

In Junior Chamber International, various young economists, such as founders, successors, politicians, professionals, office workers, female members, and more get together and spend their precious time for its activities.

What do we do for JCI activities? How about people's images for the organization like "community development" and "human development" now? How many people know about JCI? Our activities are not just about nurturing friendship at bars. What do we do other than drinking parties? These days, I often hear this kind of stories when we try to expand our membership. However, there is the history of the 67 years of movement at the foundation of this organization. That's why there has been the expectation for us by our community.

I didn't know the existence of JCI until I joined. Now, however, I can say that JCI can give us life-altering encounters and experiences to grow ourselves by taking actions for others. A "hope" for Japan and a step toward the realization of a bright and prosperous society will be created by those: JCI activities should be known and understood by local people, and JAYCEE who has the same aspirations such as "I will continue the JCI movement even if I become alone" should be developed as much as possible.

In 2020, we will develop a movement as an organization to grow such members.

FUKUOKA and JCI Fukuoka

Fukuoka city has been evolving unconventional urban development centered on private-public initiative supporting the administration by private initiative and investment. Meanwhile, JCI Fukuoka has been launching movements for community development.

In 1965, responding to the master plan of Fukuoka City, which aimed to become an industrial city following Kitakyushu City, JCI Fukuoka published "Expectations and Recommendations for Fukuoka" which recommended to focus on the tertiary industry and aim to become information-intensive and urban-type city. As a result, Fukuoka City implemented the "Human City Declaration" by revising its master plan by fully incorporating the recommendations of JCI Fukuoka. At that time, the sowing seed grew steadily, and Fukuoka City is called the development city with the highest population growth rate nationwide.

The most increasing population category is young people in their twenties. Since 2010, a young energetic mayor was born at the age of 36. Based on the vision of Fukuoka as a leader city in Asia, with the development of advanced policies that go beyond the framework, the population has been continuing to increase for these 10 years, and Fukuoka City has been continuing to grow. In such a movement, JCI Fukuoka has created representative events in its history, such as attracting a professional baseball team, Hawks, Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in FUKUOKA, and Nakasu Jazz. JCI Fukuoka's mission is to make a big

involvement through the collaboration with public and private, so that each of the citizens can aim for a FUKUOKA full of hope.

From the era of Showa and Heisei to the new era Reiwa, the track record of participating in community development is a testament to the fact that JCI Fukuoka is a historic and proud organization that can move the city because high-spirited youth gather there.

A Turning Point

On the path to develop progressively as a development city, FUKUOKA has many youth fellowship groups and charitable organizations, which can be said to be a symbol of spirit, and various events have excited the city. The organization working for FUKUOKA has changed from "the time when there was only JCI Fukuoka to the time when there is also JCI Fukuoka." Now, while taking this turning point seriously as the relative influence of JCI Fukuoka has declined, let's look at our activities and organization, and take the opportunity to bring JCI Fukuoka to the next stage.

From now, becoming a bridge between other organizations, governments and the private sector in the way we should be, we can establish our style (significance of existence) for our city in the future. By taking that position, we must become an organization where young people will hit the gates of JCI Fukuoka by themselves. As long as JCI Fukuoka continues to be a required organization, I hope that it will be time for tears to say that what we have done is not wrong when we celebrate the 70th anniversary and the 100th anniversary.

When you act proactively for someone and our city, and accumulate the joy, it is not a miracle that happens by chance, but a true “喜積 miracle by accumulating the joy” will happen.

The 33rd JCI Academy in Fukuoka

This year, after the 2004 JCI World Congress Fukuoka, Fukuoka will be the venue of JCI Academy, which was the only JCI official conference that had not been held in Fukuoka, and that has encouraged JCI members to promote international friendship. This is a great international opportunity for the chapter and city following G20YEA in 2019, and the Fukuoka Blok Council 3rd Area (JCI Asakura, JCI Itoshima, and JCI Tsukushi) is the venue's deputy director. I feel that it is a project that has the mission of JCI Fukuoka, which brings about the ripple effect not only in Fukuoka City, but also involving the Fukuoka Blok Council and Fukuoka prefecture.

