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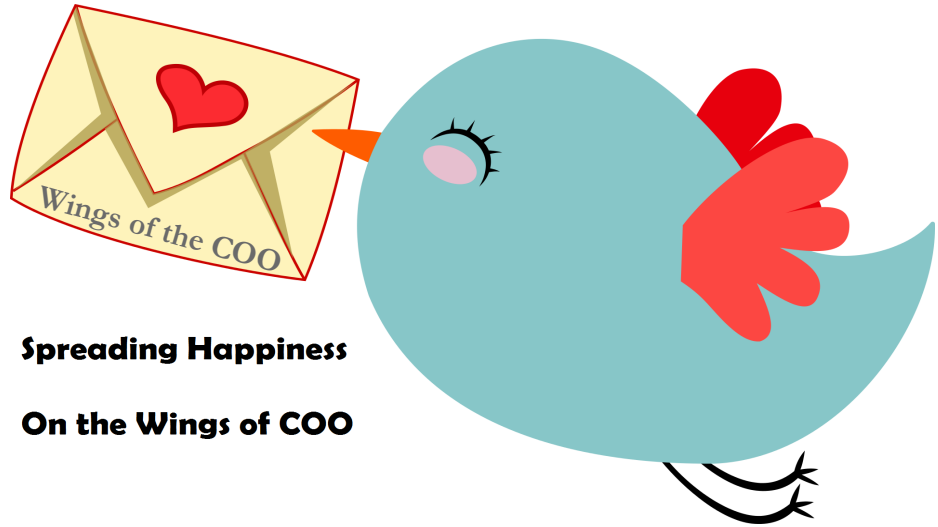
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**Spreading Happiness**

**On the Wings of COO**

*Welcome to our newsletter : “Wings of the COO”*

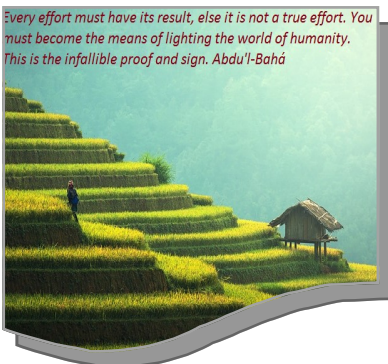
We hope you enjoy reading the June 2017 issue of our newsletter: the Wings of the COO. Since last issue, we have had another successful year, continuing to progress in our lines of efforts slowly and steadily. We collected and sent donations to Fiji for the flood relief with the kind support of Moreton Bay cluster as well as supporting the Tennen Saien community garden and the expectant mother empowerment project with RCDA. Furthermore, our various

discourse production units have reached their target. Our participation in the Australian clean up has been consistent with scheduled clean up days occurring once every two months. We owe all these successes to our wonderful and hard working volunteers that are passionate about spreading happiness for all.

In this issue, our usual COO-space is devoted to the theme of cultivating a culture of learning in financial institutes. Banking has

many influences on the world’s social space for strengthening the financial condition necessary for making happiness worldwide. Therefore it is pivotal to consider banks as a target space to promote a global coherence between the spiritual, cultural and material aspects of social development. Finally, we have the usual columns entailing the progress reports on lines of effort and inspiration articles. -“Wings of the COO” newsletter team

*Zenko Shou Award for our President*



The Sachi foundation’s board of directors is enormously delighted to announce that our chair of the board, Mr. Harruyuki Oda and Sachi’s grandfather, won the 2016 Zenko Shou 善行賞 award for his outstanding contribution and ongoing colossal effort to spread happiness with the ceremonial visit of His Imperial Highness The Crown Prince of Japan.

Mr. Oda is a well known craftsman and successful businessman in the Kasai city, Hyogo prefecture who has devoted most of his time and efforts to making the world a more integrated and happier place to live. His noble philanthropic works are his sponsorship of the Shrines and temple development works, facilitating international exchange student programs and serving as the president of the Lion club in Kasai city.

## *The four kinds of Brotherhood by Abdu'l-Baha*



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... Brotherhood, or fraternity, is of different kinds. It may be family association, the intimate relationship of the household. This is limited and subject to change and disruption. How often it happens that in a family love and agreement are changed into enmity and antagonism. Another form of fraternity is manifest in patriotism. Man loves his fellowmen because they belong to the same native land. This is also limited and subject to change and disintegration as, for instance, when sons of the same fatherland are opposed to each other in war, bloodshed and battle. Still another brotherhood, or fraternity, is that which arises from racial unity, the oneness of racial origin, producing ties of affinity and association. This, likewise, has its limitation and liability to change, for often war and deadly strife have been witnessed between people and nations of the same racial lineage. There is a fourth kind of brotherhood, the attitude of man toward humanity itself, the altruistic love of humankind and recognition of the fundamental human bond. Although this is unlimited, it is, nevertheless, susceptible to change and destruction. Even from this universal fraternal bond the looked-for result does not appear. What is the looked-for result? Loving-kindness among all human creatures and a firm, indestructible brotherhood which includes all the divine possibilities and significances in humanity.

Therefore, it is evident that fraternity, love and kindness based upon family, native land, race or an attitude of altruism are neither sufficient nor permanent since all of them are limited, restricted and liable to change and disruption. For in the family there is discord and alienation; among sons of the same fatherland, strife and internecine warfare are witnessed; between those of a given race, hostility and hatred are frequent; and even among the altruists, varying aspects of opinion and lack of unselfish devotion give little promise of permanent and indestructible unity among mankind.

Therefore, the Lord of mankind has caused His holy, divine Manifestations to come into the world. He has revealed His heavenly Books in order to establish spiritual brotherhood and through the power of the Holy Spirit has made it practicable for perfect fraternity to be realized among mankind. And when through the breaths of the Holy Spirit this perfect fraternity and agreement are established amongst men—this brotherhood and love being spiritual in character, this loving-kindness being heavenly, these constraining bonds being divine—a unity appears which is indissoluble, unchanging and never subject to transformation. It is ever the same and will forever remain the same.

