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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The second half of 2013 has been an exciting time for AASP. First and foremost, on August 21-24, the 10th Biennial Conference of the Association was held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, at Universitas Gadjah Mada, the largest university in terms of student body and the oldest institution in the country. As President of the Association, I would like to congratulate the Chair of the Organizing Committee, Dr. Kwartarini Wahyu Yuniarti, Dean Supra Wimbari, Chair of the Scientific Committee Uichol Kim, and all the many members of her team, for a wonderful and well-attended conference. The theme of the conference, "Enhancing Quality of Life through Community Integrity and Cultural Diversity: Promoting Indigenous, Social and Cultural Psychology" is very much in keeping with the major themes of the association as a whole, including a focus on culture and community-oriented practice. One highlight of the conference Professor Irwanto of Universitas Atmajaya's passionate and memorable keynote address on his experiences of prejudice and discrimination, but also opportunity as an ethnic Chinese growing up in Indonesia. Another was the JH Park State of the Art Address by Professor Sik-hung Ng, encapsulating his career learnings about social identity and social change, from his time at Bristol University studying with Henri Tajfel to his recent retirement from City University of Hong Kong. I had the great pleasure of presenting Professor Ng with a Lifetime Contributions



*Professor James H. Liu
President, Asian Association
of Social Psychology*

Award from AASP in recognition of his achievements. He was my first academic mentor as I began my career at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand, and since has mentored many other young Asian scholars, particularly in his role as Principal of the 4th AASP Summer School held in Yogyakarta prior to the conference. Professor Ng will continue in this capacity as Chair of Education and Training for AASP. Joining him as new members of the Executive Committee are President-Elect Allan Bernardo, Publication and Research Chair (and Editor of the *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*) Emiko Kashima, and Treasurer Tasuku Igarashi.

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AASP now has a well-established Summer School, supported by research funding from the K.S. Yang Fund for the Summer School teachers and students to continue working together to execute the research they planned during the school. About 40-50 young scholars throughout Asia, Australasia, and even Europe attend, providing an important international connective forum for early career scholars. The Centre for Applied Cross-Cultural Research at Victoria University of Wellington held a collaborations evening to support international collaboration for more advanced early career scholars: Allan Bernardo, Kwok Leung, Susumu Yamaguchi and myself opened our labs to applicants who shared dinner together and generated collective research ideas they will be working on together in the future. In addition to these opportunities for collaboration, several financial awards were also made to support conference attendance and registration: Eugene Tee was provided with a KS Yang Travel Award. The Park Jung-Heun Young Scholar Award recipient was Haidar Buldan Thontowi (Universitas Gadjah Mada), while the Jung Tae-Gon Young Scholar Award was Andrian Liem (Universitas Ciputra).

The Michael H. Bond Award, recognizing Outstanding Early Career Achievements, was awarded jointly to Sylvia Xiaohua Chen and Melody Manchi Chao, whom the Committee found equally outstanding in their contributions to the

field. AASP also recognized the accomplishments of more senior scholars through the Misumi Awards for Best Paper published in the *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*. For Volume 14, the winners were Nobuhiko Goto and Minoru Karasawa for “Identification of a wrongful subgroup and the feeling of collective guilt”, and for Volume 15, the best paper was “Modesty in self-presentation: A comparison between the USA and Japan” by Toshio Yamagishi, Hirofumi Hashimoto, Karen S. Cook, Toko Kiyonari, Mizuho Shinada, Nobuhiro Mifune, Keigo Inukai, Haruto Takagishi, Yutaka Horita & Li Yang.

The 2013 AASP conference was also notable for establishing a new Mission Statement for the association. The text of statement, approved by the Executive Committee and the General Assembly is as follows: “AASP (The Asian Association of Social Psychology)’s Mission is to provide scholars in Asia and the Pacific with a collaborative forum for discussion, promotion, capabilities building, and publication of their research. It promotes research on Asian traditions, philosophies, and ideas that have scientific merit and practical applications, and expands the boundary, substance, and direction of social psychology by supplementing and integrating Western psychology's focus on intra-individual processes with a broader and more holistic view from culture and society.”

