# MAKE A GREAT IMPACT Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL ASIA PACIFIC AREA



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ASIA PACIFIC AREA

# EDITOR'S MESSAGE



It gives me great joy to bring you the first newsletter 2024-2025. Communication is the first pillar of growth and success of a team followed by celebration of small and big achievements a like. In the constant grind of our movement lives, this bulletin aims to strengthen our bond. It keeps us all updated regarding breakthrough results and ideas that originated from the greatest of minds at YMI and to ensure that we all have a united front for all future challenges.

This is not only a flatform to celebrate our success and acknowledge our members of their great work but also a medium to understand the overall performane of our YMI movement.I hope that this small effort will not only help all of us gain a stranger perspective about our Asia Pacific Area, but also inspire breakthrough ideas and gives us more leadership of our AP Joan Wong's reasons " Make A Great Impact" – Be Bold Serve by Faith to celebrate together.

ASD-BE Ranjith Dayarathna



# **AREA PRESEIDENT 'S MESSAGE**



Be Bold Serve by Faith

Dear all Y's Men fellow,

My warmest greetings from Hong Kong.

It has been almost two months since I took office. Although it was not long ago, the work was actually prepared a few months ago. This summer was very exciting. Other than I attended the installation ceremony in some regions, the 1st Area Council Meeting was held on August 8, 2024 and all Area Executive Officers participated in the 74th Chiangmai International Convention. What makes me proud is that the number of delegates from the Asia Pacific Area this year is over 150 and every region had delegates.

My theme this year is "MAKE A GREAT IMPACT". As an international social service organization, the Y's Men's clubs mainly serve our partnership with YMCA and the community. Our existence is to serve the community. With love and care, to serve those who are truly in need in society by faith. In order to encourage the clubs to actively serve society and increase the exposure of the Area, the Asia Pacific Area will launch a Short Video Contest. We hope that all regions will actively participate in and submit the entries. Due to the decline in the number of club members, the Asia Pacific Area lost one seat in the International Council this year. Fortunately, due to the changes of international constitution, we can regain the seat we lost. In view of this, we need to increase the number of members in order to maintain two seats always.

All Area Service Directors were appointed in the 1st Area Council Meeting. They will be introduced in this newsletter. To maintain the Area well function and facilitate any decision-makings, the regular AEO meetings are important. I hope you all can support the Area and let's work together to promote Y's Dom. Here, may God bless you all richly.

Yours Y'sly

Joan Wong Area President



# THE 1ST AREA COUNCIL MEETING 2024/25

The 1st Area Council Meeting 2024/25 and Area President Installation was held on August 8, 2024 in Empress Premier Hotel, Chiangmai with the presence of Chief Guest, International President A. Shanavaskhan. Ym Ronald Yam, Vice President of World YMCA offered a greeting to the meeting. More guests, PIP Bashir V.S, International council members & India & Southeast Asia delegates came to cheer the meeting.



Area President Installation



Area Executive Officers







Regional Directors & Representatives Area Service Directors & Regional Director Elect Ym Ronald Yam, Vice-President of World YMCA & group picture of Area Council Members





# YMI FESTIVAL August 8 to 11, 2024

NO OF DELEGATES FROM ASIA PACIFIC AREA AUSTRALIA 2 JAPAN EAST 28 JAPAN WEST 29 PHILIPPINES 6 SOUTHEAST ASIA 52 SRI LANKA 2 TAIWAN 38 TOTAL NO : 151

SongFest Choir sang two songs : "I would be True" & Y's Men's Tribute



Dragon Dance by Southeast Asia delegates (left) Aboriginal tribes dance by Taiwan Region delegates



Line Dance by Y's Men's Club of Chiangmai



Dragon Dance by Japan East Region





# YMI FESTIVAL (CON'T..) AUGUST 8 TO 11, 2024



## Area Session in the 74th International Convention in Chiangmai

An Area Session was arranged for meeting with all Asia Pacific Area Delegates. In the session, IPAP Keiko Tonegawa showed a high appreciation to all Area Council Members 2023/24. Thank you so much to IPAP Keiko Tonegawa for her dedication to Asia Pacific Area. A warm and heartfelt thanks to her.





