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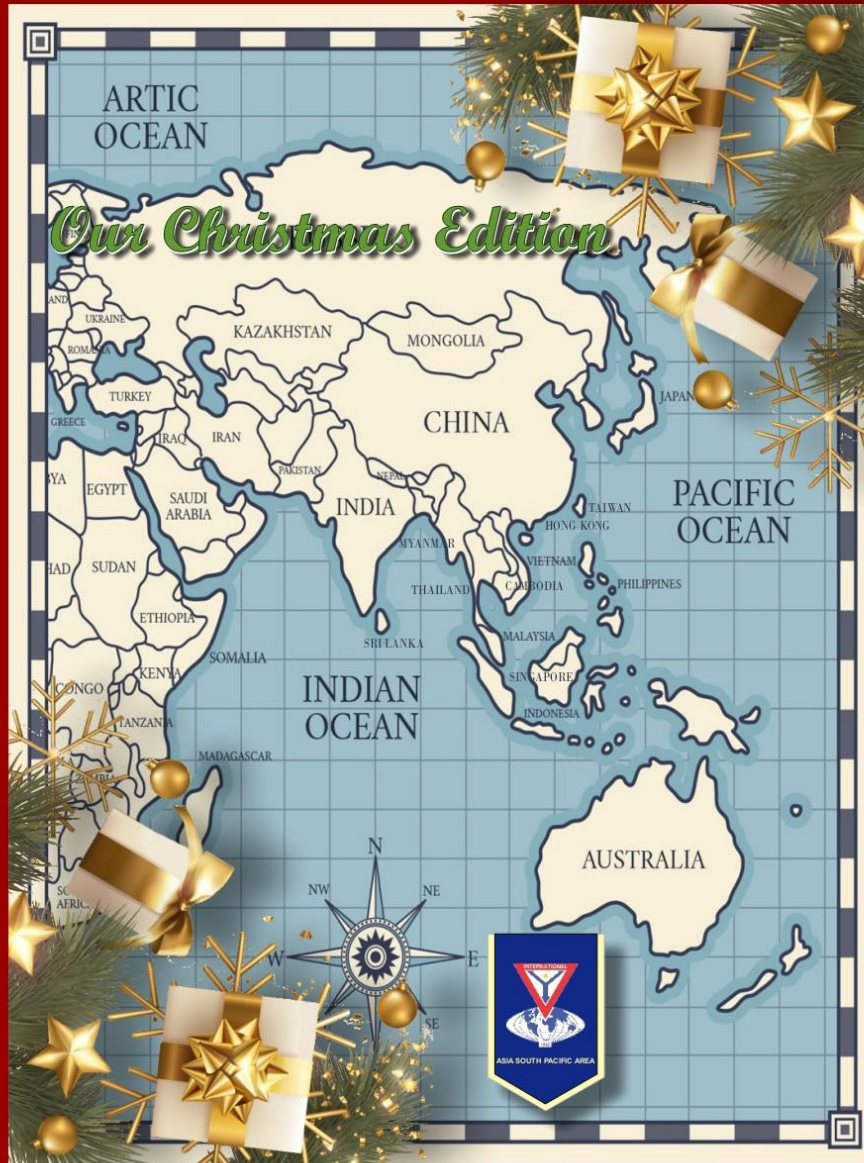
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MERRY
Christmas
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR
2023

Charming Shen

ASP AP & HCC
Charming Shen

AP Message



Dear Y's Men Members and
Good Friends,

**Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year!!**

During this coming meaningful season, for all the wonderful friends in the Asia Pacific Countries, it is my great pleasure to send my heartfelt message to you. Nothing makes me happier than sharing this season with you and I can't wait for the beautiful Christmas days to come.

I and AEO members want to thank each of you for the selfless love and dedication to our organization throughout this difficult year. We were all challenged, we suffered, and we went through it. In the end, it's the time worthy of our commemoration, not one or two years. This is our 100 years' movement since 1922 and will be the start of next 100 years from 2022, too. Let's cheer for it.

Y's Men is a big beloved family which brings fellowship and family together. It helps us appreciate the love existing in the family and in our lives that we can often take for granted. May the true meaning of Christmas and the New Year fill



your heart and your loved ones with many blessings.

I consider Y's Men and you as seemingly my family, filled with love, hope, joy and peace of mind, and we support each other unconditionally. May our God's blessings shine down upon you, your family and your friends during this wonderful holiday season.

Loving You all.



Charming Shen
Area President, ASP



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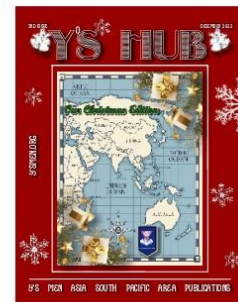
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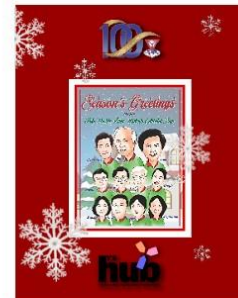
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Christmas theme
with a Map
of the Region



ON THE BACK

Centennial Logo
100 Years of Service
and Fellowship
BET Group Drawing

Editorial

Editor's Note:

Let us first say thanks to our Regional Directors for supporting the Bulletin Team through their active participation. Thank you ASDs and all our executive officers for your guidance, and our hard working BE Team members & advisers for the successful release of our bulletin. There are many obstacles along the way but our BE Team manage to minimize and face it as a challenge. Thank you for the kind support from ISDs and YMI staff and officers, and for the timely responses to our requests.

This issue focuses on the tradition and some insights on the diversity of celebrating Christmas by the different regions / countries under Asia South

Pacific (ASP) Area. Emphasis month for December and January are featured with a look back at our Area leaders for the past years, and many more. Relax and enjoy reading the Nov-Dec 2022 issue.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2023 to all our readers from all of us – the BE Team & Advisers.

With much appreciation,



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ASP Area News

Minutes: 2022-2023 ASP Area First Quarterly Council Meeting

Recorded by: Kayoko MAEDA
Area Secretary (2022-2023)

Date/Time:

November 04, 2022 6:30PM
(Taiwan Time)

Venue:

by Video Conference

Participants:

33 participants (RD, RDE, ASD,
and Committee & TF Chairperson)

Adjourned:

10:30PM (Taiwan Time)

The results of the Motions at the
Area First Quarterly Council
Meeting

· Motion 1: To adopt the Agenda

- Carried (Yes 6)
- Mover: RD-Australia Leigh
Ditchfield
- Secunder: RD-PH Paul Lim proxy

· Motion 2: To approve the Minutes of the 2022-2023 ACM held on August 27, 2022 by video Conference

- Carried (Yes 6)
- Mover: RD-Taiwan Tsung-Ho

Wang

- Secunder: RD-PH Paul Lim proxy

· Motion 3: To receive and approve Annual Report and Audited Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2022

- The motion was divided two into
two parts.

3-1. To receive and approve Annual
Report.

- Carried (Yes 5, No 1)

3-2. To receive Audited Financial
Report for the year ended June 30,
2022 will be carried over to the next
ACM.

· Motion 4: To review and approve the YES distribution plan 2021- 2022

- Carried (Yes 6)
- Mover: RD-SEA Rachan
Maneeakarn
- Secunder: RD-PH Paul Lim proxy

· Motion 5: To approve the establishment of the Constitution Review Committee

- Carried (Yes 6)
- Mover: RD-Taiwan Tsung-Ho
Wang
- Secunder: RD-Australia Leigh
Ditchfield



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·Motion 6:To approve the 50% discount on Area Dues for young people aged 18 to 35 years will continue for the young members until he/she turns 35

- No mover- will be discussed at the next ACM (Yes 5)

·Motion 7: To approve the appointment of auditor 2022-2023

- Carried (Yes 5)

- Mover: RD-SEA Rachan Maneeekarn

- Seconder: RD-PH Paul Lim proxy

· Motion 8: To approve the Area

Convention & Area Youth Convocation 2023 period and location

- AC 2023 will be held on November 3 to 5, 2023, Friday to Sunday. The location remains unchanged, Hong Kong.

- AYC will be held on mid or late August 2023. Location will move from HK to Pokhara, Nepal.

