

Message from Vivian Lau, President of JA Asia Pacific



Educators, organizations, and governments around the world have been working together on one of the most important investments in life – investing in our youth and activating them for the future of work. But are we providing our youth with the right tools and are we moving fast enough? I was asked this question at the the 8th Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) in Hyderabad, India. To prepare 60% of the world's youth a fulfilling and engaged life is no easy task.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

This is where collaboration and partnership come in – global collaboration to demonstrate the power of connectivity in classrooms, schools, institutions of interactive learning, and to provide youth the access to the tools and resources critical to preparing them for a global economy.

Global collaboration is demonstrated through JA AP WORKS and activities across the region - from addressing the “retooling of schooling” and the launch of a new partnership with The Global Education & Leadership Foundation (tGELF) at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) in Hyderabad, to coordinating the Youth Development and Social Impact track of the World Philanthropy Forum in Beijing, and to an internal training event to learn, grow, and scale the Cha-Ching Curriculum with Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, and Thailand in Bangkok.

As we look forward to 2018, let's showcase what globally connected learning looks like!

Regional Initiatives, Programs, and Event

JA invited to speak at Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES)



For 7 years, the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) has connected top entrepreneurship talent with investors and startup ecosystems across the globe to innovate the world's most exciting solutions.

In partnership with the Government of the United States of America, NITI Aayog was proud to host the eighth annual Global Entrepreneurship Summit in India from November 28-30, 2017. The Summit was addressed by The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. The US delegation was led by Ms. Ivanka Trump, Advisor to President Trump.

GES 2017 hosted over 1500 attendees, including entrepreneurs, investors, educators, government officials, and business representatives representing the full measure of entrepreneurial talent from diverse backgrounds across India and the world. This year's theme is "Women First, Prosperity for All" to celebrate entrepreneurial spirit in all its strength, diversity, and entirety. The 2017 GES intends to inspire innovative initiatives, forge new collaborations across countries, and increase economic opportunities, particularly amongst women. Vivian Lau, President of JA Asia Pacific was invited to speak at the 2017 GES on the topic of "Retooling learning and schooling".

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Panel of Discussion on "Retooling Learning and Schooling".

From L to R: Mulkul Kaniitkar, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal at National Organizing Secretary; Rukmini Banerji, CEO at Pratham Education Foundation; Vivian Lau, President of JA Asia Pacific; Sunil Manchar Gavaskar, Director at Professional Management Group Pvt Ltd.

Through networking, mentoring and workshops, the GES empowers entrepreneurs to pitch their ideas, build partnerships, secure funding, and create innovative products and services that will transform societies for better tomorrow.

In addition, The Global Education & Leadership Foundation (tGELF) and JA's partnership was officially launched at GES. The two organizations have become core partners to continue our mutual endeavor to innovate and revolutionize the global education space together and fulfill our missions through technology and scale.

Vivian Lau, President of JA Asia Pacific, summed up the partnership in this way: "The 21st century presents new opportunities and challenges for developing and nurturing our future leaders. Advanced technology and the Fourth Industrial Revolution can liberate and unleash the imagination and potential of humankind. At the same time, we find ourselves in uncharted territories for human civilization, which brings both entrepreneurial skills and ethical leadership to center stage. The tGELF and JA partnership will develop, integrate and more importantly scale ethical leadership and entrepreneurship training to activate a whole new generation of future leaders."



Vivian Lau of JA Asia Pacific and Amisha Shahra of tGELF announcing the JA and tGELF partnership at 2017 GES in Hyderabad, India

Please click here to view and download the tGELF and JA partnership press release.
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1QwGTRI73qfFzVI-GBtYsI6qD-r3SiTIV>

Regional Initiatives, Programs, and Event

JA Takes Center Stage in China

The World Philanthropy Forum (WPF) took place in Beijing inside the Great Hall of the People from November 29 to 30, 2017.



JA China was honored with the task of helping coordinate the Youth Development and Social Impact track of the global conference. Asheesh Advani was invited to be a Keynote Speaker at the World Philanthropy Forum.

In addition, JA China was honored as one of a handful of non-profit organizations officially recognized as foreign NGOs under China's new NGO law, under the auspices of the CPAFFC, a people's national organization that has oversight of JA China's activities. Founded in 1993, JA China is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2018.



Left-to-right: JA Asia Pacific board member Alice Chou, Asheesh Advani, and Paul Chou (Founder and Board Chair, JA China) at the Great Hall of the People in Tiananmen Square, site of the World Philanthropy Forum meeting.

