

The General



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Twin Star Jaycees to install new JCI Senators



JCI Sen. Doming Chi & JCI Sen. Ric Yap meet JCI Sen. & DENR Secretary Angelo Reyes during the JC Leaders Induction in Gensan. (See related stories on page 3)

Shall we tell the President?

by Past President Allan Licera

If you think the state of affairs of the "Twin Star" Jaycees is a reflection and a microcosm of the GMA administration's political woes, then maybe you are right.

The recent political upheaval brought about by the most recent "snap elections", Jaycee style anyway, is figuratively speaking a dark cloud hovering over the horizons of our "Twin Star" Jaycees future.

How come, and what really happened?

Our constitution provides that a Special General Assembly may be called by the LOM Board upon 15 days written notice to all affiliates. This provision was grossly and willfully violated by the 2006 Board when the Secretary-General called for an

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OUR New
JCI Slogan

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The Outstanding Young Men of 2006 awarded



The winners (back from left): Federico Hizon (Int'l. Journalism & Community Service), Romeo Garduce (Sports), Rafael Consunji (Medicine/Community Service), Romero Quimbo (Gov't. Service) & Michael Cacnio (Sculpture) Front from right: Windell Rivera (Medical Science-Microbiology), Samuel Soliven (Education), Mariella Castillo (Medicine-Child Protection), Benedict Hernandez (Business Leadership), Vivienne Tan (Education-Business Leadership) and Leo Oracion (Sports). With President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

Meet the 2007 JCI President



On November 15, 2006, at the 61st JCI World Congress in Seoul, Korea, the JCI General Assembly elected Scott Greenlee to

lead the organization as JCI World President in 2007. Born on November 17, 1967, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, Greenlee

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The General & his new clothes

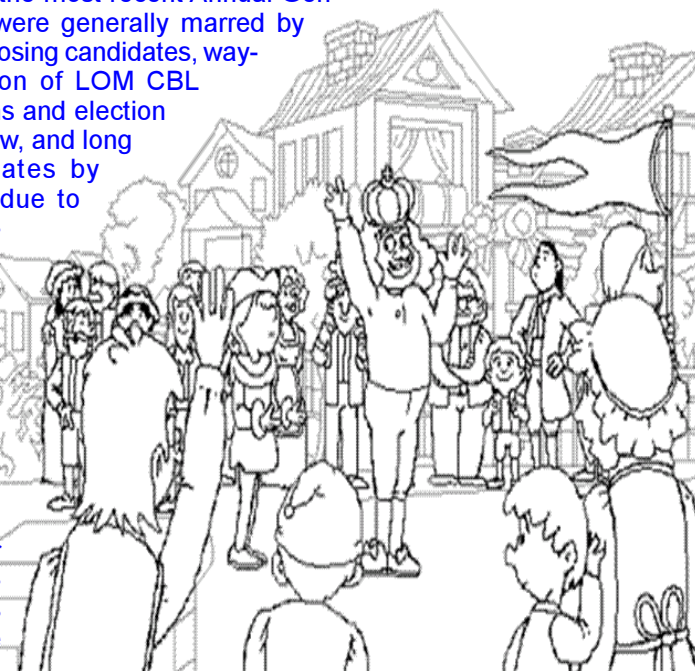
It was more than a year ago when the then LOM President JCI Member Joan Salazar-Haresco created the Constitutional Commission (ConCom) to review and oversee whatever amendments in the LOM Constitution and By-laws would be necessary to suit with the provisions of the Junior Chamber International-Philippines (JCIP) charter which was ratified in the Boracay Constitutional Convention last October 8, 2005.

Duly appointed to comprise the LOM ConCom were Past NSEVP JC Sen. Hanorio P. Chu, Past President Ellie Acuesta, Jr., Past President Allan Licera, Past President Sandro Sagalongos, Past NVP Nestor Nolasco, Associate Member Carlito Ferrariz, and Immediate Past President Cecille Salangsang. This ConCom was likewise "directed to formulate the LOM Omnibus Election Code, and the LOM Policy Manual that would run parallel with the new proposed charter."

