

BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026

BRIDGE Summer Camp

INFORMATION TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF JUNIOR AMBASSADORS

What is Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in FUKUOKA

Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka (APCC) was created as a commemorative event of the 1989 Asian-Pacific Exposition, in celebration of Fukuoka City's 100th anniversary. This civic movement has developed over the past 37 years with funding from the local government, donations from corporate sponsors and our Supporters' Association. Under the name of the 'BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS' APCC has taken a step forward to keep building the bridge of OMOIYARI toward 50 and even 100 years from now.

July 1989	Asian-Pacific Exposition, an event to celebrate Fukuoka city's 100th anniversary. 1 st APCC was held as a commemorative event of the 1989 Asian-Pacific Exposition.
March 1992	Inauguration of APCC Supporters' Association
March 1994	Children from Fukuoka visit various locations in the Asia-Pacific during spring break and experience Homestays. "Mission Project" starts.
July 1998	Invited Peace Ambassadors (69 PAs from 37 countries/regions) BRIDGE CLUB established
July 2000	School Visit program was launched
July 2008	20th anniversary special event and PR campaign was held. "Next APCC" the 30th year strategic plan was announced. Launched BRIDGE CLUB International Organization. Announced new education program, Wing Kids Program.
July 2013	25th Anniversary special event and PR campaign was held. Overseas contact managers/BRIDGE CLUB (BC) representatives were specially invited, and many overseas BC members also participated at their own expense. 1 st BRIDGE CLUB Presidents meeting (BCPM) was held. A fictional film "Midori's Flying Goldfish" was created and screened nationwide.
October 2015	2nd BCPM was held in Indonesia
July 2018	30th Anniversary program and Grand reunion was organized. Future plans from 31st year was announced. Proposed new name "BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS" Expanded the range and aims and added new features to the two main programs, BRIDGE Summer Camp and BRIDGE Challenge Trip
July 2021	BRIDGE Virtual Summer Camp was held from August to November.
2022	Launch of educational website "APCC for education" in April BRIDGE Virtual Summer Camp was held from July to September, and PAs (Peace Ambassadors) was invited to Fukuoka for the first time in three years from October to November.
July 2023	Re-start of BRIDGE Summer Camp 5th BCPM was held in Fukuoka
March 2024	Re-start of BRIDGE Challenge Trip (BKP2023)
August 2025	6th BCPM was held in Ipoh, Malaysia

Slogan

We are the BRIDGE

We connect dreams around the world

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.

< What is BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS? >

BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS is the name for a set of international exchange programs that NPO Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention in FUKUOKA (APCC) provides: the “BRIDGE Summer Camp” and the “BRIDGE Challenge Trip”.

BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS



BRIDGE Summer Camp is a program implemented every summer, to which over 200 eleven-year-old children from around the globe are invited. The participants in this program take part in various interactions, such as sleeping and eating together under the same roof with hundreds of foreign friends, experiencing Japanese school life, and learning the Japanese way of life at a homestay, in a dynamic intercultural environment that turns all of Fukuoka into one big campsite!

BRIDGE Challenge Trip is a program that dispatches children from Fukuoka to the countries/regions across the world during Japanese spring break and every other year during summer vacation. The children take on challenges in intercultural communication while experiencing the local lifestyle firsthand.

BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS are designed to help us overcome all kinds of differences in cultures, customs and generations by promoting mutual understanding through exchange and communication. BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS encourage us to embrace and understand those differences, and broaden our horizons. If we can connect with each other through this OMOIYARI spirit, our future will be alight with abundant smiles.

Schedule of BRIDGE Summer Camp

As of Feb 2026

July, 2026	Day	JAs & Chaperon
10	Fri	Set up /*Arrival
11	Sat	Arrival → Orientation Camp at Marine House
12	Sun	Arrival → Orientation Camp at Marine House Opening ceremony of BRIDGE Summer Camp
13	Mon	Orientation Camp
14	Tue	One day School Visit/ CSR Activity** (pm) Meet Host Families
15	Wed	Homestay / Attend school with host friend
16	Thu	Homestay / Attend school with host friend
17	Fri	Homestay / Attend school with host friend
18	Sat	Homestay/ APCC Festival
19	Sun	Homestay
20	Mon	Departure /Homestay
21	Tue	Departure
22	Wed	*Departure

*Delegations whose flight schedules do not match our official arrival and departure dates.