- Carried (Yes 6)

- Mover: RD-SEA Rachan Maneeekarn

- Seconder: RD-Taiwan Tsung-Ho Wang



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Asia South Pacific (ASP) Area Past International Presidents (PIPs)

sources: ISD/PAP Rita Hettiarchchi, ISD HST Debbie Redmond

Timeline:

- 1924 Founding of Shanghai China Y's Men
- 1928 Start of Osaka Japan Y's Men's Club
- 1931 Constitution change to make Regional Directors (voting members of Board)
- 1932 China Region, Australia Region, Europe Region, and Japan Region established
- 1941 Philippines became Region
- 1946 India/Ceylon (Sri Lanka) became Region (Korea started)
- 1961 Chinese Region became Southeast Asia Region
- 1974 Establishment of Areas (Regions report to Areas)
- 1975 Kensuke Suzuki (Japan) 50th International President**
- 1977 Bruce Price (Australia) 52nd International President**
- 1981 Joseph Ohm (Korea) 56th International President**



Kensuke Suzuki
Tokyo, Japan



Bruce Price
Australia



Joseph Ohm
Han yang, Seoul, Korea

- 1983 India became an Area (separated from Asia Area)



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1984 Toshiro Takeuchi (Japan) 59th International President

1989 Hwang Dal-ho (Korea) 64th International President

1991 Arthur Cowling (Australia) 66th International President



Toshiro Takeuchi
Atami Glory, Japan



Hwang Dal-ho
Seoul-Cosmopolitan, Korea



Arthur Cowling
Australia

1994 Kazuyoshi Aoki (Japan) 69th International President

1997 Kim Bong-hee (Korea) 72nd International President

2000 Dale Fotheringham (Australia) 75th International President



Kazuyoshi Aoki
Chiba, Japan



Kim Bong-hee
Pusan, Korea East



Dale Fotheringham
Australia

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2001 Paik Seung-ho (Korea) 76th International President

2004 John L. Choa (Philippines) 79th International President

2006 Choi Han-ki (Korea) 81st International President



Paik Seung-ho
Seoul Choong Ang, Japan



John L. Choa
Manila, Philippines



Choi Han-Ki
Pusan, Korea East

2010 Hirotoshi Fujii (Japan) 85th International President

2011 Korea became an Area (separated from Asia Area)

2015 Wichian Boonmapajorn (Thailand) 90th International President

2016 South Pacific Area (Australia) merged with Asia Area to make Asia South Pacific

2019 Jennifer Jones (Australia) 94th International President



Hirotoshi Fujii
Tokyo-Koto, Japan



Wichian Boonmapajorn
Bangkok, Thailand



Jennifer Jones
Adelaide, Australia



Asia South Pacific (ASP) Area Past Area Presidents (PAPs)

source: ISD/PAP Rita Hettiarachchi

Notes:

- Establishment of Area in 1974
- Before 1982, the APs were called International Vice Presidents. (IVPs)

1973 – 1976 IVP Joseph Ohm, Seoul, Korea
 1976 – 1978 IVP Shin Nara, Tokyo, Japan
 1978 – 1979 IVP Yung-Fa Chao, Tanjin, Taiwan
 1979 – 1980 IVP Stanley Arnold, Kandy, Sri Lanka
 1980 – 1981 IVP Kunaiki Sato, Kanagawa, Japan
 1981 – 1982 IVP Suh Won-Soo, Busan, Korea
 1982 – 1983 AP Toishiro Takeuchi, Atami, Japan
 1983 – 1984 AP Goh Soon Hock, Singapore
 1984 – 1985 AP Ahn Hyun-jin, Daejon Korea
 1985 – 1986 AP Kazuyuki Imamura, Amagasaki City, Japan
 1986 – 1987 AP Hwang Dal-ho, Seoul, Korea
 1987 – 1988 AP Chia Lung Kung, Hong Kong
 1988 – 1989 AP Kazuyoshi Aoki, Ichikawa, Japan

Theme: "Creative Servant"

1989 – 1990 AP Kim Young-pil, Daejon, Korea
 1990 – 1991 AP Devane Perera, Ehul Kotte, Sri Lanka

Theme: "Think Globally, Act Locally"

1991 – 1992 AP E Chul Chun, Seoul Korea
 1992 – 1993 AP Romeo Laig, Manila, Philippines
 1993 – 1994 AP Austin Lin, Taipei, Taiwan

Theme: "Think Asia, Think Y'sdom"

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- 1994 – 1995 AP Kin Bong-hee, Pusan, Korea
 1995 – 1996 AP Kazuya, Ishi, Osaka, Japan
Theme: “Partnership in Action”
- 1996 – 1997 AP Lee Chul-sang, Daegu, Korea
 1997 – 1998 AP Paik Seung-ho, Seoul, Korea
 1998 – 1999 AP Chou Wing Ping, Hong Kong
Theme: “Friendship & Peace Forever”
- 1999 – 2000 AP Akihiko Nara, Tokyo, Japan
 2000 – 2001 AP Choi Han-ki, Pusan, Korea
Theme: “The Millenium, The New Y's Men”
- 2001 – 2002 AP David Hsiao, Taipei, Taiwan
Theme: “Be a Grain into the Ground”
- 2002 – 2003 AP John L. Choa, Manila, Philippines
Theme: “Into the bright light of selflessness”
- 2003 – 2004 AP Chung Yung-hwan, Kanggreung, Korea
Theme: “New Thinking, New Action”
- 2004 – 2005 AP Hiromi Nagao, Hyogo, Japan
Theme: “Love your neighbors as yourself”
- 2005 – 2006 AP Janet Siew, Singapore
Theme: “Lead by your own Action”
- 2006 – 2007 AP Joo-min Lee, Gunsan, Korea
Theme: “Participation & Inspiration”
- 2007 – 2008 AP Hirotoshi Fujii, Tokyo, Japan
Theme: “Service without Borders”
- 2008 – 2009 AP Rita Hettiarachchi, Colombo, Sri Lanka
Theme: “Be the Light of Hope”
- 2009 – 2010 AP Chon Byung-koo, Gongu City, Korea
Theme: “The power of One”

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- 2010 – 2011** AP Kazuhiko Takata, Funabashi, Japan
Theme: “Once More We Stand”
- 2011 – 2012** AP Wichian Boonmapajorn, Bangkok, Thailand
Theme: “To Dare is to DO”
- 2012 – 2013** AP Oliver Wu, Pingtung City, Taiwan
Theme: “Years bring Y’sdom”
- 2013 – 2015** AP Yaz Okano, Takarazuka, Japan
Theme: “Start Future Now”
- 2015 – 2016** AP Edward Ong, Singapore
Theme: “Through love, Serve”
- 2016 – 2018** AP Tung-Ming Hsiao, Taipei, Taiwan
Theme: “Respect Y’s Movement”
- 2018 – 2020** AP Hiroyuki Tanaka, Hachoji, Japan
Theme: “Action”
- 2020 – 2021** AP David Lua, Singapore
Theme: “Make a difference”
- 2021 – 2022** AP Ben Tsutomu Ohno, Kobe, Japan
Theme: “Make a difference beyond 100”

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Asia South Pacific (ASP) Area Past Area Presidents (PAPs)

			
Joseph Ohm 1973 - 1976	Toishiro Takeuchi 1982 - 1983	Hwang Dal-ho 1986 - 1987	Kazuyoshi Aoki 1988 - 1989
			
Austin Lin 1993 - 1994	Kin Bong-hee 1994 - 1995	Paik Seung-ho 1997 - 1998	Chou Wing Ping 1998 - 1999
			
Choi Han-ki 2000 - 2001	John L. Choa 2002 - 2003	Joo-min Lee 2006 - 2007	Hirotoshi Fujii 2007 - 2008
			
Rita Hettiarachchi 2008 - 2009	Chon Byung-koo 2009 - 2010	Kazuhiko Takata 2010 - 2011	Wichian Boonmapajorn 2011 - 2012

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Oliver Wu
2012 - 2013



Yaz Okano
2013 - 2015



Edward Ong
2015 - 2016



Tung-Ming Hsiao
2016 - 2018



Hiroyuki Tanaka
2018 - 2020



David Lua
2020 - 2021



Ben Tsutomu Ohno
2021 - 2022



*'A group with good
fellowship stays together and
works easily together'.
(IP K.C. Samuel)*

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ASP - IBC Lists

*Source: YMI IBC List (Nov. 2022)***Brother Clubs****Australia Region**

1	YSC Adelaide	Kofu 21
2	YSC Adelaide	Smart City Kakkanad
3	YSC Ballarat	Järfälla
4	YSC Ballarat	Jinja
5	YSC Ballarat	Kitwe
6	YSC Ballarat	Muskegon
7	YSC Bendigo, Inc.	Tokyo
8	YSC Eaglehawk	Kyoto-Palace
9	YSC Kangaroo Flat	Clovis-Fresno