The challenge to take this opportunity makes it possible to touch the core and heart of what the senior members have made at the 2004 JCI World Congress in Fukuoka and the Kyushu Area Convention in Fukuoka in the last 16 years.

Let's create an amazing JCI Academy with JCI Fukuoka's skill and experience!

Led by Takuichiro Yasunaga, JCI Academy Director, the JCI Academy Executive Committee is organized with 9 committees. We make every effort for 12 programs undertaken by JCI Fukuoka to increase the possibilities of each program continuing for 33 years and expand the chance to feel the world to the chapter and our city. We will make Fukuoka fans with our best OMOTENASHI.

Let's experience the incredible opportunities of JCI in Fukuoka!

JCI Academy is the training program to become better leaders. International delegates from about 80 countries, most of who are strong candidates of next year's national leaders of JCI National Organization, gather some part of Japan. This year, they will come to Fukuoka and stay 10 days including home stay. JCI Japan members also participate and stay with them for 5 days to deepen a friendship.

I experienced this JCI Academy as a delegate and commission member. This project is a precious opportunity that transcends the mutual understanding to not only the delegates, but also the commission and citizens. This experience can be given only by JCI.

Looking at JCI around the world, there is a magnificent network of 111 National Organizations, 4679 National Organizations, and more than 155.000 members. The JCI's campaigns to save poverty and human sufferings and JCI training opportunities are worth to know as long as you belong to JCI. I hope that members feel the potential for growth because they belong to JCI, and that they can experience the excitement that comes out of JCI's worldwide network and the JCI campaigns.

Because you are now in youth, let's step into the stage of the world.

To Japan

In 2020, for the first time in 8 years, Mr. Koichi Harada has become the committee chairperson of JCI Japan. In recent years, the number of members who joined committees of JCI Japan once decreased, but now has been increasing. There are a lot of members who became vice chairpersons or staff members, and made many friends in JCI Japan. There are also current board of director members who joined committees of JCI Japan or the JCI Academy. In such an environment, we will host the JCI Academy and produce a chairperson

of JCI Japan. Even though JCI Fukuoka has been seemed to be closed to JCI Japan, this year we have a great opportunity not only to develop ourselves, but also increase new members and develop our organization.

Entering the new era of Reiwa, once again, each of us removes all positions and barriers, unites as one chapter, supports one member, and creates a strong chapter to produce a leader from Fukuoka to Japan. In the near future, I hope that JCI Fukuoka will create a leader who can run Japan.

We are changing Japan from Fukuoka! We, youth and JCI Fukuoka, can exaggerate like this.

Challenge for Fukuoka

Fukuoka City has become an international city in both name and reality. It was selected as a venue for the Rugby World Cup Japan 2019 and as a pre-camp site for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. In 2021, the World Aquatics Championships will be held in Fukuoka. There is a need to create the ability to respond to inbound.

JCI Fukuoka is an organization that can provide manpower for setting up such as hosting and holding meetings and conferences, as well as for providing hospitality. Because we are an unbound organization that can plan, execute, and have flexibility, it is possible to put the thoughts and inspirations into action, which were proposed to the city, titled “IR and Kyushu” last year, for example. I believe that JCI should continue to campaign to accelerate economic growth accompanying international and national business.

Last year, G20YEA in Fukuoka was organized by JCI Japan, and JCI Fukuoka was in charge as a venue chapter, before the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting in Fukuoka 2019. On that occasion, JCI Japan and JCI Fukuoka created such a big project that can be said to be co-hosted, beyond the relationship between the organizer and the supervisor. If JCI Fukuoka JC can use its experience to implement proposals and actions that benefit Fukuoka Prefecture, Kyushu, and the nation through international business, in cooperation with fellows nationwide, there is no doubt that it will be a property that connects the future of the city and the JCI Fukuoka, regardless of the result.

Because it is JCI, let's challenge new projects leading the city and the country, without fear of failure.

