



希望の鐘 *The Bell of Hope*



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President	Goshiro Yamamoto	CP's Theme: "Learn about the past and gain new ideas and knowledge from it. Meet new people for tomorrow!"
Vice President	Atsuko Matsukawa	IP Ulrik Lauridsen (Denmark) Theme: "Let Your Light Shine"
Treasurer	Kimiyo Yoshida	AP Keiko Tonegawa (Kawagoe) Theme: "Be the light for change"
Secretary	Katsusaburo Yoshino	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!"

May Scripture

Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with the voice of triumph!
For the Lord Most High is awesome;
He is a great King over all the earth.
Psalm 47:1-2

That young man is Rihito Kimura, professor emeritus at Waseda University and former president of Keisen University. In 1953, Mr. Kimura participated in a work camp in Dagupan City, Philippines, and "If you are happy, clap your hands" was born based on his experience and the words of Psalm 47 in the Bible mentioned above.

Mr. Kimura is scheduled to give a lecture at the Saitama YMCA Child Rearing Center on Saturday, June 22.

March Registration Participants 8,
Attendance Rate 80%

Preface

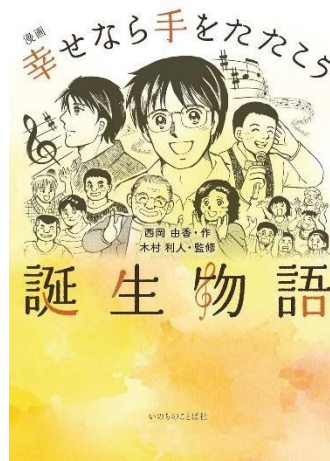
Kawagoe Y's Men's Club President
Goshiro Yamamoto

Let's clap your hands if you are happy

This year, Inochi-no-Kotoba-sha published a book titled "Manga: How the *Shiawasenara Teotatako* was created (*If You Are Happy, Clap Your Hands: A Story of Creation*). The following is a quote from the book's introduction.

The song "If You're Happy, Clap Your Hands" was once a big hit sung by Kyu Sakamoto, and has since become a classic song that has been passed down from generation to generation. The lyrics of the song express the deep regret for war and the desire for peace that a young Christian man felt during his service activities in the Philippines.

The story of the birth of this famous song is depicted with careful attention to the historical background. This is a great love story that can be enjoyed by children and adults alike in manga form.



April Meeting · Report on Induction Ceremony

Goshiro Yamamoto, President

Kawagoe Y's Men's Club

On Saturday, April 27, 2024, the Kawagoe Y's Men's Club held an induction ceremony for Hisayo Arai at its regular meeting.

Hisayo Arai, Miki Oikawa, Kyoko Kawai, Taro Tonegawa, Keiko Tonegawa, Kimiyo Yoshida, Katsusaburo Yoshino, and Goshiro Yamamoto participated from Kawagoe Club. From Saitama Club, Teruo Kinugasa attended. Kazuko Osawa, Teruko Miyaji, Norie Sakamoto were Tokorozawa Club participants. We were delighted Past Asia Pacific Area President Hiroyuki Tanaka from Tokyo-Tama-Smile Club participated in the event. The induction ceremony was held at 2:00 p.m. After Yamamoto, the officiant, stated the purpose of the Y's Men's Club and its significance according to the inaugural charter, Ms. Hisayo Arai declared "Yes" and pledged "I will join the Y's Men's Club." She was welcomed as a member of the Y's Men's Club. Then, Past Asia Pacific Area President Hiroyuki Tanaka and Asia Pacific Area President Keiko Tonegawa made a congratulatory speech. In addition, our friends from Hyderabad, India, congratulated her by telephone. Then, Ms. Hisayo Arai expressed her strong determination to work as a Y's Lady from now on.



W4W (Week for Waste)

Immediately after the induction ceremony for Ms. Hisayo Arai, we took a walk through the streets of Kawagoe with a YMCA staff member, Haruna Kinoshita, and seven children as part of the W4W (week for waste) program. We collected 6.5 kg of trash, including cigarette butts, empty cans, and PET bottles.