Japan East Region

1	YMC Atami	Manila Downtown
2	YMC Atami	Pusan Alpha
3	YMC Atami	Taichung
4	YMC Atami	Yosu
5	YMC Atami-Glory	Nairobi
6	YMC Atami-Glory	Seoul
7	YMC Atami-Glory	Taipei-Alpha
8	YMC Atami-Glory	Trivandrum
9	YMC Atami-Glory	Vejle Vadedstedet
10	YMC Chiba	Pusan Central
11	YMC Fuji	Bangkok
12	YMC Kawagoe	Salem
13	YMC Kofu 21	Adelaide
14	YMC Saitama	Taipei-Downtown
15	YMC Sapporo	Taichung
16	YMC Sapporo-Kita	Kalihi
17	YMC Sendai	Chuncheon Omega
18	YMC Tokachi	Taipei-Downtown
19	YMC Tokyo	Bendigo, Inc.
20	YMC Tokyo	Hilo
21	YMC Tokyo	Hong Kong
22	YMC Tokyo-Centennial	Kim-Hae
23	YMC Tokyo-Hachioji	Kaohsiung-The Port
24	YMC Tokyo-Higashi	Busan Beach
25	YMC Tokyo-Koto	Taegu
26	YMC Tokyo-Koto	Taichung Ever Nice
27	YMC Tokyo-Machida-Cosmos	Kuala Lumpur-Berbakti
28	YMC Tokyo-Machida-Cosmos	Silver State
29	YMC Tokyo-Mukade	Helsinki-Katajaiset
30	YMC Tokyo-Musashinotama	Seoul-Han Yang
31	YMC Tokyo-Musashinotama	Tsim Sha Tsui - Hong Kong

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32	YMC Tokyo-Nishi	Taipei-Central
33	YMC Tokyo-Setagaya	Kaimuki
34	YMC Tokyo-Sunrise	Taipei Union
35	YMC Yokohama	Keelung
36	YMC Yokohama	Singapore Beta Chapter

Japan West Region

1	YMC Fukuyama	Pohang Samaria
2	YMC Higashi-Hiroshima	Singapore Beta Chapter
3	YMC Hikone	Seoul-Ko Ryo
4	YMC Hikone	Taipei-Alpha
5	YMC Hikone Chateau	Kaohsiung-The Port
6	YMC Hikone Chateau	Seoul-Sung Ahm
7	YMC Himeji	Kowloon - Hong Kong
8	YMC Hiroshima	Ekaterinburg
9	YMC Hiroshima	Mil Yang
10	YMC Hiroshima	West Oahu
11	YMC Kitagyushu	Lumbini
12	YMC Kitagyushu	Wulsan
13	YMC Kobe	Chiangmai
14	YMC Kobe	Kaohsiung
15	YMC Kobe	Quilon East
16	YMC Kobe	Trichur
17	YMC Kobe Port	Chiangrai
18	YMC Kobe Port	Seattle Downtown/Metrocenter
19	YMC Kobe-Gakuentoshi	Kaohsiung-The Port
20	YMC Kobe-Nishi	Suwon-Pal Dal
21	YMC Kumamoto	Sae Taegu
22	YMC Kumamoto Janes	Sae Jong
23	YMC Kumamoto Musashi	Taegu
24	YMC Kumamoto Nishi	Taichung Everlife
25	YMC Kyoto Able	Jung Do
26	YMC Kyoto Global	Taichung - Evergreen
27	YMC Kyoto Global	Taichung Ever Flow
28	YMC Kyoto Prince	West Oahu
29	YMC Kyoto Rakuchu	Taipei-Bridges
30	YMC Kyoto Tobe	Bangkok
31	YMC Kyoto Tobe	Taipei A-List
32	YMC Kyoto West	Taipei-Downtown
33	YMC Kyoto Wings	Ranchi
34	YMC Kyoto Zero	Kaimuki
35	YMC Kyoto-Palace	Hong Kong
36	YMC Kyoto-Palace	Inchon-Je Mul Po
37	YMC Kyoto-Palace	Simi Valley
38	YMC Kyoto-Palace	Eaglehawk
39	YMC Kyoto-Palace	Taichung - Evergreen
40	YMC Kyoto-Tops	Taichung Ever Nice
41	YMC Nagoya-Grampus	San Dol
42	YMC Nagoya-Nanzan	Sae Inchon
43	YMC Nagoya-Tokai	Hilo

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44	YMC Nara	Tainan
45	YMC Ohmi-Hachiman	Kaohsiung
46	YMC Ohmi-Hachiman	Kyung Ju
47	YMC Osaka	Pasadena
48	YMC Osaka	Pusan Alpha
49	YMC Osaka	Taipei-Alpha
50	YMC Osaka Senboku	Taipei A-List
51	YMC Osaka Senboku	Windward
52	YMC Osaka-Centennial	Ernakulam
53	YMC Osaka-Kawachi	Cheju
54	YMC Osaka-Nagano	Po Hang
55	YMC Osaka-Nagano	Taipei-Alpha
56	YMC Osaka-Nishi	Singapore Alpha Chapter
57	YMC Osaka-Nishi	Taichung - Evergreen
58	YMC Osaka-South	Taegu Alpha
59	YMC Osaka-Tosabori	Charlottetown
60	YMC Osaka-Tosabori	Che Ju Sam Da
61	YMC Osaka-Tosabori	Taipei-Central
62	YMC Osaka-Tosabori	Thika
63	YMC Osaka-Tosabori	Victoria - Hong Kong
64	YMC Takarazuka	Give
65	YMC Wakayama Kinokawa	Sae Busan

Philippine Region

1	YMC Manila Downtown	Atami
2	YMC Manila Downtown	Busan Frontier
3	YMC Manila Downtown	Hong Kong
4	YMC Manila Downtown	Ipoh
5	YMC Manila Downtown	Singapore Beta Chapter
6	YMC Manila Downtown	Taipei-Alpha
7	YMC RAHA Paranaque	GCT Youth Coimbatore

Southeast Asia Region

1	YMC Bangkok	Calicut
2	YMC Bangkok	Fuji
3	YMC Bangkok	Hong Kong
4	YMC Bangkok	Kim-Hae
5	YMC Bangkok	Kyoto Tobe
6	YMC Bangkok	Singapore Alpha Chapter
7	YMC Chiangmai	Kobe
8	YMC Chiangrai	Kobe Port
9	YMC Hong Kong	Bangkok
10	YMC Hong Kong	Kyoto-Palace
11	YMC Hong Kong	Manila Downtown
12	YMC Hong Kong	Taipei-Downtown
13	YMC Hong Kong	Tokyo
14	YMC Ipoh	Kottayam West
15	YMC Ipoh	Manila Downtown
16	YMC Island East - Hong Kong	Taoyuan

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17	YMC Island South-Hong Kong	Singapore Alpha Chapter
18	YMC Island South-Hong Kong	Taegu Omega
19	YMC Kowloon - Hong Kong	Himeji
20	YMC Kuala Lumpur-Berbakti	Kottayam West
21	YMC Kuala Lumpur-Berbakti	Taipei-Central
22	YMC Kuala Lumpur-Berbakti	Tokyo-Machida-Cosmos
23	YSC Lumbini	Coimbatore
24	YSC Lumbini	Kitagyushu
25	YMC New Territories - Hong Kong	Seoul-Han Yang
26	YMC Pokhara, Nepal	Coimbatore RS Puram
27	YSC Silver State	Tokyo-Machida-Cosmos
28	YMC Singapore Alpha Chapter	Bangkok
29	YMC Singapore Alpha Chapter	Chuncheon Gamma
30	YMC Singapore Alpha Chapter	Island South-Hong Kong
31	YMC Singapore Alpha Chapter	Osaka-Nishi
32	YMC Singapore Beta Chapter	Göteborg
33	YMC Singapore Beta Chapter	Higashi-Hiroshima
34	YMC Singapore Beta Chapter	Lagos
35	YMC Singapore Beta Chapter	Manila Downtown
36	YMC Singapore Beta Chapter	Victoria - Hong Kong
37	YMC Singapore Beta Chapter	Yokohama
38	YMC Tsim Sha Tsui - Hong Kong	Taipei-Central
39	YMC Tsim Sha Tsui - Hong Kong	Tokyo-Musashinotama
40	YMC Victoria - Hong Kong	Osaka-Tosabori
41	YMC Victoria - Hong Kong	Singapore Beta Chapter
42	YMC Victoria - Hong Kong	Taipei-Alpha

Sri Lanka Region

1	YMC Colombo	Ernakulam South
2	YMC Colombo	Hyderabad
3	YMC Colombo	Owen Sound
4	YMC Colombo	Thika
5	YMC Dehiwela	Cumberland
6	YMC Moratuwa	Bangalore
7	YMC Wellawatte	Hyderabad
8	YMC Wellawatte	Kaohsiung-The Port
9	YMC Wellawatte	Kitwe
10	YMC Young Moratuwa	Aars II Kimbrene
11	YMC Young Moratuwa	Charlottetown
12	YMC Young Moratuwa	Chennai North
13	YMC Young Moratuwa	Gobichettipalayam
14	YMC Young Moratuwa	Thika

Taiwan Region

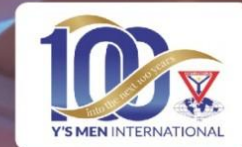
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2	YMC Kaohsiung	Kaimuki
3	YMC Kaohsiung	Kobe
4	YMC Kaohsiung	Ohmi-Hachiman
5	YMC Kaohsiung	Secunderabad Central