## Presentation of Community Service Award 2022/23

The honor for the independent category goes to Y's Men's Club of RAHA Philippines for their inspiring 10-year endeavor commitment to dental health and hygiene has illuminated the lives of over 100 underprivileged residents in Manila.

## YMI FESTIVAL (CON'T..) AUGUST 8 TO 11, 2024

Northern Thai Lanna & Traditional Central Dress by YMC Chiangmai delegates





## **Tradition Dress Fashion Show**

Delegates from Asia Pacific Area wore traditional costumes and performed a Catwalk on the stage.

Barong Tagalog by Philippines Region



Taiwanese Popular Dress by Taiwan Region Delegates



Yukata Dress by IPAP Keiko Tonegawa and Japan West & Japan East Region Delegates



# YMI FESTIVAL (CON'T..) AUGUST 8 TO 11, 2024

Native Aboriginal Dress (Australia) by PIP Jennifer Jones



Kayah & Burma by

Sri Lanka Sarong (Bathick) by IPRD Ranjith Dayarathna





Cheongsam, Baju, Salwar Kameez, Baju Kurung Kedah Batik by Malaysia delegates and Long Sleeve Silk Batik by PAP Edward Ong from Singapore







Cheongsam & Chinese Traditional New Year Dress by AP Joan Wong & delegates from Hong Kong Distirct

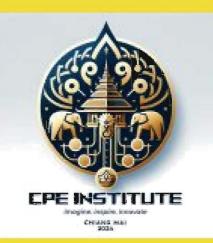






# A SHARING ON CPE TRAINING





It was such a great experience for me to join both the CPE Institute training on 6-8 August and the Y's Men 74th International Convention (IC) and YMI Festival on 8-11 August in Chiang Mai! The CPE Institute training was a comprehensive and systematic training for participants to have a better understanding of the history and various programmes and initiatives of the YMI, and is good for club presidents and officers to learn and understand more about these. We did not only listen to the presentations of various speakers sharing their knowledge and invaluable experience, but also had the chance to meet and exchange ideas with fellow Y's Men from different countries and regions, and share how different Y's Men Clubs take forward their projects and face the challenges and difficulties. After the CPE Institute training, we moved on to the IC and YMI Festival which was eye opening, inspiring and full of fun! With over 500 participants from all over the world and a well-designed programme with inspiring speeches, ceremonies, cultural performances, games and excursions, the IC and YMI Festival truly showcased YMI's tradition and value in service, fellowship and culture on the international level, allowing everyone of us to get first hand information of the vision, mission and programmes of YMI, experience the cultural diversity represented by the numerous Y's Men's clubs, and enjoy the culture and scenery of Chiang Mai with new and old friends at the excursions! It was really an unforgettable experience for me and I highly recommend all Y's Men to join the IC and YMI Festival in future!

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Eric Liu Club President (2024-25) Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong



A new club was chartered on July 31, 2024 in Bangkok with the presence of IPIP Ulrik Lauridsen as Chief Guest and Denmark Region Delegates. Congratulation to Y Service Club of Bangkok Metropolitan and Charter President PRD Taweechai Termkunanon.