This move was considered very propitious, responsive, timely and rel-

evant taking into account that the previous years' elections (during the most recent Annual General Assemblies) were generally marred by unclear gripes of losing candidates, wayward interpretation of LOM CBL election provisions and election guidelines by a few, and long unresolved debates by some members due to the lack of appropriate LOM Policy Manual and the LOM Omnibus Election Code that would govern the conduct of an orderly, peaceful and fair elections.

When JCI Member Julius Trinidad assumed the LOM's top post (after the resignation of JCI Member Joan Salazar-Haresco due to personal reasons), he mentioned in his induction that he would



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The Jaycee Prophet

By Past President Jose Lasalita, Jr.

One fine day, as I was wandering in the fields, the skies took on a peculiar velvety hue as small clouds of dusts kept rising above the swells and ridges that marked the horizon. As I watch this curious display of color and formation, I suddenly saw a funnel-shaped cloud separate itself from the dusty mass and in its own volition moved rapidly in my direction. It came so close that I was momentarily obscured by the image of a prophet that had frequently appeared in my dreams.

He told me that he came to reveal to me certain things about life.

"Tell me about integrity," I asked.

"He is a proud eagle who soars higher than any bird. He is swift, and has huge talons by which he crushes smaller birds that he despises because of their weakness. He abhors darkness, and enjoys gliding in a sunlit-filled morning. He is known and envied for his soaring flights. His eyes are very sharp, and he easily reaches his destination with a single flap of his powerful wings. He has a reputation for indomitable determination, decisiveness, strength and fortitude.

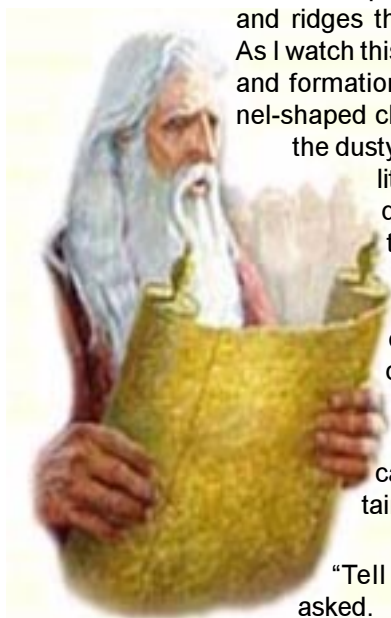
"Tell me about credibility."

"He is a lion. His roar is a commandment by which others bow and yield to. He has a very imposing image and personality, and is reputedly known for his sublime courage, wisdom, and fairness."

"Tell me about legitimacy."

"He is a winged lion, a jealous and vicious beast. He, just like the Cerberus in mythology, is a ruthless guardian of the all-illuminating light, naked truth, and moral authority. He is night-blind and hates slithering serpents. He enjoys going out everyday to witness the captivating radiance of a rising sun."

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JCI Sen. Domingo Obenza Chi, CPA, LIB

JCI Senator no. 66998



Domingo Chi, joined the Jaycees upon the invitation of Judge Orlando "Orly" Oco, who was also serving as LOM President in 1970. He was a very active member of the General Santos Jaycees having served as a chairman in a number of LOM projects, and an active participant of various Jaycee functions in Bacolod, Ilo-ilo, and most parts of Mindanao.

Doming as he is fondly called by friends became a LOM President in 1974 after surviving a well fought LOM elections. An activist, educator, accountant, and a business consultant, he was a mem-

ber of the JCI Constitutional Convention, and almost became the first national officer of the chapter after having been invited to be the Auditor-General of then Philippine Jaycees National President Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte. He however, had to let go of this opportunity as he was by that time working as Manager of General Milling Corporation, a prominent yet very demanding of time multi-national company.