In the process of constructing of the Mission Statement (with thanks to AASPs regional and country representatives—see previous editions of the newsletter from 2011 and 2012), a persistent theme that came up was a desire for more opportunities for publication (i.e., research dissemination), especially in developing countries. I am therefore happy to announce that AASP has signed a contract to produce one special issue of the *Journal of Pacific Rim Psychology* (JPRP) a year for the next 5 years. JPRP is an online only journal that has an impact factor (0.6 in 2012) and is indexed on PsycInfo and many other important databases. Our special issues will emphasize applied, action-oriented research in Asia and the Pacific (see separate article in the newsletter) that add to AASP’s portfolio of publications, in between the entry level conference proceedings published in *Progress in Asian Social Psychology* and our flagship journal *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*. President-Elect Allan Bernardo and I will co-edit the special issues, and we look forward to a lively debate and progress in pushing forward science and application as a vibrant wing of Asian social psychology.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

First, allow me to thank the members and officers of the AASP for choosing me to be its President-Elect. The position comes with great responsibilities particularly as I will be handed the responsibilities of President of our growing association in two years.

I am now getting reacquainted with the Executive Committee of the AASP after leaving the group in 2011 (after serving as General Secretary for four years). I am happy to note that in just two years' time so many positive developments have taken place in the Association. Most notably, the Association has adopted a revised mission statement, which reflects a reassessment and a re-articulation of the aspirations of the members of the Association.

It is but natural that as the Association grows, we will have to rethink elements of our goals and processes in order to adopt to the changes in social psychology as a discipline and to the diversity of the social psychology community in Asia.

In the two years that I will serve the Association as President-Elect, I hope to work closely with Prof. James Liu, our President, in developing concrete strategies and programs that will help us realize the most important elements of our new mission. Many of these strategies would most likely need the active support and participation of individual members of the association, and we hope that we would be able to tap many of you to be involved in these plans. We hope to roll-out these programs



*Allan B. I. Bernardo,
University of Macau*

after consultations with specific stakeholders in the Association.

I hope we all continue to support the initiatives of the AASP, and that we all continue to work together to sustain the growth of social psychology in Asia.



*Jiro Takai
Nagoya University*

Here are some latest news regarding the composition of our association, and the awards presented at our 10th Biennial Conference of AASP. Here, I would like to announce the new Executive Committee, present to you the winners of our association awards, and report on the latest membership statistics.

New Executives: At our AGM during the Yogyakarta Conference, we passed the new executive committee. Here is our new executives list for 2013-2015.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Core Executives

President	James Liu
Past President	Jianxin Zhang
President-elect	Allan B.I. Bernardo
Secretary General	Jiro Takai
Treasurer	Tasuku Igarashi

Committee Chairs

Publication and Research	Emiko Kashima
Education and Training	Sik Hung Ng
Membership and Communication	Timothy Takemoto

Regional Representatives

East Asia	Li Liu
Southeast Asia	Noriani Noor
South Asia	Purnima Singh
Insular Pacific	Paul Bain

Representatives-at-large

Hong Kong	Sylvia Xiaohua Chen
Indonesia	HamdiMuluk
Indonesia	KwartariniYuniarti
Philippines	Regina Hechanova
Singapore	Catherine Ching Wan
USA	Linda Skitka
Japan	Nagata Motohiko
Taiwan	Chaoming Liu

Let us express our utmost thanks to our outgoing executives, including Uichol Kim (Past President), Yukiko Muramoto (Treasurer), Fanny Cheung (Publications and Research chair), Ramadhar Singh (Education and Training chair), TaekyunHur (East Asia representative), Lili Huang (representative-at-large Taiwan), HabibollahNadari (representative-at-large Iran) and Masaki Yuki (representative-at-large Japan). We appreciate the immense contribution you have afforded us over the years.

Association Award Winners: We announced and honored the winners of AASP's various awards at the Yogyakarta conference. Here is a list of the recipients:

Michael Harris Bond Award: Melody Manchi Chao (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology), Sylvia Xiaohua Chen (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

Misumi Award: Nobuhiko Goto & Minoru Karasawa (Vol. 14), and Toshio Yamagishi*, Hirofumi Hashimoto, Karen S. Cook, Toko Kiyonari, Mizuho, Shinada, Nobuhiro Mifune, Keigo Inukai, Haruto Takagishi, Yutaka Horita & Yang, Li (Vol. 15)

Park Jung-Heun Young Scholar Award: Haidar Buldan Thontowi (Universitas Gadjah Mada)

Jung Tae-Gon Young Scholar Award: Andrian Liem (Universitas Ciputra)

K.S. Yang Travel Award: Eugene Tee (Help University)

Life-time Achievement Award: Sik Hung Ng

Congratulations to all our winners!

