



APCC Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in FUKUOKA

BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026

Planning Booklet

(As of February 2026)

Table of Contents

| | |
|---|---------|
| BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS | 1 |
| History of Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention in Fukuoka | 2 |
| Organization Outline | 3 |
| Outline of BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026 | 4 - 9 |
| Budget | 10 |
| BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026 Operating Committee | 11 |
| Members of General Meeting | 12 - 13 |
| BKP 2026 Operating Committee Members | 14 |
| List of Participating Countries / Regions and Liaison Offices | 15 |
| Supporting Organization | 16 |
| [Reference] Participation Guideline of BRIDGE Summer Camp | 17 - 24 |

BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS

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 aims to nurture global citizens with a spirit of OMOIYARI (respect and understanding) by providing opportunities for direct cross-cultural interaction among children from a young age, eventually achieving a world filled with joyful smiles of children.

Every year, children who will shape our world in the future not only gather in Fukuoka, but also spread out from Fukuoka around the world. They participate in homestays and various multicultural exchanges, where children experience firsthand differences in culture and language, as well as learning the importance of respecting and understanding each other.

Children, with their flexible minds, curiosity and boundless energy, steadily carry our dreams and hopes towards fruition, opening up endless possibilities in the coming era.

What is BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS?

BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS is the name for the international exchange programs for children offered by APCC, and consists of the following two major programs: the “BRIDGE Summer Camp” and the “BRIDGE Challenge Trip”.



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.

History of 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 36 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 was held. A fictional film "Midori's Flying Goldfish" was created and screened nationwide. |
| October 2015 | 2nd BRIDGE CLUB Presidents Meeting 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. |
| March 2023 | Re-start of BRIDGE Challenge Trip |
| July 2023 | Re-start of BRIDGE Summer Camp 5th BC Presidents Meeting was held in Fukuoka |
| March 2024 | Re-start of BRIDGE Challenge Trip (BKP2023) |
| August 2025 | 6 th BC Presidents Meeting was held in Ipoh, Malaysia. |

ORGANIZATION OUTLINE

APCC

▪ **Name of Organization**

Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in FUKUOKA

▪ **Our 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.

**OMOIYARI is a spirit of “Respect and Understanding”.*

▪ **Slogan**

We are the BRIDGE

We connect dreams around the world

▪ **Establishment Data**

February, 2002

- Officially registered as a NPO (Non-Profit Organization) and changed its organizational structure.
- The former body known as “Executive Committee of the Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention in FUKUOKA” was established in November 1988 and has been continuing the summer invitation program since 1989.

▪ **Projects**

BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS

1. BRIDGE Challenge Trip
This program sends Japanese youth to APCC participating countries. Through homestays, school visits, and other hands-on experiences of local lifestyles and cultures, participants deepen their understanding of different cultures.
2. BRIDGE Summer Camp
This program invites Junior Ambassadors from around the world, primarily from the Asia-Pacific region, to Fukuoka. Through homestays and various exchange activities, the program aims to deepen the visiting participants’ understanding of Japan while also helping future generations of youth experience the diversity of the Asia-Pacific region and recognize the importance of cross-cultural understanding.
3. Exchange Program
These programs create opportunities for overseas youth invited from the Asia-Pacific region to interact with Japanese youth, families, and local citizens. Through activities such as school visits, attending classes, and cultural exchange events, participants share cultures and values and promote international understanding at the community, school, and regional levels. In addition, online exchange programs are conducted to provide international exchange opportunities for children both in Japan and abroad.
4. Youth Development Program
Programs are planned, implemented, and provided to support the growth of youth from the Asia-Pacific region and Fukuoka, Japan into globally minded individuals through various activities and initiatives.
5. Support Program
Support programs are promoted for globally minded volunteers and domestic and international groups, including BRIDGE CLUBs in each country formed by former APCC program participants.
6. Public Relation and Outreach Programs
Through public relations activities, charity events, and campaign initiatives, information about the programs and their guiding principles is widely shared both domestically and internationally. In addition, workshops, lectures, and programs are organized to create platforms where participants can mutually share knowledge and experiences and learn from one another.

Outline of BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026

I . BRIDGE Summer Camp

Every summer, we invite over 200 11-year-old children as Junior Ambassadors and adult Chaperons from more than 30 countries/regions to Fukuoka. Through intercultural exchange programs such as homestays, school visits, and exchange camps, these children deepen their international understanding while also fostering global awareness among the citizens of Fukuoka who interact with them.

Division in charge: Welcome Division, Family Division, Orientation Division, APCC Festival Division, School visit Division, PA Program Division

Operating Period: April, 2026 – July, 2026

Invited Period: Saturday, July 11, 2026 – Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Participating Countries/Regions: 42 delegations (34 countries/regions) *tentative

Number of Invited Participants: Junior Ambassadors (JAs) About 200

Chaperons (CP) About 45

Peace Ambassadors (PAs), BCIO About 20

Total About **265**

[Number of Participants]

| No | Country/Region Name | No | Country/Region Name |
|----|--|----|---|
| 1 | People's Republic of China | 23 | Republic of Fiji |
| 2 | Republic of Korea | 24 | Republic of Kiribati |
| 3 | Hong Kong | 26 | The Independent State of Papua New Guinea |
| 4 | Taiwan | 28 | Republic of Palau |
| 5 | Republic of Singapore | 29 | Republic of Vanuatu |
| 6 | Republic of the Philippines | 34 | Federated States of Micronesia |
| 7 | Kingdom of Thailand | 35 | Republic of the Union of Myanmar |
| 8 | Malaysia | 38 | Tahiti |
| 9 | Republic of Indonesia | 40 | Republic of Maldives |
| 10 | Socialist Republic of Vietnam | 41 | Tuvalu |
| 11 | People's Republic of Bangladesh | 43 | Cook Islands |
| 12 | Kingdom of Bhutan | 46 | Kingdom of Cambodia |
| 14 | Islamic Republic of Pakistan | 50 | Guangzhou (China) |
| 15 | Republic of India | 51 | Ipoh (Malaysia) |
| 16 | Lao People's Democratic Republic | 52 | Oakland (USA) |
| 17 | Nepal | 54 | Atlanta (USA) |
| 18 | Mongolia | 56 | Jiangsu (China) |
| 19 | Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka | 57 | Dalian (China) |
| 20 | Commonwealth of Australia | 59 | Republic of Peru |
| 21 | New Zealand | 60 | Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam) |
| 22 | Hawaii (USA) | 61 | Kyrgyz Republic |

Each delegation consist of 4 JAs (2boys+ 2girls) * Additional JAs delegation (+2 JAs) consist of 6 JAs (3 boys + 3 girls)

