2016 Regional Leaders Meeting @Sri Lanka (Jul9-10) Feedback

Summary:

Time arrangement /Contents

1. Need feedback session for last year RLM kadai
2. Time for inter-chapter event (charity, app development, etc.)
3. Information sharing from other units' RLM

Accomdation and transportation

1. Keep flexibility on duration
2. Flight time suggested from CLs to travel agent appointed by Alumni office. No overseas remittance and currency convert is necessary
3. Host chapter leader shall also be assigned to same hotel consider long time transport
4. Meeting room requirement(for more people need round table)

After RLM

1. Effective commuication route from board and alumni office to Chapters is needed for unsolved problems

What we want to hear from you		CL①	CL②	CL③	CL④
1.What you have learnt? (Highlight those you think are very helpful to your chapter)	From Board	- Alumni's activities should be clearly separated from countries' offices. Helps can be arranged with some trade-off exchanges (win win situation) - Instead, Alumni should focus more on helping Alumnus connected, strengthen Alumni network	- There will be more detailed instruction and support from Board and APU for Alumni activities regarding finance, information and guidance. - More information how to effectively build up Chapter, and better vision for new leaders.	We were only connected to APU so far as we were not aware that we could maintain communication with the Board until this meeting. I now have realized that we could get help and support from the board as well. (For an example, for deciding whom to invite for AGM Sri Lanka.)	This is the first time I learnt the responsibilities handled by the board and I am very impressed by the workload they handle.
	From other chapters	-Thailand case is no.1 of recruiting members and it is good to have a very senior working position Alumnus among members	-To increase the attractiveness To Chatper activities. Some model can be copied or bring back with Some alternation. - Difficulties and Possible solution for them, we may face those difficulties in some day. - How to increase effectiveness in recruite new members.	We could get to know that there are common concerns from other chapters similar to ours. There will be less voice if only Sri Lanka chapter had such problems. Therefore, this meeting gave me enough confident to open up and share more about the problems we are facing with other chapters, board and APU. This feeling will lead us to give our honest feedback more effectively in the future meetings.	The meeting was a great opportunity to get to know the hardwork by other chapters. Their activities should be shared in our AGM with Sri Lankan alumni to encourage them.
	From APU	- Attempt to set up boost for Alumni chapters at Graduation ceremony - Attempt to support Alumni with worldwide family	- Increase in attention of APU to development of Alumni association. Also the support from APU in the future in recruiting new alumni members, introduction of alumni association to current students body and other support. - Updates information from APU. - There are some hints for ALUMNI activities: internship, joint-activities for graduating students from any country, job hunting activities.	With Ito kacho's presence, I could recognize APU's confidence level towards their alumni. I realized the importance that a person who speaks both Japanese and English conveys us how APU is planning ahead for the future and how APU think alumni can be involved in that process.	
2. Is there new activity you want to try inspired by RLM?		- There is an agreement among Thai's and HCMC's teams regarding of creating a kind of mobile app which allows members to catch-up with chapters' activities according to the publicity of members' location.	- Joint-activities with other Chapter: Thai, SR or Ha Noi in order to bring members come together. - Create some application/ means to help connect all the alumni from all over the world and support alumni in their works and business.	Other chapters are hosting number of causal get-togethers. I was inspired by those activities and believe Sri Lanka Chapter should organize more casual get-togethers as it will motivate Sri Lankan alumni to be active members as we are lacking that.	
3. What you are still not clear	Alumni association vision	Somehow, I see APU requires Alumni doing things regarding new students recruitment.	It's clear to me now regarding what Alumni Association vision is.		
	Budget	It is clear after RLM 2016	We waiting for English version of budget since some of alumni not very fluent in Japanese.(Note: Office sent out Eng version in Jul)		
	Regarding RLM	Shall Vietnam proposal another chapter in Da Nang? the number of Alumnus there is increasing.			
	Others				
4. What you think can be improved in next year	Hotel	It is good if we can arrange some local foods and eating out other than general travellers foods at the Hotel	There is no need to improve in the quality of hotel.		Host chapter leaders should also be provided accomadation at the same hotel as they may live very far from the hotel and it is inconvinient to travel far while
	Transportation	Should be arranged by the host chapter for Leaders as in Sri Lanka Meeting.	The transportation from hotel can be arranged by the host chapter for Leaders as in Sri Lanka Meeting.		
	Time	Please consider the working peak. To me, the easiest going time shalbe be after April till September	Time is okay. But should be in the season without too much tourist or weather is not in favor. Everything is fine this time. It is only 2 days so the schedule is quite busy and tight. But it's fine.		
	Venue	I prefer venue closed to some attractions so that I can utilize spare time			
	Schedule/Contents			We can allocate time to discuss how APU alumni office has improved after the last RLM. (For an example, we can discuss in year 2017 RLM about the initiatives APU took in order to solve the problems raised by the chapters in year 2016 RLM.)	
	Efficiency/ Time arrangement	There should be some more disclosure main points of the topic that will be discussed. It can help we prepare better, and have more in depth discussion.	There should be some more disclosure main points of the topic that will be discussed. It can help we prepare better, and have more in depth discussion.		
Other Comments		Please keep the flexibility of CL's duration in host country			We, Sri Lanka chapter raised our concern about non graduates being committee members in the meeting. This does not bring good reputation in the Sri Lankan context. Therefore, we would like to have agreement on this from APU side before any arguments will be made by Sri Lankan alumni, who are non graduates in the upcoming AGM. We would like to hear about this soon, by the