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6	YMC Kaohsiung	Seoul-Han Yang
7	YMC Kaohsiung	Suwon
8	YMC Kaohsiung-The Port	Hikone Chateau
9	YMC Kaohsiung-The Port	Kobe-Gakuentoshi
10	YMC Kaohsiung-The Port	Tokyo-Hachioji
11	YMC Kaohsiung-The Port	Wellawatte
12	YMC Keelung	Yokohama
13	YMC Taichung	Atami
14	YMC Taichung	Sapporo
15	YMC Taichung	Seoul-Ko Ryo
16	YMC Taichung - Evergreen	Inchon-Je Mul Po
17	YMC Taichung - Evergreen	Kyoto Global
18	YMC Taichung - Evergreen	Kyoto-Palace
19	YMC Taichung - Evergreen	Osaka-Nishi
20	YMC Taichung - Evergreen	Pusan Alpha
21	YMC Taichung Ever Flow	Kyoto Global
22	YMC Taichung Ever Nice	Kyoto-Tops
23	YMC Taichung Ever Nice	Tokyo-Koto
24	YMC Taichung Everlife	Kumamoto Nishi
25	YMC Tainan	Nara
26	YMC Taipei A-List	Kyoto Tobe
27	YMC Taipei A-List	Osaka Senboku
28	YMC Taipei Union	Tokyo-Sunrise
29	YMC Taipei Union	Windward
30	YMC Taipei-Alpha	Atami-Glory
31	YMC Taipei-Alpha	Hikone
32	YMC Taipei-Alpha	Manila Downtown
33	YMC Taipei-Alpha	Osaka
34	YMC Taipei-Alpha	Osaka-Nagano
35	YMC Taipei-Alpha	Santa Monica Breakfast
36	YMC Taipei-Alpha	Victoria - Hong Kong
37	YMC Taipei-Bridges	Kyoto Rakuchu
38	YMC Taipei-Central	Kuala Lumpur-Berbakti
39	YMC Taipei-Central	Osaka-Tosabori
40	YMC Taipei-Central	Tokyo-Nishi
41	YMC Taipei-Central	Tsim Sha Tsui - Hong Kong
42	YMC Taipei-Downtown	Hong Kong
43	YMC Taipei-Downtown	Kyoto West
44	YMC Taipei-Downtown	Saitama
45	YMC Taipei-Downtown	Tokachi
46	YMC Taoyuan	Island East - Hong Kong
47	YMC Tsaotun	Kwang Kyo



Welcome to Taipei!



YMI CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

New Date :
March 9-12, 2023

Venue :
Grand Hyatt Hotel, Taipei Taiwan

Dear Y's Men,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year of 2023 !

We are pleased to let you know New Date for celebrating our 100 years of anniversary will be at the same Venue of GRAND HYATT, Taipei, Taiwan on March 9-12, 2023 for your information. But March 9, 2023 will be an optional Roll Back Malaria Golf Tournament with its purpose of fellowship by golf sport and a fun-raising target for RBM movement meaningfully.

This YMI Centennial event is an inevitably remarkable day for any of us, it will be one time that occurred In your life, it happened into your life so far, and you can catch it with your eyesight, don't Miss and regret it ! We should cherish this opportunity while we are the Y's Men.

Throughout the pandemic, most of you was locked down inner land of your country, which has now been ebbed gradually, there is no more restrictions to limit your desires to go out or going abroad for relaxing your stressed mood, retrieving pleasant memory to participate this incredible 100 years of HAPPY BIRTHDAY in Taiwan.

During the event, we have prepared many historical, cultural, and entertaining performances, you will witness the past and current glory of our organization at your glance.

Welcome and see you soon.

Charming Shen
Host Committee Chair



RBM Cup Golf on March 9, 2023



Grand Hyatt Hotel, Taipei

AGENDA March 9-12 : Pre Conference Tours (Optional). Available.

March 9	1. Roll Back Malaria Golf Tournament 2. Welcome Party & Award Ceremony	March 12	1. Centennial Morning Walk 2. Youth Choir / Speech / Our Story 3 3. Keynote Lecture (Young Leaders) 4. 2024 IC Bangalore Promotion 5. Centennial Declaration 6. Highlights of 3 days 7. Recognition to HC 8. Group Photos 9. Words of Thanks 10. Closing Ceremony 11. Farewell Hymn
March 10	1. Reception & Registration 2. Opening Ceremony with Pre Flag-Raising ceremony 3. Thanksgiving Service and Centennial Choir 4. IP & HCC Speech / Our Story 1 5. Honorary Award & Prize 6. Cultural Performance & Feast Dinner & Photos 7. PIP / PAP Club / Leaders		
March 11	1. YMI Story 2 2. Keynote address 3. IBC-Signing Ceremonies / Ymca Service 4. Community Service Project (Cetacean Rescue) 5. Half-Day City Tour (4-6 Lines) 6. Culture & IBC Night (Dinner with Native performance) 7. 10 Min. Korea Performance & Other Areas		

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Source: YMI IBC List (Nov. 2022)

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Australia Region

1	YSC Adelaide	Chennai Millennium	Colombo
2	YSC Bendigo, Inc.	Central Y, Honolulu	Helena

Japan East Region

1	YMC Numazu	Hikone	Hyderabad
2	YMC Tokachi	Kyoto West	Taipei-Downtown
3	YMC Tokyo	Kyoto Capital	Taipei-Alpha
4	YMC Tokyo	Seoul	Taipei-Alpha
5	YSC Tokyo-Centennial	Calicut	Trivandrum North
6	YMC Tokyo-Green	Kyoto-Palace	Manila Downtown
7	YMC Yokohama	Bangkok	Wellawatte

Japan West Region

1	YMC Hikone	Hyderabad	Numazu
2	YMC Kyoto Capital	Taipei-Alpha	Tokyo
3	YMC Kyoto Maple	Inchon Moon Hak	Taichung Everspring
4	YMC Kyoto West	Taipei-Downtown	Tokachi
5	YMC Kyoto-Palace	Manila Downtown	Tokyo-Green
6	YMC Nagoya-Grampus	Moscow Friends	Smena
7	YMC Nagoya-Nanzan	Sae Inchon	Taipei-Beta
8	YMC Osaka-Centennial	Bauhinia-Hong Kong	Honolulu-Nuuanu
9	YMC Osaka-Tosabori	Daejeon-Han Bat	Hilo
10	YMC Osaka-Tosabori	Singapore Beta Chapter	Taipei-Central
11	YMC Wakayama	Gunsan Alpha	Pingtung
12	YMC Wakayama Kinokawa	Pingtung-South Mountain	Sae Busan

Philippine Region

1	YMC Manila Downtown	Bangkok	Ipoh
2	YMC Manila Downtown	Bangkok	Wellawatte
3	YMC Manila Downtown	Kyoto-Palace	Tokyo-Green

Southeast Asia Region

1	YMC Bangkok	Chiangmai	Ipoh
2	YMC Bangkok	Ipoh	Manila Downtown
3	YMC Bangkok	Ipoh	Wellawatte
4	YMC Bangkok	Manila Downtown	Wellawatte
5	YMC Bangkok	Yokohama	Wellawatte
6	YMC Bauhinia-Hong Kong	Honolulu-Nuuanu	Osaka-Centennial;
7	YMC Chiangmai	Bangkok	Ipoh
8	YMC Ipoh	Bangkok	Chiangmai
9	YMC Ipoh	Bangkok	Manila Downtown

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10	YMC Ipoh	Bangkok	Wellawatte
11	YMC Chiangmai	Ipoh	Silver State
12	YMC Ipoh	Chennai Millennium	Sivakasi
13	YMC Ipoh	Chiangmai	Silver State
14	YMC Ipoh	Sivakasi	Trivandrum North
15	YMC Ipoh	Sivakasi	Wellawatte
16	YMC New Territories - Hong Kong	Pingtung-South Mountain	Silver State
17	YSC Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Singapore Alpha Chapter	Tainan
18	YSC Silver State	Chiangmai	Ipoh
19	YSC Silver State	New Territories - Hong Kong	Pingtung-South Mountain
20	YMC Singapore Alpha Chapter	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Tainan
21	YMC Singapore Beta Chapter	Osaka-Tosabori	Taipei-Central

Sri Lanka Region

1	YMC Colombo	Adelaide	Chennai Millennium
2	YMC Dehiwela	Kaduna	Sharjah
3	YMC Wellawatte	Bangkok	Ipoh
4	YMC Wellawatte	Bangkok	Manila Downtown
5	YMC Wellawatte	Bangkok	Yokohama
6	YMC Wellawatte	Ipoh	Sivakasi
7	YMC Wellawatte	Mannuthy-Trichur	Sivakasi
8	YMC Wellawatte	Peppatthy	Trivandrum North