Membership Report: From Wiley-Blackwell's AJSP subscription figures, the latest membership statistics as of December 2, 2013, show that our greatest constituency is Indonesia, numbering 11. Other countries in order of member numbers include: 9 each from China, and Malaysia; 8 from Taiwan; 7 each from India, Japan, and USA; 6 from Hong Kong; 5 from Philippines; 4 from Thailand; 3 each from Australia, and New Zealand; 2 each from Poland, and South Korea; and 1 each from Canada, Macau, Singapore, Sweden, and Turkey. It is quite apparent that our membership composition is truly global, and not exclusive to the Asian region.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Asian Association of Social Psychology Financial Report (July 2012 to June 2013, compiled by Yukiko Muramoto, Treasurer)

1. AASP GENERAL FUND

(1) Australian account (in Australian Dollars: AUD)

Revenue	
Carryover from the Previous Term	17,685.54
Transfer from Japanese account	1,700.24
Interest	879.64
Revenue Subtotal	20,265.42 AUD
Expenditure	0.00
Expenditure Subtotal	0.00 AUD
Australian Account Balance (Revenue – Expenditure)	20,265.42 AUD

(2) Japanese account (in Japanese Yen: JPY)

Revenue	
Carryover from the Previous Term	1,959,216
2012 AJSP Royalty	(USD 9,993.00) 948,355
2012 Honorarium for AJSP Editor	(USD 5,000.00) 474,400
2011 Member Revenue less WB Charge	(USD 2,272.00) 215,617
2012 Member Revenue less WB Charge	(USD 1,215.00) 115,306
Interest	291

Revenue Subtotal	3,713,185 JPY
Expenditure	
2012 AJSP Royalty Share with JGDA	480,721
2012 AJSP Editorial Assistance Fee	(USD 5,000.00) 474,400
2012 AJSP Web-Based Editorial System Fee	(USD 2,200.00) 208,784
AASP 2013 Conference Seed Money	(USD 3,000) 285,780
2012 JGDA-AASP Joint Symposium Support	30,000
Transfer to Australian account	153,174
Bank Fees	420
Expenditure Subtotal	1,633,279 JPY
Japanese Account Balance (Revenue – Expenditure)	2,079,906 JPY
	22,974.77 AUD

Total carryover to the next term (2013-2014) 43,240.19 AUD

Note: Exchange Rate AUD 1.00 = JPY 90.53 (June 30, 2013)

KS Yang Travel Award (in Australian Dollars)

Revenue	
Carryover from the Previous Term	66,783.93
Interest	3,321.69
Revenue Subtotal	70,105.62
Expenditure	
No Award Year	0.00
Expenditure Subtotal	0.00
Balance (Revenue – Expenditure)	70,105.62 AUD

Michael H. Bond Award for Early Career Contributions to Asian Social Psychology (in Australian Dollars)

Revenue	
Carryover from the Previous Term	19,961.81
Interest	992.86
Revenue Subtotal	20,954.67
Expenditure	
2013 Michael H. Bond Award	(USD 1,500) 1,622.54
Bank Fees	77.70
Expenditure Subtotal	1,700.24
Balance (Revenue – Expenditure)	19,254.43 AUD

SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

By Sik Hung Ng (Principal) and Kwartarini Wahyu Yuniarti (Deputy Principal)



4th AASP Summer School of Social Psychology
17-21 August, 2013
Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

School Objectives

To provide a research-intensive interactive experience for social psychology postgraduate students from various Asian universities to learn from one another and to receive specialized training from experts; and to promote cross-cultural contact and understanding among students, along with the broadening of their academic visions beyond the confines of their own localities.

Participants

A total of 47 applicants registered. They were from Indonesian (35), mainland China and Hong Kong (6), Philippines (3), Japan (2) and Australia (1). Women (30) outnumbered men (17). Most of them stayed behind to attend the AASP Biennial Conference.

School Organization

A new feature of the present School was having a Deputy Principal and her team from the host university to handle student matters relating to recruitment, registration, accommodation, catering, and classroom assistance. Their dedicated and meticulous attention to things big and small has contributed enormously to the successful running of the School, and allowed the Principal to concentrate on recruiting suitable teachers and developing specialist topics with them to ensure that a sufficiently broad range

of topics was available to potential applicants.

