

A quick view of Convention Day 2



Y's Men International
28th
Asia Pacific Area Convention
Action ! Let's move on!
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Matsushima (One of the three famous views of Japan).



July 19(Fri)-21(Sun) 2019 Sendai International Center, Sendai Japan

Excursion

Excursions were held on the following 4 courses.

Course 1: Coastline Course

(Sendai City~Arahama~Iwanuma~Yuriage) 129 participants

The main part of the course is Arahama Elementary School. Arahama Elementary School. Inside Arahama Elementary School classrooms, the model of the city that spread along the sea in the past was exhibited, and we were surprised at the difference with the view seen from the window of the current classroom.



- ◆Future Convention
- 84th International Convention
Aug. 13th - 16th 2020 Odense, Denmark
 - 29th Asia Pacific Area Convention
Aug., 2021 South Taiwan

◆Editor's Note

- This time there was a debate within HCC to add Fukushima, and even if it was incorporated, many expressed opinions that there would not be a large turnout. However, 122 participated, which is a similar number to Courses 1 and 2. I am thankful that many people were able to obtain many new findings
- Also, in order to move forward, what should we learn from the difference between the Arahama Elementary School model and the reality? What should we do? Based on this Convention, I sincerely hope that each of us will think further to connect to future actions.



Course 2: Tsunami Reality and Reconstruction Course

(Minami Sanriku~Okawa Elementary School~Ishinomaki) 124 Participants



Course 3: Around Higashi Matsushima and Matsushima that escaped the Earthquake Disaster (Higashi Matsushima~Cruise~Matsushima) 308 participants

The narrator on the tour boat lost her house and family members to the tsunami and life changed dramatically. She talked about the memories of that day and how she felt it in the area where 20,000 people died.

- And it was impressive that she told Y's Men to live and cherish every day.
- On the return bus, a Y's Man from Kumamoto who was hit by the earthquake said, "We were really grateful for the support from those around us at the time of the earthquake. The gratitude often wells up in my mind. So, it is good to be able to visit the affected areas of the Great East Japan Earthquake, which is revitalizing for the reconstruction." I was encouraged with such words.



Course 4: Within 20km of Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant (To learn about Fukushima) 122 Participants

<Participant's opinions>

- From the perspective of the local residents, I received a detailed and precise explanation of the current situation in Fukushima.
- Participants praised the contents of the tour, because they had valuable experience that they would not have understood if they had come here as sightseeing
- I was very happy
- It was the first time I visited Fukushima Prefecture after the earthquake.
- It was a scene I heard in the story, but once again I was struck by a feeling that my heart was tightened, imagining a situation in which my place of life suffered such a disaster that I could not clean up the house or go home.
- Piles of flexible container bags with polluted soil were everywhere, ... a rough grassland that used to be a paddy field. In areas where it is difficult to return home, the roads are blocked and there are also fences at the entrances of the houses. (Omitted.) A warm everyday life was deprived of and it seemed that places were covered with something very cold and inorganic.



AP Night (Dinner hosted by Immediate Past Asia Pacific Area President)

Australians waved their national flag and sang to the music of their own. The members of the Taiwan region, sang to piano accompaniment. It was quite a beautiful voice. The Southeast Asia Region members performed a traditional Thai dance and many people joined in the circle of dance, creating a jovial atmosphere. The Japan West Region choreographed the director's favorite "Imagine" with everyone in the hall in hope of peace. After that, there was also an appeal of the 23rd Japan West Regional Convention. The Japan East Region members sang "Flowers will Blooms". It was a song that would summarize the spirit of this convention. Every region gave a cultural performance that united the hearts of the members together in the given time. And the program ended exactly at 9 o'clock. Just 9 o'clock. Is it a unique feature of Japanese? It was the result of the hard work of the people involved in the operation.

