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Club President Theme 「Return to the starting point and support Kawagoe YMCA.」

International President: A. Shanavaskhan (India)

Theme: Together for a better world

Slogan: Arise and Shine

Asia Pacific Area President Joan Wong (Hong Kong)

Theme: Make a big impact!

Japan East Region Director Kohei Yamada (Utsunomiya)

Theme: Determine the direction of Y's Movement.

Kantotobu Director Goshiro Yamamoto (Kawagoe)

Theme: We may be small, but we are not helpless.

September Scripture

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

August Attendance (Aug. 24)

Attendance 9 Participants 90%

Kawagoe Club August Meeting Report

Club President: Taro Tonegawa

Kawagoe Club has started its 2024-2025 Y's year, and club members have been working energetically on club activities, cooperating with the Saitama YMCA Kawagoe Center's summer vacation programs on dates that are convenient for each of them.

The second meeting of the Kawagoe Club was held on Saturday, August 24, at the Kawagoe Center. We had a lively discussion about the pending 25th anniversary commemorative meeting of the Kawagoe Club, as well as deciding the meeting plan for the year.

In addition, Keiko Tonegawa and Taro Tonegawa, who attended the 74th Y's Men International Convention in Chiang Mai, Thailand, held from August 8 to 11, and the CPE INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE, held from August 5 to 8 before the International Convention, reported on their activities. For details, please see the report in

this month's bulletin issue.

The following are the results of the discussion at the August meeting

- The Kawagoe Club's 25th-anniversary meeting will be held on Sat. Nov. 30, from 18:00. The content of the meeting, including the location, has not yet been decided. Still, the Executive Committee will consider having a dinner party, and the details will be finalized at the next meeting in September.
- The Kawagoe Club's regular meetings for the year have been decided, and the related Kanto Tobu District meeting schedule is also summarized below.

Sept. 26, Sat. Kawagoe YMCA 14:00~16:00
Discuss IBC, the 25th-anniversary meeting, and the Fund

Oct. 12, Sat. Tokorozawa Center
17:00~Monthly Meeting
18:00~20:00 Joint regular meeting

Oct. 19, Sat. WESTA Kawagoe
11:00 Preparation for reception, etc.
12:00~15:00 Kanto Tobu District Convention.

Nov. 30, Sat. Place undecided 18:00~
Kawagoe Club 25th Anniversary Meeting

Dec. 21, Sat. Kawagoe YMCA

14 : 00~16 : 00 Christmas meeting

- As part of the guardian support for the Saitama YMCA Kawagoe Center, we will be providing support on the following schedule.
Sept. 4(Wed),11(Wed),18(Wed),25(Wed) all 16 : 45
17 : 45
Ms. Yamazaki will support on the 18th, and Taro Tonegawa will support the rest.

CPE INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE Participation Report

Taro Tonegawa

I am pleased to report on my participation in the CPE INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE, held before the 74th Y's Men's Club International Convention in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

~~First of all, about~~ CPE INSTITUTE, is a new initiative started in February 2024 for the term 2023-2024. It is positioned as an international training session for club presidents-elect (CPE), or incoming club presidents.

Three sessions were held prior to this CONCLAVE, all via Zoom, and Keiko participated as an interpreter.

The first session took place on February 3, 2024. The lecture was titled "How to turn ideas into action at the club level," and as incoming president, the theme was "How to get young people interested".

The second meeting was held on April 6. Practical examples were presented under the theme of "How to obtain funds for activities". It was interesting to note that in India, Europe, and the U.S., it is considered effective to send items to individuals to commend them, such as certificates and badges, to solicit donations. From Japan, Makoto Yamashita, incoming Regional Director, Tokachi Club's Potato Fund was introduced by Makoto Yamashita, incoming director of the East Japan District.

The third meeting was held on May 11, but unfortunately, I could attend as I had just returned from a hospital stay for an examination.

The fourth meeting was a face-to-face meeting in Chiang Mai. From Japan, Norihiko Gondo of Tokyo Machida Cosmos, Tsutomu Ohno of Kobe Port, Obuchi of Osaka West Club, and Taro Tonegawa of Kawagoe Club participated. In addition, Hiroyuki Tanaka of Tokyo Tama Smile participated as a lecturer and Keiko Tonegawa as an interpreter.