Topics and Teachers

Participants were grouped according to their common interest in a particular topic. Group size varied from 6 to 13.

1. Biculturalism and intergroup relation (Dr Sik Hung Ng)
2. Appraisal theories and research in emotion psychology (Dr Eddie Mun-Wai Tong)
3. Experiencing group-based disadvantage: From system justification to challenging the status quo (Dr Aarti Iyer)
4. Majority relations with minority communities: Acculturation orientations and social cohesion (Dr Richard Bourhis and Dr Nicole Carignan)
5. How can we improve intercultural communication in the health care setting? An investigation into this problem using two approaches – intercultural communication compe-



tence (ICC): A skills approach and Intergroup Communication (IGC): A dynamic socio-psychological approach (Dr Bernadette Watson)

School Activities

A reception party with plenty of singing and dancing was held on the first day, followed by three full days of academic activities that led to, on the 5th day, a mini conference in which each of the five groups presented a proposal for research. The Dean of the Faculty of Psychology, Dr. Supra Wimbari, officiated both the opening and closing of the School. The President-Elect of AASP, Professor James Liu attended the mini conference and closing ceremony.

be a part of it and learned so much for this class.” Bernadette Watson

“The present School has succeeded in advancing the AASP initiative that began with the 1st School held in Malaysia (2007) and subsequently in India (2009) and China (2011). The cumulative experience will be useful for future Schools and the increasing number of school alumni will help AASP expand its ranks.” Sik Hung Ng

Post-school activity

Our newly elected President, Professor James Liu, has been successful in setting up an award to encourage and provide seed



Comments from Teachers

“It was a real privilege to be able to spend time with bright and motivated students from around Asia. I found the workshop to be intellectually stimulating and a lot of fun. We all learned from each other over the course of the workshop and I am looking forward to continuing to work with them.” Aarti Iyer

“The AASP Summer School is a place not just where students get to learn about a research area from the teachers, but also where the teachers can get to know the rich variety of research areas the students, who are of different specialization and cultures, are themselves experts in. It has been a learning experience for me as much as it has been (I hope) for the students.” Eddie Tong

“This class provided me with a wonderful opportunity to meet dedicated and professional students who were all engaged in improving health outcomes for Indonesians. I was honoured to

funding for research arising from students’ presentation at the mini conference. The award has received the gracious support from Professor K.S. Yang, and is appropriately named “K.S. Yang Award for AASP Summer School Group Research.” Since the announcement of the Award, students have been working on their research proposals supported by their respective teachers. The Award will foster and sustain friendship through collaborative research, and further advance the objectives of the School. It is hoped that the research results will be presented at the next Biennial Conference to be held in Cebu, 2015.

On behalf of the teachers and student helpers, we thank AASP and its Executives for the opportunity to serve the School and for their trust in us.

NEWS FROM YOGYAKARTA

The 10th Biennial Conference of AASP 2013



Taking place in Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, the 10th Biennial Conference of Asian Association of Social Psychology was successfully held for 4 days from the 27th of August, 2013. This year's conference raised the theme "Enhancing Quality of Life through Community Integrity and Cultural Diversity: Promoting Indigenous, Social and Cultural Psychology". This event remains to draw strong interest among scholars around the globe indicated by a total of 814 abstract submissions and 622 conference participants from 38 countries.

Presentations covered the most updated research on multiculturalism, intergroup relations and conflict, health, creativity, identity, emotion, from a cultural and indigenous perspective. The first day was packed with participants keen on listening to the keynote addresses delivered by prominent intellectuals such as Sik Hung Ng from Hong Kong, Yoshihisa Kashima from Australia, Akira Tsuda from Japan, Kwang Kuo Hwang from Taiwan, and Irwanto from Indonesia. Special lectures were also delivered by Sylvia Chen and Melody Chao, both of whom received the MH Bond award for their outstanding contribution



to social psychology research. On this same occasion the AASP Annual General Meeting (AGM) inducted James H. Liu as president and Allan B.I. Bernardo as president elect of AASP.