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1.What you have learnt? (Highlight those you think are very helpful to your chapter)	From Board	Board supported a lot behind the scene, however I feel they should be more flexible and consider Chapters opinion as a priority.	The most helpful thing is that board will be flexible on accepting subsidy application for events, by considering purchasing parity in the country.	About financial support : President Yoshida-san is willing to support the special case of budget request for chapters like Sri Lanka and India, ho is having a problem of less participation of alumni and also on finance.	After listening to Mali explained how she prepared for the RLM, I was truly impressed. She really took care of every thing down to the smallest details. I hope I would be as good as Mali the next time Hanoi holds an RLM. 2. I am grateful for Mr. Yoshida's hard work and patience. It is clearly hard work to organize many meetings and answering to all the concerns from other chapters. I will share these amazing stories with my core members.
	From other chapters	Got motivated to try out the events which other chapters have already done. Inspired by their hard work and success.	There should be some digital platform/phone application for alumni network. Although I feel every chapter has its own problems and possible solutions, depending on the culture/customs/traditions so we can not generalize the things. For ex; some activities are possible with Thai chapter that has large participants which are not possible with other chapters.	Some chapters are in contact with Japanese companies, under official request from them.	I really like the frankness of Oka-san and Mukul-san. I think they face many troubles because of the demography and geography of India. But they have been persistent in their attempts in solving the problems. I admire them for that. I wish next year, I will hear from them success stories. 2. Chapter Thailand is always impressive. I think the way they share the works among core members are efficient. And I am looking forward to hear from them about the results of the Undou-kai (Sports day) they will hold in October.
	From APU	I realised APU was very helpful than from what I actually thought.	Embassy people are appreciating events organized by alumni and in future APU will contact them and Japanese companies to sponsor chapter events. Sakura trees have been planted in APU campus. Global internships are being held in different countries. Alumni are being invited during Tenkusai, to experience APU life and help for disaster victims.	About current situation of Alumni Partner System, which is still not stabilized yet. Expecting to have some further announcement for how it will be active.	In the next 10 years, many APU graduates from first batch will be in important positions in society. I am looking forward to hear their stories in the coming future.
2. Is there new activity you want to try inspired by RLM?		Planning on having more Alumni get to gather to increase the interaction between the members. And committee meeting more often.	Although we included them in our activities plan earlier, would like to try for sponsorship from Japanese cos. in India and donation program for poor Indian children.	As of now, India chapter is facing the less participation, so we need to find some attractiveness	Inspired by RLM, I want to organize the charity event and the Sports day the way Thailand Chapter has done.
3. What you are still not clear	Alumni association vision		-	Well understood. But we feel action or output from the board are not coming towards this.	I am clear on the vision. I really wish by organizing good chapter activities, I can help bring many people of different interests and careers together, thus help bringing about more business opportunities or meaningful projects among my chapter members.
	Budget		-	Why help person from office is having the right to make decision on proposed activity from each chapter.	
	Regarding RLM		Why no response is given after collecting problems from individual chapters and recording them in minutes? I really hope the problems are solved with support from APU/Board/Secretariat.	How board can do the proper follow up on opinions came up at the meeting. We can not see the face of members other than Yoshida-san, at overseas chapters.	
	Others		The role of chapter partner, APU Alumni office, board, admissions, career office, and Ritsumeikan Delhi office.	How APU it self is willing to support Alumni association, as this organization is still young, and as SGU, Alumni activity and existence are clearly mentioned to have important roll for APU.	
4. What you think can be improved in next year	Hotel		The guidelines should be clear for hotel charges/stay for CLs and the accompanying people (spouse/friends etc.).	Costing of the hotel should be more considered, with more reasonable options.	It was great.
	Transportation		The guidelines should be clear for transportation for CLs and the accompanying people (spouse/friends etc.).	Air flight arrangement through agent is not cost effective. We think APU should be more adopted to various currency transaction.	Thanks to host chapter, the transportation was smooth.
	Time		-	May be we can start from morning of first day, but it depends on arrival timing of participants.	I think the timing was fine. Though the meeting was long, it was very informative, interesting and helpful.
	Venue		The meeting room should have more space, so that CLs can move their places (round tables, standing activities etc.)	Going around with each chapter for each year seems fine and good.	It was great.
	Schedule/Contents		Some information should be given on other RLM/chapter activities so that we can learn from them also.	Sharing the activities and experience of each chapters are important but we think more on discussion between board is more needed, to understand and make opinion. We do not think details how the host chapter has done the arrangement is needed to be presented at the meeting.	I think the contents of the meeting cover all important issues.
	Efficiency/ Time arrangement		Should be more flexible when discussing some serious problems with chapters. Sometimes we are asked to discuss the things later and we tend to forget to discuss them later.	Held on weekend is fine but with some location wise, we need to take 1.5 to 2 day leave from the company.	Thanks to coordinator, the meeting was carried out with efficiency and we touched all important issues for all chapters.
Other Comments		As i have mention above board should consider more on chapter's opinions, because each chapter's satisfaction is important to continue the strength of that particular chapter. And be more flexible on making decisions.	I really feel this work (volunteer) done by alumni association should be conveyed to current students and appreciated more by board, APU offices also. CLs are helping in marketing APU, as well as making current students life easier when they graduate from APU.	Language unification, we are global university graduates. Participation of board members other from President will be needed, under the point of view of continuous support and activity for long term future.	

