Nagao, who was accompanied by District Secretary General, Mr. Kazuhiko Takada, Goshiro Yamamoto (Director-Elect) and the Membership Development Area Service Director, Kazuko Osawa.

The agenda was an AYC debriefing by Ms. Momoka Komi and Mr. Noritake Hishiyama from Rikkyo University YMCA, who participated in the August Asia-Pacific Youth Convocation (AYC) in Nepal. They both participated in the AYC because they were recommended by the Tokorozawa and Kawagoe clubs, respectively, and were supported by the Japan East Region, Kantotobu District, and their respective clubs. They reported that in Nepal, as well as the differences in food and culture, they had been stimulated in many ways by interacting with students from different countries in the Asia Pacific Area. It has been less than a month since they returned home, so it remains to be seen how and what they learned there will be used in the future. Still, they are both first-year students at Rikkyo University, and this valuable experience will gradually become more meaningful in their lives.

After the AYC debriefing, a dinner party was held in the Tokorozawa Centre with items brought in and purchased. There, the camp songs were sung under the leadership of Shunichiro Asaba, President of the Saitama Club, and Teruo Kinugasa, and Y's Lady Osawa led games. It was really a "YMCA and Y's Men's meeting," as DG Nagao and DS Takada commented.

Despite the flurry of activity at this joint meeting, the members of the Tokorozawa Club, including Masato Kotani, General Secretary of the Saitama YMCA, who provided the venue for the hall, and the members of the Tokorozawa Club did a lot of preparation and clean-up work. We would also like to thank all the other clubs who came from far away, the students of Rikkyo University who gave presentations, and everyone else who helped to make this meeting a successful event. Precisely to the Y's Men's belief "Let's serve the YMCA for the sake of the youth," I would like to promote the activities of YMCA and Y's Men's Clubs.

The total number of participants was 28.



2023 Earth Day Kawagoe in Showa Town

Taro Tonegawa

"Earth Day Kawagoe in *Showa no Machi*" was held on Sunday, 1 October, in the precincts of Renkei-ji Temple in Kawagoe City, and the Kawagoe Y's Men's Club participated under the theme of "Simulated experience of elderly people and re-reading old books."

Seven people participated in the enjoyable activity, including President Yamamoto, Ms. Yamazaki, Ms. Yoshida, Ms. Oikawa, Ms. Kawai, and Keiko and Taro Tonegawa. Unfortunately, Mr. Yoshino could not make it on the day of the event, but he had selected and sorted the books to be exhibited in the 'Old Book Re-reading' the day before. Ms. Matsukawa also sent us an email to give us a shout-out. Nine members of the Kawagoe Club joined forces to announce the club's activities, promote the Beni-Aka Sweet Potato Charity Promotion, sell Y-Forest coffee, and hold a recycling bazaar, in addition to the simulated elderly experience and re-reading of old books.

On the day, we could load the books and bazaar items and bring them into the venue safely with the help of Mr. Hasegawa and other younger people from the YMCA Kawagoe Centre from early in the morning. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

Although it was a cloudy, hot, and humid day in October, we had a successful event with many visitors in the afternoon. The old books were particularly well-liked by a mixture of young and old and international visitors. Some visitors brought books they had finished reading, as they were close to home.

At a neighboring booth, the Saitama YMCA Kawagoe Centre conducted the Basketball Goal Challenge and Molkky, which was also a success, attracting many visitors, especially children.

As the meeting closed at 3 pm, it began to rain heavily, but the members of the Kawagoe Club are incredibly good at teamwork when the need arises. We are grateful that we were able to clean up and clear away in a short time and with great agility.

The amount of donations and sales at the Kawagoe Club booth were as follows: old books for re-reading are given away, but people who understand the activities of the Y's Men's Clubs

donated.

Re-reading old books 5,440 yen
Sale of Coffee 5,600 yen
Various Goods 8,550 yen
Total 19,590 yen



From the International Stage “Keiko’s Monthly Briefing of YMI/ASP”

Keiko Tonegawa

The Asia-Pacific Area Convention is finally approaching.

ホンコン！ 香港！ Hong Kong!