The end of the first day was closed by a collaboration dinner sponsored by the Centre for Applied Cross Cultural Research, Victoria University of Wellington. Several registered participants were divided into four research groups where they expressed their interests and ideas through interactive discussions. The themes included *"Polyculturalism in Postcolonial and Transnational Contexts"* led by Allan B. I. Bernardo, *"Implicit and Explicit Attitudes towards America and other Institutions in Socio-Digital Influence: Trust and Social Identity in Cyberspace"* led by James H. Liu, *"A multicultural project on the antecedents and consequences of social cynicism"* led by Kwok Leung, and *"Modesty in Asian cultural contexts"* led by Susumu Yamaguchi. This meeting was expected to give an opportunity for early career researchers to make cross-cultural study collaborations with experienced scholars.

On the second day, invited speakers and scholars demonstrated their intellectual prowess through 76 parallel sessions, 24 symposia, and 5 poster sessions. The participants' academic experiences were also enriched by a series of presentations delivered by Cecilia Cheng, Alan B.I. Bernardo, Kwok Leung, and James H. Liu on what it takes to get published. This event was organized by Wiley Blackwell and the editorial board of Asian Journal of Social Psychology.

The organizing committee tried to make sure that the participants did not only return home with knowledge and intellectual insights but also a memorable experience in Yogyakarta. During the opening ceremony the participants witnessed Universitas Gadjah Mada students performing a traditional Javanese dance in collaboration with Gadjah Mada Chamber Orchestra and singing various songs from all over the world. The Sultanate of Yogyakarta also supported this prestigious event by offering a dance composed by Hamengkubuwono IX (previous King). Finally, to congratulate everyone's dedication to this event, a garden party was held to close the conference. The day ended with singing, dancing, smiles, laughs, all of which colored the atmosphere of togetherness among delegates from all over the world.

Overall, our experience in Yogyakarta has allowed us to learn and build new and stronger research networks. On behalf of the committee we thank you for your trust and support and we are looking forward to another successful accomplishment in the 11th Biennial Conference of Asian Association of Social Psychology in Cebu City Philippines.

NEXT AASP CONFERENCE : : AASP GOES TO CEBU

The 2015 AASP Conference will be held in Cebu, Philippines on August 19 - 22, 2015. With the theme "Psychology and Asian Societies in the Midst of Change", the conference will be hosted in partnership with the Psychological Association of the Philippines and the University of San Carlos. Situated in the Visayas region, Dubbed "Queen City of the South" it is the oldest and one of the most developed cities in the Philippines. It is a significant hub of culture and education and has had the highest economic growth rate in the country. A tourist gateway to Central and Southern Philippines, it has an international airport with direct flights from Hongkong, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Japan, China, South Korea, Bangkok and Manila. There are many monuments, churches, museums and cathedrals in Cebu City that reflect the rich historical legacy of the city. It also boasts a number of pristine beaches for snorkeling and diving.

Condé Nast Traveler Magazine named Cebu Top 5 Islands in Asia in 2013. So welcome to Cebu in 2015.



Cristina J. Montiel
Ateneo de Manila University

OUR INSPIRATIONS

By Allan B. I. Bernardo, University of Macau

Young psychological scientists in many developing countries in Asia typically face the problem of not having direct access to local senior scientists who can serve as models for how to be good researchers in the psychological sciences. I faced the same situation when I started my career as a psychological scientist in the Philippines more than 20 years ago. Yes, I had a number of really good psychology teachers and I knew of a good number of good practitioners of professional psychology. But as it was, and probably is still, the case in many developing countries in Asia, the academic environment did not support serious psychology researchers and so there were not many good models of psychology researchers to be seen. Fortunately for me, I got to know of Cristina J. Montiel, who became a model and an inspiration to me.

Cristina, or Tina as she known to most Filipino psychologists, is a social psychologist who had a reputation of being a feisty activist in the Philippine social science community. As with many locally trained psychologist, her research inquired into problematic aspects of Filipino social realities (e.g., peace building amid political conflict, etc.). She sought to use psychology research and theory to inform discussions and advocacy work on these social concerns. But as Tina soon shared with me, it was difficult to get the support for the kind of psychology research she wanted to develop. Tina was a faculty member in one of the top universities in the Philippines, but even the best universities in the Philippines at that time did not emphasize research as much as they do now. But Tina was undaunted, and she pushed on hard, endured many “defeats,” persisted, and thrived. There are many important lessons I learned from Tina, but I share three of them in this piece: community, open-mindedness in scholarship, and setting high expectations of oneself.