Taiwan Region

1	YMC Pingtung	Gunsan Alpha	Wakayama
2	YMC Pingtung-South Mountain	New Territories - Hong Kong	Silver State
3	YMC Pingtung-South Mountain	Sae Busan	Wakayama Kinokawa
4	YMC Taichung Everspring	Inchon Moon Hak	Kyoto Maple
5	YMC Tainan	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Singapore Alpha Chapter
6	YMC Taipei-Alpha	Kyoto Capital	Tokyo
7	YMC Taipei-Alpha	Seoul	Tokyo
8	YMC Taipei-Beta	Nagoya-Nanzan	Sae Inchon
9	YMC Taipei-Central	Osaka-Tosabori	Singapore Beta Chapter
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Quadrangle Clubs

Japan East Region

YMC Tokyo-Green	Atami	Manila Downtown	Kyoto-Palace
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Japan West Region

YMC Kyoto-Palace	Atami	Manila Downtown	Kyoto-Palace
YMC Osaka-Tosabori	Hilo	North Coast	Taipei-Central
YMC Osaka-Tosabori	Hilo	Singapore Beta Chapter	Taipei-Central

Philippine Region

YMC Manila Downtown	Atami	Kyoto-Palace	Tokyo-Green
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Southeast Asia Region

YMC Singapore Beta Chapter	Hilo	Osaka-Tosabori	Taipei-Central
YMC Moratuwa	Aars	Arendal	Helena
YMC Wellawatte	Angamaly	Mannuthy-Trichur	Trivandrum North
YMC Wellawatte	Angamaly	Toronto	Trivandrum North
YMC Wellawatte	Mannuthy-Trichur	Sivakasi	Trivandrum North

Sri Lanka Region

YMC Taipei-Central	Osaka-Tosabori	Hilo	North Coast
YMC Taipei-Central	Osaka-Tosabori	Hilo	Singapore Beta Chapter



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December Emphasis Month *International Brother Club*

By ASD-IBC Frank Tsai.



The 100 years YMI Centennial Celebration activity is going to be held in Taipei March 10-12, 2022. It will be a great opportunity for clubs to meet their International Brother Clubs (IBC) in Taipei. Most clubs could not meet each other face-to-face for the past three years due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), where the area convention and the International Convention were cancelled or postponed accordingly. Now that the restrictions have been lifted in many parts of the world, we can now restart our face-to-face meetings and exchange our experiences on how we were able to get through the difficult three years.

Being your area service director (ASD-IBC), we encourage our Y's men to establish more IBC relationships from now on. If there is any club would be interested to build new IBCs, the IBC signing ceremony could be arranged during the centennial celebration in Taipei. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me (ASD-IBC frank.tsai@atlasco.com.tw) or ask your RSD-IBC to get in touch with me. I will do my best to assist you. Let's work together for more IBCs for the clubs in our Area.



Brother Club Certificate



Triangle Club Certificate



Quadrangle Club Certificate

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Christian Emphasis

by ASD-CE Sarojini Nagendran

An emphasis on the word “Christian” in our Movement which is open to “Men and Women of all Faiths” and is based on the teachings, ethical ideas and values exemplified in the teachings of Jesus Christ. The teachings include the message of Love and Service. Service to our fellow men and women in our communities and all over the world.

When Judge Paul William Alexander started the Y’s Movement in 1922, he mooted the idea of Partnership with the YMCA of which he was a Member. The idea of clubs is based on the principle that what one person cannot achieve alone, can be achieved with a team.

As we walk together in Y’sdom, we join hands and hearts together in the Name of Service. Our own attitudes towards what we do, why we do it and how we do it is important.

We look around the world today and we see the immense suffering that people all over the World - our Area, our Regions and Communities are undergoing. Vedanta is one of the world’s ancient religious philosophies and based on the Ancient Scriptures of India affirms the following:

“the oneness of existence, the divinity of the soul and the harmony of Religions”

The above three principles embody, what we are called upon to do in Love and Service and the need to help each other. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are the basic guidelines for our role and existence in this world as Y’s Men and Women. If we live by this, let us also walk by this. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking or envy of one another.

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January Emphasis Month – Endowment Fund

Become An EF Honouree

by ASD-EF Tetsuya Itamura



The Endowment Fund (EF) is one of the Programmes Contributions of YMI.

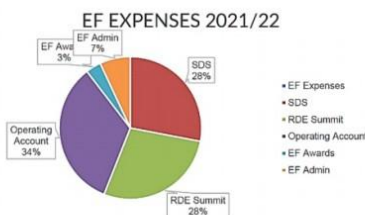
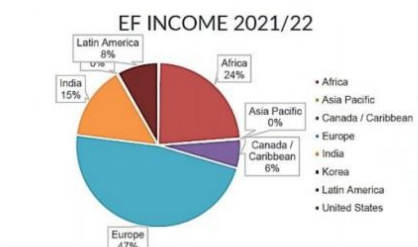
This fund, created in 1959, aims to develop and promote our organization at a global level by raising funds from individuals, clubs and conventions for training, special projects and emergencies. The EF is to provide financial aid and stability for YMI's present and future purposes, objectives, programme and expansion.

Five Trustees, who are jointly responsible with the International Council for the investment and management of the fund, serving five-year rotating terms and representing at least three Areas of YMI, invest and manage the funds to maximize income and promote the fund. There are 6 categories of tributes recognizing contributions to the fund:

- Endowment Friend – CHF 50
- Contribution and a Tribute – CHF 120
- Paul William Alexander Fellow – CHF 120
- Double Paul William Alexander Fellow – 2 x CHF 120
- Honour Roll Member – CHF 1,000
- Honour Roll Club – CHF 1,000

Funds can be disbursed for stated purposes of the fund and approved by the International Council and the Endowment Trustees. Only the income is used and the principal remains untouched. But in the year 2021/22, a portion of the principal was used to purchase IHQ Office in Geneva, Switzerland.

The income and expense of the Fund were CHF62,128 and CHF89,289 respectively in 2021/22, and the accumulated amount of the Fund was approximately CHF 2.6 million (Source: Annual Report 2021/22). The year 2021/22 saw the introduction of the young Paul William Alexander Fellows, children and grandchildren of Y's Men members investing in the future of our movement.



Will you and your club contribute CHF50 or more to the Endowment Fund and make someone an Endowment Fund Honouree?

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Dear all,

As we move to a close of 2022 we reflect on what has been a devastating year for most of the eastern and southern parts of Australia. Flooding persists and parts of our river systems have not yet peaked.

The devastation has been heart-wrenching, however the resolve, support, and resilience of all who have been impacted and those at the front line and communities have shown the true Australian spirit. Many of these families have been impacted financially, emotionally, and psychologically that the “scars” will remain for years to come.

The Australian Region continues to support our YMCAs in whatever way possible to assist and support the great work being undertaken.

On behalf of the Australian Region, I wish healthy, happiness and best wishes for the coming festive season and a prosperous 2023.

Leigh Ditchfield
Regional Director
Australia

Australia: Fostering Fauna



A YMI project that stood out in 2004 was one initiated by the Y Service Club of Bendigo, Inc. Club member John Holland, a woodworker associated with a local primary school, designed and built nesting boxes for the Brush Tailed Phalangeal. This cute animal is a native nocturnal marsupial whose populations have declined drastically over the past 50 years due to logging and land clearance destroying their natural habitat. They are also hunted by different predators and susceptible to certain diseases carried by other species.

Monitoring the boxes and general management would be transferred to a local nature conservancy group.

This project goes to show that that even before the onset of environmental awareness and the climate crisis, YMI was thinking ahead and connecting human wellbeing with that of the natural world. The future of our planet depends on such ongoing perception and work towards an equitable, shared world.

The students would paint and place several dozen boxes along Sheepwash Creek. The materials were sponsored by the club.



Subsequently, a propagation shed was built so that the school could collect seeds of native trees and bushes and grow the seedlings for use in the district.



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“KOROGAKI”

by: Japan East Region

Japan East Region is deeply concerned about the suffering of the refugees from Ukraine. The Kofu 21 Club and Azusa District has launched a new fund for five refugees from Ukraine who have come to our Yamanashi YMCA.

The campaign is designed to raise funds from profits by selling "Korogaki" (dried persimmon), a winter specialty in Yamanashi Prefecture. In Japan, it is customary to give "year-end gifts" to those who have taken care of us. By choosing this Korogaki as a year-end gift, we can support the people in Ukraine. There is a member of the Kofu 21 Club who produces these persimmons. With his cooperation & support, the unit price, shipping fees, etc. are at cost and we are able to make this project a reality. The protracted war has not given us any peace of mind, but the fund is working to provide the people from Ukraine with a warm New Year's Day in a foreign country.

