

Organized 198 workcamps/ hosted & sent 1,481 volunteers in 2022
(6,539 workcamps/ 84,561 volunteers in 33 years since 1990)

NICE Projects for 2024

(Mainly, Projects starting in Jan.-Jun.)



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1. What is NICE!?

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- 😊 **IVS (International Voluntary Service) NGO based in Japan**
- 😊 **Organizing various types of workcamps toward Colorful & Healthy World**
- 😊 **Organized 6,539 workcamps & exchanged 84,561 volunteers in 33 years**
- 😊 **Working on Environment/ Development/ Culture/ Education/ Human Rights**
- 😊 **Partnership with 162 IVS NGOs in 89 countries & 115 Local partners in Japan**

1-1) Brief History

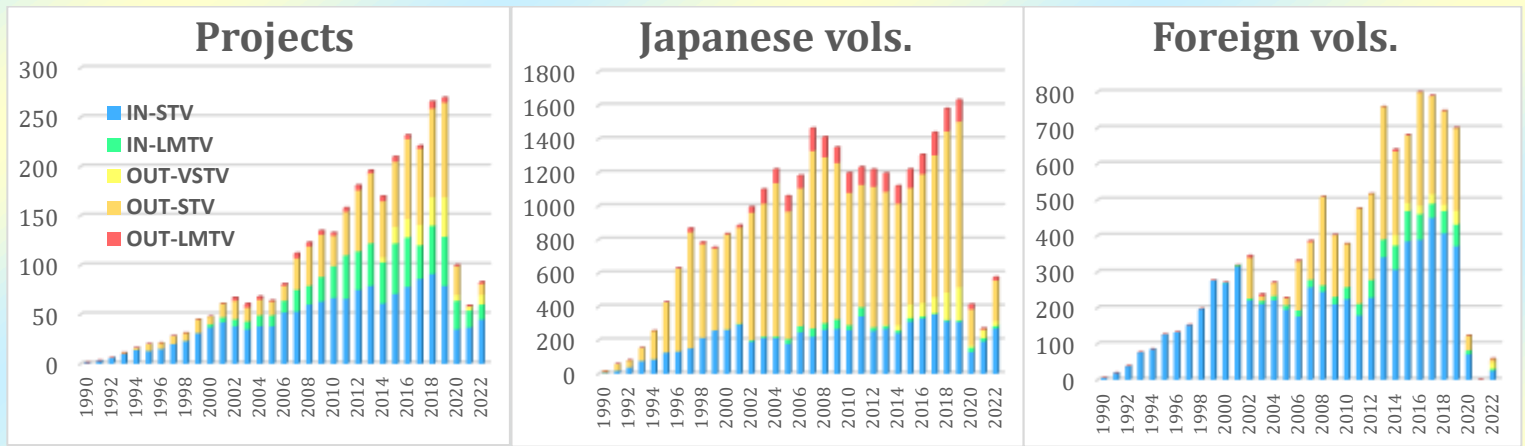
NICE was **founded on the 1990 Feb. 4th** by the unknown 7 youth who had joined IVS projects abroad with the strong initiative of KAIZAWA Shinichiro (Kai) who joined the international workcamp in Poland during his one year break from the university. In 1990 Sep., the first international workcamp of NICE was held at the foot of the Mt. Fuji in Japan.



< Some of the major achievements >

Created new types of workcamps in Japan	1993: Weekend workcamps, 2000: LMTV projects, 2002: Group workcamps, 2009: Volunteering Year, 2011: Tohoku earthquake recovery, 2013: Family workcamps, 2014 Online workcamps, 2021 Online workcamps, etc.
Started workcamps /IVS in Asia where there was no IVS	Together with local NGOs, 1993: Indonesia, 1994: Philippines, 1995: Thailand+, 1996: China, 1998: Cambodia, 2000: Mongolia/ Vietnam, 2002: Fiji, 2004 Malaysia+, 2007: Taiwan, 2009 HK, 2012: Myanmar/ Sri Lanka+ +: The branches of SCI had workcamps earlier within their networks.
Created various themes of Global Common Actions	1998: Greening Asia (forests), 1999: World Peace Project, 2003: Eco Sponges (fresh water), 2008 World Tanabata (climate change), 2015 Walk with Nepal (disaster relief), 2016 Stop Climate Change (climate change)
Active involvement in and contribution to IVS networks	* ALLIANCE (European network): Joining TM (1991-), Affiliated (1996-) * CCIVS (Global network): Affiliated (1992-), EC member (1995-2016), Presidency (2004-07) * SCI (INGO): Exchanging vols. (1994-) * NVDA (Asian network): Initiated the foundation (1997), EC member (1997-2018, 2020-), Presidency (1997-2007, 2010-14, 2020-) * Initiated to create Global Meeting of IVS networks (2006-), Global LMTV Meetings (2010-), Global Statistics (2013-), What is our IVS? (2017-19)
Hosted big meetings/ innovative projects / Advocacy	2001/ 2015: General Assembly of NVDA, 2002: IVS class in Univ, 2004: Stop Child Abuse, 2006: Notebook Action, 2009: National LTVs with Agricultural Ministry, 2011: World Summit of Forest Actions, 2012: Gap Year Network, 2014 Asian Voluntary Service, 2016 NICE's modified SDGs/ Local SDGs, 2017 Carbon offset, 2017/ 2021 Asian IVS Summit, 2020 Eco Tree Action





Thanks to the great solidarity and collaboration with members, volunteers and partners, the numbers of Projects and Volunteers were increased till 2019, then dramatically decreased due to restrictions of movement & gathering by COVID-19 as well as most of IVS NGOs in the world.