The 30th Asia-Pacific Area Convention, which will take place over three days from 3 November, is now less than a month away. Currently, 175 participants from overseas and 340 from Hong Kong are expected, making the total number of participants in the Convention over 500. From Japan about 90 people from the Japan East and West Region have already registered. From the three Saitama clubs, a total of 11 people is scheduled to participate, including seven from the Kawagoe Club - President Yamamoto, Ms. Yoshida, Ms. Oikawa, me and my husband and my sister and her husband, Teruo Kinugasa from the Saitama Club, Kazuko Osawa from the Tokorozawa Club and two other members. Also, delegations will be sent not only from the Asia Pacific Area, but also from South Korea, India, and Africa. We are thankful to the many people who will participate.

The details of the event have also been announced. On Day 1 (3 November), there will be an opening

event at 5:30 pm, followed by a ceremony to install the Area President and the Area President-Elect, a dinner, and traditional cultural performances, including a lion dance. The second day is a full-day excursion, with dinner and a culture night from 6.30 pm on return, during which presentations from each region will be made. The Japan East Region offers a traditional lion dance by Mr. Masahiro Suzuki from the Tokyo Koto Club, so let's all get together to make it exciting. The final day, the 3rd day, will close with a report by the Area President, an AYC report, the IBC signing ceremony, and an appeal for the 2025 Kumamoto Convention, Japan.

As President of the Asia Pacific Area, I have already been in the position since 1 July, and it is a great honour for me to be solemnly installed once again in the presence of more than 500 participants at this convention.

I wish the Asia Pacific Area Convention a smooth and successful conclusion.

YMCA Report

< Experience of living alone >

On 30 Sept (Sat) - 1 Oct (Sun), an “Experience of living alone” program was held for one night and two days in various rooms on the 4th floor of the Kawagoe Centre. One junior high and one high school student each participated in the program.

Before the program, some members stated that they did not want to live alone in the future, but after taking part in the program, their feelings changed to 'I want to live alone.' Living alone is actually a lot of hard work, but we hope this experience gave the participants a positive image. In addition, living alone requires the necessary skills for daily life (cooking, cleaning, laundry, money management, etc.), but learning these skills is difficult to do by oneself because of reluctance. For this reason, there was a lot to learn through this experience.

We would like to continue to provide opportunities to gain experience with peers and leaders at the YMCA.

Finally, we want to work together to help children of the future to become independent.

(Haruna Kinoshita)



< A place for junior high and high school students >
“Earth Day Kawagoe in *Showa no Machi* 2023” was held on 1 October 2023 at Renkeiji Temple (Kawagoe City).

The Kawagoe Centre also had a booth at Earth Day. Earth Day Kawagoe is a type of event in which citizens participate. It has been held annually since 1999 with environmental issues and international exchange as its main themes.

Following on from last year, this year's event was held again with the SDGs as the main theme, to encourage everyone, from children to adults, to think about a sustainable society. Activities of various organizations were introduced and there were opportunities to learn about Earth Day and the SDGs while participating.

Junior and senior high school students were asked to prepare the YMCA booth and to run the booth on the day of the event. We discussed the division of roles on the day and decided together where to set up the basketball goal and molkky. Through these activities, we hope that the students will learn the importance of advance preparation and a sense of responsibility to fulfil their roles until the end. We hope that by working together with a close and friendly group of friends, the YMCA becomes a comfortable place where members can express themselves.

We will continue to actively engage in community-based activities. (Yosuke Hasegawa)



(Editor's Note)

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to enable us to publish our club bulletin this month.

I was in hospital at this time last year for treatment of an intestinal obstruction, but fortunately, I am now in good health with no after-effects at all. Don't eat too quickly and chew your food well. However, I sometimes return to my long-standing habit of eating too quickly, and my wife often warns me about it.

The time is finally approaching for Ms. Keiko Tonegawa, the pride of our Kawagoe Club, to make her big day. I would like to congratulate her sincerely. From Japan, I wish you a successful Asia Pacific Area Convention. Have a nice trip!

This year, after a sweltering summer, it suddenly turned cold without passing through cooler weather. Please take care of your health and enjoy your days. (K.Y.)

