

AAI NEWSLETTER MAY 2011



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Dear fellow Alumni,

The time of change is upon us again: most AIESEC MCs are once again preparing for the change in leadership and working through the "transition" process. In fact, a number of **alumni throughout the world will be invited to address the "incoming" teams and give them a historical perspective of the Association** while others will be talking to the "outgoing" teams and preparing them to enter the competitive job market capitalising on the considerable competencies they have acquired during their AIESEC careers.

While the students greatly benefit from alumni support and counsel, the alumni have the pleasure of keeping in touch with and being able to "give back" part of what AIESEC has given us.

In this edition of the AAI Newsletter, we return to subjects raised in the last Newsletter, subjects which count on our generosity and help. These obviously relate to **Japan** and to **Haiti**. In both cases there is a dedicated and fully committed alumnus behind each project, namely Hiro Kinashi in Tokyo and William Garcia in Bogotá. They are working hard to alleviate the suffering of others, all victims of natural catastrophes which could hit any of us. Let us all support them and show the world that the spirit of helping others which AIESEC instilled in us has not been lost.

Despite the fact that AAI will not be able to organise an event in Nairobi this time, we strongly encourage all alumni to

participate in the alumni events during AIESEC's International Congress 2011 in Kenya in August. We will be posting details of the Kenya programme as it is made available to us.

Planning for the **AAI Meeting in Hungary in 2012** is already underway and further information will be found in this Newsletter. We trust that many of you will participate in this event which also marks AIESEC Hungary's 40th anniversary!

Finally, we can announce that AAI is planning to develop a much closer relationship with AI, in order that both bodies can better serve the alumni community world-wide. More details of this collaboration will be announced in future issues, but the sole objective that AI and AAI have is to assure that alumni become an integral part of AIESEC's stakeholders.

Thanks for reading! and remember that you always can contact us at office@aiesec-alumni.org

Yours,

AAI Board

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all AAI members for actively supporting **AIESEC Alumni International** in recent years through your membership contributions.

Through the past years, we have been working to bring you increased benefits and a range of new services, including our regular newsletter and continued corporate partnership with Brussels Airlines, as well as discounted fees at the AAIMs (which are organised regularly in partnership with AIESEC and national alumni associations). We have also been active in the main social networking forums to bring the benefit of new communication technology to all AAI members.

Working with some fantastic AIESECers and Alumni in Mexico, we were able to bring about a very successful Global Alumni conference in Mexico City this year, building on the success of the alumni meeting in Tunisia the previous year. We've continued to foster closer cooperation with Alumni Associations around the world. We've also been actively helping new Alumni Associations get started.



2011 membership fees are 50 EUR (or 30 EUR if you are below 30 years of age).

Renewing your membership now provides you with the following financial benefits:

- Reduction on the conference fee of the forthcoming AIESEC Alumni International Meeting, to be held in Hungary in February 2012
- 25% reduction on all Brussels Airlines economy flights within Europe
- Making a financial contribution towards an annual Alumni Award given to a deserving current AIESEC initiative, thus "giving back" to the association.

And needless to say, you are part of the AAI fraternity, with a right to view our statement of accounts and vote on all legislative matters.

We hope you will find one or many reasons to continue or renew your membership of AIESEC Alumni International; and we sincerely hope that in the spirit of 'continuous improvement' you will help us make AAI an even more impactful organisation in the coming year and beyond.

We kindly invite you to sign up [here](#) to become a member of AAI and thank you in advance for your support.

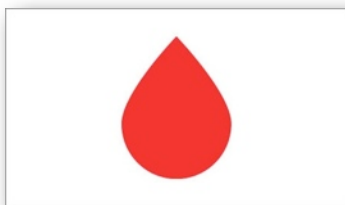
Sincerely,

Your AAI Board

JAPAN RELIEF

The previous issue of the AAI Newsletter reported on the sad situation in Japan following the recent series of catastrophes which struck the country. We called on alumni support to help relieve the situation which several AIESEC members and alumni as well as some AIESEC Committees suffered.

With your help, we want to continue the drive to generate essential funds required to reconstruct the affected AIESEC organisation, as well as support individual members in need – be they students or alumni. Respected Alumnus, **Hiro Kinashi** is coordinating the distribution of funds raised from alumni and has written a very touching note on the subject which you can read in the column on the right.



PLEASE DONATE NOW:

http://aiesec-alumni.org/JAPAN_donate.html

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Dear AIESEC Alumni Friends,

I'd like to ask your special attention to the AIESEC Japan Relief which has been initiated by AAI to extend AIESEC's support to the disaster victims in Tohoku area of Japan.