During COVID-19 period, NICE kept national workcamps, created online/ donation projects and downsized the structure (moving the office, decreasing the paid staff) to overcome the challenges! **In 2022, Outgoing vols. reached 289 and Incoming placement finally restarted from Oct.!**

1-2) Aims and Goals

Achieve a Healthy & Colorful World!

We believe, **health can be a key, one of the most important values** toward the post-modern civilization. We mean not only physical health of human bodies, but **also mental, ecological, cultural, economic and communal health!** Many people seem afraid that a low carbon society may bring us inconvenient, uncomfortable and unhappy life, but if we put more value on “health”, it may not!



To **protect/ create a colorful world** is another important goal. This means, **Diverse ecologies, cultures and personalities are harmoniously coexisted and glittered.** Potential of each actor can be more brought out with various standards!

1) Improve the social & environmental situation by direct actions!



2) Empower NPOs/ local communities and raise awareness & actions!



3) Promote global friendship/ cooperation and personal growth!



1-3) Activities - Organizing various types of workcamps on 6 themes!

To achieve the above aims, NICE mainly organizes the following types of Projects.

- * In each of them, there are **VSTV** (1-6 days), **STV** (7-31 days), **MTV** (32-182 days), **LTV** (183 days-).
- * Workcamps are “**Group living types of voluntary service**”.
- * Some projects (especially MTV & LTV) are **not workcamps, but individual** voluntary service.
- * In each of them, **many local people are actively participating** in the various ways.



< NICE’s projects by themes >



1-4) Structure

- Run by many active members voluntarily!



As of 2022 Jul., there are
13 EC (Executive Committee) members
2 Auditors
29 Full members
Over 300 Active members
666 Associate members
16,511 Supporting members
5 full + 3 part time paid staff members
26 Registered Activity team
4 Regional Workcamp Center

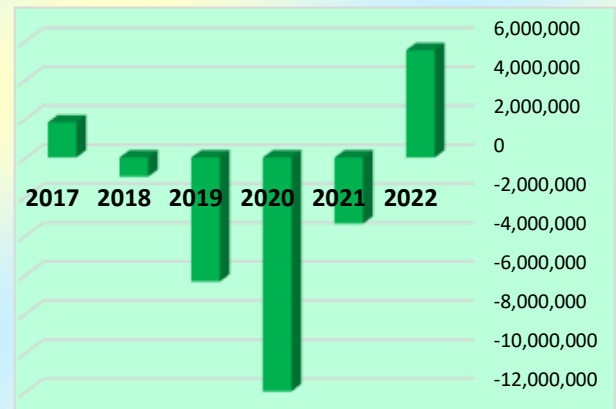


1-5) Finance

- Severely damaged by COVID-19, but gradually recovered!

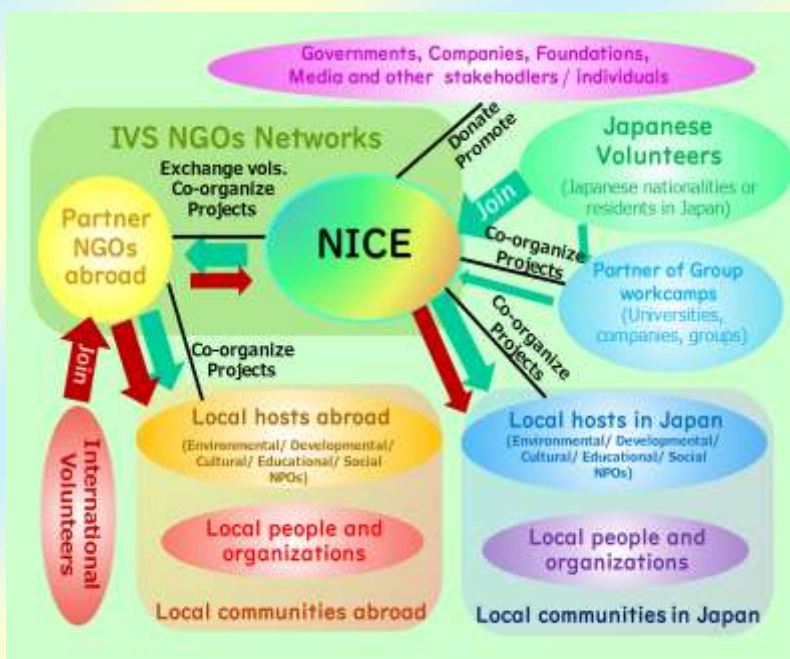
< Settlement of Account in 2022 >

Income: 304,367 USD		Expense: 273,440 USD	
Membership fee	54%	IVS projects cost	10%
Participation fee	0%	Other projects cost	0%
Grants	22%	Staff cost	66%
Donation	12%	Other operation cost	6%
Fund raising	7%	Network & Promotion	11%
Others	5%	Others	7%
Total Balance: plus 42,367 USD after big minus for 4 years!			