## IBC SIGNING CEREMONY ON AUGUST 10, 2024 AT CHIANGMAI EMPRESS CONVENTION CENTRE

YMC Island East, Hong Kong & YMC Nairobi, Kenya

YMC Chiangmai, Thailand & YMC New Territories West, Hong Kong



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARDEES 2023/2024**

## **The Awardees of Elmer Crown Award**

Japan East - District: Fujisan - HIROSHI ENOMOTO Japan West - District: Rokkobu - HIROSHI IDE Southeast Asia - District: Hong Kong - SELINA CHAN Taiwan - District: Center - YUAN-HENG WANG

## **The Awardees of Booster Award**

## **Booster Clubs:**

Y's Men's Club of Kyoto-Palace (Japan West - Kyoto) Y's Men's Club of Kyoto Able (Japan West - Kyoto) Y's Men's Club of Kyoto Global (Japan West - Kyoto) Y's Men's Club of Tsaotun (Taiwan - Center) Y's Men's Club of Taichung Ever Flow (Taiwan - Center)

#### **Booster Members:**

KOMATSU Nakafumi (Y's Men's Club of Atsugi - Japan East) SATO Shigeyoshi (Y's Men's Club of Kofu 21 - Japan East) HAMATUKA Yushi (Y's Men's Club of Morioka - Japan East) MISAKI Susumu (Y's Men's Club of Kobe - Japan West) **OGINO Takashi (Y's Men's Club of Kyoto Able - Japan West)** YAMANE Hirotake (Y's Men's Club of Kyoto Able - Japan West) YAGI Yusuke (Y's Men's Club of Kyoto Capital - Japan West) **TERAKUBO Yoshio (Y's Men's Club of Kyoto Global - Japan West)** NISHIMURA Kazuma (Y's Men's Club of Kyoto Rakuchu - Japan West) SAWADA Nagatoshi (Y's Men's Club of Kyoto West - Japan West) HORI Yasuyuki (Y's Men's Club of Kyoto-Palace - Japan West) **OHMORI Natsuhiko (Y's Men's Club of Kyoto-Palace - Japan West) OHNO Virginia (Y's Men's Club of Kyoto-Palace - Japan West)** YASUDA Kurito (Y's Men's Club of Kyoto-Palace - Japan West) **ARAYAMA Kenji (Y's Men's Club of Kyoto-Tops - Japan West) OOTA Tadahiro (Y's Men's Club of Okayama - Japan West)** SYOUNO Takashi (Y's Men's Club of Okayama - Japan West) KAKEYA Taro (Y's Men's Club of Osaka-Ibaraki - Japan West) **VEDAN MARIA SOCORRO (Y's Men's Club of RAHA Philippines - Philippines)** CHAN Selina (Y's Men's Club of Kowloon-Peninsula - Southeast Asia) **RANABHAT Krishna (Y's Men's Club of Pokhara, Nepal - Southeast Asia)** CHEN Hung-Yeh (Y's Men's Club of Taichung - Taiwan) CHANG Hsiao-Li (Y's Men's Club of Taichung Ever Flow - Taiwan)



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Elmer Crowe Awards 2023/24 Booster Awards 2023/24

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## IYC 2024 PROMOTION

International Youth Convocation will be held in Dubai ! There are opportunities to learn a New things such a global issues and solutions, make new friends around the world. Let us encourage young people to make the world better!

I hope to see you in Dubai!

For details, please visit the website : https://www.ysmen.org/iyc2024/

Natsuki Kazama ASD-AYR 2023-25





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# The 31<sup>st</sup> Asia Pacific Area Convention in Kumamoto 2025





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## **Theme: For Greater Joy**

## Venue: Kumamoto Castle Hall, Nikko Hotel Kumamoto

This will be the first time for an international convention like this to be held in Kumamoto, Kyushu.

We sincerely welcome the many participants from Japan East and West Regions as well as from countries in the Asia Pacific Area, with the hospitality that only Kumamoto can offer.

#### **Program Overview:**

The three days' Area Convention program includes Opening Ceremonies, Installation of the Asia Pacific Area President, Keynote Speech, Excursions, Culture Night, Worship Service, Reports, Closing Ceremonies, and two Banquets.

Registration Fee: JPY45,000 No early bird Registration fee includes a US\$10 (Green Levy) %This was approved by the ACM on December 5, 2020

Convention website (conference information, registration, hotel information) is in preparation.



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