Right after the historical disaster hit Tohoku area, AIESEC Alumni Japan started (1) to confirm the safety of AIESEC members, trainees and alumni (fortunately, we could confirm the safety of all AIESECers within two days including the trainees from overseas but, we've not yet succeeded to confirm the safety of all alumni who seem to be residing in the devastated area, but still continuing efforts), (2) to open the bank account for the relief funds which will be given to the victims via Red Cross Japan, with preference to allocate some funds to AIESEC related people who have suffered, and (3) to collaborate with the initiative of "Origami for Japan" which has been started by one of AIESEC alumni friends who was a trainee in Japan in 2001. Please visit: www.origamiforjapan.com

It has been already passed one month, but nearly 15,000 people are still missing (already 13,000 people were found dead), more than 150,000 people are still evacuation centers. Tremendous number of people lost everything at once loved ones, homes, clothes, dinnerware's, albums, pets and cars, to mention a few...many of them had only the clothes they wore!

The recovery efforts have just been started: removal of the rubbles and building temporary housings, yet the nuclear power plants are still disturbing the restoration efforts. We are sure it will be a long journey for the victims to recover as before, and they need a long term support for the recovery.

AIESEC in Japan, both students and alumni, stands up to support the people in need with the relief donations and voluntary activities. Please join us to support and encourage them that they are not alone...We hope that we can show that AIESEC solidarity is as strong as it has ever been.

On behalf of AIESEC and AIESEC Alumni in Japan, our sincerely thanks and appreciation for your support!

AIESECly yours,

Hiro Kinashi

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AIESEC Alumni Japan

Latin-America | HAITI LIVES

Last month we wrote about the Haiti project initiated by AIESEC Colombia alumnus, **William Garcia Olana**, and supported by AIESEC Alumni Iberoamerica (AAIB). This very worthy cause is also being supported by AAI.

We are urging our readers to make a small annual contribution to this very worthy charitable fund, which will allow Haitian children who have lost their limbs to be treated in North American hospitals, helping them recover their dignity and enabling them to contribute to society as able-bodied citizens.

Please [click here](#) to be reminded of this project. Let us all show the world what AIESEC solidarity means and how we leverage our power as an international community to come to the aid of helpless and orphaned children who became victims of the country's greatest natural disaster.

For more information, you can also contact William at: wigol@netscape.net

HAITI LIVES
Everyone can help!!

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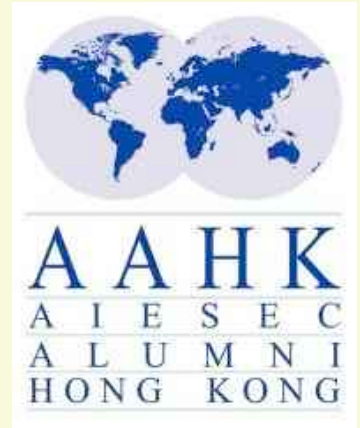
HIGHLIGHT | AIESEC ALUMNI HONG KONG

Our congratulations to AIESEC Alumni Hong Kong, a very professionally organised association of we welcomed into the fold in

September 2009. AAHK has been extremely active in organising a variety of programmes for alumni, which have included a visit to the Shanghai World Expo, participation at the 2010 Change Maker Forum in conjunction with the JCI and supporting the Social Enterprise Summit to name a few.

This is conjunction with the monthly informal get-together which takes place on the second Friday of every month – needless to note, AAHK welcome all international alumni living in Hong Kong and those who just happen to be "passing through" Hong Kong on the day! Truly an excellent example of what a national association of AIESEC alumni can Achieve in a short period of time.

A summary report of AAHK's 1st Annual General Assembly can be found [here](#).



COMING EVENTS:

KENYA | Alumni meeting in Nairobi

In parallel with the forthcoming AIESEC International Congress in Kenya in August 2011, a national/regional alumni meeting is being held from August 26th to 29th. While AAI is unable to co-organise this event, we strongly support this major African event and encourage alumni to visit their website <http://ic2011kenya.org/> for more information.

FRANCE | Alumni Hall of Fame, June 8
 Wednesday, 8. June 2011 at 7 p.m.
 Le Cercle de la Mer, 75007, Paris
 More information [here](#).

COLOMBIA | National Alumni Meeting, July 8-10.
 Visit the Facebook page of the event [here](#)
 For more information, please contact:
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AIESEC Kenya
presents
Kenya 2011

Theme:
**"East Africa - The Next Frontier
 for Global Business Opportunities"**

Dates: Aug 26-29th 2011
Venue: Safari Park Hotel

for more information:
www.ic2011kenya.org

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We are always glad to receive your information to be included in our monthly Newsletter. Send us also your questions and suggestions.

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