Schedule:

| July, 2026 | Day | JA & Chaperon | PA, BCIO |
|-------------------|------------|--|--|
| 10 | Fri | Set up in Marine House/ Arrival* | Set up in Marine House/ Arrival* |
| 11 | Sat | Arrival→ Orientation | Arrival→ Orientation |
| 12 | Sun | Arrival→ Orientation BSC Opening Ceremony | Arrival→ Orientation BSC Opening Ceremony |
| 13 | Mon | Orientation | Orientation CSR |
| 14 | Tue | One day School Visit / CSR activity* (PM) Meet Host Families | Help Orientation Division MH → GA PA Program |
| 15 | Wed | Homestay / Attend school | PA Program |
| 16 | Thu | Homestay / Attend school | PA Program |
| 17 | Fri | Homestay / Attend school | GA → Airef (AM) Meet Host Families |
| 18 | Sat | Homestay APCC Festival | Homestay Exchange program with High school, APCC Festival |
| 19 | Sun | Homestay | Meet Host Families |
| 20 | Mon | Homestay/ Departure | Homestay |
| 21 | Tue | Homestay/ Departure | Homestay/ Departure |
| 22 | Wed | Departure * | Departure * |

*MH: Marine House; GA: Global Arena

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

Programs:

BRIDGE Summer Camp

Orientation Program

Date: Saturday, July 11 – Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Venue: Uminonakamichi Seaside Youth House (Marine House)

JAs, Chaperons, PAs and BCIO members take part in the orientation camp soon after their arrival in Fukuoka to get into shape while learning about APCC, BRIDGE Summer Camp and the way of Japanese life at the Marine House before they move onto the Homestay Program.

School Visit Program

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Venue: About 25 Elementary Schools in Fukuoka City

About 25 delegations will get assign to visit elementary schools in Fukuoka city to spend a day with local students and experience a school life in Japan. They interact with the students by joining class activities and having lunch together.

Courtesy Call to the Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture or Participation in CSR Activities

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Some delegations will join the Courtesy call to the Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture while some will join the CSR activities organized by APCC's sponsored companies.

PA Program

Date: Tuesday, July 14 – Friday, July 17, 2026

Venue: Global Arena (Tentative)

Peace Ambassadors together with BCIO members will exchange ideas on BRIDGE CLUB (BC) activities and strengthen their friendships through various programs.

Homestay Program

Date: Tuesday, July 14 – Tuesday, July 21, 2026 *Reserve date if needed Wednesday, July 22

Venue: Host Families' Homes in Fukuoka Prefecture

JAs and Chaperons stay with Japanese families in Fukuoka Prefecture for about 7 nights and spend time learning about Japanese culture and exposing elements of their own culture to the families and the local community. JAs also have to go to schools with his/her host friend.

APCC Festival

Date: Saturday, July 18, 2026, 13:00- 17:30

Venue: Fukuoka City General Gymnasium (Teriha Sekisui House Arena)

This festival is the grand finale of the BRIDGE Summer Camp. Each delegation, Junior Ambassadors will perform in their traditional costumes. The event also allows people in Fukuoka, including children and APCC fans, to meet the Junior Ambassadors at exchange booths and experience different cultures.

Exchange program between PAs and Fukuoka citizens

Date: Saturday, July 19, 2026

Venue: Fukuoka City General Gymnasium (Teriha Sekisui House Arena)

Peace Ambassadors (PAs) will interact with High school students·University students of Fukuoka Prefecture.

PA, BCIO Home stay program

Date: Friday, July 17 – Tuesday, July 21 2026 * Wednesday, July 22, Reserve date if needed

Venue: Host Families' Homes in Fukuoka Prefecture

PAs and BCIO members stay with Japanese families, most of them with the same families they stayed with when they joined the APCC as JAs.

II. BRIDGE Challenge Trip

APCC sends out children of Fukuoka, grade 5 – grade 12 students, to countries/regions across the world to offer them an opportunity to go overseas and deepen their intercultural understanding through participating in a program of homestay, school visit and cultural activities with local children. This year, the program will take place during spring break only.

Division in Charge: Challenge Trip Division (*Activities will begin in April 2026 for the implementation of the project)

Operating Period: **Summer Dispatch:** April, 2026- September, 2026

Spring Dispatch: December, 2026- April, 2027

Visiting Period: **Summer Dispatch:** Mid-August- Late August, 2026

Spring Dispatch: Late March- Early April, 2027

Visiting Countries: 8 ~ 10 countries (expected)

Participants: 15 students + 3 delegation leaders per delegation

120 ~ 150 students + 24 ~ 30 leaders in total

Trainings:

| Date (For Summer Dispatch) | Date (For Spring Dispatch) | Trainings |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Late May 2026 | Late December 2026 | Leaders Training Session 1 |
| Early June 2026 | Mid-January 2027 | Leaders Training Session 2 |
| Mid-June 2026 | Late January 2027 | First Gathering / Orientation |
| Late June 2026 | Early February 2027 | Training 1 |
| Late July 2026 | Late February 2027 | Overnight Training |
| Early August 2026 | Mid-March 2027 | Final Gathering |
| Mid-September 2026 | Mid-April 2027 | Training 2 |
| Late September 2026 | Late April 2027 | Debriefing Session |

III. BRIDGE Support Group

To support and engage in the APCC program with the expertise to ensure the safe and well-run operation of all projects.

■ Volunteer Promotion Division

To organize New Volunteer Registration Briefing Sessions that encourage a diverse range of people to register as APCC volunteers, and to conduct various activities that enable registered volunteers to enjoy their participation while building connections with fellow volunteers and overseas participants, including interactive exchange activities. To take official APCC photographs and conduct interviews at events and functions, and to disseminate them widely through Facebook and other media, as well as to plan, produce, and sell APCC original charity goods.

■ Charity Sports Division

To raise awareness of APCC through charity sports events and contribute to sustainable and stable program operation, while expanding the number of fans. Promote APCC to a wide range of generations through the operation of the charity sports event in the autumn and the Charity Golf Tournament in the spring, organized mainly by the APCC Supporters' Association.

■ Medical Department

To establish a medical support system staffed by qualified medical personnel, ensuring that volunteers and program participants can participate in the program safely and with peace of mind.

■ Safety Management Department

To foresee and prevent unseen risks in the operation of the programs and the organization.

IV. BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO)

To further accelerate the establishment of new BRIDGE CLUBS in the countries and regions without BC and to strengthen the network between the BCs. In addition, to develop and enhance BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS working together with APCC and Liaison Offices under the Global BRIDGE Partnership. Also, to contribute to the realization of the APCC's vision of "creating a more peaceful world where the smiles of children abound.," the BCIO Management Team, BCIO Head office members, including Peace Ambassadors and Presidents of BCs in each country, will play a central role in planning and promoting activities that revitalize BCs in each country and utilize the network of BCs.