For many Filipino psychologists, Tina seemed like a lone wolf in many respects. Her choice of her research program, her choice of research approaches, and her steadfastness and quiet demeanor often made her seem distant from the active scholarly groups in the Philippine psychology community. But in truth, Tina created “communities” for her research that drew from like-minded colleagues in her university. But more importantly, her community was built up from her engagement with civil society groups in the Philippines and from strategic collaborations with

scholars in different parts of the world. Tina advised me about the importance of one’s scholarly community in psychology research. She told me about how ideas are nurtured in communities, through sharing, discussion, disputation, and argumentation. She also advised that it was important to choose the people and the communities I will engage; she taught me that it is important to work with people who share your values, but who would be respectful and honest about what is good and bad about your ideas.

Even as Tina seems to have carved out a research program with very clear and firm boundaries, Tina has shown me an open-mindedness in her scholarship that is truly refreshing. The open-mindedness can be seen in her engagement of different epistemological and methodological approaches (from critical to constructivist to post-positivist) in her research. She seems to be keenly aware of the inherent limitations of particular research approaches, and is quick to appreciate the insights that could be generated by using alternative and newer paradigms. In recent years, she has expanded her analytic repertoire by learning about new techniques with her graduate students. Indeed, there is a certain nimbleness in her ability to draw from a wide range of research strategies. I should note that her open-mindedness is not the unprincipled eclecticism that lesser scholars display; instead, the open-mindedness is motivated by the sustained desire to find as many effective ways to make psychology work to address the problems of Philippine society.

But Tina also knew that the psychology that would help Philippine society has to be good psychology as defined by global benchmarks. And she knew that even with all its flaws, the peer-review system in psychology publications is a very powerful means to sharpen one’s scholarship in psychology. Indeed, she was one of the first Filipino psychologists to embark on a systematic program of research and publication in national and international refereed journals of psychology that was completely grounded on Philippine social realities. As I was “growing up” as a psychologist in the Philippines, I was inspired to keep pace with Tina’s publication, and I would like to believe that we pushed each other to more actively publish in better journals in psychology. In Tina, I found a person who shared a similar resolve to set high goals for oneself, even if the environment did not provide any real good reasons for doing so. She constantly reminded me that it was important that psychologists from the developing world have a clear voice in global discourses of psychology, and that voice will have to speak in the language of the best possible psycho-

logical work we can muster.

For some people, Tina Montiel is an inspiration because she has been awarded several international prizes for her work in peace psychology. To her students, Tina is an inspiration because she invests herself 100% in their development as scholars. But for me, Tina is a true inspiration because she was my living example of how a psychologist can become both a hard-nosed scientist and an engaged social advocate when the environment cannot nur-

ture and support either. She did not make it look easy; instead she showed me how difficult the road was by forging ahead anyway.

I know that there are also “*Tina Montiel*”s in other countries in Asia, and I hope that the AASP can facilitate the creation of communities of scholars where inspirations like Tina Montiel can be beacons for the young generations of social psychologists in the region.

THE FACES AND MINDS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

These distinguished researchers are leaders in the exciting field of psychological science. Using the latest methods and technologies, they have made enormous strides in exploring the complexities of human behavior in all of its forms, from the most basic brain research to applications in health, education, business, and social issues. Psychological science covers the full spectrum of behavior, from the fundamental brain processes involved in how we think, learn, and remember, to the way that people function in groups and organizations, and everything in between. What unites these diverse efforts is a commitment to scientific rigor and to the advancement of the public well-being through science-based understanding of the human condition.

It is an honour for AASP that two of our colleagues are recognized for their accomplishments.

[This has been extracted from Association for Psychological Science (APS) web-site]

Cross-cultural Personality and Gender Equality

Fanny Cheung's research underscores the importance of cultural context in assessing personality: much of her early work has involved translating, adapting, and refining one of the most widely used personality assessments, the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI), for the Chinese population. While the MMPI has been found to be generally valid across cultures, there has been a push in some Eastern Asian countries for indigenous assessments, which are designed to incorporate personality constructs that are more culturally relevant to the local people than some of those found in the imported western measures. This idea led Cheung to develop the Chinese Personality Assessment Inventory (CPAI), which combines universal elements of western assessment with indigenous measures specific to Chinese culture. The CPAI has been used in hundreds of studies on Chinese personality structure and cross-cultural comparisons of various dimensions of personality. Some of the indigenous dimensions were found to be relevant also to non-Chinese cultures and the CPAI was renamed Cross-cultural Personality Assessment Inventory. Cheung has also used her expertise in cross-cultural psychology to study gender equality, violence against women, and women leadership in Chinese populations.