1-6) External Relations

- One of the largest networks in IVS movement!



As of 2022 Jul., there are,
162 partner NGOs in 89 countries
Over 5,000 local hosts in the world
123 local hosts in Japan
19 Partners of Group workcamps

And NICE is currently;

- 😊 **President of NVDA** (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia)
- 😊 **Full member of CCIVS** (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service)
- 😊 **Associate member of ALLIANCE** of European Voluntary Service Organisations
- 😊 **Partner of SCI** (Service Civil International)

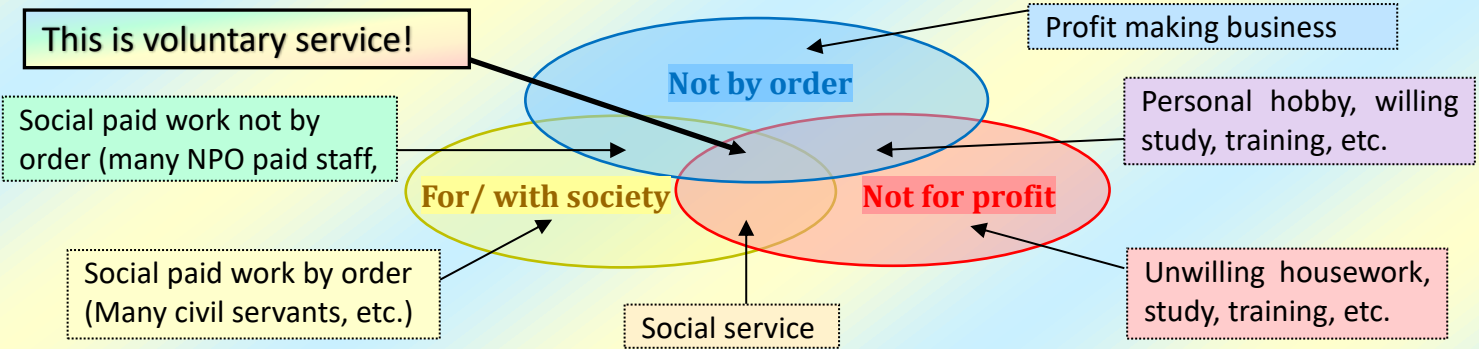


2. Types & Definitions of NICE Projects

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2-1) What is voluntary service? - Just our way of understanding

* Actions mentioned here are just examples and not always apply to the case.



2-2) What are workcamps? - Category in voluntary service

	Group type	Individual type
Living there together	Workcamps!	
Going to/ from home		

* Workcamp is a group living type of voluntary service project

2-3) Categories of (I)VS projects by length & sizes of groups

Length \ Number of vols.	Workcamp = group type (more than 2 vols.)		Individual type (1 or 2 vols.)	
Very Short Term (Less than a week)	VSTW	(all together) VSTV	VSTI	
Short Term (1 week-1 month)	STW	(all together) STV	STI	
Middle Term (1-6 months)	MTW	(together) LMTW	(all together) LMTV	(together) MTI
Long Term (over 6 months)	LTW			LMI

- * As most of VSTW are done in the weekends, it is often called "Weekend Workcamps" (even for the ones organized on Mon.-Fri.). Some NGOs call them as "Mini Workcamps".
- * LTV and MTV are usually called together (here as "LMTV" while some organizations call "MLTV").
- * Most of IVS NGOs rarely organize VSTI and STI while **many of LMTV are individual type** (LMTI).

2-4) Other ways of Categories

International
(open globally)

Regional
(e.g. only for Asian)

Trilateral
(3 countries)

Bilateral
(2 countries)

National

Local

- * Even if vols are from 2-3 countries after all, if it was open globally, it can be still called "International".
- * In the wider definition, Regional/ Trilateral/ Bilateral ones can be also called "International".

Environmental

Developmental

Cultural

Educational

Social (Human Rights)

* There are many ways to categorize differently in each NGO and many projects are multi thematic.

Group workcamps (organized for the specific groups such as schools, companies and community clubs)

Other (Non Group) Workcamps (Volunteers are recruited individually)

* Some NGOs call above mentioned "Bilateral workcamps" as "Group workcamps".

2-5) More info. about IVS movement

< What is our IVS? >

This paper was produced by a Global Task Force gathering 6 IVS networks with the strong initiative of NICE and the sponsorship of Japan Foundation in 2017-19.

