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International Y's Men's Club of Takarazuka

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Kick-off Meeting



Yoko Tago

The Y's Men's Club of Takarazuka has started its new fiscal year on July 10, 2019. Ms. Yoko Tago was installed as club president and introduced her cabinet members. In her acceptance speech, she asked us to work together as a team whether a cabinet member or not. We welcomed Ms. Keiko Kashihara, DG of Rokko District as an official visitor and she cheered us up wishing our completion of action plans of this year.



Installation Ceremony

Short Term Exchange Program (STEP)

Tomoki Ishida, a university student majoring in architecture and a volunteer leader of Osaka YMCA will surely have a big challenge as a "STEP Student" this summer. His grandmother, Ms. Yoko Tago is a charter member of Takarazuka Club. We have been keeping a long-time fellowship with Give Club, Denmark as IBC. Thanks to them, he will be welcomed to spend three weeks at one of club members. We all wish him a very, very wonderful and fruitful experience as he expects.



Left to right
Kashihara(DG), Tomoki,
Tago,
Uesugi in charge of STEP,
Rokko District

The 28th Asia Pacific Area Convention

Y's Men International, 28th Asia Pacific Area Convention was held at Sendai International Center from 19th July to 21st. ACTION! Let's move on ! was the theme of the Convention, wishing each participant to think and take actions for support and reconstruction of the great East Japan Earthquake.

The beautiful voices of Sendai Minami High School filled the venue and AP Hiroyuki Tanaka declared the Opening. Then the Installation of IP Jennifer Jones was led by Mr. Hirotoshi Fujii, PIP and Inaugural address was given by Ms Jones.

Mr. Yoshihiro Murai, Governor of Miyagi gave the keynote speech on "Future of Reconstruction and Disaster Prevention. Then Ms. Nobue Kunizaki, President, the Crisis Management Research Institute, mentioned the importance of habit of preparing for disaster. Then Y's and YMCA hour followed. Mr. Nobuo Murai, General Secretary of Sendai YMCA and Mr. Hisao Mitsunaga, Secretary of National Council of YMCAs Japan gave the reports of Assistance and Relief Work.

IPAP Night started with Mini Concert by Mr. Muneyuki Sato who enchanted all the audience.

Second Day was Excursion and we are so grateful for the committee who prepared 21 buses and selecting 4 courses which covered the theme of the Convention. Over 750 participants were impressed and moved deeply by what they have seen and learned the reality of the disaster. AP Night was welcomed by AP Tanaka and music by Mossy Jazz Orchestra. Performance by the Youth was impressive and AP Culture Night started. At the end Japan East Region group sang the Hanawasaku,(Flowers bloom), the theme song for the recovering from devastated disaster.

Third day started by the Morning Service, the sermon by Rev. Hiroyuki Shibuya and the offering was donated for the scholarship for the youth in Sendai.

The promotion of the next Convention in Kaohsiung and the 74th IC, in Odense Denmark was announced. IP Tanaka proudly declared the closing the Convention.

IBC Signing Ceremony



Ms.Takeda received
Booster Award



Sparrow Dance



Marshal Team