※ Established BC (as of January 2026): 42

- Publication of the e-newsletter "One World Newsletter" (about three times a year)
- Plan and implement PA Program

V. Information Provision Business

1) Public Relations Activities

To plan and execute effective advertising and public relations strategies to raise program awareness and increase the number of supporters.

- Create publicity plan for entire BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS project
- Carry out advertising and public relations activities to recruit volunteers and participants for each program, including flyers, announcements, and other publicity activities with the cooperation of other companies and organizations.
- Contribute to strengthening relationships with cooperating / supporting organizations and promoting mutual programs among such organizations. (Implementation of joint projects such as CSR activities of companies and organizations as part of the program, both within and outside of the program period.)
- Conduct lectures and other events to provide organizational overview and introduce BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS.
- Proactively accept media coverage and cooperation from various media organizations and companies.
- Provide information related to our business in school textbooks, supplementary books, educational materials, publications, etc.
- Distribute press releases and publicize current initiatives and events to community news clubs and various media.
- Spreading official information about APCC activities and events through newspapers, free papers, TV, radio and other media, and through social networking sites like website, Facebook and Instagram in the country and abroad.
- Prepare PR materials including annual reports, business plans, and project reports.
- Revise the official website, create new web pages, and open recruitment pages for various projects.

2) Information and Resource Utilization Department

To examine APCC's know-how and resources for effective utilization, and to initiate business planning and development.

- Smile Support Project
- Consulting
- Official Supporter for APCC

- APCC for education (educational website)

The website will be managed in cooperation with boards of education and schools so that APCC resources can be used in classrooms and other educational settings.

【APCC for Education – Overview】

- 1) Video materials Children from overseas introduce their daily life (house, breakfast, uniform, etc.) in English. It is expected to encourage foreign language learning and interest in foreign countries. Users can search by country or theme and compare with other countries.
- 2) Online exchange Provides online exchange between schools in Fukuoka and overseas schools/children in real time. In addition to the standardized program created in collaboration with the Fukuoka City Board of Education, an original exchange can also be implemented.
- 3) Company introduction This site will serve as a bridge between companies and schools that are connected to APCC. The website will include the names of companies that are interested in connecting with schools and the content they can provide.

※ Establishment of the 40th Anniversary Preparatory Committee

In preparation for APCC's 40th anniversary in 2028, the preparatory committee will develop a long-term vision for APCC, create plans to achieve that vision, and plan and implement commemorative projects.

BUDGET (Fiscal year: April 2026– March 2026)

(As for Jan 2026)

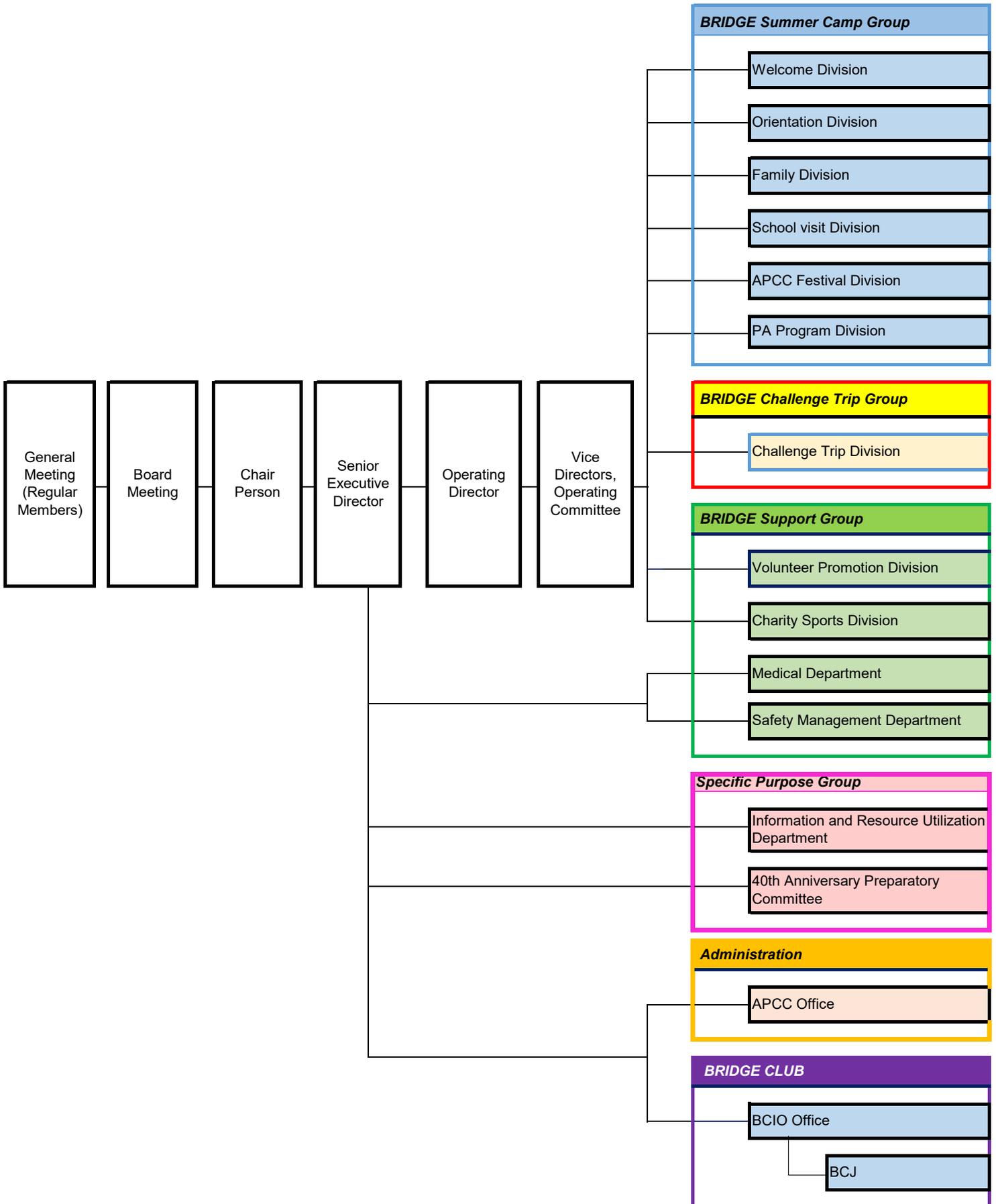
(1) Income:

| Item | Estimate (JPY) | Sources |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Subsidies from Municipal Governments | 78,500,000 | Fukuoka City / Fukuoka Prefecture / Metropolitan Area of Fukuoka |
| Donations from Public Organizations | 5,400,000 | Fukuoka Yokatopia Foundation, The Nishi-Nippon Foundation, Fukuoka City Subsidy Program to Promote Non-Profit Activities, Others |
| Donations from Private Enterprises | 3,800,000 | |
| Challenge trip special account | 3,000,000 | |
| Own source of revenue | 16,122,750 | |
| Others | 77,500,000 | Registration fees, Challenge trip fee, Online exchange fee etc |
| Total | 184,322,750 | |