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JA Internal Training for Cha-Ching Curriculum Implementation



Expanding on the partnership with Prudence Foundation since 2014, JA Asia Pacific is excited to announce the continued partnership with Prudence Foundation to provide the unique Cha-Ching learning experience to expand the reach of the Cha-Ching Curriculum to primary school students ages 7 to 12 with the Cha-Ching Curriculum in Thailand and Vietnam.

To facilitate the Cha-Ching Curriculum implementations' best practices sharing amongst the existing and new markets, JA Asia Pacific has recently organized an Internal Training for Cha-Ching Curriculum Implementation in Bangkok, Thailand, from December 6 to 7, 2017. Thanks to all the representatives from Prestasi Junior Indonesia, JA Malaysia, JA Philippines, JA Thailand, and JA Vietnam; and special kudos to JA Thailand for hosting the invaluable training session!



Did you know?

JA Asia Pacific collaborated with Prudence Foundation to develop the Cha-Ching Curriculum in 2014 and the curriculum was first piloted in 2016. In late 2016, the Cha-Ching Curriculum was endorsed by the Ministry of Education of Philippines, followed by Indonesia and Malaysia in 2017 to be rollout in public schools.

To date, more than 1,000 schools are implementing the Curriculum, with more than 2,000 teachers trained, reaching to 90,000 students. With the expansion to new markets in 2018; and the development of the Cha Ching Curriculum Financial Accreditation (CCFA) Program, JA Asia Pacific aspires to provide the unique Cha-Ching learning experience to as many children as possible in the region through the continued partnership with JA members in the region.

Regional Initiatives, Programs, and Event

Registration opens for 2018 JA Asia Pacific Company of the Year (JA AP COY) Competition



The 2018 JA AP COY registration information was emailed to all JA AP SLTs earlier this week. To register, JA members are to include all registration documents and email to jaap-coy@jaasiapacific.org on or before **January 8, 2018**. Once again, special thanks to our event host - JA China team for their hard work. We look forward to welcoming all of you to Beijing in March 2018!

Regional Initiatives, Programs, and Event

Become a JA Worldwide Fellow . . . or encourage a high-potential colleague within the network to apply by December 22



JA Worldwide has launched a new program for high-potential JA leaders to deepen their leadership, mentorship, and strategic skills. The first class of six global leaders will receive:

- An all-expense-paid trip in March 2018 to the Global Education and Skills Forum in Dubai, with training and networking included
- A week-long leadership-development experience at the Global Institute for Leadership Development in California in November 2018
- Leadership of a global initiative, collaborating directly with JA Worldwide leaders, Board of Governors, and external experts
- Membership in an elite pool of high-potential leaders across the globe

If you're interested—or know the perfect candidate and are willing to forward this email—the first step is for the candidate to [complete this simple signup form](https://jaworldwide.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a61a405a96bfdd460651525cd&id=fda43d1df8&e=12f9f1693e) (log-in required) by midnight ET, Dec 22. Qualified candidates will then be asked to complete a more detailed application, beginning in early January. If you're not sure whether this opportunity is right for you or the individual you have in mind, please [check out FAQs about the program](#).

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The JA STORY

Get to know Krishna Alejandrino – Executive Director of JA Philippines and a proud JA Alumnus



Krishna Alejandrino with JA students in the Philippines

1. Describe your first entrepreneurial experience with JA Philippines

I first encountered Junior Achievement at age 16 during my college years, when the apprenticeship department of our University endorsed me to be part of an entrepreneurship training program called “JA mini-company”. Mentored by business advisers from major corporations in the Philippines, students formed teams and implemented miniature corporations and businesses over one year.

In our JA Mini Company at the time, I was elected as Vice President for Sales and Marketing. We sold and manufactured rug dolls. We learned from actual business experience and bridged the gap between the theories taught in classroom and actual business practices. Learning from the University became easier because of my JA business experience.

2. What had brought you to join your current leadership role in the JA Philippines?

Before I began my career as the Director of JA I am a research manager in the marketing and survey company and a part time marketing research instructor in University. Since I am a former alumni member of JA, I had the chance to enroll my students in JA programs, and that time the former office administrator of JA Philippines asked me to volunteer as adviser for another group of students. Determined to change the mindset of youth that success is not exclusive to the affluent sector of our society, I chose to mentor a group of underprivileged students. In the end, the group of students I mentored won the Company of the Year award, and I was recognized as marketing adviser of the year in 2005; as well as winning the prestigious JA Hall of Fame award as adviser of the year in subsequent year. The recognitions became instrumental for the JA Board of Directors to endorse me as one of the candidates for JA Philippines’s directorial position.