FUKUOKA Wide Area Development Movement

As Fukuoka develops, why don't we look at the “towns” near the city? Doing projects

where people are already gathering is not the only thing we need to do. From now on, I believe that JCI's mission and vision should be carried out compactly and steadily in cooperation with local organizations, even in areas where our activities have not been undertaken, with a broad perspective. As mentioned earlier, there are many organizations working for the community. Different organizations have the same purpose of "developing the town and nurturing people." I believe that it is necessary to think about the area with people who are looking in the same direction, focus on places where people are not gathering, and develop movements in cooperation with the area. Let's create people who can act actively in the area. The moment when people's consciousness changes through our projects is the moment of excitement where you can feel the spirit of altruism, the essence we can learn from JCI. The excitement will change one's life in a better way.

I am convinced that the appreciation of the community can be a driving force for each member, and the movement will eventually become a hope for regional recreation.

Create a Future Environment

The future has been created by children. However, what about the environment surrounding the children? According to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare's enactment of the Next-Generation Development Support Recommendation Law, which is enacted in a timely law from 2005 for 10 years, it is said that there is no opportunity for young people to take the initiative in thinking about the future. Because of low self-esteem due to reasons such as "I do not change anything even if I participate" and "I am not confident in my knowledge and ability," according to a survey by the Cabinet Office, there are approximately 800,000 young people who do not continue to work or do job hunting. I think this is because the educational emphasis on short-term memorizations and test scores is becoming heavier, and the educational environment for children who have to become independent when they become adults is becoming diluted. Under these circumstances, the knowledge-type center exam will be abolished in 2020, the education on how to acquire the ability to live is now drawing the attention. Everyone has own reasons for working. However, I believe that it is important for adults in countries and regions, regardless of whether they have children or not, to educate children who will create the future 10 or 20 years from now. JCI Fukuoka does not only provide opportunities for members to grow, but also implement a community human resource development projects as a community human resource development organization. In this way, it is necessary for the adults to change the educational environment while taking into account changes in the times. I am sure that it will become the children's "hope" for the future.

Human Development

From now on, we should also focus on the ripple effect that arises from the change of people's consciousness by the JCI movement. I think it is necessary to provide not only members but also citizens with opportunities for social development in order to create a human-rich society possessed by JCI. In other words, it is important to develop from a "participatory" project to a campaign that continues to provide opportunities by focusing on "targets for human development." For that purpose, JCI members must first involve their family, employees, and friends in the community, and this will become a joint project between the government, the private sector, and JCI. I believe this becomes a valuable sustainable project. JCI Fukuoka's goal in the future is not to just carry out our projects by ourselves, but to build projects by involving educational institutions, private companies, and governments more.

I believe the vision of JCI movements is to create active citizens with the same aspirations as ours. I also believe that the mission for achieving this vision is a philosophy that can give opportunities not only to JCI members but also to young people who create the future. The Young JAYCEE / Kids JAYCEE project, which began as a first-year in 2019, has grown into a project rooted in JCI Mission and JCI Vision, which gives children and young people many opportunities to create active citizens.

Let's make the "human development project of the city" to discover "citizens who take the initiative for FUKUOKA" as the "hope" of human development in this chapter and the city.

As a Japanese Person As a Human

The Japanese have built up a Japanese culture as the original "Japanese heart" that are elected and combined old and new values without being bound by one religion or one philosophy. However, with respect to postwar Japanese values, masochistic historical views have restrained the Japanese people, and people's sense of belonging to the nation and society has diminished. Japan is a country with a history, tradition, and culture that should be proud of. The elegance and nobility of the Japanese who lived there was highly regarded around the world. After the war, unprecedented public, social, and diplomatic issues occurred, the fields of the issues were wide-ranging, and these issues continued to worsen. There are causes for problems in each field, and there is an education at the root of those causes.

Family education without a national vision has led to individuals running out of control, increasing their sense of isolation and alienation from society. In a society where parents kill children and children kill parents, creating a dark environment in which even the

family cannot be attentive, the humility and pride of human and Japanese person has diminished. Originally, it is the virtue of Japanese people to live their lives with compassion for their death and gratitude for their lives. A Japanese person who has such a view of life and death that values honor and human kindness can be said to be modest.

What do people in the world think about Japanese people? We might have forgotten something somewhere in the times. Something might have been lost because of riches. The spread and revival of such Japanese virtues are likely to become a return movement of the Japanese as it should be in the midst of globalization. I am convinced that it will also become the foundation of the JCI movement of "human development and community development."

