



希望の鐘 *The Bell of Hope*



The Y's Men's Club of Kawagoe

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President Goshiro Yamamoto **CP's Theme:** "Learn about the past and gain new ideas
and knowledge from it. Meet new people for tomorrow!"
Vice President Atsuko Matsukawa
Treasurer Kimiyo Yoshida IP Ulrik Lauridsen (Denmark)
Secretary Katsusaburo Yoshino Theme: "Let Your Light Shine"

AP Charming Shen (Taiwan)
Theme "Elegantly Change with New Era"

Japan East Regional Director Shigeyoshi Sato (Kofu 21)

Theme: "Let's act now for the future"

Kantotobu District Governor Hirofumi Kudo (Tokyo Bayside)

Theme: "We will use new technologies in every direction and place a high value on efficiency. Everything we do is to create premium value and experience."

"If we can do it, we can do it."

"No challenge, No fruit"

May Scripture

It will be in the last days, says God, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams.

(Acts 2:17)

April Attendance Rate (April 22nd)

Participants 6, 67%

Preface

Goshiro Yamamoto

「Are there young people at the YMCA?」

The other day, I had a chance to meet Mr. Namio Fuse at Toshimaen, where he and his wife live. Mr. Fuse has supported Saitama YMCA for a long time and has been active in Foreigners' 119 Network activities. I have been indebted to him since 1994, when I participated in the Philippine work camp organized by Saitama YMCA. Mr. Namio Fuse is 95 years old this year and his wife is 92 years old, but they are still in good health and live alone. As we talked for a while, Mr. Fuse asked me, "Are there any young people in the YMCA today?" At first, I did not understand what he meant by that question, but then I heard the following story.

I wrote about Mr. Akira Futagoishi, Past General Secretary of Saitama YMCA, in the February issue of the Kawagoe Club Bulletin "Bell of Hope" this

year. I learned it was Mr. Fuse who recommended me to Mr. Futagoishi as a board member of Saitama YMCA 25 years ago. Mr. Fuse urged Mr. Futagoishi, the-then General Secretary of Saitama YMCA, to appoint at least one young person as a board member. At first, Mr. Futagoishi was not very enthusiastic and said, "I won't let young people become board members." In response, Mr. Fuse told Mr. Futagoishi, "If that is the case, take the "Y" out of YMCA." After that, Saitama YMCA had a board member in his 20s. After telling me such an episode, Mr. Fuse asked me again, "Are there any young people in the YMCA today?"

[May 2023 Monthly Meeting program \(Plan\)](#)

Date : May 27, Sat.2023, 14:00~16:00

Place : Saitama YMCA Kawagoe Center

Contents : We will review the current year and discuss plans and schedules for the next year. There will be a lot of topics such as the Japan East Regional Convention, the Asia Pacific Area Convention, and the Kantotobu District Conference in the following year. We also encourage everyone to report on their recent activities.

[April meeting Report](#)

Goshiro Yamamoto

On April 22, 2023 (Sat), a joint stroll meeting of

Saitama 3 Y's Men's Clubs (Saitama, Tokorozawa, and Kawagoe) was held. A total of 22 people gathered. The participants are as follows. (Titles omitted)

(Lecturer) Setsuo Kamiyama

(Kawagoe) Kyoko Kawai, Keiko Tonegawa, Taro Tonegawa, Kimiyo Yoshida, Atsuko Yamazaki, Goshiro Yamamoto

(Kawagoe · Guest) Hiroko Kato, Kyusaku Kato, Yoko Yamamoto, Noa Yamamoto, Mana Yamamoto

(Saitama) Teruo Kinugasa, Megumi Asaba

(Tokorozawa) Yuji Higashi, Kyoko Ozeki, Teruko Miyaji

(Tokorozawa · Guest) Yachiyo Okabe, Sato, Norie Sakamoto

First, we gathered at Westa Kawagoe and listened to a lecture by Mr. Kamiyama, the lecturer, about Kawagoe Kita-in Temple. After the 40-minute lecture, we took a bus to Kita-in Temple. A guest from the Tokorozawa Club got separated from the group and had to walk to Kita-in Temple instead of taking the bus.