Future Plans

May Monthly Meeting

Date: May 25, Sat. 2024 16:00

Place: Kawagoe City South Community Center Hall No.2

Table talk: Ms. Akiko Kimoto

Kawagoe Parents' Association for Not-Attending-School Children)

「Think about Non-attendance at School」

June Monthly Meeting

Date June 22, Sat., 2024 14:00~16:00

Place : Saitama YMCA Child Rearing Center
(Next to Saitama YMCA Tokorozawa Center)

Theme : Lecture by Rihito Kimura

① Think about Peace

② The Kawagoe Club will host, and the Tokorozawa Club will co-sponsor the event to promote understanding and publicize the Philippines Work Camp. President Yamamoto is coordinating this event and working out the details, including the budget. Please invite your friends, acquaintances as, and club members to participate.

From the International Stage

"Keiko's Monthly Briefing of YMI/ASP"

「CPE Training (CPE Institute)」

AP Keiko Tonegawa
Y's Men International has been conducting several

online training sessions, mainly for incoming club presidents, titled the CPE Institute. The theme was “Communication,” and the lecturer was Bob Tobin, an American business consultant.

Every day we communicate in a variety of ways. We communicate our thoughts, opinions, etc. in many different ways: in person or over the phone, by sending e-mails, writing letters, etc. Tobin showed us how to construct a message and also introduced some important components of the message. Here are some of them for your reference.

How to construct a message (as an example, here is a message about Y's Men's Club)

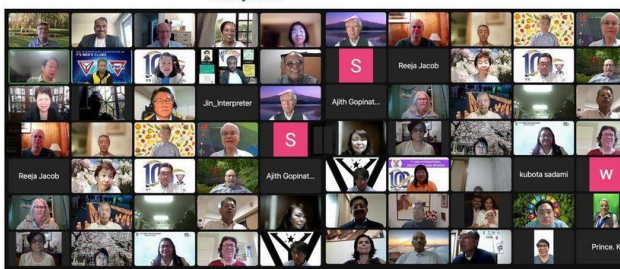
- Club Name (Identity)
- Lead statement (Purpose of your own)
- Description (What we are)
- Activities (What we do)
- Stories (Our Impact)
- Invitation (Membership)

Components of the message: clear, compelling, consistent (Remember the 3c.)

Now, try to make use of it in your communication from tomorrow.

Tobin's presentation on the day of the workshop can be viewed at the following link: [CPEI shared Google folder](#).

In addition, there will be a two-day and one-night CPE Institute in August just before the International Convention starts at the Chiang Mai YMCA. The registration fee is US\$100, which includes lodging, meals, and training. There is still time to register if you are interested.



YMCA Report

Saitama YMCA has been conducting activities for 18–25-year-olds who graduated from the Clover Club. This time, we conducted a cleanup project together with Y's Men's Club members. The ex-Clover-Club members who wanted to “help others” participated in the project. Therefore, they engaged in trash pickup with a sense of fulfillment.

After the cleaning was finished, the Kawagoe Y's Men's Club members treated them to drinks, to which they replied, “Thank you very much for the food and drinks.”

Many public institutions end at the age of 18.

After graduation, there is no place to go to if you have any problems or concerns. For this reason, the YMCA is promoting the activities of the UP Group as a backup after graduation. We would like to continue to accompany them longer and more profound. (Contribution by Ms. Kinoshita)



(Editor's Note)

I have been traveling to India occasionally for work since 2019. I had a hiatus due to the coronavirus disaster but resumed last year, and this time I will be in the country from May 7 to May 30, a relatively long period. The reason for this is that I was able to prepare for my final work in Hyderabad, and after work I decided to meet with my friends from the YMCA and Y's Men's Club in Hyderabad, with whom I have a longstanding friendship. The Kawagoe Club has received a written request from the Y's Men in Hyderabad to join the IBC, but we have declined the request due to the circumstances of the Kawagoe Club.

In the meantime, the Salem Club in Oregon, USA, with which the Kawagoe Club has had an IBC relationship since shortly after its establishment, dissolved at the end of March of this year, and we are wondering if there is room to reconsider our relationship with the Hyderabad Club.

However, there must be some central ongoing theme because an IBC that is only a formality will not last long and is meaningless. I would like to explore that at this meeting.

Ms. Pani, a member of the Hyderabad Club, who sent us a congratulatory message via TV phone at the recent induction ceremony for Ms. Hisayo Arai, has been instrumental in making preparations for my upcoming visit.

The term of the current Chairperson, Mr. Yamamoto, is only a month away. In July, he will be replaced by Mr. Taro Tonegawa. Mr. Yamamoto will become the Director of the Kantotobu District. We will need your cooperation more and more. Let's take care of our health and prepare for summer.

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