As an educator, he was one of the most respected practicing CPA-lecturer in the city. He became a member of the college faculty of Notre Dame of Dadiangas College and Mindanao State University, and Founder-Director of the first CPA review center in the city in the early eighties.

In 1990 he became the Human Resource Manager of Foremost Farms Inc., a post he held until his retirement at the age of 70. After his retirement, he was called back to duty, this time as a consultant of Progressive Farms Inc. in Tupi, South Cotabato.

All these years, the Jaycee has always been in the heart of JC Doming. He attends any local Jaycee function, and has appreciated all these years for continuously helping the LOM in its various endeavors.

For all his achievements and support to the LOM, he was ultimately nominated for JCI Senatorship in the year 2001.

He will be finally conferred with this JCI Lifetime Membership Award this year.

JCI Sen. Ricardo Obligado Yap

JCI Senator no. 66997



The General Santos Jaycees was by chance fortunate with the entry to its roster of Membership in 1983 of JC Ricardo "Ric" Yap. .

In his desire to learn from and ultimately serve the organization, he traveled to different parts of Mindanao representing the chapter in inductions, area conferences, national conventions and other JC functions. One highlight of his Jaycee career was his attendance to the 1983 World Congress in Taiwan. True to his active and consistent support to the chapter that year, he was awarded "Most Promising JC of the Year Award", one of the most coveted local awards of the chapter for a newbie.

In 1988, was elected as the Chapter's Executive Vice-President in what the membership then believed to be a part of his preparation for the Chapter Presidency the following year. As the chapter was hosting the 8th Mindanao Area Conference, he chaired the Areacon Finance Committee, and easily raised the necessary funds needed for the Conference.

The year 1989 saw one of the most hotly contested elections in the history of General Santos "Twin Star" Jaycees, with JC Ric Yap losing the presidency by one vote. It was an election that completely divided the general membership, and greatly affected the chapter's activities in the succeeding years. Due to his commitment to the JC movement, he again vied though again lost the presidency the following year. Politics was rife and had become a by-word of sorts in the chapter during those years. Because of all these cir-

cumstances, JC Ric was touted as the best Jaycee President this chapter never had.

As a professional, JC Ric is an active member of the General Santos Chamber of Commerce, and the President and CEO of Majetic Shopping Center, Inc. in General Santos City.

Now serving as a Past President of the General Santos Eagles Club, he continues to help the Jaycee chapter in its projects, either as a sponsor or in partnership with other organizations where he is a member.

The LOM approved his nomination for JCI Senatorship in the year 2002.

His long years of service to the Jaycee movement will now be given due recognition upon the presentation of this lifetime membership to the Junior Chamber International.

2007 JCI President.. from page 1

is a self-employed businessman and political consultant. He resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, with his wife Gina.

After joining JCI Grand Rapids in 1991, Greenlee became active in several different roles and was elected JCI Grand Rapids Local President in 1996, JCI Michigan State President in 2001, and JCI USA National Vice President in 2002.

At the international level, in 2003, as JCI Vice President, Greenlee was assigned to Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden. In 2005, he served as JCI General Legal Counsel. In 2006, as JCI Executive Vice President, Greenlee was assigned to Area B (Asia-Pacific) and chaired the Area B Conference (JCIASPAC) in Takamatsu, Japan.

Greenlee has attended eight JCI Area Conferences and five JCI World Congresses. He has been honored as JCI Senator (Honorary Life Member) No. 60646.