(2) Expenses:

| Item | Estimate (JPY) | Responsibility |
|--|--------------------|--|
| BRIDGE Summer Camp | 95,917,000 | |
| Foreign Affairs | 45,000,000 | Invitation and liaising with APCC LO |
| Welcome division | 1,500,000 | Bus/airport transfer |
| Orientation division | 6,900,000 | Accommodation cost in MH |
| Family division | 1,200,000 | host family recruitment leaflet, communication fee, etc. |
| School visit division | 100,000 | School visit |
| APCC Festival division | 1,700,000 | APCC Festival (Performance event and Exchange program) |
| PA program division | 5,700,000 | PAs travel fee and accomodation cost |
| Summer Camp PR expenses | 4,900,000 | Recruitment, Business PR |
| Expense for Administration | 28,917,000 | |
| BRIDGE Challenge Trip | 65,330,000 | |
| Challenge Trip Division | 55,550,000 | Summer (2026), Spring (2027) 8~10 delegations |
| Challenge PR Expense | 600,000 | Recruitment PR |
| Expense for Administration | 9,180,000 | |
| BRIDGE Support | 9,643,000 | |
| Volunteer Promotion Division | 100,000 | |
| Volunteer PR Expense | 340,000 | Recruitment advertisement, web maintenance |
| Safety management Department | 500,000 | Safety management/crisis management related expenses |
| Medical Department | 700,000 | Infection prevention measures and medical supplies |
| BCIO Head Office | 200,000 | Website related, Online meeting |
| Expense for Administration | 7,803,000 | |
| Information Sharing Expenses | 6,000,000 | Web-related, business plans, etc., educational sites, etc. |
| BC Information Management System Development and Operation Expenses | 300,000 | Annual operating costs, development costs, etc. |
| Project Management | 6,132,750 | |
| Total | 183,322,750 | |

BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026 OPERATING COMMITTEE



MEMBERS OF GENERAL MEETING

(As of Jan 2026)

Honorary President

- Soichiro Takashima Mayor, Fukuoka City

Honorary Members of the Board of Directors

- Taro Aso House of Representatives member
Supreme Advisor, Liberal Democratic Party
- Seitaro Hattori Governor, Fukuoka Prefecture

Chairperson

- Yutaka Aso Chairman and Representative Director, ASO CEMENT Co., Ltd.
Executive Board Member, Kyushu Economic Federation

Vice Chairperson

- Susumu Ishihara Honorary Advisor, Kyushu Railway Company
President, APCC Supporters' Association

Directors

- Hiromichi Tanigawa Chairman, Fukuoka City International Foundation
- Masayoshi Nuki Lifetime Honorary Chairman, Fukuoka Association of Corporate Executives
- Hiromichi Tanigawa Chairman, Fukuoka Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Masataka Kawahara Chairman, Representative Director of FUKUYA Co., Ltd.
Vice President, APCC Supporters' Association
- Kazuhiko Enomoto Former President, Japan Junior Chamber, Inc.
Vice President, APCC Supporters' Association
- Senji Kobayashi Operating Director, the 1st APCC
Executive Director, 25th Anniversary Executive Committee
- Toshihiro Fujino Former Senior Executive Director, APCC
Operating Director, the 13th-15th APCC
- Shinichiro Tokuno Vice Chairman, Higashi Fukuoka Gakuen
- Kazuo Kurashige Former Senior Executive Director
- Shinichiro Kubo Former Senior Executive Director
- Hirokazu Suematsu Former Senior Executive Director
- Taro Tominaga President, Fukuoka Ware house
Former Treasury Advisor, APCC
- Kentaro Ito President, Fukuoka Junior Chamber, Inc.
- Hitoshi Iwamoto Operating Director, the 16th-17th APCC
BCIO Senior Advisor
Executive Director, 30th Anniversary Executive Committee
- Minoru Hirota Operating Director, the 18th-20th APCC
- Fumihiko Mori Operating Director, the 21st-24th APCC
- Kenichi Yasutake Operating Director, the 25th-27th APCC
- Masayuki Yamashita Operating Director, BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2022 ~ 2024
- Daisuke Morito Operating Director, BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2025 ~ 2026
- Kanae Kimoto Former Secretary-General, APCC

Senior Executive Director

- Hayato Iwaki Vice Operating Director, BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2022~ 2024
2025 ~ Senior Executive Director

Special Members

- Shinpei Kawakami Chairperson, Fukuoka City Council,
Asian Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka, Chairman of Supporters Federation
- Masaru Nishimura Mayor, Hisayama Town
- Masami Terasaki Superintendent, Fukuoka Prefectural Board of Education
- Shoji Shimokawa Superintendent, Fukuoka City Board of Education Secretariat
- Nobuhide Shibata Director, Community Culture and International Affairs Department, Fukuoka Prefecture
- Aki Nonaka Chief Executive, Child Affairs Bureau, Fukuoka City
- Kunio Kaji Representative, Fukuoka Prefectural Assembly
- Yuji Inoue Director, Community Culture Section, Regional Revitalization Department, Onojo City
- Kouichi Ishikawa Director, Social Education Division, Kasuya Town Office
- Masakazu Mutaguchi Director, Community Development Promotion Division, Koga City
- Harumine Todoroki Lifelong Learning Division Chief, Department, Chikushino City Board of Education
- Kiyomi Kimura Division Manager, Fukuchi Town
- Hirokazu Minami Director, Regional Education Corporation Office, Munakata City Board of Education
- Ken Funaki Former Secretary-General, APCC
- Yasuhiro Shimamura Chairman, Fukuoka City International Education Research Association
- Yoko Morimoto Volunteer Representative, APCC
- Takumi Kodama Vice Operating Director, BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026
- Daiki Kaji Vice Operating Director, BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026
- Kazuaki Iwamoto Vice Operating Director, BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026
- Taizo Ishizaka Vice Operating Director, BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026
- Raika Asari Vice Operating Director, BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026
- Ryohei Kimura Medical Department Chief, BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026
- Motoshi Tsunekawa Safety Management Department Chief, BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026
- Kouji Mizusaki Information and Resource Utilization Department Chief, BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026
- Satoko Rose Ohkuma Secretary-General, APCC

Auditors

- Masaomi Fuji Former Senior Executive Director, APCC
- Masakazu Washizu Representative tax accountant, Saji Washizu Tax Accountants Corporation

BKP 2026 OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(As of Jan 2026)