全国のワイズメンの皆様へ
山梨YMCAに来ていたウクライナ避難者（現在5名）の方々の助成にご協力ください

異国で年越し
一助にご協力を

チャリティー「枯露柿」キャンペーン

高級枯露柿を
お手軽に

枯露柿とは、渋柿を乾燥させた干し柿のことです。おいしくなるように柿の向きをコロコロと変えて丁寧に乾燥させたことから、枯露柿（コロガシ）という名前がついたと言われています。

山梨県甲州市松里地区名産「甲州枯露柿」を生産者より直接お届けします！
生産者は甲府21ワイズメンズクラブの内田良幸ワイズです。山梨県甲州市松里地区在住の内田ワイズが、1つ1つ月箱込めて作った「甲州枯露柿」を以下の要領で、特別に予約販売いたします。数量に限りがあります（300セット限り）ので早めにお申し込み下さい。

生産者の干し柿風景です

お歳暮に
ピッタリ

メールで申込み

WEBから申込み

1. 商品名：甲州市松里地区の「甲州枯露柿」
2. 商品内容：中箱化粧箱入り（個数は概ね9kg 12kg 15kg入り。枯露柿の大きさにより個数が変わります）
代金 4,000円/箱（税込）、送料 別途 700円（税込 1箇所2箱まで 沖縄県を除く）
※送料は、送料別 送料後約 40～60日
3. 申込方法：
3-1 FAXの場合～甲府21ワイズメンズクラブ枯露柿センター宛。裏面の申込用紙に必要事項をご記入の上、申込者個別にFAXにて申し込みください。
※お申し込みは、注文受付日付FAXを返信いたします。
3-2 メールの場合～ yamamoto@bestpartners.tokyo（甲府21 山本）あて、
①お申し込み先（お名前・電話・メールアドレス）
②お届け先（お名前・電話・郵便番号・住所・数量）をメールください。
※お申し込みは、注文受付日付メールを返信いたします。
3-3 ウェブサイトの場合～
<http://kofu21.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=374&action=edit>
①上記サイトで、お名前・お届け先等を入力の上、「送信」を押して下さい
②お申し込みは、注文受付日付メールを返信いたします。
4. 代金の支払い：ご注文受付日から2週間以内にお振込をお願い致します。
▼振込先 山梨中央銀行 真川支店 普通預金
口座番号 426062 口座名義 甲府21ワイズメンズクラブ
5. 申込み締切：2022年12月20日迄
6. 商品のお届け：12月初旬～中旬（届日の指定はできません。入金確認後随時出荷）

生産者直送だから安心！ 甲府21ワイズメンズクラブ
「甲州枯露柿」ファン্ড事業
（問合せ連絡先） 甲府21 山本
TEL 090-8562-8168 FAX 050-3737-5829



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Wishing you have a
wonderful Christmas!
Thank you for your
service to Y'sdom.

Y'sly,

JWR-

RD Tadashi TANOUE

RS Machiko UEMURA

RT Takayoshi OSAKI

Chaplain Yasuhiro

TATENO



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Project
Christmas Illumination of Love
for a Twinkling Moment in the Heart
 by: Japan West Region

*We want to bring a sparkle and healing to the hearts of all medical staff and hospitalized patients.
 And to the children in the pediatric ward, we want to convey warmth!*

The Nagahama Club in Biwako District has been working every year at Nagahama City Nagahama Hospital since December 1996 (10th CP: Yoshitaka Matsuoka) and at Nagahama City Kohoku Hospital in December 2016 (30th CP: Kazuhiko Nakagawa) for "Christmas Illumination of Love". This year marks the project's 26th year.

The second regular meeting in November is the "Illumination Installation Meeting," where club members and alumni divide into two groups to install the illumination. On the same day, we hold events such as "Hitotsubu no concert" for hospital patients, "Donation of picture books to the children's ward," and "Rakugo (comic storytelling)" in the hospital. The hospital staff look forward to this event every year. This year's event will be held on November 26 and 27.

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< Waiting for the performance >



< Hand bell performance by members at Hitotsubu Concert >



< The 25th anniversary of illumination of love : December 2021 >

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Japan: Wheelchairs Up a Mountain



Many elderly people face loneliness and neglect. It is upon the younger generation to safeguard our seniors, who have laid the pathways of modern society, from this fate. Elder homes often provide care solutions for families who would otherwise struggle to look after ageing loved ones.

One such home is the Sun Home in Osaka, Japan, which is run by the YMCA. The local Osaka-Kawachi Y's Men's Club adopted the home for regular meetings, interacting in the lives of the residents on a regular basis.

Taking the seniors on outings gradually became a regular club activity. One of these excursions was a mountain climb, which seemed a daunting affair given that most of the residents were wheelchair-bound. But this did not dampen the spirit of the club members. With the help of forest rangers and other Y's Men clubs, the seniors were assisted to the top of the mountain.

The trip helped revive their happiness, giving them a rare opportunity to find again the freshness and beauty of nature. The activity was such a success that soon it became a yearly event, with everyone joining hands to provide the elderly with blissful moments.



The event just becomes yet another instance of the Y's Men's commitment to society and proves yet again that true happiness comes from the happiness that we create for others.

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Ano ang Pasko para sa Pilipinas?

What is Christmas for the Philippines?

In a region that consists of mainly Buddhist and Muslim nations, it is easy to forget that the Philippines is a predominantly Christian country, with around 80% of the population claiming to be Catholic. Therefore, as a major holiday on the Christian calendar, Christmas plays an important role in the culture of the Philippines. The Filipino Christmas spirit is very infectious. Of course, many countries will have dedicated parties and celebrations, but none are as ingrained in the culture as in the Philippines. In fact, the Philippines is said to celebrate Christmas for the longest, starting as early as September, as it is one of the biggest holidays of the year in the country.

Decorations are as popular here during Christmas as everywhere else. Along with Christmas trees and lights, Filipinos also hang up Christmas lanterns, which they call a Parol. Anyone visiting will have seen these hanging inside buildings or on street lights. They are an important symbol for the

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holidays in the Philippines and come in many interesting designs. They generally come in the shape of a star and are made of paper and bamboo. For many in the country, these represent Christmas as much as a Christmas tree does.

It is impossible to celebrate Christmas without Christmas music. The Philippines has a whole catalogue of songs in their native Tagalog. Both songs and carols will be common place as you walk the streets. Let's not forget the religious aspect of the holiday. Due to the large Catholic population, many people will go to the churches for mass. In what is named the Simbang Gabi, Filipinos will wake up at dawn to attend 9 masses between December 16th and December 24th, where the mass takes place at midnight. Expect church bells to ring as early as 3am during this period.

Christmas is very much an eating (and drinking) holiday. Following the midnight mass on December 24th (media noche) and the 25th (noche buena), families and friends will return home to feast on dishes such as lechon (roasted pig), ham, keso de bola (cheese), rice cakes like Bibingka or Puto bumbong, and fruits.

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The PHILIPPINES: Bettering a Barangay



While considered cliché, the phrase 'children are the future' is certainly true. What our world looks like tomorrow depends significantly on the education and opportunities available to the youth of today. YMI has always firmly believed that quality education should be equally accessible, a basic right and not a luxury of the privileged.

Thanks to the members of the Manila Downtown club, a makeshift free childcare facility was transformed into a permanent infrastructure. Over the course of one year, with the help of numerous volunteers and more than CHF 20 000, the center was renovated and equipped with new furniture and teaching materials. By 2011, it was ready to accommodate 120 children, children like Rence (6) and Carel (5) among the centre's first graduates who would successfully continue their education and build their future from the head start provided by YMI.

In 2010, the Y's Men's Club of Manila Downtown would see an opportunity to narrow the educational divide. Supported by Time of Fast (TOF) Funds, the club would lead the development of a day care center in an impoverished inner-city neighborhood, locally called a 'barangay'. Here children as young as three roam unsupervised as their poor parents have barely enough to pay for food and other essentials. There is no money for childcare. The streets are dangerous. There is crime, disease, etc.



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Christmas Celebrations in Southeast Asia

by RD Rachan Maneekarn

About 12% of Southeast Asia's 282 million people identify as Christians. Its lengthy history has mirrored the socioeconomic, political, and religious diversity of the area. Christmas in Southeast Asia is celebrated in a variety of ways because of the variety of races and religions represented among its Christians. There's more to Christmas than just presents, Santa Claus, and Christmas trees. These Southeast Asian nations are still illuminating the streets with holiday decorations. Check out the Christmas customs in these Southeast Asian nations. Local non-Christmas enthusiasts appreciate the decorations, tunes, hues, and attire of the holiday. Sometimes people keep Christmas decorations up all year long. In Southeast Asia, Christmas is associated with joyous celebration.

Hong Kong: 16% of residents there identify as Christians. It's all about making sales, people in Hong Kong visit tourist destinations like Harbour City and Victoria Harbour, and they begin counting down to Christmas Eve. snapping pictures, sharing a meal with loved ones or friends on Christmas.



