

**3rd Caring for the Future Foundation (CFF)
International Convention in Tokyo 2015**

June 25-28, 2015

26 June 2015 - OPENING AND PRESENTATION MEETING

Earlier in the morning, the delegates from CFF Japan, Philippines and Malaysia visited Futaba-Gauken at Nishi Cho-fu.

1. FORMAL OPENING

The International Convention was formally opened at 2:30 P.M. with the Board of the three member-nations present.

Dir. Teruo Yoshino, Chairman of the International Convention, welcomed the participants, stressing on pursuing the goals set in the international convention set two years ago in the Philippines.

2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

With the Board of the member nations present, namely:

CFF Japan

1. Dir. Masayuki Watanabe
2. Dir. Fumiko Maihara
3. Dir. Teruo Yoshino

CFF Philippines

1. Pres. Ma. Cristina Dalope
2. IPP Joseph Lo
3. VP Reynaldo Jimenez

CFF Malaysia

1. Mitsuhiro Abe
2. Ps. Chin Chi Kong
3. Dir. Saroja Palaniappan

there is quorum to conduct business.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Engr. Joseph Lo, Board member and immediate past president of CFF Philippines, read the minutes of the previous international convention held in the Philippines, emphasizing the key points of the previous convention, notably –

- Three voting delegates from each member-nation in deciding matters affecting the Alliance
- The declaration of principle of the Alliance
- The thrust of each member-nation in the next two years
- The development of a common website for the Alliance
- The possible establishment of CFF Myanmar
- The collective efforts to help victims of Typhoon Yolanda
- The hosting of the 3rd International Convention in 2015

As moved by CFF Philippines, and seconded by CFF Malaysia, the minutes of the previous international convention is hereby carried and approved.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- CFF Philippines offered its facility through the local government of Quezon City and the Philippine National Government to victims of Typhoon Yolanda. Since, however, there were no orphans coming from the area, CFF Philippines was not able to host a client from the affected area.
- International website for the Alliance had been designed by Teruo Yoshino, with the soft copy distributed to each member-nation for data loading.

5. REPORT/ PRESENTATION FROM EACH MEMBER NATION

- **Vice President Reynaldo Jimenez presented for CFF Philippines. He first introduced the members of the delegation: President Maria Cristina Dalope – Mamaril, IPP Joseph Lo, Dir. Simon Brown, Dir. Henry Onia, and Dir. Michael Camilo Datario.**

CFF Philippines --

1. Houses 13 children, 7 boys and 6 girls. The Oldest is 14 years old, while the youngest is 4 years old. All 13 are enrolled in school. They have received awards and recognition in school.

2. Has eight other children who had been finally reintegrated with their families
3. Has one child still under After Care Program for 8 months with scholarship grant from Guanzon Foundation, while another one is already employed with Guanzon Group of Companies. Three are under foster care by 3 families of Guanzon Group of Companies.
4. The following programs were adopted for the holistic development of the children: scholarship program, after-care program, spiritual formation, medical and psychological evaluation, home visit and home stay program, educational tour and recreational activities, livelihood and skills development, physical education and sports activities, collective learning and sharing, joint exposure activities with other organizations, and case conference.
5. Youth Work Camps, Study Tours and Happy Camps were successfully conducted and jointly managed by the staff of CFFP and CFFJ with their Camp Directors and Leaders.
6. Hosted "Super Global High School Program" with Junten High School, Japan and CFF Japan.
7. "GRASSROOTS" the maiden issue of CFF Philippines newsletter was released last August 2014.
8. A new building was constructed to house the growing girls. The Fourth Building is the new Girls Dormitory to separate them from the growing boys (*fund support from Japanese friends through CFF Japan*).
9. The following facilities were installed: children's playground, chicken coop and provision of a small area for organic chicken farming and vegetable gardening.
10. Purchased new Suzuki Ertiga in 2014 with fund support from Japanese friends through CFF Japan and CFF Philippines IPP Joseph Lo.
11. There is gradual increase in local donations.