Senior Executive Director

- Hayato Iwaki

BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2026 Operating Committee

- Daisuke Morito Operating Director
- Takumi Kodama Vice Operating Director
- Daiki Kaji Vice Operating Director
- Kazuaki Iwamoto Vice Operating Director
- Taizo Ishizaka Vice Operating Director
- Raika Asari Vice Operating Director
- Ryohei Kimura Medical Department Chief
- Motoshi Tsunekawa Safety Management Department Chief
- Kouji Mizusaki Information and Resource Utilization Department (DX Promotion Officer)
- Takahiro Nogita Welcome Division Leader
- Mayumi Maeda Orientation Division Leader
- Masami Morita APCC Festival Division Leader
- Taishi Yamasaki School Visit Division Leader
- Atsushi Tsuzaki Family Division Leader
- Rin Otsubo PA Program Division Leader
- Koji Hashiguchi Challenge Trip Division Leader
- Toru Yoshikawa Volunteers and Promotion Division Leader
- Kengo Nabeyama Charity Sports Division Leader
- Reina Tatsukawa BCIO Liaison

APCC Office

- Satoko Rose Ohkuma Secretary-General
- Nao Otani Chief Program Coordinator
- Kumiko Matsunaga Sub-Chief Program Coordinator
- Karuna Shrestha Senior Program Coordinator
- Satoko Kanki Senior Program Coordinator
- Kanae Tanaka Senior Program Coordinator
- Aki Fukumatsu Senior Program Coordinator
- Nagisa Hori Senior Program Coordinator
- Ayumi Kumate Program Coordinator
- Megumi Sugahara Coordinator
- Mayumi Kuroki Coordinator
- Miho Nishida Coordinator
- Rie Yoshisato Coordinator
- Hana Shoriki Coordinator

Advisors

- Hitoshi Iwamoto BCIO Senior Advisor
- Shigeyasu Masuda BCIO Senior Advisor
- Kanae Kimoto BCIO Senior Advisor
- Minoru Hirota Program Advisor
- Kazuo Kurashige Program Advisor
- Yoichi Horie PR Advisor
- Kosuke Takemoto PR Advisor
- Kazuki Itadani PR Advisor
- Makoto Monji PR Advisor

APCC Visiting Lecturer

- Kenshi Urabe

List of Participating Countries/Regions and Liaison Offices

| No. | Name of Country/Region | Liaison Office |
|-----|--|--|
| 1 | People's Republic of China | China Soong Ching Ling Foundation |
| 2 | Republic of Korea | Labo Korea |
| 3 | Hong Kong Special Administrative Region | JCI City Hong Kong |
| 4 | Taiwan | K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education |
| 5 | Republic of Singapore | The Japanese Cultural Society Singapore |
| 6 | Republic of the Philippines | Pauline's Group, Inc. |
| 7 | Kingdom of Thailand | Ministry of Social Development and Human Security |
| 8 | Malaysia | Ministry of Education |
| 9 | Republic of Indonesia | Inspectorate General, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology |
| 10 | Socialist Republic of Vietnam | Central Committee of the Ho Chi Minh Young Pioneer Organization |
| 11 | People's Republic of Bangladesh | Bangladesh Shishu Academy |
| 12 | Kingdom of Bhutan | Ministry of Education and Skills Development |
| 14 | Islamic Republic of Pakistan | Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training |
| 15 | Republic of India | JCI India |
| 16 | Lao People's Democratic Republic | Ministry of Education and Sports |
| 17 | Nepal | Ministry of Education, Science and Technology |
| 18 | Mongolia | Mongolian Children's Palace |
| 19 | Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka | Ministry of Education |
| 20 | Commonwealth of Australia | Australia Japan Business Council of Victoria |
| 21 | New Zealand | Auckland Primary Principals' Association |
| 22 | Hawaii (USA) | Japan-America Society of Hawaii |
| 23 | Republic of the Fiji Islands | Ministry of Education |
| 24 | Republic of Kiribati | Ministry of Education |
| 26 | Independent State of Papua New Guinea | Department of Education |
| 28 | Republic of Palau | Education, Youth and Sports Affairs Committee |
| 29 | Republic of Vanuatu | Ministry of Education and Training |
| 34 | Federated States of Micronesia | Kosrae State Department of Education |
| 35 | Republic of the Union of Myanmar | Myanmar-Japan Association |
| 38 | Tahiti | Direction de l'enseignement Catholique de Polynesie francaise |
| 40 | Republic of Maldives | Ministry of Education |
| 41 | Tuvalu | Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development |
| 46 | Kingdom of Cambodia | Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports |
| 50 | Guangzhou (China) | Guangzhou Municipal People's Government |
| 51 | Ipoh (Malaysia) | Ipoh City Council |
| 52 | Oakland (USA) | Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association (OFSCA) |
| 54 | Atlanta (USA) | The Japan-America Society of Georgia |
| 56 | Jiangsu (China) | Foreign Affairs Office of Jiangsu Provincial People's Government |
| 57 | Dalian (China) | Dalian People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries |
| 59 | Republic of Peru | San Jose de Monterrico school |
| 60 | Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam) | JCI South Saigon |
| 61 | Kyrgyzstan | Kyrgyz-Japanese School Complex, Tensai |

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION (Provisional)