On the first day of the meeting, representatives from Africa, Kenya, and Uganda reported. On August 6, several representatives from each of the participating clubs gave reports on their clubs, their characteristics, and how they are gaining members through community service. In the U.S., clubs that focus on services for veterans and clubs that are

active in fundraising reported. All of them seem to be struggling to increase membership.

A club in India reported on gaining members while implementing the TOF project, and how their regular meetings are attended by the whole family. Reports were made from Africa on how members are recruited through community services in Kenya and Uganda.

While India and Africa are gaining many new members, there was mention of "quality members," i.e., members who pay their dues. In Hong Kong, there were reports of business-related educational activities and support for children with special needs, similar to the situation in Japan.

On August 7, the second day of the meeting, there was an informative quiz and lecture on the history of Y's Men's Clubs, and we heard many interesting stories. The current status of Y's Men's Clubs is roughly 1500 clubs in 76 countries with 23,000 members. A consulting company called Triangle2 gave the following training on the theme of "Just Make Your Mark". The content was general, focusing on objectives and using simple language in communication. The following lecture by Mr. Hiroyuki Tanaka was easy to understand based on his extensive knowledge and was especially helpful for SWOT analysis. I participated in a group discussion on "Membership retention and motivation." The Kawagoe Club has a small number of members, but all but the president are fluent in English and have unique and very active members. We have a good relationship with the YMCA, and we are focusing our activities this year on supporting that organization.

On the third day, August 8, Tracy gave an overview of YMI in a group discussion format, and it was exciting to learn about EF, RBM, W4W, IBC, etc. Please note that the deadline for TOF is March 15, and the deadline for BF application is December 1, so if you have an idea or are interested, please check with us along with the contents.

As I mentioned above, I was very tired after three days of training, but with the help of many people, I managed to receive the final certificate of completion. This is a crude summary of the CPE INSTITUTE LEADERS' CONCLAVE report.





From the International stage

“Keiko’s Monthly Briefing of YMI/ASP”

I participated in the 74th International Convention.

Keiko Tonegawa

In the previous issue, we reported on the international convention just about to begin. In this issue, we will introduce the specifics of the program, its results, and our impressions of it.

The program outline of the convention is as follows. As the convention was held under the title of “International Festival,” there was the minimum necessary conference content about Y’s Men’s Clubs International, such as the inauguration of the International President, the International Secretary General’s report, keynote speeches, and breakout sessions on international projects, but there were also games, dances, fashion shows, and other fun activities. It was full of games, dances, fashion shows, and fun. I am confident that the fellowship, which is the primary purpose of the convention, was well accomplished.

A total of 57 participants from the East West Japan District showed Japan’s presence with the second largest delegation after Korea’s 174 participants. On the occasion of the Asia Pacific Area District Convention, Keiko presented a certificate of appreciation to the project leader, thanking him for his support and cooperation over the past year, and new Area President Joan Wong introduced the project leader, giving the Asia Pacific Area another opportunity to make a fresh start.

Date	Time	Program
Aug. 8 Thur.	15:30	Opening Ceremony Flag Ceremony Y’s Song Opening Prayer PIP Wichiang
	17:30	•Welcome Speech by Rachan, Chairman of the Host Convention Committee
	19:30	Installation of Int’l President and Int’l Executive Officers Keynote Speech “The Blue

		Music” by Johann Wilhelm Eltvik, Past President of the World Alliance of YMCAs Int’l President’s Dinner
Aug. 9 Fri.	9:00	Asia Pacific Choir Team Performance
	9:30	Opening Prayer Video showing highlights of the first day of the conference
	10:45	Int’l Secretary General’s Report
	14:00	YMI Festival Games
	16:00	YMI Int’l Program breakout session
	16:45	Peace Concert by Korean Area
	17:15 18:30	Bollywood Dance Lesson Regional Meetings (presentation of certificates of appreciation to IPAP and IPASD, issuance of letters of appointment to ASD for the current term, etc.) IP Dinner (national costume fashion show)
Aug. 10 Sat.	8:45 18:30	Excursions IPE Dinner
	Aug. 11 Sun.	6:30 9:00
9:30		Keynote Address “Strategy 2032, Towards a Successful Mission” Triangle 2 (Tom Massey, Laurie Swan) 2026
11:00		Dubai Int’l Convention, 2026
11:35		Int’l Youth Convocation (Dubai), 2025 Area Convention Promotion
11:40 12:00		YMI Festival Highlights Video Vote of Thanks to the Host Convention Committee Closing Ceremony