The main contents are;

- * IVS's Definition/ Universal Charter/ Statistics and Impact/ Quality standard
- * IVS and other similar concepts/ Questions to judge the nature and value
- * Recommendation for Improvement and development/ Goals of IVS

You can download the whole paper [here](#) (and also [Annex](#), [Informal paper](#))

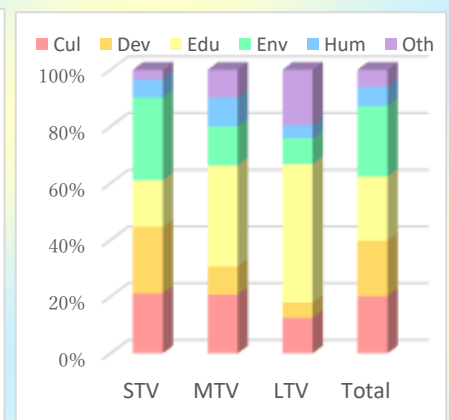
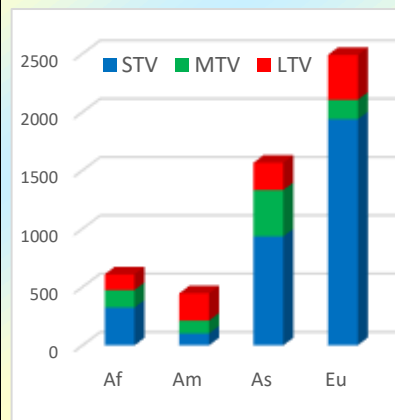


< Global statistics of IVS >

The first version was made in 2015 (for the figures of 2013) for the first time of IVS history since 1920 by the collaboration of 6 IVS networks with the strong initiative of NICE and its President. Here is some data from the second version finalized in 2018 for the figures of 2016.

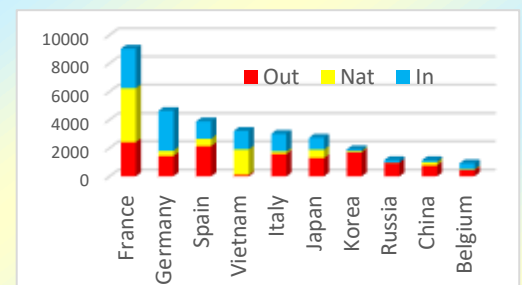
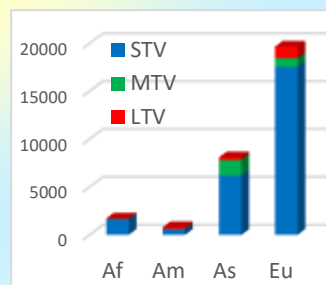
[Number of Projects organized]

	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Total	3,302	823	986	5,111
Africa	325	150	134	609
Americas	103	110	233	446
Asia	935	397	234	1,566
Europe	1,939	166	385	2,490
Cultural	21%	21%	13%	20%
Developmental	23%	10%	5%	20%
Educational	16%	36%	49%	23%
Environmental	29%	14%	9%	25%
Human Rights	6%	10%	5%	7%
Others	3%	10%	19%	6%



[Number of Volunteers from]

	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Total	25,917	2,655	1,694	30,266
Africa	1,629	38	48	1,715
Americas	544	68	183	795
Asia	6,199	1,635	257	8,091
Europe	17,545	914	1,206	19,665



< History of IVS >

The first IVS (International Voluntary Service) project as “International workcamp” was started in France in 1920 by SCI (Service Civil International). Here are some sentences from their website;

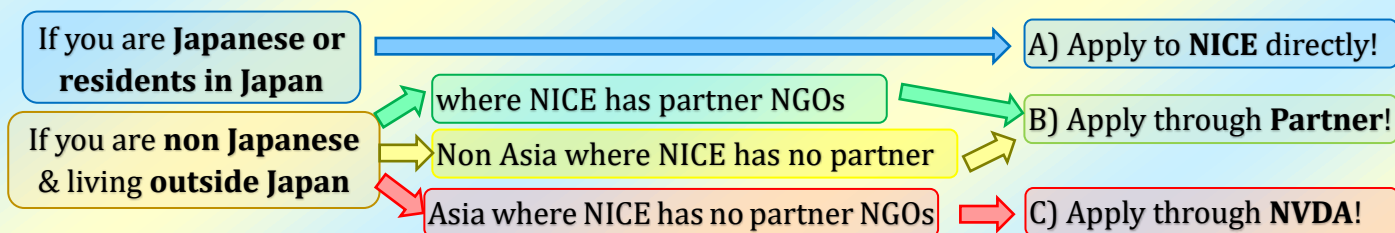
SCI was founded by Pierre Cérésolle, a Swiss engineer, who established a peace and humanitarian movement in the aftermath of World War I in 1920, thereby laying down the foundations of SCI. Cérésolle organised the first international workcamp (voluntary project) on the former battlefield of Verdun (France) in 1920 in order to reconstruct the war damaged village Esnes-en-Argonne. Amongst the participants were three Germans and Cérésolle wanted the workcamp to be a symbol of reconciliation between France and Germany. The volunteers build up temporary homes for the villagers and cleared the farmland.

For more info., see [their website](#).

3. Participation Process and Fee

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3-1) Participation Process - How can I join NICE projects in Japan!?



* For Non Asia where NICE has no partner, you may apply through the partner of neighboring country.

