

APCC Global BRIDGE Partnership 2018

Concept and Ideas

Background

- Since its 20th Anniversary, APCC has been evolving from an ‘International exchange’ program to an ‘Exchange-based educational program to nurture global citizens.’
- From the 25th to the 30th Anniversary, while promoting the APCC Vision under a strategic plan named “NEXT APCC,” APCC attempted to expand the scale of nurturing “Global BRIDGE Leaders” and to accelerate the cultivation of global citizens with “OMOIYARI” spirit.
- Upon reaching its 30th anniversary, APCC announced that it would take a new step forward to apply the resources and know-how accumulated over the past 30 years, while looking toward 50 and even 100 more years. APCC will add new features to the programs and provide even further support for their participants to grow as OMOIYARI global citizens.

APCC Vision

We, as members of APCC, will become global citizens with an “OMOIYARI” spirit, creating a more peaceful world where the smiles of children abound.

APCC Slogan

We are the BRIDGE

We connect dreams around the world

Objective

Strengthen cooperation between Liaison Offices, BRIDGE CLUBs and APCC in order to focus and apply their dedication to the APCC Vision, to work together to develop the **BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS**, and to strive toward the 50th APCC and beyond.

BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS

Children who connect the present with the future. Adults with youthful hearts.

We are all KIDS of Mother Earth.

So the APCC’s novel programs — “BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS” — that connect people and their hearts through “exchange” and “communication,” belong to us all.

Packed with wonders to develop your future self.

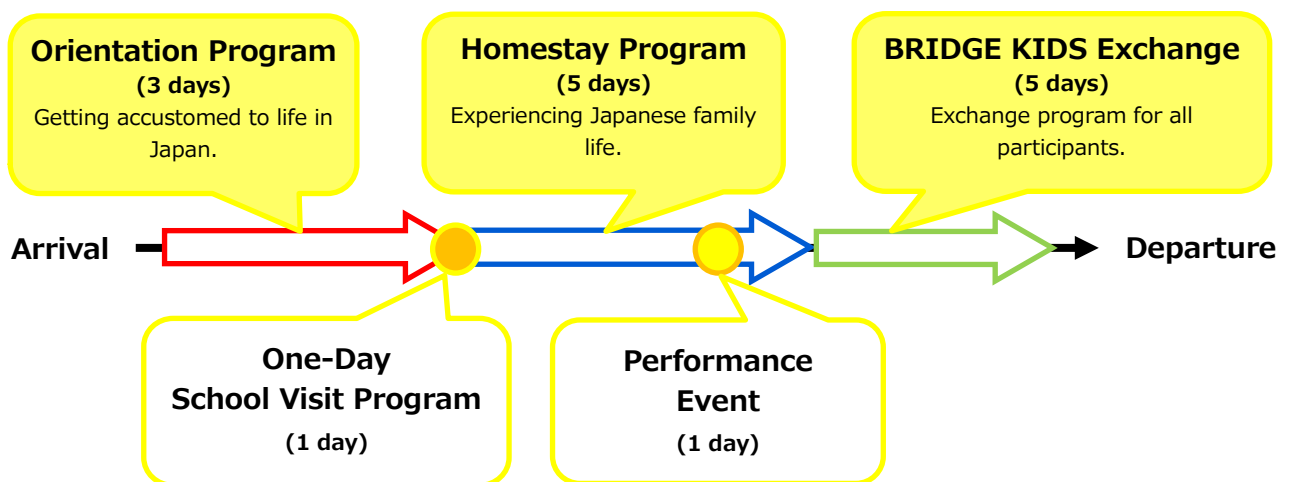
With this philosophy and under the new name, “**BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS**,” APCC offers two main international exchange programs, an invitational program called “**BRIDGE Summer Camp**” and a dispatching program called “**BRIDGE Challenge Trip**” for the children of Fukuoka as well as for those around the world.

BRIDGE Summer Camp

BRIDGE Summer Camp, formally known as the APCC Invitation Project, is a large-scale international exchange program for children.

Every summer, 11-year-old Junior Ambassadors and chaperons from all over the world gather in Fukuoka to take part in a fortnight-long exchange program with the citizens of Fukuoka, including children.

BRIDGE Summer Camp consists of three main programs. The goal is to expand the exchange-focused components so that a greater number of children from Fukuoka can participate.

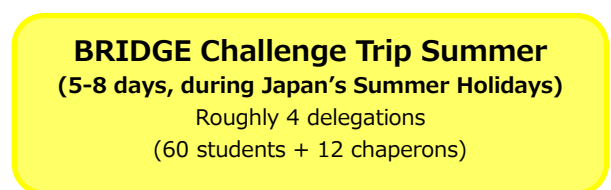


BRIDGE Challenge Trip

Every spring, Japanese students (10 to 18 years old) visit foreign countries/ regions to experience an overseas homestay and cross-cultural interaction with the local people.

Each delegation includes 15 students and 3 volunteer chaperons. The delegation members bond with each other during pre-departure training that builds firm relationships and enables them to support each other throughout their time abroad.

Beginning in 2019, APCC will expand this program by offering it in the summer as well, every other year, with the goal of providing broader learning opportunities to the children of Fukuoka as well as to the people in hosting countries/regions.



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Expected cooperative roles of each Liaison Office and BRIDGE CLUB

	Liaison Office (LO)	BRIDGE CLUB (BC)
For BRIDGE Summer Camp	<p><i>Before BRIDGE Summer Camp:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistently and reliably communicate with the APCC office • Select and train Junior Ambassadors (JAs) & a chaperon with input and support from BC representative(s) • Complete necessary pre-trip preparations • Support the BC in identifying suitable PA nominees • Introduce the BC to the new JAs and their parents, emphasizing the value of involvement in the BC after the BRIDGE Summer Camp <p><i>After BRIDGE Summer Camp:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage JAs to join the BC • Keep contact information for all former participants • When a new Liaison Officer takes over, help him/her understand LO and BC responsibilities 	<p><i>Before BRIDGE Summer Camp:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select Peace Ambassador (PA) nominees • Train the selected PA and help to complete pre-APCC tasks • Contribute to JA selection and training • Assist the LO to explain the purpose of BRIDGE Summer Camp and the BRIDGE CLUB to new JAs and their parents <p><i>After BRIDGE Summer Camp:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively recruit JAs into the BRIDGE CLUB • Have JAs share their BRIDGE Summer Camp experience with others • Maintain communication with BC members
For BRIDGE Challenge Trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financially sponsor and coordinate the logistics for the BRIDGE Challenge Trip • Recruit host families for the BRIDGE Challenge Trip • Involve the BRIDGE CLUB in the planning and execution of events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support LO in preparations for the BRIDGE Challenge Trip • Be involved in hosting the BRIDGE Challenge Trip and associated events • Hold at least one exchange event/activity planned and organized by the BC during the project
For BRIDGE CLUB Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a BRIDGE CLUB is not already established, help former PAs & JAs to establish one • Guide BC leadership • Provide resources when possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and conduct BC activities • Keep LO informed about BC operations and events • Contribute to BCIO maintenance and growth • Communicate with the Head Office and other BCs about activities and progress