(All venues except the excursion was at the Chiang Mai Empress Convention Center)

August 8 (Thursday) Flag Ceremony: Flags of all 31 participating countries were displayed. The flags of countries where Y’s Men’s Clubs were present and where there were no participants were displayed in the lobby. The flag of Japan was carried by Mr. Kohei Yamada, Regional Director of the Japan East Region.



In the fashion show, the Japan East and West 卍 Regions cooperated to showcase yukata. Men also appeared in Happi coats.



Group photo of all participants

Special part

This time, we had free time the day before the convention and half a day after it ended. Thanks to that time, we had some unique Thai experiences.

The day before, we took a raft ride in an elephant sanctuary, rode in an elephant and ox cart, and played with tigers in a tiger pen. After the convention, we went to a Karen (chiefdom) village outside Chiang Mai, where we met women and girls with several brass rings around their necks; they started wearing them when they were 5 years old, starting with about 4 rings weighing about 1 kg, doubling to 2 kg at age 10, 3 kg at age 15, 4 kg at age 20, 25 kg at age 15, the weight reaches 3 kg, at age 20, 4 kg, and at age 25, the weight reaches 5 kg. After that, it is up to the individual. When I asked the girl by my side if she would like to take a picture with me, she readily agreed, but when we

were done, she stuck out her hand and asked for a tip. She skipped the nickel coins and took only silver coins. I felt the zest for living in the way she was so used to handling tourists.





[Let's go to the National Museum of Nature and Science!](#)

Katsusaburo Yoshino

I assisted with a program on Tuesday, August 6, which was part of the special summer programs at the Kawagoe Center. A total of 11 participants, seven (7) children, and four (4) leaders, went to the National Museum of Nature and Science in Ueno.

I met them at the park exit of Ueno Station, and we all had lunch first. The initially planned location was changed to “Cafe Hibiki” at the Ueno Cultural Hall, where concerts and other events are frequently held. Everyone was given the experience of buying their own meal ticket. There were no special problems, and everyone enjoyed the meal.

Finally, it was time to enter the National Museum of Nature and Science. The staff members accustomed to leading visitors know that some children are not accustomed to group activities, so we all entered the museum without incident. Naturally, each person has different areas of interest, and more time could have been given to them.

After leaving the museum, one of the children got stuck. He wanted to take a closer look at a particular exhibit. His friends tried to talk him out of it, but he was not responding to the staff's attempts to talk to him. I was forced to leave the matter in the hands of one of the YMCA staff members, and the rest of us, including myself, went on our way.

One of the staff members commented that because I was a man, the children were more obedient to my instructions than the female staff members. If I can be of any help to you in this regard, please contact me again.

[Experience the “Guarding support.”](#)

Katsusaburo Yoshino

I had the opportunity to serve as a telephone operator at the Kawagoe Center for the first time on Monday, September 9, from 5:00 to 7:10 PM. I have been showing up at the Kawagoe Center for over 25 years, but this was my first such experience, so I was happy to serve. Fortunately, or unfortunately, I did not receive any calls.

1. I have learned that the staff is meticulous.

They are prepared to receive the children who come through, prepare the programs, and prepare the documents to give to the children when they return home. Thank you for your hard work.

2. While on call, I read some of the mothers' memoirs published in the monthly “Developmental Education” (published by the Developmental Association). I learned about the many children subject to the program and their difficulties as parents.

That summer evening, I obtained a valuable experience!

[YMCA Report](#)

Haruna Kinoshita, and others.