At Kita-in Temple, after briefly viewing the statue of Priest Tenkai in front of the gate, the shape of the gate, and the pagoda, we entered a building that had been relocated from Edo Castle. The very same room that was moved from Edo Castle, such as the birth room of the 3rd Shogun, Iemitsu, and the Lady Kasuga's living quarter, are still in existence, and we observed furnishings such as palanquins and *nagamochi* (traveler's trunk) with explanations from Mr. Kamiyama.

We also visited the Five Hundred Arhats of Kita-in Temple, one of Kawagoe's most popular tourist attractions. There are actually more than 500 statues of arhats in various shapes and sizes, and some of them represent the twelve Chinese zodiac animals, so we had a good time looking for them. After visiting Senba Toshogu Shrine, where a memorial service was held when the corpse of Tokugawa Ieyasu was moved from Kunouzan Toshogu Shrine to Nikko Toshogu Shrine, all the participants enjoyed chatting over tea at a coffee shop.

Since it was also the Earth Day and the Y's Men's Club's Week4Waste, we also had a brief trash pickup at the end of the day.



A visit to Kita-in Temple with commentary by Mr. Kamiyama



Walking around the Five Hundred Arhats



A Memorial Group Photo



Week4Waste: Picking Up Garbage

[Visit to Y's Men's Club of Hyderabad, India](#)

Katsusaburo Yoshino

During this stay in India, I was able to meet the members of the Hyderabad Club on Sunday, the 16th, through the arrangement of my old acquaintances, Ym. Kumar and Ym. Pani!

The meeting was a welcome ceremony for me, and I briefly introduced the Kawagoe Y's Men's Club to them. The Hyderabad Club has an IBC relationship with the Hikone Y's Men's Club and the Numazu Y's Men's Club in Japan. Still, Y's Men, who used to be points of contact in both clubs, have aged. I received a letter last year requesting the Kawagoe Club to conclude an IBC, but I had to decline the offer due to our club's circumstances. I apologized for having to decline the offer. Since the request was made again this time, I told them I would bring back the request, and we would reconsider and then respond. IBC's conclusion is preferred, but both

clubs should seek a common theme that is enduring. For example, there is a need to improve the prevalence and quality of girls' education in India. It was suggested that the exchange of human resources in this area could be considered. On the day of the meeting, local notables were also present at the meeting.

I also informed him that the Kawagoe Club is planning to celebrate its 25th anniversary next year and will let him know the date as soon as it is fixed, and that he is welcome to visit Japan at that time. The Hyderabad Club members look forward to coming to Japan to renew old friendship with the Tonegawas and their family members as they visited the club on separate occasions.



Mr. Yoshino receives a welcome shawl and plaque from the club president.



Mr. Yoshino signs the Guestbook as Ym. Kumar and Ym. Pani look on.

Also, before the Y's Men's Club meeting, I visited (?) the YMCA. The Hyderabad YMCA is located in the heart of the city. but due to its 100+-year-old building, they planned to build a new one at the exact location and demolish the old one in 2019. However, shortly after the demolition, the plan was scrapped due to the Corona disaster, and now a cleared area is being used as a playground. In a temporary building, a Christian Sunday service was being held. I met with the former General Secretary, although there appears to be no full-time General Secretary at this time due to inadequate activities. Fortunately, the design is moving forward, and we are told that the Board of Directors is on track to approve and begin construction soon, so we are awaiting its completion.



With Ym. Pani at the Hyderabad YMCA construction site



Hyderabad YMCA Temporary Building

On Saturday, the 22nd, we visited the Tech-Hub run by Telugu State (Hyderabad is the capital of Telugu State) and were shown around the World Telugu Information Technology Council (WTITC), which the son of an acquaintance of a club member heads. This facility, completed in June last year under the auspices of the state government, is equipped with facilities and advisory staff that can bring together IT-related entrepreneurs worldwide and prepare them to launch their businesses. The main facility of WTITC is called the T-HUB, so if you are interested, please click on <https://t-hub.co/>.

As you know, India has one of the highest levels of IT industry in the world, and Hyderabad is home to Microsoft, Google, IBM, Amazon, etc.