What we want to hear from you		CL⑨	CL⑩	CL⑪
1.What you have learnt? (Highlight those you think are very helpful to your chapter)	From Board	* Vision of Alumni * Board members and liaisons among host chapter, board and coordinator * How a RLM is organized in a more detailed and closer look; what advantage and disadvantage they have while organizing	I just learned that the budget we received are from students. We should think more carefully when we plan for future activities.	I'm so glad to hear new interesting event 'Kyushu Rebuilding Event'from board. Not only supporting our second home, but also promoting APU alumni association's activities in order to welcome any graduated students who are not active to alumni event to participate university's event again. So far, many graduated student from Thailand are interested in this event, so I think this will help us stimulated any other event from now on. According to new chapter establishment information from board, I have also informed to Thai chapter members in APU Alumni Reunion event in Bangkok. Let them know recent information of APU Alumni Association.
	From other chapters	* There are chapters as Thai chapter doing well with their activities, which I think reflects their efforts and effective activity organizing. After our discussion, I have learnt some activities that worked with Thai or HCM chapter and been figuring the way to adapt these ideas into Hanoi chapter's activities. * We all also learnt about challenges that other chapters are facing such as lack of participants in India or shortage of Alumni leader successors, etc.	It was great to hear what other chapters are doing. I hope that we can keep in touch online so whenever other chapters need our help we can brainstorm some solutions for them.	We have learnt each others again after I have learnt once from RLM in Hanoi. Especially, this time I learned from Hanoi chapter that they tried to focus in creating event in small focused group which have each particular interest. For example music, sports. Thai chapter will also try to hold sports festival too this year.
	From APU	* This is my first time in RLM as well as first time hearing visions (APU 2020) and plans of APU in involving Alumni in school's current activities. These campaigns are great ideas to have current students know more and consequently find Alumni helpful; and also encouraging Alumni to contribute more back to APU either fundings or a helping hand.	-	I am very happy to hear that APU have plan to develop Global Alumni Application. As one of alumni vision said 'To make everywhere HOME for APU Alumni, I think Global Alumni Applications will realize this vision. As representative of Thailand chapter, I firmly believe that graduated students in Thailand are looking forward to use this applications. Also, I have already informed some new information from APU to Thailand Alumni in our reunion meeting such as Sakura Mori, Global Internship and so on.
2. Is there new activity you want to try inspired by RLM?		* Weekend picnic (with transportation fee covered by Chapter) might attract more people to come travel and enjoy together. This idea is from Thailand and I was convinced.	Of course!! We should hold more international events where not only we can meet our friends from the same nationality but also friends from other countries!	Because all chapters in RLM agreed with our APU Hands project which is volunteer and fund raising activities, we will keep continuing this project, and enhancing non-active members to participate in activities in the future.
3. What you are still not clear	Alumni association vision		-	
	Budget		-	
	Regarding RLM		It is really good to hold RLM once a year and it would be even better if there is a rotation in RLM groups so we get to meet new chapter leaders. However, since we have many core members in Thailand Chapter it would be better if more people are allowed to participate in the RLM.	