## *Tennen Seign Community garden Project*

We are pleased to announce that Tennen Saigen community garden has received the 2016-2017 Sachi foundation grant. Tennen garden project is an unique and creative gardening project in Ichikawa that sets to focus the spiritual, cultural and physical aspects of community lines of efforts around the focal points of the framework for action to advance and elevate community happiness. Some of the food produced will be available for the self-similar bicentenary festival celebrations which will involve the Tennen Seign community. Please visit

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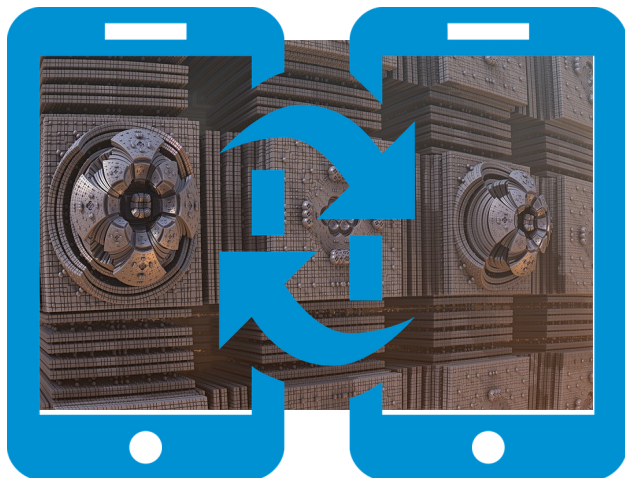
## *RCDA alliance*

Resource Centre for Development Alternatives (RCDA) is a non-profit education centre inspired by Baha'i ideals affiliated with Sachi Foundation alliance projects. RCDA is a major discourse based non-profit educational center in Pakistan that offers educational programs, cultural best practices and practical advice to individuals, workshops and community organizations. RCDA has so far trained more than 6500 key staff of civil society organizations and community members in Pakistan and some of its neighbouring countries. Its aim is to stimulate a new vision of development involving a change in heart, a reframing of our conceptions and a new organic approach to development activities. RCDA believes that because the relationship between the individual and society is a reciprocal one, the transformations required must occur simultaneously within human consciousness and the structure and functioning of social institutions. On 28th of March, our alliance project Coordinator Dr Nazli was interviewed live on Pakistan's national multilingual TV channel Kay2 TV about our current expectant mother empowerment project with RCDA- 'Your child needs prayers, meditation and natural pregnancy'.

[http://www.kay2.tv/video\\_details.php?id=NjI3MQ](http://www.kay2.tv/video_details.php?id=NjI3MQ)



## *Cultivating a Culture of Learning in banks—turning Virtues into actions*



In a way banks are a mysterious place. Their lines of action—the so called bank craft - are to take charge and process our financial capitals and transactions. They do it in special enclosed space called the bank vault. The bank vault is surrounded by strong and secure walls, with only one small opening for the lock or the keypad. Great happiness experiences can be delivered at every point that someone enabled to do banking transactions and use the riches of the bank vaults.

Is it possible for banks to use the potentiality of the vault space into an interaction space where cultural learning opportunity for spreading happiness can be cultivated? Currently, the banking culture of learning is not well defined. There are no universal guiding principles within our financial institutes to turn banking into a space that brings happiness for all. Instead, they are highly framed within socially constructed capitalist paradigms that considers banks as a riverbed for capitalism where the force beyond the wealth generation is the result of gravity of the materialistic culture alone. This materialistic force moves the capital into the banks vaults with the consuming energy of the flow that is passing through its opening space brings happiness to level that is nothing to do with the spiritual and moral dimensions of life.

**There is an inherent moral dimension to the generation, distribution, and utilization of wealth and resources. The Universal House of Justice**

**Banks are the nodes of a global house of finance - the network of riverbeds that aims to spread prosperity for all people.**

However, the Universal House of Justice guides that “there is an inherent moral dimension to the generation, distribution and utilization of wealth and resources”. It is evident this guidance spells out a paradigm shift for the banking industry. It implies that banks are the nodes of a global house of finance - the network of riverbeds that aims to channels prosperity for all people. This paradigm shifts implies the gravitational force that drives the capital flow is a form of coherence between the spiritual, cultural and material forces. As saying goes, it is the gravity that causes the flow of the water in the river and not the banks of the river. So a moral force of heavenly virtues need to be put into action through cultivation of a cultural of learning in our banking and financial institutes that can be put the vault stored energy into the use for a materially, culturally and spiritually prosper world society.

## *What is firmly cultivated can not be uprooted! By Tao Te Ching*

What is firmly established cannot be uprooted.  
 What is firmly grasped cannot slip away.  
 It will be honoured from generation to generation.  
 Cultivate Virtue in yourself,  
 And Virtue will be real.  
 Cultivate it in the family,  
 And Virtue will abound.  
 Cultivate it in the village,  
 And Virtue will grow.  
 Cultivate it in the nation,  
 And Virtue will be abundant.  
 Cultivate it in the universe,  
 And Virtue will be everywhere.  
 Therefore look the body as body;  
 Look at the family as family;  
 Look at the village as village;  
 Look at the nation as nation;  
 Look at the universe as universe.  
 How do I know the universe is like this?  
 By looking!



### *Directory of Cultural festival states*

The first part of our directory of cultural festival states has been published on our website. We have added three more entries into our directory. It now contains twelve entries. You can also view it in web site or in our Pinterest site.

[www.sachifoundation.org](http://www.sachifoundation.org)

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