Walk

JCI Fukuoka has the tradition that must be preserved even when the times change, and the tradition of innovating along with the times. Last year, the traditional project for new members, Tokoroten, which continued for 40 years since the training committee officially started management and guidance in 1979, innovated into "Nyumen" without changing its rule to foster synchronized bonds through service, training and friendship. I believe that this new opportunity allows us to scrutinize the underpinnings of what JCI needs to do, and we can learn how to build them.

We often say "work, home, and JCI," but it is also a training to do all these things while keeping a balance. In addition, all the members of JCI Fukuoka touch on the celebration project for the first anniversary of the membership and Nyumen, and I would like members to reconfirm that they do not take JCI activities for granted. I hope that they carefully review their own origins, make a time when they can thank the company and family again, and continue their JCI life without forgetting their gratitude.

Forming Connections

The connections formed by the senior members are the property of JCI. When you lose your way, instead of staring at your computer and worrying about it, going to meet senior members, having a drink, and talking face-to-face become a signpost to your project success. I was also able to find my mentor for life by visiting.

Using JCI's badge and business cards to meet people without hesitation becomes a chance to create a better project and build a network from new encounters. The mission of the JCI members is to make the connections formed by senior members more opportunities for members.

Friends and Senior Members in the Same Spirit

We have been making great friendship for a long time with sister chapters (JCI Busan, JCI Shimonoseki, JCI City, Hong Kong, JCI South Saigon) and friendship chapters (JCI Kitakyushu JC and JCI Hiroshima). I believe, in the future, the meaning of our exchange is to develop this exchange from just having a drink to an exchange project that we work together for each region and country, and to cause revolutionary involvement. I hope that this will be a catalyst for the style of projects for the public that can only be done by JCI, which cannot be achieved without joining JCI Japan and JCI organizations.

JCI Fukuoka is a wonderful place to give opportunities to grow for over 1500 special members and fellow members. I think that using the experience of senior members and what they have left without hesitation will also lead to the establishment of future projects.

This year, we will feel the footsteps of the network and achievements of the senior members from the missions that will be undertaken by hosting the JCI Academy and the production of the JCI Japan Committee Chairperson. From that opportunity, we will be able to feel the dignity of JCI Fukuoka by feeling the significance of the existence from the past and the expectations of JCI Fukuoka today.

Take an Opportunity

First of all, just join. I couldn't get involved in planning projects, but because of the rich encounters and opportunities by just joining, I am here today. I can't say everyone will get along with all the members, but please don't forget the opportunities that arise from them. If you join, JCI will surely give you a unique growth opportunity. You will often find opportunities for growth and challenge them with your own ruler, or choose another growth path.

One of the opportunities of JCI is position simulation, so why don't you set up your goal to become a "leader"? Anyone can set up a goal. Raise your hand with the image of "I will do this!", and try it. I am convinced that the process of aiming becomes your growth. By challenging each role and responsibility without fear of failure, JCI gives a practical training for living in society. Because of the dignity of graduating at the age of 40, there is always an opportunity to grow up and make eternal friends beyond the opportunity. As a "lifelong JAYCEE," I strongly believe that aiming for personal growth after graduation as a true social entrepreneur with "altruistic spirit" and "harmony between the individual and the public" is why I belong to and doing activities at JCI.

Take advantage of your chance by being as positive as possible for JCI opportunities.

Lastly

Remember your position and time in reality. JAYCEE is only possible if you have your reality. While we are doing activities at JCI, our families and companies are also working. That's why we should try to create an environment that supports our family and company by growing up and making many friends over the time you spend. It should become time managing training and the foundation of your life.

“JCI gives equal opportunities.” I strongly believe so because I have always been given the opportunities to challenge for seven years. This year is only one year. Let’s make the challenges to expand our capability!

While respecting tradition, without being caught in history, we create projects that can only be achieved by JCI. “Lead our community by member development and human development.” Root in our community as one and only organization. Let’s root the hope which will bloom at the 70 Anniversary of JCI Fukuoka!