3. Please share and describe your motto to reaching your goals

I am a believer of 2Cs. The first C is Character; my principles guide me how to act in dealing with people to get their cooperation and win their trust. The second C is Competence, and to be competent, one needs to have the right skills to do his/her job. I am always passionate to learn new things and to build my credibility as leader to achieve my goals..

4. What is your aspiration for JA Philippines?

I want to see that JA programs are available in every schools in the Philippines. That JA is providing Filipino youth the opportunity to realize their career aspirations, that JA is one of the prime movers for youth development in the Philippines.

5. Describe yourself in a few words

A simple and humble person with big dream for the Filipino Youth.

Did you know?

JA alumni know that JA programs empower students to make the connection between what they learn in school and how it can be applied in the real world. Alumni can become powerful, passionate community JA supporters - they can support JA as volunteers, mentors, judges, board members, or as financial contributors. After all, who are better to speak about the importance of JA than those who have put lessons to work for actual results? Please visit www.jaasiapacific.org to register as JA Alumni and for more information on volunteering opportunities in the Asia Pacific region.

#JAAPAlumni #OneJA

Local Events' Highlights

JA Hong Kong

Fireside Chat with Scott Beaumont of Google



Artificial Intelligence (AI) slowly penetrates into different parts of our lives. Perhaps you and I may not be aware, but in fact, Google Photos, Google Translate, Google Assistant are using AI. Kudos to Google, HKU Dreamcatcher and Student Volunteers for the successful Fireside Chat with Scott Beaumont of Google in November 2017!



#JuniorAchievementHK #JAHK #GoogleHK #Google4HK #DreamCatchers #HKUiDendron

Local Events' Highlights

JA Malaysia

Equipping students with 21st century work-readiness soft-skills with local business leaders

JA Pathways to Employment is an integrated training platform sponsored by JP Morgan that targets disadvantaged youth to increase their level of work readiness and opportunities to enter mid-skilled manufacturing/ electrical / maintenance jobs with hard and soft skills that will allow them to carve out longer-term career pathways. The program targets to reach 180 disadvantaged youth in Indonesia and 100 at-risk youth in Malaysia by the end of 2018.

With the first 2 soft skills workshop held successfully in November 2017, the 3rd soft-skills training workshop was held and taught by Mr. Suresh Shanmugan, MD of GE Aviation; and Mr. Shankar Menon, Head of Fleet Mgmt. & Financing, Malaysia Airlines Berhad & CEO of MAB Leasing



Students in a breakout session



JA Malaysia, Shanthy & Roshaan, in discussion with students during breakout session

JA Singapore

JA Singapore and Johnson & Johnson launched the inaugural WiSTEM2D program in Singapore during the week of November 20, 2017.

The inaugural WiSTEM2D program seeks to cultivate females' STEM2D interests at an early age and help them continue to grow and develop in these areas, preparing and positioning them to pursue higher education and careers in STEM2D. With this foundation, they are primed to make valuable contributions to their communities, companies, and the world in the decades ahead.



30 girls and 40 volunteers from Johnson & Johnson were engaged in the program.



Building with junk – a dog robot

Up-Coming JA events in the Asia Pacific region

JA Asia Pacific

2018 JA Asia Pacific Company of the Year Competition (JA AP COY)

March 28 to 31, 2018

Beijing, China

JA Brunei

JA Company Program Roadshow

January 17, 18, 20, 2017

Brunei Polytechnic Campuses

JA Hong Kong

JA Company Programme – CEO Briefing (Trade Fair and Design Consultation)

December 16, 2017

JA Hong Kong

Prestasi Junior Indonesia

USAID JAPRI – Training for the poor and vulnerable

December 18 to 20, 2017

Trenggelak Regency, East Java, Indonesia

JA Japan

TTBiz Final Presentation

January 21, 2018

Tokyo, Japan

Up-Coming JA events in the Asia Pacific region

JA Korea

Teachers and University student volunteers' training sessions

December 2017

3,000 students across 10 locations across South Korea

JA Malaysia

JA Pathways to Employment Program – soft skills workshop

December 17, 2017

MySkills Training Centre, Port Klang, Malaysia

JA Singapore

COY competition

January 27, 2018

Nanyang Junior College, Singapore

JA Thailand

JA Company Program Trade Fair

Jan 21, 2018

Gateway Ekamai mall in Bangkok Thailand