



## NEWSLETTER NO.4

### International Y's Men's Club of Takarazuka

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#### Report of Kick off club meeting

Kick off meeting of Takazazuka Y's Men club in July 13<sup>th</sup>,2016 was held at Takarazuka Hotel and we welcomed 2 guests and 13 members as well as one menett.

Followed by Y's song, the bible reading, prayer, guests were introduced and the 19<sup>th</sup> convention of West Japan which was held in Osaka from June 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> was reported by Keiko Sabajiri, Club President.

Highlight was our former President Keiko Sabajiri was honored to receive the very special RD award from Mr. Michihiro Endo, Japan West Regional Director for her distinguished communication skills and her faithful and cordial contacts as a rookie club president. EMC Partner Prize was also presented to Hiroko Fukuda and Akira Yoshida Y's and we are all excited and celebrate for their achievements.

After installation of board members we enjoyed dinner, our New President, Shigeyuki Wakabayashi gave his inaugurated speech and his activities plan for this coming year based on his theme "Transformation, Y's challenge continues"

He also mentioned to conclude the Triangle DBC with Kagoshima and Iwakuni Clubs during his term.

Then new officers and the chairs of the each committee announced the activity plan for the coming year.

President Wakabayashi also added his report of his visit to Germany to see his son in Frankfurt. He concluded his speech to encourage all members to inviting many guests for the August Summer Joint meeting with Osaka Tosabori Club and to make a chance to increase the members.



## Y's Men International 72<sup>nd</sup> International Convention in Taipei

IC2016 was held during the period of August 4~7, 2016 at The Grand Hotel Taipei and Expo Park Hall located near the main hotel. According to the roster provided in the registration packet, the delegates reached to 880 and those who came from the Japan West were 94 Y's men and menettes.

Living in Harmony, the theme of this convention, is a progress in which human beings and nature co-exist, and grow together defined by a key-note speaker, Mr.Big-Jaw Lin, the secretary-General of the Office of the President, Taiwan.

At the opening ceremony, the national flags of the 24 countries were lined up on the stage and they made me feel that we were members of an international organization.

Ms. Joan Wilson of Ottawa Club, Canada was installed as a new International President. We are looking forward to the new IP exercising fully her leadership for the coming year.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, Mr.Takao Nishimura, ISG gave us updated information from the IHQ. "Towards 2022" is the main focus and he emphasized the importance of the involvement of youth and good working relationship with YMCA.

I enjoyed an excursion tour going up to Beitou Hot Spring Museum, delicious foods, warm hospitality of all Y's men and menettes of Taiwan Region. It was a wonderful reunion with many friends across the boarder. We cherished many good memories at the convention.

We will see you all in Korea in 2018 !



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