

BB KNOWLEDGE

MODULE 10: THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN ASIA

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- To educate members on the growth of BB in Asia and the formation of BB ASIA in recent years
- To share the purpose, objects and works of BB Asia

TEACHING BRIEF

- The Boys' Brigade spread to Asia in 1915 with Rev. A. Guthrie Gamble establishing 1st Swatow Company in China. 1st Swatow Company has a strong membership of 300 members; however it was closed when the Communist took over China.
- In 1930, The Boys' Brigade movement spread to South East Asia and 1st Singapore Company was formed through the efforts of Mr. James Fraser. Unfortunately, Mr. James Fraser was caught and forced to work on the notorious Burma Road Construction under the Japanese Occupation in 1941.
- The Company was revived upon the release of Mr. James Fraser and in 1955; The Singapore Battalion celebrated its Silver Jubilee with 14 Companies and a strong membership of 500 Boys under the leadership of Mr. James Fraser as President.
- A gathering of old Boys in Hong Kong was held in conjunction with the celebration of The Boys' Brigade 75th Anniversary. This led to the establishment of The Boys' Brigade in Hong Kong under the chairmanship of Mr. James Fraser.
- In 1946, British soldier, Mr. Robert Davis started The Boys' Brigade in Malaysia with the establishment of 1st Penang.
- Moving on, The East Asia Regional Fellowship held a meeting in Bangkok, Thailand on 7th May 2002 and BB ASIA was first initiated with a formation of a Pro-tem Committee led by Mr. Michael Moorthy, President of BB in Malaysia.
- BB ASIA was officially formed on 22 May 2004 with representatives from BB countries in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

THE PURPOSE OF BB ASIA

- BB Asia was established out of a desire to maintain the unity, purpose and specific character of The Boys' Brigade everywhere in the BB world. It came to being to provide The Boys' Brigade with an international organization within the Asian countries; focusing on advancement of The Boy's Brigade growth, interest and cause.

OBJECTS OF BB ASIA

The objects of BB Asia are:

- To promote the development and extension of The Boys' Brigade to new fields and territories.
- To strengthen the work of The Boys' Brigade internationally and within each member country
- To help its members to develop and adapt their respective programmes to the needs arising out of the conditions in which young people live and work
- To raise awareness, understanding, and cooperation among all its members.

MEMBERSHIPS OF BB ASIA

- As at 2010, BB Asia membership consists of seven countries namely, Brunei, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand

BB ASIA LOGO

- The BB Asia logo was accepted and approved at the 4th General Council Meeting held at Chefoo Methodist Centre, Cameron Highlands, Malaysia on 13 November 2006



THE BOYS' BRIGADE ASIA

THE HISTORY OF BB ASIA

7 May 2002	At the East Asia Regional Fellowship meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand, the idea of BB Asia was first mooted and a Pro-tem Committee was formed under the chairmanship of Mr. Michael Moorthy, Brigade President of BB Malaysia. The proposal for a new international confederation was prepared by Mr. Lim K Tham of BB Singapore.
26 July 2003	BB Asia was officially inaugurated in Johor Baru when BB representatives from Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand signed a Memorandum of Agreement on the Regional Association. BB representatives present at the historic meeting were: Hong Kong : Ms. Angel Ng (Brigade Secretary) Indonesia : Mr. Petrus C F (Brigade President) Malaysia : Mr. Michael Moorthy (Brigade President) Mr. Francis Chiong (Brigade Secretary) Mr. Lawrence Tay Singapore : Mr. Choo Gim Kang (Brigade President) Mr. Tye Yew Meng (Brigade Secretary) Mr. Lim K Tham Mr. Edward Tan Y L (Staff) Thailand : Mr. Praesert Pornkiratikul (Brigade President)

22 May 2004	The 1 st General Council Meeting was held at the BB Campus in Singapore and the first Executive Committee was elected.
30 April 2005	BB Macau was accepted as full member.
1 July 2006	Mr. Lawrence Tay (Malaysia) was employed as the first Executive Secretary of BB Asia on a part-time basis.
10-14 November 2006	The 1 st BB Asia Academy was held at Chefoo Methodist Centre, Cameron Highlands, Malaysia. There were about 100 participants from 8 Countries (Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and United Kingdom)
13 November 2006	The BB Asia Logo was adopted and BGBP Philippines was accepted as Associate Member
21 November 2006	The BB Asia Website http://www.bbasia.org was started.
1 February 2008	First BB Asia Newsletter "Across Asia" was produced.
1 February 2008	Mr. Lawrence Tay (Malaysia) was employed as BB Asia's first full-time Executive Secretary.
25 February 2008	BB Asia's first newsletter "Across Asia" was published on bi-monthly basis. The first issue was January-February 2008.
27-31 August 2008	The 2 nd BB Asia Academy was held at Sentul Leadership Development Centre, Bogor, Indonesia with about 100 participants from 10 Countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Macau, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and United Kingdom)
1 January 2010	Mr. Francis Chiong was employed as the second full-time Executive Secretary
20 January 2010	BB work in the Philippines was started.

15 July 2010	BB Asia Secretariat operates from its first rented office at 2 nd Floor Wisma Methodist, Lorong Hang Jebat in Kuala Lumpur.
18-22 August 2010	The 1 st Full Time Workers Conference was held at Methodist Bungalow Fraser's Hill. There were 17 participants from Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore
19 December 2010	The first Enrolment Service for 1 st Phnom Penh Company was organised. 1 st Phnom Penh is the first BB Company to be formed in Cambodia.

TEACHING IDEAS

MAP WALK-THROUGH

- This may need some preparation before class and availability of space but it will be interesting and fun for the members.
- Pre-prepare various stations according to the route of Asia map with activities such as words scrambles / words puzzles, guess what happen?, Q&As and etc. related to the BB in ASIA and BB ASIA history.
- At each station, member will learn about a person, a place, a date or an event that took place.
- Alternatively, you may also dress like the person in history as share the details at respective station stop.

DICE ANYONE?

- Prepare a map of ASIA, a brief about the history and 3 sets of dice with the following information:
 - Name of persons mentioned in the history of BB in Asia and BB ASIA
 - Date / Year as mentioned in the history of BB in Asia and BB ASIA
 - Events that took place as per history

(You may need extra dice; depending on how extensive your lesson plan is)
- Provide members a brief about the history of BB ASIA and give them limited time (e.g. 5 minutes) to look through before you start the game
- Divide the members into group of 4 and pair up 2 groups as rival teams; playing against each other. They are allowed to take notes during the game; however they only had one opportunity to pair up the correct answer. If they fail, the opportunity will be given to the other team.
- They can choose 2 out of the 3 different dices to be rolled at any point of time. Once the dices are rolled with respective information, they can choose to match the information provided by both the dices or just skip and pass the opportunity to the other team.
- They will need to match the information and paste it on the map given. Continue the game until they are able to match all information correctly. The first team with all correct answers wins.

You may give them clue as they play the game or you can tell them if their answers is 100% correct or 50% correct or not at all.

SUGGESTED ASSESSMENT

HISTORY ON A CARDBOARD

- Get the members to map out the history of BB in Asia and BB ASIA on an ASIA map.
- This can be an individual assignment or a group work depending on the maturity of the members. The best assignment will be put up in the BB notice board

GROUP PRESENTATION

- If they are older members who are familiar with Microsoft Power Point, you may ask them to prepare the history of BB in Asia and BB ASIA in power point slides and do a presentation to the class.
- You may also ask them to search for information about one of the BB country within Asia i.e. when was BB started in that respective country, what is the name of the 1st Company, who helped start the BB movement, etc.