* For A), contact to in@nice1.gr.jp (Mami) and for C), contact to secretariat.nvda@gmail.com.

< How can I know if my residential country has NICE's partner NGOs!?! >

You can check the websites of [NVDA](#), [CCIVS](#), [ALLIANCE](#) and [SCI](#) since NICE has partnership with most of Member NGOs/ branches of those 4 IVS networks. Or you can also inquire us (in@nice1.gr.jp)!

Step 1: Send your application and pay the inscription fee

You need to fill in **Online application form** (for C, it is an Excel file) and **pay the inscription fee to your sending NGO** that will be used for their management and **does NOT go to NICE/ Local host!**

Step 2: Have an Interview (ONLY for some projects as written on the descriptions)

If you apply for the project which requires a **special point such as speaking GOOD Japanese**, you will need to have a **zoom interview with the NICE office and/ or the local host**. The details such as the date and the time will be arranged with you after having received your application.

Step 3: Receive Acceptance or Refusal

NICE will inform your sending NGO by e-mail usually within **3 working days for VSTV and STV/ 2-3 weeks for LMTV**. If accepted, Acceptance Letter and NICE Volunteers' Guide will be also sent.

Acceptance letter contains the invitation link to the **Facebook Group of your participating project** and to the **Confirmation Form** mainly to inform your flights and travelling plans.

Step 4: Book the flights as soon as being accepted

Don't wait for the Information Sheets, otherwise you may miss economical flights! Usually, if you **arrive at Japan by the day before and leave Japan from the day after, it should be fine**.

For VSTV, STV and LMTW in Japan, you will usually meet at Accommodation or train station/ bus stop nearby, **in the afternoon of the first day** and can leave there **around the noon of the last day**. Some projects are located far from the airports and it takes a quite long time to reach Meeting point.

We **write concrete latest arrival/ earliest departure time and dates at/ from the major airports** (based on the faster way by using the bullet trains, etc.) in each project description.

For LMTI in Japan, you usually need to join On Arrival Seminar and Evaluation Seminar in Yokohama (for the projects in the eastern Japan) or Osaka (for those in the western Japan), so should **fly to Tokyo (HND or NRT) or Osaka (KIX)** as specified in the project description!

This is just for **your minimum stay** while most of vols. stay for some days-weeks more before/ after the projects (we recommend "after" since you may get more info. about nice spots and even travel mates/ home stay host (Japanese vols.) during your project! **Don't expect much time for sightseeing during Projects**. If you want it, make your schedule to do it before/ after the project!

Step 5: Apply for visa (**Only those who will need**)

70 nationalities are exempted to get visa within 3-6 months stay! So, only those who are from other countries or those who will stay for a longer time will need to get visa (NICE will send the invitation letters for your application). See more details on Page 11, 3-3) Visa to join NICE Projects in Japan. The regulations are changeable, so **check the updated info!**



Step 6: Submit the Confirmation form

All volunteers need to fill in and submit online Confirmation form (linked from the Acceptance letter) **as soon as the flights are booked, by 31 days before Project start at latest.**



Step 7: Pay the NICE Volunteers Fee

All volunteers need to pay this fee beforehand (9,000 JPY for VSTV/ STV, 18,000 JPY per month for LMTV) **by 31 days before** Project start. See more details in 3-5) NICE Volunteers.

- * Only if you have special difficulties, it can be paid by cash in the project or the On Arrival Training.
- * This is actually not only the money matter, but you will get rights as “NICE Volunteers”!



Step 8: Receive the Information Sheets

Usually **by 4 weeks before** Project start, NICE will send the “**Information Sheets**” (details about the project such as Area, Background, Work, Schedule, Accommodation, What to bring, Meeting point, How to get there and Emergent contact) to you through your sending NGOs.



Step 9: Do other preparation

Do any other necessary preparation such as;

- * Volunteers insurance NICE will provide can cover only limited cases and amount of money DURING your project in Japan, so we request **all volunteers to prepare their own Travel insurance.**
- * You can **communicate with your project leaders, other volunteers and possibly, ex. volunteers on the Facebook Group of your project** (or in some cases, also by FB messengers, LINE, mails, etc.).
- * Why not to try to **learn Japanese cultures and language** (even basic words) beforehand that can be useful to understand what you will see and exchange with whom you will meet!
- * **Pre-Departure Training** may be organized physically or online by your sending NGO.



Step 10: Join the On Arrival Seminar (**Only for LMTV especially LMTI**)

Most of Volunteers for LMTI (Long and Mid Term volunteers, Individual type) and some of LMTV (Workcamp type) need to join it in Tokyo/ Yokohama or Osaka (depending on Project location) **for 2 days right before Project start.** See more details in 6-1) On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars.



Step 11: Join the project!

You will stay and work with other volunteers and the local hosts. **Have a fruitful stay!**

- * Most of LMTI and some of LMTW vols. need to join the **Evaluation Seminar** in Tokyo/ Yokohama or Osaka which takes place together with On Arrival Seminar **for 2 days right after Project end.**



Step 12: Follow up!

You are very welcomed to keep connected and involved with NICE and your project forever!