* About 25 delegations will join "One day School Visit Program" before meeting with host family. Other delegations will join CSR activities (sponsored company's activities) or other activities in Fukuoka

Request to the Parents or Guardians of Junior Ambassadors (JAs)

Parents and guardians are requested to carefully read the following points to ensure a smooth and safe program experience for their child.

1. Travel to Fukuoka

Parents/guardians **MUST NOT accompany** their child to Fukuoka.

2. No Contact with Home

- JAs **must not contact home** during the program.
- Parents/guardians are requested **not to contact their child** while they are in Japan.
- JAs **cannot bring or use mobile phones or other communication devices.**
- This rule ensures children focus on cultural exchange and avoid homesickness.

3. Emergency Contact

- In an emergency, parents/guardians should contact the **Liaison Office (LO)** in their country/region.
- APCC will also contact the LO if an emergency arises.
- APCC will take all necessary actions to ensure your child's safety and well-being.

4. Pocket Money and Personal Expenses

- JAs may bring **up to US \$200** only.
- **Credit cards are not allowed.**
- Any extra money will be **collected and safely held** by the Chaperon and returned at the end of the program.
- JAs must pay for their **own souvenirs and personal shopping.**
- Host families **must not be asked** to cover any personal expenses.

5. Independence

- Ensure your child is capable of handling daily life issues independently.

6. Health Conditions

- JAs must **not have severe asthma or allergies** that are difficult to control.
- APCC cannot provide special care or accommodations for health conditions, including **food allergies/intolerances** or **developmental disorders.**

7. Homestay

- Each JA will stay with a **different host family** for about **one week.**
- All host families are **Volunteers**
- Not all host families speak fluent English.
- JAs are encouraged to **communicate and overcome language barriers.**
- Parents/guardians should **not contact the host family or JA** during the homestay.
- The goal is for JAs to create meaningful memories independently.

8. Female JAs – Menstruation Preparation

- Parents/guardians should **prepare their child for menstruation.**
- Ensure she understands menstruation and **brings necessary sanitary products** from home.
- This preparation helps her participate fully and confidently in Japanese life.

9. Head Lice and Nits Policy

- **Mandatory inspection** upon arrival at the Orientation Camp.
- If head lice or nits are found, parents/guardians will be **charged for all expenses**, including:
 - Room cleaning fee at the facility
 - Medicated shampoo and treatment
- Costs will be invoiced to the Liaison Office later in October.
- Please ensure your child is **completely free of head lice and nits** before departure.

How to check head lice or nits?

The most reliable method for checking for nits and lice is to use a fine-toothed "nit comb" on wet hair, applying conditioner to make it easier to see, and carefully combing through sections of hair from the scalp to the ends. After each segment, the comb should be checked for any live lice or nits (lice eggs), which will appear as tiny white or yellowish specks close to the scalp. Additionally, the scalp should be visually inspected for any visible lice, especially near the hairline and behind the ears.

Snack time in Marine House:

There is snack time in Marine house. During snack time in the Marine house, participants are allowed to bring their own food and eat it at the designated time and place. Some JAs may need time to adjust to Japanese meals, so we recommend bringing ready-to-eat food or snacks as a dietary supplement. Please note that there may not be hot water or microwave ovens available in the Marine House.

Registration Fee:

Each participant has to pay registration fee to join the BRIDGE Summer Camp. Please consult with your Liaison Officer regarding the registration fee.

Expenses covered by APCC or the Host Family for the JAs:

- a. Round-trip airfare including airport tax between Fukuoka and the departure airport as designated by APCC.
***But for Self-pay delegation and Additional JA, participants themselves or sponsor company will cover their flight cost and as well as transit stay cost if any.**
- b. Transportation within Japan as designated by APCC or the Host Family.
- c. Accommodation in Japan or abroad as designated by APCC or the Host Family.
- d. Meals during the entire stay in Fukuoka.
***Personal expenses are the responsibility of the individual.**

Expenses NOT covered by APCC.