During his term of office as JCI President, Greenlee will visit many countries where JCI is established. He will meet JCI members, heads of state and community leaders worldwide, and will preside over the 62th JCI World Congress, to be held in Antalya, Turkey, November 5-10, 2007. www.jci.cc

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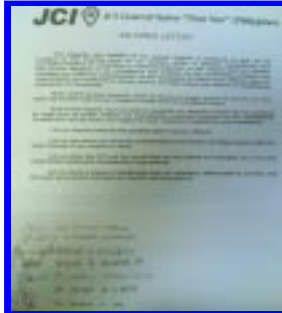
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AN OPEN LETTER

The integrity and stability of our Jaycee chapter is anchored on and can be credited to the winning ways of our chapter, either in bidbook competitions and successful fielding of candidates to national positions; on the respect that our chapter has earned because of its consistency and probity; on the worthwhile projects and activities our LOM has implemented; on the soundness of action of its officers even on most ticklish and contentious issues; and on our high regard and reliance to established standards and processes.

Most recent events however, seem to become a major source of concern as they tend not to bode well on our chapter's image and its immediate future.

It is in this regard, that we wish to manifest our deepest concern as we continue to hope that all these matters be immediately resolved pursuant to our established Constitution and By-laws, and respect to duly instituted regulations and procedures.

Let our Jaycee Creed be the guiding light in all our actions.

Let us rise above all personal considerations and resolve all these issues with the best interest of our chapter in mind.

Let us show the JCI and the world that we are indeed an exemplar of a true and respectable leadership development organization.

Let us leave a legacy of leadership that our members, either past or current, and the next generations Jaycees can cherish.

Signed:

JCI Mem. Ellie Acuesta, Jr.
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2003 NVP So. Mindanao
2000 Prime Graduate

JCI Mem. Joan Salazar-Haresco
2006 LOM President (Sept-March)

JCI Mem. Richard Ladublan
1993 LOM President

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PDA Update

(P igadong D eklarasyon A to!!!)

Ni: Alimasag

“Eleksyon” sa PDA napuno ug kontrobersya
Dunay malisya, pagpangilad ug kahakog susama sa buaya
Unsay tinuod nga rason, “eleksyon” ginora-orada,
Pati COMELEC wa kabalo sa plastada
Sa text ginpadala, 2 ka oras bago ang drama
Illegal na, nagpakaulaw pa!!!

Dili tanan nakabalo sa ilahang obra-maestra
Nga gindesinyo ni Master Jim ug Rosita
Gigamit lang si ZsaZsa Saturnah (kahibalo kaha siya?)
Nah, naunsa na – ang PDA By-Laws ginbasura
Ang piniliay gin “ato-ato ra”
Eleksyon sa Liberal Party ila gigaya-gaya?

Si Master Jim nag “I appoint Myself” siya
Para mag asta COMELEC uban ang mga katropa
Kinsay mopalag basin mabartolina
Pwede daw ingon niya
Siya nga COMELEC magNominate bisag kinsa
Kanta na lang ta ug Ave Maria!!!

Kining atong mga lider dili baya mga kontrabida
Unsaon kay dunay mga pipila nga mahilig mobida
Himuon ang tanan molabaw lang ang ilahang “agenda”
Pastilan, lisod baya sa PDA kay dunay mga kamera
Kita tanang lihok sa “scholars”, bistado ang mga ipokrita
Usahay makaingon ta asay tinuod ug asay inartista

Nalipay ang “napili” nga bag ong Presidente
Bisag kabalo siya nga pwede siya makuryente
Nakaisa tingali mao nga sige ngisi-ngisi
Murag reynang galingkod sa pwesto nga peke
Role ni ZsaZsa Shaturnah feel nya kay “sexy”
Kon imo sitahon, murag tuko mokapit ug poste

Duna na untay suhestyon alang sa tanan
Tinuod nga eleksyon atoa nang umpisahan
Apan si Master Jim ug Rosita uban ang gipahimungtan
Gusto ipagawas nga sila lang ang may nahibaw-an
Sila ang balaod, labaw nga kataw-anan
Taas ug mga ihi, hadlok tingali malabwan?!!

JCI provided us with a new website:

www.jci.cc/gensantwinstar

Coming soon!!!