< Big Smile Kirakira (Sparkling) Summer Camp >
“Big Smile•Kirakira Summer Camp” was held in Minamiuonuma City, Niigata Prefecture, on August 24 (Sat.) - 25 (Sun.), 2024.

A total of 23 children enrolled in the Clover Class, Dandelion (outdoor group), and UP (alumni group) participated. The accommodation was at Ohmine-kan, our favorite for many years.

During the day on the first day, the group was divided into two groups: “Water Fun” and “Railroad Trip”.

The “Water Play” group enjoyed the summer by playing in Niigata’s cold water and splitting watermelons.

The “Railroad Trip” group boarded the train at Shiozawa Station and went to Echigo-Yuzawa Station. They were happy to see a wrapped train and the Shinkansen!



Fireworks at night for everyone. The children enjoyed the fireworks, saying “beautiful” and “tamaya!”



On the second day, we had a full meal of Nagashi Somen and Tempura.



Rain was forecast for the two days as a typhoon was approaching Japan. However, the children were able to spend their time outside without being caught in the rain, probably due to their good manners.

For two days, we could hear the joyful laughter of the children and the innkeepers. It was a time of mutual growth in the nature of Niigata and in our relationships with people. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the volunteer leaders, related organizations, and supporters.

(Haruna Kinoshita)

<Volunteers Wanted>

Summer camp is over, and preparations for winter are beginning. This summer, we were again supported by many volunteers, and we are still in great need of volunteer leaders for the winter camp. If you have family members or friends who would like to join us, please let us know.

公益財団法人 埼玉YMCA
ボランティアリーダー
募集中!

みつかる つながる よくなっていく
したい何かが見つかり、誰かにつながる
私よくなる、かけがえない場所



YMCAとは? YMCAは1844年ロンドンで誕生し、世界120以上の国と地域でおよそ6500万人の会員を有するNGO(非営利組織)です。青少年の健全育成活動の一環として野外教育、国際協力、障がい児支援、社会奉仕プログラムなど様々な体験活動を実施しています。いつの時代も子どもたちが安全に、安心してのびのびと育っていくために大切なことをたくさんの人たちと共に育んできました。

コース・エンパワメント コース・エンパワメントとは、コース(YMCAでは18歳~35歳までをコース世代としています)一人ひとりが持っている力を発揮し、自発的に行動できるようにすることです。YMCAではこのことを入れて取組んでいます。

ボランティア活動内容 埼玉県内の拠点(所沢・川越)にて、大学生や専門学校生を中心としたボランティアと専門スタッフが一緒に、主に幼児から高校生が参加する野外活動(デイキャンプ(日帰り)・シーズンキャンプ(宿泊)など)の企画、準備を行っています。各拠点の活動内容詳細や応募につきましては、下記の二次元コードを読み取っていただきご確認ください。






YMCAではみなさんの持っている力を発揮できる場がきっとあるはず!
ご連絡お待ちしております。

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< Small Atelier Project >

On August 3,7,8,21,22, a small atelier program was held at the YMCA and Kakuei shopping district. This program was supported by the YMCA and Y's Men's Clubs after the presentation. On the days of the event, participants were seen here and there not only doing their summer homework but also enjoying conversations with their peers and community members. Throughout the five days, 39 people participated in the program, including local parents and children, elementary school students, and university students. Thank you, Taro-san, for the ice cream and other goodies you brought in during the hot weather! The next event will be held during the winter vacation. We hope you will stop by.



(Editor's Note)

With your help, we published this month's issue of Bulletin, which is full of contents. Please take a look.

It is still like midsummer in September. How did you spend your summer? At our house, a large number of “Noshime Madara Moths” (moths) infested

the brown rice stored in our room, causing a commotion. If it was termites, we thought our house was finished. We were relieved to learn that the moths were grain moths, not something that would harm the building. We cleaned the room, disinfected to kill this moth, and the case was closed. I have lived in this house for over 30 years, but have never seen anything like this before.

It was a summer of 2024 that I will never forget. Several events are planned for the fall. In particular, on Saturday, October 19, the Kanto-Tobu District Convention, headed by Goshiro Yamamoto, will be held at Westa Kawagoe. Let's all get together and participate. (KY)