- a. Domestic transportation fees between the participants' homes and the designated airport.
- b. Expenses incurred in obtaining a passport and/or visa (including transit visa).
- c. **Meal expenses incurred during transit will not be covered. However, if your delegation has an overnight stay at the hotel on the route to or from Fukuoka, hotel breakfast will be provided. In the event that the flight time is in the early morning, breakfast will not be available.**

- d. Any other personal expenses, including incidentals such as communication expenses.
- e. Spending money for the JAs for personal things.

Insurance for injury and illness during the BRIDGE Summer Camp:

- a. Each participant will be covered by an insurance policy provided by APCC.
- b. Insurance will cover all injuries and illnesses incurred during their stay.
- c. The coverage will begin when the participant leaves the designated airport, and runs continuously until he/she arrives back at the airport upon completion of the APCC.
 - * While emergency injuries are covered, routine dental treatment and pre-existing conditions such as asthma are NOT covered by this insurance policy. Any expenses incurred or medication for pre-existing conditions will be covered by the individual, not by APCC. If the participant has medication he/she currently takes for a pre-existing condition, please have him/her bring it to Japan.
- d. Please note that the APCC insurance policy does not cover damages to certain items incurred by participants, regardless of whether such damages were caused accidentally or otherwise. In this case, the individual is responsible for such compensation.

Weather in Japan

The summer in Japan is extremely hot and humid. Please make sure that JAs will bring hats/caps to avoid a risk for heatstroke.

After returning from BRIDGE Summer Camp

All JAs must continue to act with an OMOIYARI spirit as a global citizen and contribute to the activities of the BRIDGE CLUB (BC) after participating in the BRIDGE Summer Camp. As their parents, please encourage and support the JAs join the BRIDGE CLUB(BC) activities.

BRIDGE CLUB (BC) / BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO) is a worldwide network of APCC alumni and their objectives are:

- To foster leaders with a global perspective who will shape the world in the future.
- To build a network of “Global Citizens” free from religious, political and economic restrictions.
- To expand this network across the world, establish a circle of friendship and work towards creating a peaceful society.

In order to achieve these goals, BCs work beyond the APCC to form a human network around the world. Each APCC participating country has a local BC, and they plan their own activities depending on local needs, such as humanitarian assistance, cultural exchange and education. BC also acts as an alumni association for former participants of APCC, enabling them to keep in touch and sustaining their friendships throughout the world.

Please refer to the BCIO website for further information; <https://bcio.world/>



APCC Smile Support Project

Raising funds for maintaining APCC programs has become more difficult each year, so we face financial difficulties. We would like to ask the all the participants and their families for continued financial support. We seek your voluntary donations to provide as many children as possible the opportunity to experience international exchange through BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS. These donations are optional, and any amount is welcome. We would be grateful for your sincere consideration of this request.

We have our online donation website. The following link will allow you to donate any amount over 1,000 yen with your credit card. With deep appreciation, your donation will be used to keep our organization running and deliver cultural exchange programs.

Our donation platform will allow you to donate any amount over 1000 yen with your credit card

«Amount Option»

Monthly	¥1,000	¥3,000	¥5,000	¥10,000	Others
Yearly	¥5,000	¥10,000	¥30,000	¥50,000	Others
One Time	¥5,000	¥10,000	¥30,000	¥50,000	Others

«What your monthly support can do»

¥1,000/month  1,000 yen per month will sponsor a child to attend one day of exchange.	¥3,000/month  3,000 yen per month will fund one country and region's performance at the epic event.	¥10,000/month  10,000 yen per month could sponsor a one-way flight ticket for a future global leader.
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APCC Smile Supporters will receive a newsletter every half year as well as some downloadable gifts.

As well as the subsidies, the financial contributions from companies and individuals are vital for our organization to continue with our programs. The funds we will be receiving through Smile Support Project will, with much appreciation, be used to provide more children with the opportunity to connect with the world.

For more details, please visit the link below or scan the QR code.

[APCC Smile Support Project]

<https://apcc.gr.jp/en/support/individuals/>



Photos of BRIDGE Summer Camp, BKP 2026

We are planning to sell the photos taken during the camp to all the participants after the program is completed. The profits will be utilized for the operational costs of APCC. These photos can be viewed only by those who participated in the BRIDGE Summer Camp, BKP 2026. We will send more detailed information to the email address of your child that was submitted to us in the Name list later in August or September.

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