[From the International Stage](#) ["Keiko's Monthly Briefing of YMI/ASP"](#)

Asia Pacific Area President Elect/ICM
Keiko Tonegawa

Finally, on July 1, the "Elect" will be taken off and my term as "President" will begin. As a representative of the Asia-Pacific Area, it will be necessary for me to participate in various events and conventions. Just from the information I have so far, I will be going abroad four times after July.

1. July 21~26
International Council Meeting (ICM)
Nairobi, Kenya
2. August 25~29
Asia Pacific Area Youth Convocation (AYC)
Pokhara, Nepal
3. September 15~16
Korea Area Convention Daejeon, Korea

Although the countries I will visit are mainly in Asia, I will be stepping on African soil for the first time for the ICM at the end of July. During the ICM, of course, as an International Council Member, I will concentrate on the meeting, the highest legislative body of the YMI. I intend to represent the Asia Pacific Area. However, after the ICM, I have decided to participate in a 3-day/2-night safari on a voluntary basis (at my own expense), and I am excited to see what life in a tent and encounters with rare animals will be like.

The August AYC will be held in Pokhara, a 6-hour drive or 25-minute flight from Kathmandu. It is Nepal's second largest tourist city, with a spectacular view of the Himalayan Mountains. The AYC is a valuable experience for youths to gain communication and leadership skills and expertise in setting up and implementing a community service project.

Participation in the Korea Area Convention is due to the commitment of the Korea Area and the Asia Pacific Area to participate in each other's Area Conventions to deepen mutual friendship. This agreement was reached when the two Areas separated. Therefore, there will be participation from the Korea Area at the Asia Pacific Area Convention in Hong Kong.

November is the Area Convention, which is my major event as President. Registration has already begun, but the turnout has been slow. Super Early Bird Discount is available during May. If you still need to register, please do so immediately.

I cannot fully fulfill my responsibilities as chairperson without good health, so I will do my best to love myself and do my best to survive my chairmanship in good health. I look forward to your support.

In addition, you are welcome to accompany me, although at your own expense.

Please open the following link to see the poster for the November convention in Hong Kong.

登録期間と割引	登録費
スーパー早期割引 2023年5月31日以前	280米ドル
早期割引 2023年7月31日以前	310米ドル
通常 2023年8月1日以後	380米ドル

メッセージ

田中博之 第30回アジア太平洋地域大会委員長/元アジア太平洋地域会長
 親睦は、私たちの組織の目的をなすものです。この度、久しぶりにアジア太平洋地域の会員が直接顔を合わせ、友情を深め、新しい友人を作ることができる地域大会の開催を大変嬉しく思っております。ワイズメンズクラブ国際協会(YMI)の各クラブは、それぞれが、YMCA や地域社会に奉仕しています。しかし、それにとどまらず、世界や地域の仲間と連携して活動することが、YMI に所属する理由であり、喜びでもあるのです。多くの方がこの大会に参加し、世界的な奉仕団体に所属していることを心から楽しんでください。この大会は、間違いなく皆さまの期待に応えます。

チャーミング・シェン アジア太平洋地域会長
 第30回アジア太平洋地域大会が、新型コロナウイルスに妨げられることなく、香港部がホストとなり、対面参加という形で開催できることをとても嬉しく思います。新型コロナウイルスの恐怖が2年半ぶりに過ぎた今、その素晴らしい喜びを感じています。香港のリーダーたちが、YMI の世界をより良くするために積極的に努力し、そのエネルギーと卓越したリーダーシップによって、多くの参加者を集め、このイベントを素晴らしい成功に導いてくれると信じています。香港部の成功を祈念して、お祝いの言葉を送ります。

利根川恵子 アジア太平洋地域次期会長
 16カ国からなるアジア太平洋地域は、多様性の中の一休感を誇っています。第30回アジア太平洋地域大会では、地域内外の YMI 会員の親睦活動を通じて、地域の固結と多様性を体験することができそうです。この素晴らしい経験は、あなたもぜひ味わってください。ワイズメンズクラブ国際協会の地域を強化することによって、あなたもより健康、地域は以前よりもっと輝けるようになるでしょう。どうぞ、「力を付け、先に立ち、輝こう」の絶好の機会をお見逃しなさいください。11月に香港でお会いできるのを楽しみにしています。