The Jaycee from page 2

Why are you telling me all these things, my Prophet?”

“Verily I say unto you, happy are these animals for they have virtues men thought to have possessed. These beasts truly understand these virtues because they live them. They are in their fiery breath, in all their deliberate and well-thought of actions, in their very imposing character and appearance.”

“Life is full of contradictions. Virtues are supposed to be the very essence of man. Not of animals. Unless we would admit that these beasts are higher beings.”

“That’s all for now. I will be coming back to tell you more about life - and the propensities of man.”

“Until then, my Son.”

Mubarog lang unta ang nakasabot
Ang tinuod nga lider dili pwede nga dili manghilabot
Ang pagdawat sa kasayupan dili makadaot
Ang pagdawat niini gapakita hinuon nga duna tay mga buot
Ang pagpaminaw ug pagbansay-bansay sa mga sugyot
Dalan unta aron kita tanan magkasinabot

Master Jim ug Rosita kini usa ka panawagan
Uban sa peke nga Presidente ng nagtulog-tulogan
Pagmata na mo ug kuyog sa kamatuoran
Ang kamera sa PDA dunay mga mata ug dili limbungan
Paglihok na mo samtang wa pa mo sintensyahan
“Miss Kita PagTuesday” ug “Hawak Kamay” inyo paminawan

Ang gala nyt gapahaduol na ...

Ang inyo mga boto siguradoha ...

Basin pag tuki sa Class Card bagsak mong duha!!!

Ang Final Rating: EXPELLED !!!

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pursue the reforms already started by her predecessor. In a well-crafted inaugural speech, he enjoined every Jaycee to join him in his R.A.C.E.-a four pronged leadership agenda that would ultimately define his term.

R, of course, stood for reforms. And the centerpiece of which was the ratification of the CBL, and the approval of the corresponding LOM Policy Manual, and LOM Omnibus Election Code.

And indeed, the LOM CBL, LOM Policy Manual, LOM Omnibus Election Code, and even a LOM Membership Manual and Awards Manual were submitted, and consequently ratified by the



General Membership just a few months ago, as promised by our LOM President.

But alas, in one fell swoop, just after a few months of its ratification, the LOM CBL was trampled upon, ignored, debased, and almost relegated to the dustbin in a pseudo-election that was characterized by gross and willful violation of a number of election provisions as stipulated in the said LOM CBL and its accompanying Election Code.

Time, indeed, flies. And memories fail. Or maybe, some people tend to forget what the organization really stands for. And maybe, the Jaycee Creed does not anymore embody the ideals of every Jaycee. They are just recited in rote as mere preliminaries to Jaycee functions.

The past fifty-eight long Jaycee years of glorious leadership experience is no more? How can an "elected officer" swear to "abide by and uphold the constitution and by-laws of the LOM" which he has already willfully ignored, violated and debased?

The legitimacy issue must be resolved, lest we would be sending a wrong message to the succeeding Jaycee generations.

JCI Announces New Corporate Slogan

At the request of JCI President Lars Hajslund, Immediate Past President Cullinane presented a new Communications Strategy and a new corporate slogan during the JCI World Congress in Seoul, Korea. Cullinane also answered questions from members.

As JCI World President in 2006, Lars Hajslund has led several important initiatives that are expected to benefit JCI in the years to come. One of those initiatives is the new corporate slogan, "Be Better."



Why a New Slogan?

In January, during a meeting chaired by Hajslund, the 2006 JCI Executive Committee members pointed out that it was time to replace the slogan. They said "Entrepreneurs in Action," the previous slogan, had served the organization well but needed to be replaced by a new slogan for promotional and advertising purposes.

Agreeing that the new slogan needed to be current, reflect the organization as a whole, and have meaning in all JCI languages, they approved a motion to have a committee, comprised of members of the JCI Executive Committee and assisted by other staff, to work toward changing the slogan by the 2006 Congress.