- * **Help the future volunteers** joining the same project by giving advices on the FB group, etc. where you can also enjoy to **see how your project will be developed** by the pictures, comments, etc.
- * **Become a “Project Supporter”** with valuable donation that will help your project and NICE.
- * Connect your project host with the **similar type of NGO in your country** for possible collaboration!
- * **Organize “Japan Volunteering Night”** with other ex. volunteers of NICE projects from your country where you can enjoy meeting them and contribute to the promotion of your sending NGOs/ NICE!

3-2) Qualification - Who can join NICE projects!?

The workcamp will be very enjoyable!

But if you are **only interested** in having a holiday/ tourism

And **not motivated** for the aims, voluntary work and exchange with others in collective, simple (but healthy!) life,

better not to join our projects & travel on your own.

If your motivation is to **create a colorful and healthy community & world through the collaboration** with the local people and volunteers,

you are **very welcomed** 😊

1) High motivation for voluntary work!

- 😊 Special skills or physical strength are not necessary unless specifically stated.
- 😊 Need to be interested in the backgrounds, needs, plans & ambitions of work



2) Respect and follow the rules & cultures!

- 😊 Be responsible and keep the rules of NICE & Host.
- 😊 Have a good manner to the hosting communities.
- 😊 Respect the cultures & personalities of others.



6) Adapt and enjoy simple and local life!

- 😊 Lower carbon, healthier, less internet & cooperative.
- 😊 E.g., Be ready to eat rice 3 times a day in Japan.
- 😊 Share tasks of group life for cooking, cleaning, etc.



3) Open minded to make friends!

- 😊 Try to speak English in the group and Japanese words with local people.
- 😊 Moreover, open attitude to communicate, exchange and smile is important.



5) Have good physical and mental health!

- 😊 However, physically/mentally disadvantaged persons can be accepted/welcomed in some cases.
- 😊 Need to negotiate with Local host in each case.



4) Aged 18 or over (no maximum age)!

- 😊 Minimum age is 18 besides family or teen workcamps (age 15-17)
- 😊 Younger vols. can be accepted in some cases also in the "adult" workcamps.



3-3) Visa to join NICE projects in Japan

Check the updated info. at [this site](#) and [this site](#) of MOFA, Japanese embassies and any others. It will depend which category your nationality belongs to among the following A, B or C.

A: 26 Countries/ areas which has Working Holiday visa/ Visa exemption agreement with Japan

Asia-Pacific	Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan
Europe	Austria, Czech, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Lithuania, Netherland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, UK
Americas	Argentina, Canada, Chile

B: 44 Countries/ areas which has Visa exemption agreement with Japan

Asia-Pacific	Brunei, Indonesia, Israel, Macao, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, UAE
Europe	Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, North Macedonia, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey
Africa	Lesotho, Mauritius, Tunisia
Americas	Bahamas, Barbados, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Suriname, Uruguay, USA

C: Countries which has no Visa exemption agreement with Japan): All the others

Working Holiday Visa (only for Category A)

This allows you to stay in Japan **up to 1 year**, so suitable for LMTVs! It also allows you to have paid jobs, so you may combine them (we don't introduce any though) and our projects for your stay.

* For more details (Age limit, other conditions and procedure), check [this page](#).

Visa exemption for short term stay (for Category A and B)

Since 2022 Oct., [visa exemption](#) is revived **up to 90 days stay in Japan as tourists** besides the following exceptions. Thus, you may get **another 90 days permission to stay by going to neighboring countries** (e.g., Korea, Taiwan) for over 10 days as some vols. have done though NICE does not guarantee your success.

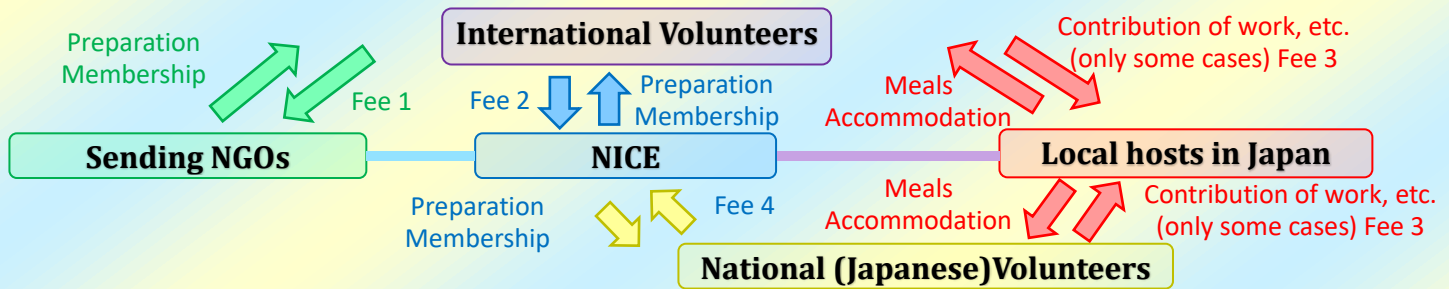
- * **Austria, Germany, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Switzerland, UK:** Up to **6 months** with extension process at the end of the first 3 months stay.
- * **Indonesia/ Thailand:** Up to **15 days**, only for those who have registered ICAO-compliant ePassport
- * **Malaysia/ Serbia/ UAE:** Only for those who have registered ICAO-compliant ePassport
- * **Hong Kong/ Macao:** Only for holders of Special Administrative Region (SAR) passport
- * **Barbados/ Turkey/ Lesotho:** Only for holders of MRP or ePassport with ICAO standards.