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications | The Nishi-Nippon City Foundation | Fukuoka Chamber of Commerce & Industry |
| Ministry of Foreign Affairs | Fukuoka Association Corporate Executives | Fukuoka Chuo Bank, Ltd. |
| Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology | Kyushu Economic Federation | Fukuoka Interpreter's Association |
| Kyushu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI | The Nishinippon Shimbun Co., Ltd. | Fukuoka Toyota Motor Co., Ltd. |
| Kyushu Bureau of International Trade and Industry, MLIT | The Asahi Shimbun Co. | The Japan-America Society of Fukuoka |
| Fukuoka Prefectural Government | The Mainichi Newspapers Co., Ltd. | Fukuoka Japan-Australia Society |
| Fukuoka Prefecture Board of Education | The Yomiuri Shimbun, Seibu. Co., Ltd | Fukuoka Returnees Club |
| Fukuoka City | Kyushu Asahi Broadcasting Co., Ltd. | Fukuya Co., Ltd. |
| Fukuoka City Board of Education | RKB Mainichi Broadcasting Corporation | Fukuoka-Dalian Future Committee |
| Munakata City | NHK Fukuoka Broadcasting Station | UN Association of Japan, Fukuoka Head Office |
| Munakata City Board of Education | FBS Fukuoka Broadcasting Corporation | UN-HABITAT ROAP-Fukuoka |
| Kasuga City | TVQ Kyushu Broadcasting Co., Ltd. | Junior Chamber International Fukuoka |
| Kasuga City Board of Education | TNC Television Nishinippon Corporation | Junior Chamber International Kitakyushu |
| Kitakyushu International Exchange Association | FM Fukuoka Broadcasting Co., Ltd. | Junior Chamber International Hibiki |
| Dazaifu City | LOVE FM International Broadcasting Co., Ltd. | Junior Chamber International Buzen |
| Dazaifu City International Exchange Association | CROSS FM Co., Ltd. | Junior Chamber International Miyako |
| Onojo City | NTT DoCoMo Kyushu, Inc. | Junior Chamber International Iizuka |
| Onojo City Board of Education | Kyudenko Co., Inc. | Junior Chamber International Tagawa |
| Chikushino City | Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc. | Junior Chamber International Nogata |
| Chikushino City Board of Education | Kyushu Railway Company. | Junior Chamber International Munakata |
| Kasuya Town | Japan Foundation | Junior Chamber International Asakura |
| Kasuya Town Board of Education | JICA Kyushu International Center | Junior Chamber International Itoshima |
| Umi Town Board of Education | Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan Co., Ltd. | Junior Chamber International Tsukushi |
| Sue Town | Saibugas Holdings Co., Ltd. | Junior Chamber International Ukiha |
| Sasaguri Town Board of Education | The Nishi-Nippon City Bank, Ltd. | Junior Chamber International Kurume |
| Hisayama Town Board of Education | Nishi-Nippon Railroad Co., Ltd. | Junior Chamber International Chikugo |
| Shime Town Board of Education | Fukuoka Conventions & Visitors Bureau | Junior Chamber International Mii |
| Koga City | The Bank of Fukuoka | Junior Chamber International Yame |
| Koga City Board of Education | Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation | Junior Chamber International Okawa |
| Fukutsu City | Fukuoka Prefecture International Understanding Research Group | Junior Chamber International Omuta |
| Itoshima City | Fukuoka Prefecture Nursing Association | Junior Chamber International Yanagawa |
| Nakagawa City | Fukuoka City International Education Research Group | Junior Chamber International Yamato |
| Iizuka City | Fukuoka International Exchange Center | Junior Chamber International Kasuya |
| Iizuka City Board of Education | Fukuoka Prefecture Society of International and Multi-Cultural Education | Fukuoka Association of Business Executives |
| Chikyukko-Network | Fukuoka City Society of international and Multi-Cultural Education | Fukuoka Federation of Business Executives |
| Kanda Town | Fukuoka City Medical Association | Fukuoka Prefecture Specialized Training Colleges Association |
| Kanda Town Board of Education | Fukuoka City Pharmacist Association | APCC Supporters' Association |
| Hirokawa Town | Fukuoka City Head Quarter of PTA | |
| Fuchigami Scholarship Foundation | Fukuoka City Council of Social Welfare | |

BRIDGE Summer Camp

Participation Guidelines

1. Number of Junior Ambassadors (JA) and Chaperons (CP) invited

APCC invites a delegation of five, including four Junior Ambassadors (JAs) - two boys and two girls - and one Chaperon, from every country/region.

* We plan to accept the Additional JA participation to the BKP 2026. If you are interested in sending additional Junior Ambassadors, we encourage you to check out the "Guidelines for Additional JA Participation."

2. Schedule for the "BRIDGE Summer Camp": July 11th (Sat) to July 21st (Tue), 2026

*For tentative schedule, please refer to the "BRIDGE Summer Camp Schedule" on page 12.

3. Requirements for the BRIDGE Summer Camp Invitation:

We would like to ask you, as our liaison officers, to:

a. Carry out the Selection Process

Carefully select Junior Ambassadors (JAs) and a Chaperon who satisfy the criteria designated by APCC. Please recruit JA candidates from the general public and offer the opportunity to participate in the program to as many children as possible. Select JAs impartially and in good faith, placing a great deal of importance on children's qualifications and motivation for the program. Please also take responsibility for selecting members of the Screening Committee.

*If there is BRIDGE CLUB in your country/region, then we recommend you to include your BRIDGE CLUB President in the screening committee.

b. Submit Documents by their Deadlines

Submit all documents by the appropriate deadlines, as outlined in the "Annual Schedule" on page 13 and 14.

If you are unable to meet deadlines due to school holidays, etc., please inform the APCC office in advance. If your office delays document submission for an extended period of time without notice, we may be forced to cancel our invitation to your country/region, as this shall cause serious delays in our own preparations.

c. Convey All the Necessary Information regarding the BRIDGE Summer Camp to the Participants and Confirm that they Understand

Make sure to convey all information you receive about the program to the participants.

It is important that the Chaperon be informed about everything related to the program, including the names of the JAs, the standards of behavior expected of them, and the schedule before the group's departure for Fukuoka. Similarly, ensure that all participating JAs and their parents or guardians understand the concepts, rules and regulations of the programs.

d. Orientation Meeting / Training

Hold preparatory orientation meetings for your JAs, Chaperon, and PAs before they leave their home country (at least 2-3 times) , explaining to them our **vision, purposes, participation criteria, rules** and **schedule of the program** that must be observed during their stay. Please ensure that all participants fully understand the standards of behavior that are expected of them.

- 1) Have members of BRIDGE CLUB or former participants join in the above preparations. Please cooperate with them and make sure the JAs understand more about what they are expected to do after participating in the BRIDGE Summer Camp.
- 2) Hold a training camp before departure if possible so that the JAs get used to staying away from their parents, as many JAs experience homesickness during APCC.
- 3) In the past, we have had some problems regarding menstruation: a female JA was confused by her first menstruation and refused her host family's support. In order to prepare for this situation, please provide all the female JAs with menstruation training, with the support of their Chaperon and parents; for example, give guidance on menstruation and bring some sanitary products from your country, etc. This will help them participate freely, without anxiety, and to get ready to experience Japanese life.

* You can use the 2023 JA training program from Myanmar as a reference.

Here are the links:

Part 1: <https://youtu.be/zVepALBoy5M>

Part 2: <https://youtu.be/91U-hjIiJYg>

e. After BRIDGE Summer Camp

After returning from Fukuoka, please work on a follow-up program for the children to expand on what they have learned through their BRIDGE Summer Camp experience, and help create or support the BRIDGE CLUB in your country/region. Please make sure that the JAs fully understand our vision and have strong interest to continue to act with an OMOIYARI spirit as a global citizen, contributing to the activities of BRIDGE CLUB.

We also would like you to understand the following:

f. Registration Fee

The registration fee for each JA is **US \$ 150 and Chaperon is US \$ 200** for BRIDGE Summer Camp participation. Therefore, it will be **US\$ 800** for the whole delegation of five, four JAs and one Chaperon. We will collect the registration fee in Japanese Yen (JPY) via direct deposit by May within the deadline set by APCC. Please transfer the total sum of your delegation's registration fee to the designated bank account. Please note that we cannot accept any payment by cash, credit card or check after the participants' arrival in Fukuoka. Further details will be announced with the invoice, which will be delivered to you in April, 2026.