Fanny M. Cheung
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Inferring Missing Information

Every day people make judgments and decisions, even when they don't have the necessary information. Ramadhar Singh studied how people, when making predictions about others, infer the missing information from the facts they do have. In his research, Singh first experimentally demonstrated that Predicted gift size = Generosity x Capability (Income). Based on this evidence, he then identified that inferred value of the missing capability information increases with the given value of generosity information. In contrast, inferred value of the missing generosity information is constant usually around the middle level of generosity in the donor. Singh and his colleagues also demonstrated similar inferences about missing ability and motivation information in prediction of performance. Singh's work identifying these kinds of asymmetrical inferences has helped social and cross-cultural psychologists understand and investigate how people judge morality and achievement of others even without the needed information.



Ramadhar Singh
Indian Institute of Management
Bangalore

Asian Journal of Social Psychology- New Editorial Board

We thank the outgoing editorial team for their valuable contribution to Asian Journal of Social Psychology.
Lets us welcome our new team!!

Incoming Editors in Chief

Emiko Kashima & Jianxin Zhang

Senior Editors

Sik-hung Ng and James Liu

Associate Editors

Angela Leung (Singapore Management University, Singapore)

Huajian Cai (Chinese Academy of Sciences, China)

Keiko Ishii (Kobe University, Japan)

Kuang-Hui Yeh (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

Li-Li Huang (National Tsing-Hua University, Taiwan)

Paul Bain (University of Queensland, Australia)

Sam Ho (City University of Hong Kong, HK, China)

Sylvia Chen (Hong Kong Polytechnic University, HK, China)

Xinyue Zhou (Sun Yat-Sen University, China)

Yohsuke Ohtsubo (Kobe University, Japan)

SOME GOOD NEWS

Message on virtual issues

All AASP members will have access to all AJSP content through the Wiley Online Library access code that they receive from Wiley's Member Services team.

1. Self-esteem and well-being in Asia

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291467839X/homepage/self-esteem_and_well-being_in_asia.htm>

2. Japanese social psychology: Cross-cultural comparison with Western samples

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291467839X/homepage/japanese_social_psychology.htm>

3. Traditional values and social changes in Chinese societies

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1467839X/homepage/traditional_values_and_social_changes_in_chinese_societies.htm](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1467839X/homepage/traditional_values_and_social_changes_in_chinese_societies.htm)

4. Responses to disasters in Asia

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Reaching out in Times of Need

In response to the disasters that have struck the country, PAP created a Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Plan. It identified its goal as an organization is to facilitate the delivery of MHPSS in the form of public education and information related to coping, Psychological First Aid, Specialized services (i.e. trauma/grief counseling and psychotherapy) and Psychosocial interventions to facilitate community recovery. In order to achieve these goals, it identified the following strategies:

1) Empower local psychologists in the region so they can provide sustained MHPSS in affected areas, 2) Collaborate with partners

*"Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all."
Emily Dickinson*

A donation has been made in your name to the Psychosocial Support fund of the Psychological Association of the Philippines. Because of this, a survivor of the recent calamities in the Philippines will be able to receive psychosocial support.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING THEM HOPE!



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and other providers of MHPSS to ensure systematic and holistic approach to recovery, 3) Build capability, using common principles, approaches, tools, and materials to ensure consistent approach and protection of human rights in delivery of psychosocial support and 4) Create a coordinating structure to enable synergy and synchronize efforts.