Macao: This season in Macao is particularly peculiar because the vast majority of the populace is not Christian. There is a faint aroma of Europe. The city is decked with lights and Nativity scenes, and certain bakeries and hotels offer traditional Portuguese Christmas pastries.



Cambodia: The majority of the population is Buddhist, however, they welcome celebrations of any kind. They also observe Christmas celebrations in this western culture. the holiday gathering with friends and neighbors. Christmas trees can be found in large hotels, restaurants, and retail centers in metropolitan cities. Only ten or eleven years ago, when Cambodia first opened to Westerners, did a large number of ex-pats choose to reside there.



Malaysia: Christmas celebrations there tend to be more upscale and commercial. There are Christmas lights visible in structures and buildings. Malaysians would swarm to shopping centers for year-end deals while taking in the festive atmosphere on display everywhere. Firework displays are seen everywhere once the clock strikes twelve, bringing in Christmas day.



Nepal: Christmas is observed on December 24 as a public holiday by both Christians and non-Christians. Nepali traditions are used to celebrate Christmas. People observed the holiday by attending church, hosting feasts, and sharing presents. For a few years now, Christmas has also been a time when people feed the homeless. Christmas is observed on December 25 in Nepal.



Singapore: Christmas is typically spent shopping and indulging in food in Singapore. Singapore's largest shopping area is Orchard Road, where rows of malls are built on either side to draw in tourists from around the globe. This well-known boulevard is decorated for Christmas with lights and ornaments and features festive meals and promotions.



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Thailand: Thailand is a Buddhist country; Christianity is about 1.17%. Christmas is not a public holiday. Thais love to party they enjoy having a nice dinner with their family and friends. Christmas in Thailand is celebrated on the 25th of December, but the festive season starts early. The first place in Thailand to notice that Christmas is coming is its shopping malls. All offices, colleges and universities continue to function normally on this day. Some civilians would wear vibrant clothes to celebrate the holidays, and performances would take place for all the children to see.



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Nepal: Happiness is a football



The simplest of joys can make a profound difference in somebody's life and provide perspective. Chris Selig, a member of the Y Service Club of Ottawa, observed this first-hand when he visited an orphanage in Arubari near Kathmandu, Nepal in 2005. The hundred or so children there, aged from one to 18 years were inspiringly playful and happy despite their circumstances. They, both boys and girls, loved playing games, especially football (soccer).

The Fairtrade project involves the sustainable production of soccer balls, often through recycling. The products are then distributed to needy communities. This provides a practical way to promote peace and other values. It is an effective weapon in the fight against poverty and child labor. It provides possible avenues for collaboration with like-minded organizations, churches, and social action groups, which may hold Fairtrade sports tournaments and community events. The project also promotes recycling and waste reduction, furthering sustainability in sports equipment. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, it helps children in poorer countries come together to find joy in play and enjoy the spirit of sportsmanship.



When Selig told the children in Arubari about the Fairtrade balls he had brought with him from his club, they were on cloud nine and immediately invited him to a game. Their heartfelt delight was deeply fulfilling for Selig to witness. This instance is a testimony of how even the slightest generosity can have far-reaching impact; a seemingly trivial thing, like a soccer ball, can bring genuine simple happiness that we often fail to consider.



Region in Focus

Christmas wishes from Y's Men International Sri Lanka Region!

by PAP/ASD Rita Hettiarachchi

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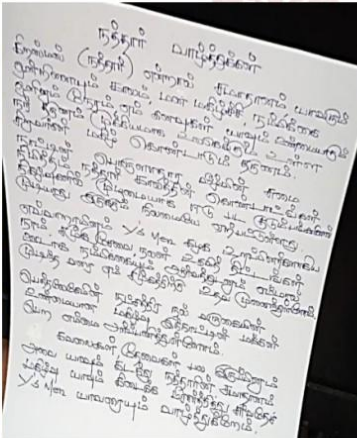
May the world be illuminated by the wonder of Christmas!

Christmas is a joyous experience that brings peace, harmony and joy to all. Especially it is a sweet dream where the wishes and hopes of small children come to fruition.

It is a difficult task to predict the current economic crisis, poverty and malnutrition in Sri Lanka in which direction those childhood dreams will be directed.

We know that "Y's Men's Society" which has social service and welfare as its theme, is eager to make the true Christmas joy of Jesus, which should be equally enjoyed by all children, into a simple yet beautiful experience.

We join in wishing all the members of Y's Men's Clubs in Asia South Pacific Area a peaceful and happy Christmas.



Region in Focus

Sri Lanka: When the Waters Subsided



December 2004 is a hard time to recall for many in South and Southeast Asia. This is when an undersea earthquake of magnitude 9.1 off the coast of Sumatra sent a stories-high wall of water rushing across the Indian Ocean to hit shores as far as East Africa. Some surviving witnesses claim that the tsunami wave reached as high as nine metres. Sri Lanka, which was one of the most affected countries, counted 30 000 mortalities with about five percent of the total population affected by the catastrophe. Many houses were destroyed, leaving thousands, often also grieving and trying to assimilate the loss of loved ones, homeless and without worldly possessions overnight.



Relief operations were quickly initiated, and as always, Y's Men International rose to the occasion. Joining with organisations such as Foundation for Goodness created

by Kushil Gunasekaran, YMI united to build homes for those who had lost theirs in the disaster. Donations were collected

during Sri Lanka's 29th Regional Convention from the Area and international levels. Approximately USD 100 000 from club members across the globe would eventually be allocated to the cause. Local Y's Men and Women, some victims themselves, worked on tirelessly on site, coordinating with local government officials to solve such issues as the location and zoning for the construction.

Finally, three years later, in a special ceremony on 18 June at the 31st Regional Convention, fifteen houses were handed over to the tsunami victims at Weligama. This inspirational story of solidarity with impact concluded with the keynote address of Mr Gunasekaran at the Region's next convention. YMI had delivered on its words of hope to the survivors.



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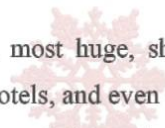
Christmas Customs in Taiwan

RSD-CE Lien-Ting Wang



Taiwan is a country that embraces religious liberty and diversity, with various temples, churches, shrines, and mosques of all shapes and sizes around the island. However, Christians in Taiwan, who are making up roughly 4-5% of the population, are minorities. Therefore, Christmas Day is more of a business-oriented celebration, rather than a religious festival. Don't be surprised that there are no holidays during this season.

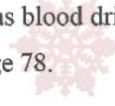
On Christmas Day, like the rest of the world, friends or couples will get together for parties, have a big feast, exchange gifts, and enjoy the festive atmosphere. And yet, it usually is not reserved for family gatherings or reunions.



As for decorations, most huge, shining, and splendid Christmas trees and lights are set up by department stores, hotels, and even city governments in public. At home, people may have their own tiny Christmas trees and decorations, which will create the atmosphere of coziness and warmth. Nevertheless, these trees are not "real"!



Churches in Taiwan also celebrate Christmas by conducting activities other than worship, such as singing hymns, performing cantata, playing dramas, going street caroling, holding welcome parties, and showing presence to those needing comfort. Through these, more people will have chances to know the meaning of the birth of Jesus and the good tidings He brings. In addition, CS projects under Y's Men's Clubs are implemented as well, such as blood drives, charity sales, caring for vulnerable groups, and caring for elder Y's who are over Age 78.



Region in Focus



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Taiwan: Promoting Politeness



A civil society is a polite society.

This was the thinking of the Taiwan Region of Y's Men's International (YMI) when it co-hosted a parade with the China Petroleum Corporation as part of the country's 'Polite Taiwan Movement', on 1 August 2003. The event attracted around 1 000 participants, and from its success YMI Taiwan would launch its 'Little Angels with Smiles and Good Manners' campaign in 2004. YMI affiliated clubs began visiting primary and secondary schools with a goal to promote courteousness and respect for others, as well as a desire to give back and become future leaders by building confidence and self-esteem. The project also sought to improve literacy and instil passion for the environment. Posters and CDs were developed to help transmit the message.



Children were recognised with stickers and otherwise validated when demonstrating polite behaviour, such as respectively greeting their teacher, saying 'please' and 'thank you' and generally being friendly and good-natured.

The 'Little Angels with Smiles and Good Manners' has become a long-standing programme of Taiwan Region with the month of March reserved for its implementation in educational institutions across the country. Through its dedication to moulding the next generation to respect the fundamental values of the YMI movement, Y's Men clubs in Taiwan are doing their part to 'build a better word for all.'



