To all members of the Y’s Men’s Clubs of Taiwan Region,

Congratulations on the 44th Taiwan Regional Convention!

It's very regrettable that I can't attend because of COVID-19, but my heart is with you. I envision that all of you are participating in the Convention in good health and spirits and having a wonderful time of fellowship.

On behalf of 7 Regions, 16 countries/districts, more than 220 clubs and 3,500 members in the Asia Pacific Area, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Taiwan Region for the long-time and strong dedication to our movement. Your Region has been offering the great and exemplary services both locally and internationally and also has been contributing to the Asia Pacific Area as one of the most active Regions in the Area.

In particular for this term of 2019-2020, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the exceptionally large number of attendees from the Taiwan Region in the Asia Pacific Area Convention in Sendai. Your Region significantly contributed to the success of the Convention.

Furthermore, I, as the Area President and one of the Japanese Y’s men as well, sincerely thank you for your prompt and great support for the relief activities by YMCAs and Y’s Men’s Clubs in Japan for the victims of the huge typhoons which attacked the eastern part of Japan in September and October last year.

I also would like to praise RD Liao’s leadership and the fruits of his efforts. I am quite certain that RDE Tsai will take over and develop them further.

As you may know, we are celebrating the 100-year anniversary of our international movement in 2022 and challenging many things according to ‘Challenge 22’, the operational plan for achieving the goals of ‘Towards 2022 and Beyond’.

At present, many of our activities are restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But by enduring this period of trial and overcoming the difficulties, let’s do our best to realize the goals with a hoistedtorch of ‘idealism’, which is the key-word of our movement. I am sure that it is the Taiwan Region that is carrying the torch at the front.

My theme as the Area President of the Asia Pacific Area has been ‘Action!’. Let’s take actions together to strengthen our movement and to build a better world for all mankind.

See you all at our Area Convention in Kaohsiung in August 2021!

Y’sly and sincerely,



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