Visa for the voluntary service (for Category C)

With this visa, you usually can stay in Japan **up to 90 days while those from some countries be allowed to stay only for the period you will have applied with your participating projects**). This depends on the policies of each embassy, so check it at your Japanese embassy.

You and NICE need to prepare some documents for visa applications and the process may take a few weeks or even months. But **don't worry**, most of the volunteers in the past (with proper preparation) could successfully get visa!

3-4) Financial management of NICE Projects & Exchange



Fee 1: Inscription fee the volunteers pay to their sending NGOs (Amount depends on each NGO)
This is used for the management of Sending NGOs, **does NOT go to neither NICE nor Local host.**

Fee 2: NICE volunteers fee (9,000 JPY for VSTV/ STV and 18,000 JPY per month for LMTV)
This is used for the management of your project and NICE, **does NOT go to Local host.**

Fee 3: Additional fee ONLY for some projects (Amount depends on each project)
This is quite exceptional and mentioned in the project description where Local host cannot provide Meals and Accommodation by free by special circumstances (mostly, Family/ Teenage workcamps).

Fee 4: NICE Special Membership fee (19,000-49,000 JPY for VSTV-LTV for the first time)
This is paid by National (usually Japanese) vols. and used for the management of project and NICE.

* The above chart explains **only the financial** (monetary or materialistic) **aspects** and we believe, all stakeholders are **strongly connected & collaborated for the common goals and values** above all!

* As you can see, **Meals & Accommodation are provided by free by Local hosts** (unless they charge Fee 3 exceptionally) with appreciation to your contribution to work together voluntarily, so **don't complain** like "I've paid XXX, but what's this food and house" and let's appreciate each other!

< Why do I have to apply through my sending NGOs? >

1. You can have better preparation

with them that have more common language and cultures as you in the same country.

They have years of experiences, know-hows and other resources to send volunteers abroad

For example, they could possibly introduce ex. vols. in NICE projects from your country and/ organize your Pre-Departure Seminar.

2. They (and NICE) can act as a bridge

in case you and Local hosts cannot solve any issues well bilaterally during the project (though this is quite rarely happened.)

It is also helpful for NICE/ Local hosts to have them as the coordination/ promotion bodies and focal points rather than being connected with each volunteer individually only.

3. IVS NGOs are sustained by (ex.) vols!

Most of staff/ active members of IVS NGOs have joined IVS/ workcamps first, then got passionate and motivated to develop and promote IVS in/ from their countries.

You can be also benefitted to meet many great ex. vols. and do meaningful/ exciting activities!

4. Many IVS NGOs are financed by vols.

For the freedom and financial health/stability, many IVS NGOs choose to be supported by the volunteers, rather than the external big funds.

It is also reasonable that NGOs are financed by the people living in the same countries since they have common economic & social base. (#)

#: You may wonder then why "NICE Volunteers" fee is charged, but it is only a small part of NICE's finance for the diversification of income resources. By the way, most of IVS NGOs in the "South" greatly depend on the fee income from international volunteers due to their special circumstances.

3-5) NICE Volunteers - Fee and Benefits

< How much should I pay? >

VSTV (1-6 days) and STV (7-31 days): **9,000 JPY** (43 EUR by XE rate on 2022 Sep. 01)

LMTV (over 31 days): **18,000 JPY per month for 1st-3rd month and 6,000 JPY from 4th month**

* This is charged for every time of participation even from the repeaters of the same project/ year.

< What this fee is used for? >

Preparation/ coordination of your project (only as its small part) such as;

Transportation
of Staff/ Camp leaders
before/ during/ after
the project

Human cost
Training for leaders
and work of Incoming
placement officer

[for LMTI]
Accommodation and
meals of On Arrival/
Evaluation Seminars

[for Vols. who need]
Visa cost such as EMS
mailing, registration
certificate, etc.

< How should it be paid? >

A. by Credit Card (VISA or Master Card): No additional charge!

1. Click the following link: https://www.nice1.gr.jp/en/card_overseas/

2. Choose the right amount (if there is no choice for your amount, you can combine some bottoms).

3. Insert the data and make the payment!

* You don't have to pay the commission in this option, that is paid only by NICE as the receiver.

B. by PayPal: Easier to get refund in case of early cancellation!

1. Click the following link: https://PayPal.me/niceworkcamp?locale.x=ja_JP

2. Put the amount how much you will pay.

3. Sign in to your account with your e-mail address and password.

4. Choose how to pay. You can choose the credit card which you want to use.

* The commission for Senders (around 5%) should be additionally paid by Senders.

* All volunteers needs to pay the fee **by 31 days before Project start** at latest.