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The Reasons to Love à la St. Nick

By MBD DGE Mark Eugene Tan, Philippine Region

Nicholas was born of wealthy parents in A.D. 280 in a small town called Patara in Asia Minor. He lost his parents early by an epidemic but not before they instilled in him the gift of faith. Then little Nicholas went to Myra and lived there a life full of sacrifice and love in the spirit of Jesus. Nicholas became so Christlike that when the town needed a bishop he was elected. He was imprisoned for his faith by Emperor Diocletian and released later by Emperor Constantine. There have been many stories of his generosity and compassion: how he begged for food for the poor, and how he would give girls money so that they would have a dowry to get a husband. The story most often repeated was about how he would don a disguise and go out and give gifts to poor children. He gave away everything he had. And in the year 314, he died. His body was later moved to Italy where his remains are to this day.

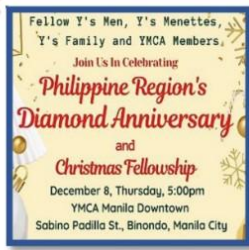


And the story of Nicholas has spread around the world. There are more churches in the world named after St. Nicholas than any other person in all the history of the church. But people have done strange things to him. The poet, Clement More, gave him a red nose and eight reindeers. While Thomas Nast, the illustrator, made him big and fat and gave him a red suit trimmed by fur. Others have given him names-Belsnickle, Kris Kringle, and Santa Claus. But he will always remain loving to the people he has touched, not for medals or degrees, but by giving more than he can, silently without praise or reward, in a way à la Him upstairs.



"Reindeer in the Night Sky" by Manning de V. Lee, Dec 1, 1954

Regional News



Philippine Region 75th Diamond Anniversary

YMCA Manila Downtown Auditorium
Sabino Padilla Street, Binondo, Manila City
December 08, 2022 - 5:00PM



Alongside the celebration of Y's Men International Philippine Region 75th (Diamond) Anniversary, we are also celebrating the Centennial Year of YMI and the 134th Birth Anniversary of our founder Paul William Alexander, coupled with the Christmas Fellowship of our Y's members.

A Token of Appreciation was given to each past Regional Director present during the event, and a birthday cake was rolled out for the birthday of Y's Men founder Paul William Alexander and for the 75th Diamond Anniversary. After a short PowerPoint presentation by RSD-Historian PICM Ramona "Inday" Morales through RSD Ma. Magda Gana, a raffle and trivia on the history of Philippine Region was held. The Philippine Region was granted a Region Status in 1947 Toledo Convention as five clubs had been organized and duly chartered, a condition set by the International Board. Congratulatory video messages by IP Dr. K.C. Samuel, International President 2022-2023 Y's Men International and Asia South Pacific Area (ASP) Area President Charming Shen were presented.

Around a hundred participants were present during the event, including members from Y's Men's Clubs, Y's Menettes' Club, President Antonio Keh and members of YMCA National, invited guests of different clubs as prospects to be the future members of Y's Men Philippine Region.

Reported by: PRD Paul Lim



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Spotlight:

PRD Andrew Tan – Berbakti KL

Written by: DG Helena Cheah
SMIT District, SEA Region



Y's Man Andrew Tan, a charter member of Berbakti KL Club (1983) is widely known in the SMIT District for his frequent participation at SMIT District and SEA Regional programmes. He was first elected as the Director of Publicity & Publications while serving YMCA KL as Asst. General Secretary. He was also designated as Y Related Staff to provide linkage and support. As of today, he is the only charter member (39 years) of the club.

Andrew is the longest serving Secretary (with many terms), aside from being Club President. He was actively involved in Berbakti's club life and challenges, along with fellow members, including fundraising and charity projects. He has unselfishly given his talents and skills in planning and organizing, liaison and representation, and administrative backup.

He served as DG (1997-1998), RDE (2004-2005) and RD (2005-2006). He was chosen as a BF delegate to attend the EXCO meeting as an observer of the Y's Men International and International Convention in Helsinki, 1997 during his term as DG.

Andrew's personality is quiet and reserved, humble and gentle. Yet he is a dedicated and committed Y's Man. He has held various responsibilities in the church circle, service organizations and job spheres. Since his stroke in 2010, he relinquished all loads of care and scaled down tremendously, except one --- Y's Men! He has been invited by SMIT DG to serve as Hon. Advisor at the District in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.



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It's the season of giving, and I am so blessed to be part of this organisation of wonderful people who contribute so much throughout the year to making our world a better place.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Merry Christmas



Y's Men International

Dr K C Samuel
International President



Greetings from Y's Men International

Dear club members and friends of Y's Men International,

Each IHQ staff member wants to thank you for your support and devotion throughout this very special year - the centennial anniversary of Y's Men International.

The time, service and contributions you have given so generously have benefitted many, and you have made this world a better place for the less fortunate through your care and love.

We pray that this Christmas will infuse humanity with hope, joy and peace.

To all of you and your families, we send our best wishes for a joyful and blessed Christmas and happiness, health and peace in 2023.

- ISG Jose, Amine, James, Tong & Tracy



International News



Letter from **Y's Menettes International Project Coordinator**

Joy McNamara (Victoria, Australia)
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by ASD-Y's Menettes Chiharu Sakamoto

24th December 2022

Y's Menettes International Project for 2020 -2022

I wish to send all Y's Menettes my very best wishes to you for a safe, happy and wonderful Christmas with family and friends and also a very happy New Year.

I have received a report from the Nepal Project Coordinator, Eva Holmberg Tedert. Eva has told us the story of Bina and her family.

For Eva's full report with an overview of the program, please visit the following link:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/3?ui=2&ik=fb6cb94f8e&attid=0.2&permmsgid=msg-f:1753146654913230237&th=18546d981544759d&view=att&disp=inline>

It is a very positive story. I feel it is something everyone will be happy to read. What a wonderful outcome for Bina for she is now being able to hear and also completed her studies and becomes an electrical engineer.

I hope that all Y's Menettes clubs will donate to the Y's Menettes International Project Fund.

Please remember - We can and do make a difference!

Once again have a Safe, Happy Christmas and New Year Celebration.

**Joy McNamara
Y's Menettes International
Project Coordinator**



International News

YMI International News:

1. Election

- Starting Dec. 13, 2022, all general information concerning the election can be found on the website: <https://www.ysmen.org/elections/2022-23>
- Eligible clubs will receive an email with a link to voting instructions. There are no paper materials to distribute to clubs.
- Voting is open from 5:00 PM (17:00 CET) December 16, 2022 until 5:00 PM (17:00 CET) January 30, 2023

2. **The 100-Year Anniversary Celebration for Y's Men International is scheduled for March 10-12, 2023** at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Taipei, located next to the famous Taipei 101. Register and pay before 31 December 2022 to benefit from the reduced "early-bird" fee (USD420). [YMI 100 Registration>>](#)

3. International RDE Summit: 12 - 14 March 2023

- The 2022/23 International RDE Summit is scheduled immediately following the YMI Centennial Celebration (YMI 100) in Taipei, Taiwan in March 2023. All accommodation and meals during the RDE Summit are provided by IHQ. The same accommodation for RDE at the YMI Centennial Celebration arrangements in place for the RDE Summit will be available at no charge to encourage attendance at the YMI Centennial Celebration. Summit delegates need to register and pay separately for the YMI Centennial Celebration.

4. Asia South Pacific Area Membership Statistics as of September 30, 2022

**Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL
MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS 1 AUGUST 2022 AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

AREA	Region	01 August 2022			01 February 2022		
		Reported		Paid	Reported		Paid
		Clubs	Members	Members	Clubs	Members	Members
ASP	Australia	10	125	125	10	149	149
	Japan East	58	770	770	58	794	794
	Japan West	78	1,297	1,297	78	1,366	1,366
	Philippines	11	141	141	11	190	184
	Southeast Asia	35	583	482	32	565	469
	Sri Lanka	9	79	79	8	86	86
	Taiwan	25	480	480	25	503	503
	Sub-total	226	3,475	3,374	222	3,653	3,551

5. iGo (Internships 4-Global Program) - Sri Lanka

- Focus: International grant management at secondary school for the economically disadvantaged
Organization: YMCA Sri Lanka.
Location: Periyakallar, Eastern Province, Sri Lanka
Period: 26 March 2023 – 26 June 2023
Stipend: None
Accommodation: YMCA accommodations provided by the host
Eligibility: Minimum high school diploma or equivalent
Applications close: 16 January 2023
Link: <https://www.ysmen.org/partners/youth/programmes/igo/interns/>

6. 2nd Semester 2022/23 Membership Reports (1 February 2023)

- 2nd semester membership reporting (1 February 2023), please visit <https://www.ysmen.org/hub/>
- The banking details of IHQ had changed. The new account details will be provided with the 2nd semester invoices.
- No payments can be received at IHQ if the amount has not been invoiced. You can request an invoice if required >> <https://www.ysmen.org/payments/invoice-request/>
- February 10, 2023 - Registration of spouse/young members & membership reporting deadline
- February 28, 2023 – Submission of payment deadline

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