

# JA AP WORKS

December 2016

## Message from Vivian Lau, President of JA Asia Pacific

As 2016 draws to a close, I would like to thank all of YOU for your passion and dedication for serving our youth in this region. On behalf of the young people we serve, I would like to salute each and every one of YOU and your team.

We have a lot to celebrate in 2016. On JA Asia Pacific's footprint:

- The official launch of JA Brunei in January
- The restarting of JA Australia in September
- The independence of JA Malaysia in November

We are honored to welcome new JA Asia Pacific board members:

- Edward Lee from COL Financial Group
- Toby Brown from MetLife Japan
- Mark Manning from Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation
- Alice Chou from L2 Foundation, and
- PG Raghuraman from Accenture

We thank Rob Gardiner for his leadership on the Member Council in the last two years, and are honored that Hau Yee Ng will be serving the second year of a two-year term. Congratulations to Yoriko Kuroki, who was elected by the JA AP SLT to join Hau Yee as our two representatives on the Member Council.

In June 2016, for the first time, the JA Worldwide Board graced the Asia Pacific region with the JA Worldwide Board meeting taking place in Hong Kong. Leveraging the presence of global and regional leaders in town, the highlight of the week was the JA AP Youth Talk Conference and JA AP Welcome Dinner, where global and Asia Pacific regional business leaders and youth from 12 Asia Pacific locations discussed and responded to the main youth issues in this region

On the regional events and competition, JA Korea successfully hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> JA AP COY event in the heart of Seoul in February. 2016 also marked the 10<sup>th</sup> ITC. In the last ten years, the ITC had inspired and empowered over 17,000 young entrepreneurs with the support of FedEx Express Asia Pacific. 24 teams from eight markets came together in Hong Kong in August to compete for the regional championship and to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ITC.

With the support of our AP Members, the JA Cha-Ching program was piloted successfully across 7 Asia Pacific markets in the 1st half of 2016. JA Philippines became the first and biggest implementation market in Asia Pacific following the successful pilot. And we look forward to expanding the program to reach more students in 2017 and beyond.

Connecting with JA Alumni remains an integral part of the ROC regional priorities in the ROC's engagements with stakeholders across the region. JA AP ROC proudly extended the opportunity for JA AP Alumni to attend the JA Alumni Europe Conference in August in Stuttgart, Germany. The conference brought together over 100 JA Alumni from all over Europe (and beyond) to take their JA Experience further

To bring 2016 to an exciting completion, we bring you the highlights of the JA Company Programme 2016/17 Trade Fair in Hong Kong and the TEDxYouth@hongkong 2016.

As we look forward to 2017, let's continue to work together to inspire and empower our future leaders. May 2017 bring you, your family and your team members inspirations and fulfillment!



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## JA Company Programme 2016/17 Trade Fair Unleashing Hong Kong Young People's Entrepreneurial Spirits

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Official opening ceremony of the Trade Fair

JA Hong Kong had organized another successful JA Company Programme (JA CP) 2016/17 Trade Fair on December 17, Saturday. 1,700 young entrepreneurs had participated and experienced the operation of a real business in the heart of the central district in Hong Kong.

JA Hong Kong had launched JA CP in Hong Kong 13 years ago, the program has benefitted more than 20,100 senior secondary students. Winners of JA CP have the opportunity to represent Hong Kong and compete with other Company Program national champions at the JA Asia Pacific Company of the Year Competition, as well as the Next Generation Leaders Forum in Canada.



**Sealon** from **Christian Alliance Cheng Wing Gee College** was named Champion of The Best Offering Award, School-based Track

1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up: **REPEat** from **SKH Kei Hau Secondary School**

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up: **Hawker** from **Stewards Pooi Kei College**

The Trade Fair is the annual highlight of the 8-month JA CP and attracted over 12,000 visitors. Forty business founders and professionals were invited to be judges for the Best Offering Award, Best Booth Award, and Best Teamwork Award. Participating teams voted among themselves for the Most Popular Offering Award.



The JA CP Trade fair in the heart of Hong Kong's Central district

For more information on the winning teams and actions at the JA Hong Kong Company Programme 2016/17 Trade Fair, please visit [JA Hong Kong Facebook page](#)

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## **TEDxYouth@Hong Kong**

### **All or Nothing**

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TEDxYOUTH@HONG KONG 2016 - ALL OR NOTHING

(Date: 3 Dec 2016 (Sat))

Aligned with JA's vision to inspire our youth to create their future, TEDxYouth@HongKong 2016 was successfully held on December 3, 2016. TEDxYouth@HongKong is an annual event and is in its 7<sup>th</sup> year in 2016, we take pride in showcasing [over 15 of Hong Kong's doers, thinkers, shapers and innovators from all walks of life](#). They build on TED's core philosophy of sharing ideas and personal narratives to inspire dialogue and empower the next generation.



The theme of TEDxYouth@HongKong 2016, "All or Nothing" is an invitation, a request, and a challenge. The world, more than ever, is at a defining time. How can one be certain that something is a "do it or die" opportunity? Is this a "now or never" moment? These questions for the young people are meant to inspire new considerations, conversations, and collaborations for their envisioned futures.





Co-organized by JA Asia Pacific and eLearning Consortium, the event is convened and curated by Vivian Lau, President of JA Asia Pacific. You may watch the delayed stream of the event by clicking [here](#).

#TEDxYouthHongKong2016

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## Some of the JA AP special moments in 2016...

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As we approach the end of the year, we are proud to share the links to some of JA AP special moments created with all of you in 2016. Enjoy!

### [2016 JA AP COY Korea](#)



### [JA AP Youth Talk Conference and Welcome dinner](#)



[The 10<sup>th</sup> ITC in Hong Kong](#)



[JA Cha-Ching Program](#)



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A story on a JA Alumni or Volunteer? News on people? Interested to promote local events across the JA AP network?

Please email [Winnie Ho](#) to share with the network through the JA AP WORKS!

Until the next JA AP WORKS, have an inspiring and empowering day!

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