	Others	About requested guest professors from APU, do we apply free participation for these cases? Please note that this is professors we applied for via Office/Board, not the ones who ask to join us.	I'm really interested in mobile application development for Alumni. If possible, I would like to have further information on this from APU. I may not be an expert in IT but I may be able to contribute some ideas on what features this application should have from a user point of view.	
4. What you think can be improved in next year	Hotel	Everything was well-prepared.	Couldn't be happier about the hotel	Kingsbury Hotel is very comfortable. 2 nights in this hotel was great.
	Transportation	This procedure can be easier from both Alumni board and Chapter Leaders if Board does the reservation and payment themselves (not reservation via chapter leaders and no more foreign currency remittance) and flight time can be requested by chapter leaders.	Airport transfer was good although I personally wouldn't mind finding my own way. However, we had many people flying in and out at similar time so it would be more cost-efficient if we did carpooling. We could have saved more budget for other things :) Two persons per car was a bit waste in my opinion.	There were pick-up service from hotel to airport. Also, sightseeing after meeting was comfortable because host chapter brought us to necessary place by their own cars. Therefore, we are satisfiied with Srilanka chapter's arrangement.
	Time	Weekends are reasonable time frame for RLMs.	More time to discuss ideas from each chapter	Excellent arrangement. Also, CLs are punctual to an appointed time.
	Venue		The room and equipment were nice but I'd prefer a table setting where everyone can easily see each other faces at the same time. Otherwise, we need microphones for this kind of table. A long board table like this is suitable for reporting, not for discussing.	Venue in this hotel is a bit narrow. In first half of meeting, WI-FI internet connection had problem. It wasn't smooth when have this problem, because I had plan to show some photo from Alumni Thailand Facebook group. By the way, I think it is not big issue for this time.
	Schedule/Contents	* Normally, the RLM will be carried out in the hotel and venue will be announced later to all chapter leaders when they are in the host country. However, this should be enclosed in the agenda as well (I am sorry if thet is my fault not noticing, but I could not find the meeting venue) * Hotel checkout is normally 12 P.M, so preferrably the meeting length is to be adjusted so that chapter leaders are able to attend all meeting sessions and still have time to rest before flying back to home country. * Also, a few flights with certain time recommended by Host chapter/Board is advised.	Personally I would like to have a time to present and discuss our ideas on what we can do together across chapters such as fund-raising for charity or mobile application. Since there was no such schedule for them, I had to present at the same time when I presented Thailand Chapter	I think this year RLM had better schedule than previous time. Contents were included by every necessary topic we have to discuss.
	Efficiency/ Time arrangement	I understand the length is the minimum compulsory amount of time to convey all contents of all chapters in one whole year.	It would be better if everyone made a powerpoint presentation. Oral presentation is good for a very short content. People tend to lose focus if it's longer than 5 minutes. Having a visual presentation is better at keeping everyone attention.	Thank you to coordinator for having great time management for this RLM.
Other Comments			I really appreciate and respect everyone who volunteer to organize events and activities for our Alumni Association! I do believe we will make a great team so hope to keep in touch with everyone. Thank you so much!!	