Recommendation — June 2006

At their Midyear Meeting, JCI Executive Committee members considered a proposed new slogan, "Be Better," conceived by Marketing Director Louis Trahan. They compared it with successful slogans such as Nike's "Just Do It!" and decided that "Be Better" met the requirements for an effective slogan.

They pointed out that "Be Better" is short, concise and easy to remember, and will help JCI accomplish its mission. They also said that "Be Better" is specific enough to describe JCI's goals but broad enough to allow individual local and national organizations to operate according to their specific needs.

Additionally, they expressed that "Be Better" will accurately reflect the reality of what JCI members derive from being part of the organization.

Therefore, the JCI Executive Committee approved the motion to recommend "Be Better" as the proposed new JCI Corporate Slogan to replace "Entrepreneurs in Action."

Approval — September-October 2006

In September, the matter was submitted to the members of the JCI Board of Directors for approval by mail ballot. By a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, the JCI Board of Directors officially approved the new JCI slogan "Be Better" in October.

Announcement — November 2006

During the JCI World Congress in November, Immediate Past President Cullinane presented the new Communications Strategy and the new corporate slogan.

"JCI will use the slogan, 'Be Better,' to communicate what the organization helps members achieve: to Be Better – better leaders, better managers, better professionals, better citizens, better business owners, better politicians, better parents, better spouses, better brothers, better sisters ...," said Cullinane.

During General Assembly in Seoul, from left, JCI Secretary General Kodama, JCI President Hajslund, and JCI Immediate Past President Cullinane.

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JCL V. Emmanuel Fontanilla poses with DENR Secretary Angelo Reyes during the JCL Induction. JCL Manny will have regular column in the succeeding issues of The General

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Annual Election on October 9, 2006, informing only selected members less than four hours of the so called "election". Intentionally, the 2006 Board, through the Secretary-General, did not inform a number of members who they thought would surely raise valid objections by citing certain provisions from our CBL.

The Board created an interim "Commission on Elections", to conduct the hastily called "elections", with two incumbent officers (the LOM President & the LOM Treasurer General) as members to complete a three-member COMELEC. This is again a violation of our CBL since it also provides that no member of the COMELEC shall "hold any other elective or appointive position or chairmanship during his term of office." Where in the world can you find a President appointing himself to become member of the COMELEC, which is an independent body, and subsequently nominating a certain "candidate".

The so called "election" was held that night, notwithstanding - certificates of

candidacy were never filed; nor was there any payment of filing fees mentioned. Yet, after the side-slipping, tragic imaginary tale, lo and behold!, we have an "incoming President" to represent our LOM to the JCI LOM Presidents Academy.

Months have passed and no COMELEC report, memorandum circular with regard to the so-called election came out. Nor was there any subsequent General Membership Meeting conducted. One may presuppose that this slip up was intentionally done to evade apparent questions as to the legality, impropriety and validity of the so called "Election".

On December 9, 2006, a meeting purposely for the outgoing Board to formally turn-over their office to the "incoming Board" was called. When asked, the 2006 Board was not able to produce any minutes of the October 9, 2006 meeting. Nor was any report from the 'Interim COMELEC' on the result of the so called elections was circulated in print, published or posted even in the LOM yahoogle groups.

This recent fiasco has become a major source of concern as it does not portend well on the attitude of most officers towards our long tradition of leadership integrity and forbearance for our seemingly difficult democratic processes. Where is the respect for our established Constitution and By-laws, which was duly ratified just this July, 2006. Our leaders should know that these malicious acts are grounds for impeachment under our constitution.

Worse, the persons who are the direct beneficiaries of this gross transgression of our CBL continue to hold on to this figment of imagination "presidency" or otherwise, and continue not to heed calls for a legitimate election. The "Incoming President" in the guise of fear of losing the support of the General Mem-

bership inhibited himself and his "Board" from appropriately acting on this concern.