アレックス・チャン 第30回アジア太平洋地域大会ホストコミティー委員長
 この3年間は、新型コロナウイルスによるロックダウンや入場制限で、区大会、地域大会、国際大会などでワイズの友人と会えなかったことは、誰もが経験したことでしょう。香港は世界からの観光客を迎えるために完全に開放されており、香港政府も3月から香港観光を促進するキャンペーンを展開しています。この特別なイベントのために、香港中華YMCAと香港YMCAから大会開催に必要な宿泊施設や会場を提供していただき、心から感謝を申し上げます。ホストコミティーメンバーの活躍を願うとともに、すべてのワイズの皆さまを香港に歓迎いたします。

ジョウン・オング 第30回アジア太平洋地域大会ホストコミティー書記長
 私が南東アジア区の理事だった時、地域大会を通して新しいワイズメンと若いリーダーを導き、ワイズダムの進展を図る目的で、香港でアジア太平洋地域大会を開催することを提案しました。香港は2020年に際大会を開催したことがあり、大規模な大会の経験が豊富です。先年方のリーダーシップの下、2023年アジア太平洋地域大会は活気に溢れ、エンパワメント、リーダーシップ、そして親睦活動が成功させると信じています。共に励みましょう。

YMCA Report

Kyoko Kawai < Child Rearing and Child Development Center Established >

In FY2023, we established the "Child Rearing and Child Development Center" to commemorate the 50th anniversary of our founding.

This center promotes the development of every child's ability to grow up on his or her own. The center will be used as a place to support child-rearing and child development in the local community. Since April, "Oyako no Kai"

(Parent-Child Meeting) has been held at this center (one Sunday a month) for children attending after-school day care services and their parents. In this meeting, children enjoy the fun of physical exercise in the pool and gymnasium at the Tokorozawa Center, while parents relax and enjoy talking over a cup of tea at the Child Rearing and Child Development Center. It is a place where people from all walks of life can freely come and go as they please and interact with each other. The Center is open throughout the year, so if you are interested in helping out, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you. (Brochure attached)

(Editor's Note)

I am happy to be able to pass on so much information this month. I am proud to belong to a club whose limited membership does so much.

On my first four-week business trip to India in three years, I was fortunate to be able to complete all of my itinerary without getting sick. I am grateful that there are people who invite me at this age. After returning to Japan, on May 8, I underwent a checkup one year after my knee joint surgery. The results of the x-ray examination confirmed that I am recovering well, and the next checkup in one year will be sufficient.

I am fortunate to be able to accumulate more IT knowledge while being allowed to edit Britten. This time, I used a program called Snipping Tool for the first time to import pdf images. I also used Chat GPT for the first time during this business trip to India. I hope that Minister Kono, in charge of IT, will do his best to keep up with India. I will also do my best to edit the next issue and would appreciate your contributions.

(K. Y.)

埼玉 YMCA



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<埼玉 YMCA 創立 50 周年記念設立>

子育て子育てセンター およこの会



子育てのこと
いっしょに話ませんか？

基本的な当日の流れ (例)			
	子どもの会		親の会
9:15 ~10:30	水泳 または体操		9:30 ~12:30 子育て相談会 保護者交流会 ※出入り自由
10:45 ~11:30	のんびりタイム		

※昼食をとりたい方はご自由にお持ちください

今後の開催予定日		
※予定は変更になることもあります		
6月11日	7月9日	9月10日
10月8日	11月12日	12月10日

【会場】
公益財団法人 埼玉 YMCA
子育て子育てセンター
〒359-1141
埼玉県所沢市小手指町 1-39-11
西武池袋線小手指駅北口より徒歩 7 分

【時間】
Open 9:30
Close 12:30

【対象】
子どもの会：
通所受給者証をお持ちの方
親の会：
子育て子育てについてお話ししたい方
またはお話を聞きたい方

※詳しくは以下までお問い合わせください

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Children at play



Exterior view of the newly renovated building