

BRIDGE KIDS PROGRAMS 2022

Application guideline for Special PA Program

Participation Criteria:

- A. Must have taken part in APCC between 1989 (the 1st APCC) and 2013 (the 25th APCC) as a Junior Ambassador (JA).
 - * The age of participant must be at least 20 years of age as of July 31, 2022.
 - * Those who have already been a PA and still working in BC can apply for the special PA program if they are interested.
 - B. Must be actively involved in the current BC activities in their country, and have a strong willingness and enthusiasm towards them.
 - C. Should have ideas about BC and be able to express them well in English.
 - D. As a representative of the BC, should interact with other participants and contribute to strengthen the network of friendships with them.
 - E. Should be recommended by the president of their BC and Liaison Officer.
 - F. Must support in the operation of BRIDGE Virtual Summer Camp which will be held in July-August.
 - G. Selected PAs will be invited to participate in the PA program in Fukuoka as long as they meet the entry requirements set by the Japanese government. If they are unable to travel to Japan due to travel restrictions, they still must participate in the Virtual PA program.
 - H. To adhere to the whole program schedule that APCC sets and fully participate in the program designated for PAs. You must refrain from taking part in the transactions designated for personal gain or any activities that fall outside the APCC/BCIO objectives (ex. Commercial transactions, religious missions, etc)*Request such as changing your accommodation for personal reasons will not be accepted.
 - I. Must understand that the program is mentally demanding due to long days consisting of meetings and future planning activities. Participants are expected to attend all sessions from early morning to late evening every day and understand that there is limited time for tourism or shopping.
 - J. Must be of sound mind and body
 - i. Must handle daily issues independently, such as taking medicine if he/she has a chronic illness.
 - ii. 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.

iii. For Female Applicants only;

Must not be pregnant or must not show any sign of pregnancy. If a female applicant becomes pregnant after her selection as a PA, APCC will cancel her invitation in order to secure the safety of the mother and unborn child. In such cases, please contact the APCC/BCIO office immediately.

K. Must provide proof of complete coronavirus vaccination in accordance with the standards set by the Government of Japan.

L. Must take a medical test before departure and bring a document issued by a medical institution to prove the participant is not infected with COVID-19 according to the border measures by the Government of Japan. Please note that the expense of the medical certificate must be borne by the participants. APCC will not cover it.

M. Must adhere to all matters described in 'Border measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) by the Government of Japan.

(https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html#section2)

Note: APCC will carefully arrange flight routes for each PA, considering safe and smooth flights from the selected PA's home country/region to Fukuoka. Therefore, if APCC and its travel agent can't secure an itinerary for PA to safely arrive to/return from Fukuoka without immigration and quarantine concerns, APCC might have to cancel his/her trip to Fukuoka and the PA must participate in the Virtual program.

Selection Process: BRIDGE CLUB Nomination

<Applications must reach the BCIO Head Office by May 15, 2022 >

Applicant:

- Contact the president of your country/region's BC, tell him/her intention to apply, and get instruction/information about the application process. *Each BC's contact information is on the BCIO website (<http://www.bcio.org>). Please click on your country/region and get their information if you do not know it.

BRIDGE CLUB officers:

- The BRIDGE CLUB can select a maximum of 2 applicants to be sent to the BCIO Head Office as nominees for the Special Peace Ambassador position.

BCIO Head Office:

- Collect all nominee application by the deadline
- June 2022: Select PAs and announce the results

We may ask to conduct an online interview as part of the selection process. For an online interview we will contact with applicant directly in last week of May.

Selected PAs:

- Start preparing for the program with the BCIO Head Office.
- Submit required documents and reply to emails by the deadlines assigned by the BCIO Head Office.
- Documents to support Japan visa application (if required) and airline tickets will be sent directly to participants. Please contact the Japanese Embassy/Consulate General in your country/region for information on Japan visa procedures.
- PAs must regularly check their Doors+ profile. Important information will be shared through Doors+ chat group and also should actively participate in conversations with other PAs.
- A virtual program will be conducted during the quarantine period in Fukuoka, so selected PAs are required to bring their own laptops to participate in the virtual program.
- During your quarantine period in Fukuoka, Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants (HCO) will conduct follow up with you through a mobile application. The airport quarantine will check and confirm that the application is installed on your smart phone upon arrival at Fukuoka Airport. If you have no smartphone (or have one that cannot install the apps) you will be required to rent one at the airport when you enter Japan, at your own expense.
(<https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/manual/pdf-en/summary.pdf>)

Advertisement for the Special PA Program:

BCIO will advertise the Special PA Program through the following channels:

- a) BCIO Website
- b) APCC Liaison Offices
- c) Presidents of all BCs
- d) Doors+

Necessary Documents for PA Application:

Any applications that do not meet these guidelines, (ex. Incomplete or missing documents, submitted past the deadline, using an old Application Form, and so forth.) will not be accepted.

Applicant must submit following documents together by May 15, 2022.

1. Application Form
Please check the Special PA Program application form. Be careful not to use the old form.
DOWNLOAD from here → [Application Form](#)
2. Two Letters of Recommendation
 - (a) One from your BC President
 - (b) Another one from your Liaison officer
3. Curriculum vitae/ Resume of Personal History
4. Your BC activity plan for the year 2022

Registration Fee

Each selected PA has to pay the registration fee US\$ 100 (One hundred US Dollars) to join the Special PA Program. We will collect the fee in cash in US dollars during the Orientation program. We do NOT accept credit cards or checks.

APCC will cover the following expenses:

1. Round-trip airfare including airport tax between Fukuoka and the airport of departure as chosen by the APCC.
2. Transportation within Japan as designated by the APCC.
3. Accommodation in Japan or abroad as designated by the APCC.
4. Meals during your stay in Fukuoka.

APCC will NOT cover following expenses:

1. Domestic transportation fees between participant's homes and your local airport.
2. Expenses incurred for obtaining a passport and/or visa.
3. Medical test including PCR test before coming to Japan.
*APCC will cover the cost of PCR test before leaving Fukuoka. In case if another PCR test is required prior to entry into the home country/region, the cost of the PCR test must be covered by the participant.
4. The cost of quarantine stays in your home country/region after traveling to Japan.
5. Any other personal expenses.
*Please understand that APCC won't be able to deal with any request regarding food allergies and religious restriction foods.
*There might be chances that PAs will have free time during their stay in Fukuoka. All expenses incurred in this free time, including travel costs and meal costs, are expected to bear by the PA.

Insurance for injury and illness during the APCC:

1. APCC will purchase an insurance policy for each participant.
2. The insurance will cover the participants for all injuries and illnesses incurred during the trip. The coverage will begin when the participants leave the designated airport and will run continuously until they arrive back at the airport upon completion of APCC.
 - ✧ Dental treatment and chronic illness, such as asthma, are NOT covered by this insurance policy. Thus, any expenses incurred and the medicine for the chronic illness will need to be covered by the individual, not by the APCC. If you have some medicine you take for the chronic illness, please make sure to bring it to Japan.

Contact: BCIO Head Office

(c/o Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka)

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