But all is not lost, at least at this point in time. We can still salvage the integrity of our LOM processes by allowing ourselves once and for all, to adhere to the electoral provisions of our CBL. We must also be reminded of the fourth tenet of our Jaycee Creed, "that government should be of laws, rather than of men."

A Jaycee leader should not only have integrity, but must always be responsible for his decisions and actions. Most importantly, he must have a moral ascendancy to govern.

The best time for leadership lessons?



Charter officers of the Jaycee Leaders of General Santos Chapter



Twin Star unveils two (2) new JCI Billboards along Pendatun Ave., and National Highway, General Santos City



JCI Operation Hope

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Background

In December of 2004, deeply affected by the tsunamis in Southeast Asia, countless JCI members all over the world expressed their desire to help the victims. To promote and coordinate relief efforts worldwide, 2005 JCI President Kevin Cullinane approved JCI Operation Hope, which was officially launched January 1, 2005.

“JCI Operation Hope is our first effort in years to involve our JCI community towards such a large project and make things happen with our hands rather than through the hands of someone else,” said Secretary General Edson A. Kodama. “JCI is thus carrying out its mission – ‘to contribute to the advancement of the global community by providing the opportunity for young people to develop the leadership skills, social responsibility, entrepreneurship and fellowship necessary to create positive change.’”

During 2005, JCI members in countries affected by the tsunamis received assistance from JCI members from many other countries, as well as from other contributors, such as Dr. Dato Tan Hian Tsin. Those donations were effectively used to assist tsunami victims, primarily children. In Sri Lanka, for example, fishermen who had lost their boats received boats, and children who had lost their school were provided with a new, modernized school.

In 2006

In January 2006, the JCI Board of Directors considered the success of JCI Operation Hope in 2005 and the need to assist other areas of the world

that were facing disasters. JCI President Lars Hajslund asked Board members to discuss a new policy regarding JCI Operation Hope. SG Edson Kodama observed that the numerous tragedies in 2005 demonstrated that it was necessary to create a permanent JCI fund to assist victims.

Thus, the 2006 JCI Board of Directors approved the new “Policy 18-14, JCI Operation Hope,” as proposed by General Legal Counsel Graham Hanlon, which reads as follows:

“POLICY 18-14. JCI OPERATION HOPE:

“A permanent fund made up of donations from members and non-members shall be maintained to assist, through JCI members, the victims of natural or other disasters. The fund shall be administered by the Executive Committee.”

JCI Executive Vice President Shoji Okuhara, appointed JCI Operation Hope Taskforce Chairman at the 2005 World Congress in Vienna, reported on activities conducted to provide relief and focused on plans for the future. For example, he said JCI Japan members would continue assisting abandoned orphans on the Island of Nias, Indonesia. He added that he was planning to go to Pakistan, where earthquakes had caused extensive damage, to see how JCI could help.

Underlining the generosity of JCI members, JCI USA Executive Director John Shiroma, expressed JCI USA’s deep gratitude for the assistance received from JCI members

worldwide after Hurricane Katrina. In act of reciprocity, he presented a check for JCI Operation Hope to assist the victims of other disasters.

Contribute to JCI Operation Hope

Members are encouraged to donate to JCI Operation Hope. Their donations will be used to help JCI members in affected areas conduct relief operations. The JCI Executive Committee will ensure that donated funds are effectively invested in the area selected by the donor.

National Organizations receiving funds will be asked to report on the projects they conduct. These projects will not only assist the affected communities, but will also provide leadership training opportunities to our members and contribute to JCI’s public relations efforts.

Assist people in need as directly as possible. Do it through your fellow JCI members in affected areas; do it through JCI Operation Hope.



*Learning is superior to beauty;
learning is better than hidden
treasure; learning is a companion
on a journey to a strange country,
learning is strength inexhaustible.*

The HITOPADESA
Collection of Hindu writings(c.500)