* This registration fee covers only the administration costs for APCC to arrange accommodation, meals, transportation and insurance during the participants' stay in Fukuoka. Please understand that the actual cost for those services exceeds the registration fee.

g. Cancellation Policy

If any or all of your delegates cancel participation in the BRIDGE Summer Camp for any reason after submission of the “Announcement of Participation”, a **Cancellation Fee*** will be charged. The same **Cancellation Fee*** will be applied if a selected participant is replaced for any reason, or if a flight ticket is reissued due to a misspelled name on the submitted documents.

Please note that as soon as you submit the passport copies to the APCC office, our travel agency will proceed to issue your delegation’s air tickets.

[Cancellation Fee*]

| | |
|--|--|
| After submission of “Announcement of Participation” | 20 % of the travel fee 50% of the total registration fee of your delegation |
| From March 31st 2026 until flight ticket is issued | 50 % of the travel fee 100% of the total registration fee of your delegation |
| After flight ticket is issued | 100 % of the travel fee and 100% of the total registration fee of your delegation |

- * Due to the contractual agreement with our travel agency, APCC will incur the travel fee as a cancellation charge for any cancellation. APCC is obligated to remit this travel fee to the travel agency upon cancellation.
- * Cancellation fee must be settled within one week following official cancellation approval by APCC.
- * If any members of your delegation fail to meet Participation Criteria (outlined below in the next subject) or cause trouble during the program, we may be forced to send them back to their home country/region at their own expense. In order to avoid this sort of problem, we ask that you take the utmost care in the selection and preparation of your participants.

4. Participation Criteria

I. Junior Ambassador (JA): Conditions for being JAs

a. Age and Background

- 1) Must have been born between August 1, 2014 and July 31, 2015.

*All JAs must be the same age. Please confirm their age by asking their parents to submit their birth certificate to the Liaison Officer, if necessary.

- 2) Must not be of family relation to the Chaperon.

- 3) Should not be of family relation to the Liaison Officer. If a child or a relative of liaison officer is nominated as Junior Ambassador candidate, please make sure he/she goes through a strict and impartial selection process like other candidates.

- 4) Must be able to introduce aspects of their own culture as representatives of their country/region.

Since APCC is responsible for managing the travel arrangements and recruiting the host family, please make sure to notify APCC Office if a selected participant does not hold a passport of the nation they are to represent before confirming his/her participation.

*Japanese host families are looking forward to multicultural interaction with JAs. If you want to select a participant of Japanese nationality, please consult with APCC Office.

b. **Have a Challenging Spirit**

JAs must be personally willing to participate in BRIDGE Summer Camp and have a sincere interest in international exchange. In addition, JAs should be curious about the Japanese way of life and culture and be willing to actively experience it.

c. **School visit with Host friend**

JAs are required to attend the Japanese school with their host friends during the homestay period. The primary goal of the school visit is to provide JAs with a firsthand, immersive experience of Japanese student life, maximize cultural understanding, and promote international friendships.

- JAs must maintain the standards of courtesy and conduct while visiting the Japanese school.
- JAs must take an active and constructive part in all scheduled classroom activities, lessons, and school events.
- JAs must proactively seek to interact and communicate with new school friends and classmates as much as possible to foster international understanding and cultural exchange.

d. **Japanese Food**

Must be willing to try JAPANESE FOOD. We believe that sitting around a table and enjoying meals together is an important opportunity for cultural exchange. We pay attention to each participant's religious restrictions, but we are unable to meet some specific individual needs such as serving halal meat.

e. **After BRIDGE Summer Camp**

Must be fully aware of our Vision, continue to act with an OMOIYARI spirit as a global citizen and contribute to the activities of the BRIDGE CLUB after participating in the BRIDGE Summer Camp.

f. **Must be of sound mind and body**

- 1) Must be able to bear the stress of a 2-week stay in an unfamiliar country, away from parents.
- 2) Must handle daily issues independently.
- 3) Must not have severe asthma or allergies that are difficult to control.

*APCC will not be able to provide any care or satisfy special needs for participants with a health issue, including food allergies/intolerances or developmental disorders. Please make sure that each selected JA can take care of his/her own conditions without assistance from adults. For example, JAs who has food allergies must determine what he/she can and cannot eat by themselves. If the Medical Certificate indicates that the JA has a severe disease, we may not be able to allow him/her to participate.

g. **Please make sure that JAs understand to the RULES as listed below:**

- 1) Do not leave the delegation during journey to and from Fukuoka, or while staying in Fukuoka.
- 2) Do not take part in activities outside those designated by APCC Office. (ex. commercial transactions, religious missions, private activities, etc.)
- 3) Do not communicate with family and friends back home. (This rule applies for duration of the BRIDGE Summer Camp, including the Orientation camp and homestay.)

*To encourage JAs' independence and to allow them to concentrate on making new friends and do intercultural exchange, communicating with family and friends back home (by telephone, e-

mail or other means) are prohibited throughout their stay in Fukuoka. Therefore, JAs MUST NOT bring mobile phones, iPods, iPads or other communication devices with them. In case of an emergency, contact should be made through the Liaison Office and APCC office.

* If JAs are found with mobile phones or any other communication devices, Chaperon will be responsible for holding these items until the date of departure.

- 4) DO NOT bring MORE THAN US\$200 as pocket money. If possible prepare Japanese yen BEFORE leaving your country, because there are some foreign currencies that banks in Japan cannot exchange. Even if banks carry your country's currency, they close on weekends (your arrival may be on a weekend). The delegation will go directly to the Orientation Camp upon your arrival in Fukuoka, so there is not enough time to exchange money at Fukuoka Airport.

If you plan to buy souvenirs for family or friends, you must bring pocket money specifically for those purchases. Please do not ask your host family to pay for your souvenirs. You are responsible for all your personal shopping expenses.

- 5) Adhere to the Host Family's rules and schedule during the home stay. Remember that NOT all the host families can speak English fluently, so JAs can deepen their exchange by working to cross the language barrier. **All Host families are volunteers.** Try to keep this in mind to better appreciate the efforts of the host family. Please avoid repeated requests to the host family for outings unless the family has offered to go.

h. **Parents or Guardians of Junior Ambassadors**

- 1) Must be fully aware of our Vision.
- 2) Must be willing to support APCC requests, such as submitting requested documents or obtaining the child's passport, etc. and should always be willing to cooperate with APCC.
- 3) Must not accompany their child to Fukuoka.
- 4) Must NOT make any contact with their child/host family during his/her stay in Japan. In case of an emergency, contact should be made through the Liaison Office and APCC Office.
- 5) Must be serious and committed to the payment of the trip cancellation fee if their child cancels participation in the BRIDGE Summer Camp in 2026 for any reason.
- 6) Must strictly adhere to APCC policy on head lice and nits.