- **Takishi Iishi presented for CFF Japan. He started with a movie presentation about the origin and efforts of CFF Japan, and the experience of CFF campers and how it changed them for the better.**

CFF Japan --

1. Strengthened public relations and marketing through recruitment of campers. Past earnings and finances were also reviewed (number of delegates, frequency, amount collected) to determine strengths and weaknesses of their PR activities.
 2. Made video to advertise and recruit in schools and universities (25 times in 17 schools), as well as in public places (done 20 times, twice a week).
 3. Trained program leaders for the recruitment and orientation. As of June 21, 2015, there are now 98 applicants, compared to 40 last year.
 4. Myanmar study camp had started last year, establishing that there is a need for Japanese youth to support the youth of Myanmar.
 5. Leadership training camps were held to prepare program leaders.
 6. Improved the internship program by providing the guidelines for internship to better equip the interns to become leaders themselves.
 7. Started cooperation with Japanese education agency to improve youth training and expand the coverage of CFF Japan.
 8. Initiated "Super Global High School Program" with Junten High School, which already visited CFF Philippines.
 9. Driven in training youth while caring for children's welfare at the same time. If one fails, the other will fail, too.
- **Ps. Chin Chi Kiong presented for CFF Malaysia. He introduced the other members of the delegation, namely Mitsuhiro Abe and Saroja Palaniappan. He likewise started with a video presentation highlighting the poverty of the area which left a considerable**

number of children neglected, and the role CFF Malaysia in uplifting the welfare of the neglected and downtrodden.

CFF Malaysia —

1. Has completed the construction of a new building in the Center in order to accommodate more children.
2. Intensified the cultivation of mangosteen and culture of fish for sale in order to raise revenue for the operation of the Center.
3. Has 10 clients at present, who are subject to programs of the Center for their care and development. They are tendered recreational and educational activities for character-building in order that they grow into persons of influence.

6. DISCUSSION

- IPP Joseph Lo asked CFF Japan how it appropriates the campers among Philippines, Japan and Myanmar, and Takeshi Iishi responded that they allow the campers to choose but the quota (equal distribution among the countries) shall be observed.
- Pres. Ma. Cristina Dalope- Mamaril clarified with CFF Japan: what if the camper chooses Philippines but the quota for the Philippines had already been met, how do they accommodate the camper? Takeshi responded that they offer other schedules for that country if the quota had already been met at that moment.
- IPP Joseph Lo asked CFF Malaysia about their relationship with the community, to which Mitsuhiro Abe responded that the community is already confident with CFF Malaysia, but mainly the members of the church which support the Center. He mentioned that, in fact, the building that was recently constructed was sourced through local funding.
- Keiko Takanashi asked CFF Philippines: what if the scholarship/ subsidy/ salary given to after-care clients who had been granted employment would be used to support the everyday needs of the poor family, is there a way to monitor this?

IPP Joseph Lo responded that he taught the client to stand for himself, make him stronger. He transferred the client to another

place far from his home in order to insulate him from financial demands of his relatives and to teach him to stand and survive on his own. This is the same strategy that CFF Philippines might be adopting in regard other clients who may be similarly situated.

Pres. Ma. Cristina Dalope- Mamaril emphasized that this is one of the challenge to CFF Philippines: to find suitable foster parent for the clients as part of the after-care in order to avoid the vicious cycle of poverty affecting the client.

- Keiko Takanashi also asked about the efforts of CFF Philippines on local fund-raising. Pres. Ma. Cristina Dalope- Mamaril informed the Alliance about the efforts of the local Board in order to raise local funding.

IPP Joseph Lo added that CFF in its entirety is not merely about hope, but realistically is there to open a door to the clients who has no access in meeting their needs. Thus, there is a need to invest on people, not just on money. CFF Philippines can be a linkage in opening a door to the educated citizens and well-off students of Philippines to support the movement.

- Dir. Teruo Yoshino proposed that the presentations and results of the deliberation be incorporated in the website being designed, which the body approved.

The session adjourned at 4:45 P.M.