Through partner universities, has PAP provided training Psychological First Aid. It also deployed volunteers to assist in the processing of evacuees in Villamor airbase. It has



supported different groups/departments that have deployed volunteers to disaster areas. PAP created a database to track MHPSS activities. PAP also created, translated and made available materials Psychological First Aid, a manual for public school teachers for the Department of Education, handouts for communities on supporting survivors. Teams from various centers and universities have also been deployed to disaster stricken areas. PAP has identified its next priority is to build the capacity of local psychologists especially in terms of group interventions on trauma and grief as well as psychosocial interventions to enable community recover. It also launched a fund drive to raise funds to support capability building of regional psychologists and actual provision of psychosocial support services. It is accepting donations from the international community through its website <http://pap.org.ph/?ctr=page&action=outreach>. Or you may email pap_1962_08@yahoo.com



CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE AASP SPECIAL ISSUE IN *JOURNAL OF PACIFIC RIM PSYCHOLOGY*:

“Social Psychology of Social Change: Science and Practice in Asia”

Special Issue Guest Editors: James H. Liu and Allan B.I. Bernardo

The Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP) has signed a contract with the *Journal of Pacific Rim Psychology (JPRP)* to produce five special issues for the next five years (2014-2018). JPRP is an SSCI listed, online only journal (2012 Impact Factor = 0.6), which makes it an ideal venue for AASP to showcase researchers and research programs that have both practical application and scientific merit in the area of social psychological aspects of social change in different countries in Asia.

As “Asian Societies in the Midst of Change” is the theme of the next AASP conference to be held in Cebu, the Philippines (Aug 19-22, 2015), we aim to build synergy between the conference and the first special issues. The topic of the first special issue shall be “*Social psychology of social change: Science and practice in Asia*” and the special issue should serve as a platform to demonstrate the relevance of social psychological theories and methods as they are applied to specific problems within the broad spectrum of social changes transforming the different Asian societies today.

We invite submission of research papers on topics such as the social psychological processes and impact of internet access/

social media, of regional and international migration, of climate change and environmental protection, of economic development and inequality, of demographic changes (including aging), of positive psychological approaches for societal development, and others. We are particularly keen on inviting submissions that are drawn from social or community intervention program and/or action research projects that have both useful messages to stakeholders in the community and contributions to the scientific understanding of social change. Researchers with long-term project commitments are desirable because the contract with JPRP is for five years, and we would like to encourage long-term planning and development.

Submission are welcome from scholars in any part of the world, but the corresponding author of all submissions should be an active member of the AASP and part of the research work reported should have been done in Asia.

All submissions should be prepared following the guidelines of the APA Manual for Publications (6th edition). The submissions should be directed to the Special Issue Editors at JPRP_AASP@yahoo.com. Queries can be directed towards Allan Bernardo or James Liu. The deadline for submission is **April 30, 2014**. We anticipate that AASP workshops will be held in

early 2014 in Taiwan and the Philippines to develop papers for the 2014 Special Issue and beyond.

Important Note: The long term goal of this collaboration between AASP and JPRP is to put in place a *collective process* that would enhance the societal relevance and scientific merit of AASP members’ research. In accord with this, we intend to put a *collaborative process* in place, led by the special issue editors to ensure continuity, enhanced communication and collaboration between AASP members in developing, executing, and publishing good research on the social psychology of social change. In this regard, we wish to give advanced notice that the 2015 Special Issue shall focus on “**Regional and International Migration**” and the 2016 Special Issue shall focus on “**The Internet and Social Media**.”

More information on JPRP and guidelines for preparation of manuscripts, please go to: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=PRP>

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AASP-IALSP SYMPOSIUM 2014

Dear AASP Members,

Every year, the AASP co-sponsors a symposium on language and social psychology with the International Association of Language and Social Psychology (IALSP). The symposium is held in conjunction with the conference of the AASP (during the odd numbered years) and the International Congress on Language and Social Psychology (ICLASP) (during the even numbered years).

In 2014, ICLASP will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 19-22. We are inviting AASP members to submit papers for possible inclusion in the AASP-IALSP Symposium. As part of the partnership between AASP and IALSP, the registration fee of up to five AASP members who participate in the symposium will be waived.

For more information about the IALSP and the ICLASP 2014, please refer to the following website <http://www.ialsp.org>.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is on 28 February 2014; however, for purposes of finalizing the AASP-IALSP symposium participants, we are setting an earlier deadline to vet the abstracts. The earlier deadline shall be on 15 February 2014. Interested AASP members should email me at: allanbibernardo@umac.mo with the following information: (a) Title, (b) Abstract - maximum 120 words, (c) Name of presenting author, (d) name, affiliation, and email address of all authors.

I look forward to your abstract submission.

Best,

Allan B. I. Bernardo
AASP President-Elect