Head Lice and Nits Policy:

Every year, we encounter cases of head lice or nits within the delegations. Upon arrival at the Orientation Camp (Marine House), JAs will undergo a mandatory head lice/nit inspection.

If a child is identified with head lice or nits during check-in:

Marine House has a strict policy that charges a fee for cleaning the affected room. APCC will pass this expense on to the delegation.

The parent/guardian will be charged for all necessary expenses, including:

1. The Marine House room cleaning fee.
2. The cost of medicated shampoo and treatment.

This total amount will be invoiced to the LO later, typically in October.

Therefore, please ensure your child is clear of all head lice and nits before their trip to avoid these mandatory charges.

Careful judgement, including consideration of parental support, should be used when selecting JAs.

II. Chaperon: Conditions for being Chaperon

- a. **Must be over 25 years of age but not older than 55 years old.** An exception to the maximum age limit is granted for individuals with prior experience as APCC Chaperon, who may be considered up to 60 years of age.
- * The age limit for Chaperon is set at 55 years. This decision prioritizes the safety and well-being of all adults involved. Given the extremely tight program schedule combined with the increasingly hot and humid weather in Japan, the demands of managing the program can be exceptionally difficult. We believe this age limit ensures that Chaperons are best positioned to handle the rigorous program demands and effectively care for the JAs.
- b. To ensure equitable opportunities for all members to experience the APCC program, and to help expand our adult community, **LOs are required to select a new Chaperon each year.**
- c. **Must be a mature, independent and working adult.**
- d. **Must be fully aware of our Vision.**
- e. **Must not be a family relation to the JA.**
- f. **Must be able to communicate fluently in ENGLISH and interpret for APCC, the Host Families and the JAs.**
- * It is crucial that the Chaperon has sufficient communication skills in English to ensure that the program runs smoothly and without any significant misunderstandings. This is particularly important in the case of a medical emergency.
- g. **Must be of sound mind and body**
- 1) Must be able to bear the stress of a 2-week stay in an unfamiliar country.
 - 2) Must handle daily issues independently.
 - 3) Must not have severe asthma or allergies that are difficult to control.

* APCC will not be able to provide any care or satisfy special needs for participants with a health issue, including food allergies/intolerances. Please make sure that the selected Chaperon can take care of his/her own conditions without assistance from others. If the Medical Certificate indicates that the Chaperon has a severe disease, we may not be able to allow him/her to participate.
 - 4) Must not be pregnant.

If a female Chaperon becomes pregnant after her appointment as a Chaperon, APCC will cancel her invitation in order to secure the safety of the mother and unborn child. In such a case, please contact APCC and select a new Chaperon immediately.
- h. **Must not accompany their family to Fukuoka.**
- i. Should not to take part in activities outside those designated by APCC office during the BRIDGE Summer Camp period. (ex. commercial transactions, religious missions, private activities, etc.)
- j. **Must adhere to their Host Family's rules and schedule during their stay.**
- 1) Must be willing to stay with a Japanese Host Family. Should be interested in the Japanese way of life and culture, and be willing to actively experience it.
 - 2) All host families are volunteers. Try to keep this in mind to better appreciate the efforts of your family.
- k. **Must adhere to the rules of APCC and submit all necessary documents to the APCC office by the appropriate deadlines.**

- l. Must adhere to the schedule of APCC. Please understand that this is not your vacation trip.
- m. Chaperons are allowed to bring and use communication devices such as mobile phones, iPods, or iPads. However, please keep their use to a minimum at the camp and homestay.
 - 1) There may be limitations to places and times they can be used.
 - 2) To ensure that JAs remain engaged in the exchanges during the BRIDGE Summer Camp, they are prohibited from bringing any communication devices that provide easy correspondence with family and friends at home. We ask that chaperons keep in mind their positions as guardians and role models for their JAs, and that they limit their use of such devices to the bare minimum.
- n. **Must be able to participate in the Online Chaperons Meeting which will be held as below.**
 Meeting I: April 17, 2026
 Meeting II: June 19, 2026
- o. Should be able to support and cooperate to the following year's JAs and Chaperon, as well as to BRIDGE CLUB activities, after the BRIDGE Summer Camp.
Please note that Chaperons must be able to supervise and support JAs throughout the trip.

5. Expenses covered by APCC or the Host Family for the JAs and Chaperons:

- a. Round-trip airfare including airport tax between Fukuoka and the departure airport as designated by APCC. (Please refer to the "List of Airports" on the last page.)
- 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 or the Host Family for the JAs and Chaperons.

- 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 and Chaperons.
 - * During homestay, there might be chances that Chaperons will have time on their own due to their host families' conditions such as their work schedule. In those cases, the Chaperon is expected to bear his/her own expenses like travel costs or incidental meals out.

6. 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 APCC program.
 - * 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.

7. Additional note

Nits/Head Lice Matter

Every year we have several delegations that have nits or head lice. APCC has to pay a lot of money to Marine House because they have a policy that if someone is found to have head lice or nits, you will be charged for the cost of cleaning the room. If we find nits or head lice in your delegation then we will ask you to pay for the cost of medicated shampoo and room cleaning of Marine house. Therefore, we would like the Liaison Office to pay attention to this and if found on any selected JA/Chaperon then please exterminate them before joining the APCC program in July.

Financial Support by Voluntary Contribution

Raising funds for maintaining APCC programs has become more difficult each year, so we face financial difficulties. We would like to ask the Liaison Offices 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.

Donation Collection: APCC Smile Support Project

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. For more details, please visit the link below.

[APCC Smile Support Project]

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



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 host one country and region's performance at the open event | ¥10,000/month  10,000 yen per month could sponsor a one-way flight ticket for a future global leader |
|--|--|--|

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.

III. Peace Ambassador (PA): Condition for being PA

We will announce about the Peace Ambassador program later through the BCIO website

(www.bcio.world)

8. Inviting Body: Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in FUKUOKA (APCC)

1-4-13-6F, Maizuru, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka, 810-0073, Japan

TEL: (+81)- 92-710-6102 FAX: (+81)- 92-710-6103

E-mail: office@apcc.gr.jp Website: <https://www.apcc.gr.jp>

APCC

Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in FUKUOKA

1- 4-13- 6F, Maizuru, Chuo-ku,
Fukuoka, 810-0073, Japan

TEL: (+81) 92-710-6102 FAX: (+81) 92-710-6103

Email office@apcc.gr.jp

Website <https://www.apcc.gr.jp>