If they are accepted later than that, they need to pay **within 7 days from the acceptance.**

* Only if you have special difficulties, it can be paid by cash in the project or the On Arrival Training that should be communicated and agreed between NICE and Volunteers (or their Sending NGOs).

[Cancellation policy] (But unless you have a PayPal account, it will be quite complicated to refund.)

If NICE is informed of cancellation	NICE will refund
By 31 days before Project start	50% of Paid amount minus Commission of Card/ PayPal
Later than 31 days before Project start	Nothing

< Benefits to become "NICE Volunteers"! >

Join FB group of your project!

* Communicate with other new/ ex. vols.

* See Project progress

One night free stay @ NICE house

in Yokohama before or after your project if there is any space!

Possibility of free home stay in Japan

NICE has members almost all over Japan, so maybe found!?

Get a Certificate of your participation!

This can be issued by NICE electrically upon your request.

Receive Newsletters & NICE Project lists

NICE may send you 1-2 times a year.

Join NICE gathering in your country!

It may be organized if NICE staff have visit.

Organize/ join Japan IVS Nights, etc.!

with your Sending NGOs & other ex, vols.

Create actions with NICE/ Local host!

E.g., Connecting farms, schools of 2 countries.

4. VSTV - Very Short Term workcamps (in Japan)

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- * VTSV is a voluntary service project which duration is for less than a week (1-6 days).
- * Most projects are **Workcamps** types (VSTW) and Individual volunteering type (VSTI) are rare.
- * Most projects open to international vols. are for **4-6 days** while most projects targeting national vols. are for **1-3 days** and usually held in the weekends as they are called "**Weekend Workcamps**".




4-1) Summery List of Projects

Click each Project name to jump into the detailed description!

Code	Project name	Location	Start	End	Theme	SDGs
NICE-24V-0103A	Shirakami 1	Aomori	01/03	01/07	CHIL	4
NICE-24V-0105A	Oi 1	Tokushima	01/05	01/09	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0112A	Oi 2	Tokushima	01/12	01/16	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0115A	Maki & Tateya 1	Nagano	01/15	01/19	CULT, MANU, SOCI	10,11
NICE-24V-0119A	Oi 3	Tokushima	01/19	01/23	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0126A	Oi 4	Tokushima	01/26	01/30	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0202A	Oi 5	Tokushima	02/02	02/06	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0209A	Oi 6	Tokushima	02/09	02/13	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0216A	Oi 7	Tokushima	02/16	02/20	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0219A	Maki & Tateya 2	Nagano	02/19	02/23	CULT, MANU, SOCI	10,11
NICE-24V-0223A	Oi 8	Tokushima	02/23	02/27	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0301A	Oi 9	Tokushima	03/01	03/05	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0308A	Oi 10	Tokushima	03/08	03/12	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0315A	Oi 11	Tokushima	03/15	03/19	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0322A	Oi 12	Tokushima	03/22	03/26	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0329A	Oi 13	Tokushima	03/29	04/02	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0405A	Oi 14	Tokushima	04/05	04/09	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0412A	Oi 15	Tokushima	04/12	04/16	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0419A	Oi 16	Tokushima	04/19	04/23	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0426A	Oi 17	Tokushima	04/26	04/30	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0503A	Oi 18	Tokushima	05/03	05/07	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0510A	Oi 19	Tokushima	05/10	05/14	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0517A	Oi 20	Tokushima	05/17	05/21	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0524A	Oi 21	Tokushima	05/24	05/28	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0531A	Oi 22	Tokushima	05/31	06/04	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0607A	Oi 23	Tokushima	06/07	06/11	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0614A	Oi 24	Tokushima	06/14	06/18	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0621A	Oi 25	Tokushima	06/21	06/25	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24V-0628A	Oi 26	Tokushima	06/28	07/02	AGRI, MANU	2,11

4-2) Detailed Project Description




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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24V-0103A	Shirakami 1	Aomori	Japan	01/03	01/07	CHIL	4	18	99
1. Summary	Five days spent supporting children's camps in the wilderness of the Winter World Natural Heritage Site!								
2. Background	Shirakami Nature School (SNS) since 2006. Shirakami Mountains is one of Japanese valuable preserved natural forests consisting primarily of beech trees, registered as a World Natural Heritage in 1993. SNS has a summer vacation program for children aged 7-12. Children will play and live in the nature to grow their independence, cultivate sensitivity, and learn group cooperation. This is also good opportunity for children to learn about international culture through communication with international volunteers. This is the first time to do workcamp during the winter holidays. The aim is to provide children with an insight into life in a snow country through skiing and snow play in the rich natural mountains of the World Heritage Site Shirakami Sanchi. This workcamp also aims to develop children's international outlook and sensitivity through exchanges with foreign volunteers. Volunteers need to be ready to spend 24 hours with children during kids camp except some free times.								
3. Work	Supporting winter children's nature camp, which takes place from Jan.03 to Jan.07. Volunteers support various activities (skiing classes, snowshoe trekking, woodworking wreath making, snow shoveling, etc.) while living together with the children, as well as preparing and cleaning up for the reception. Volunteers are also responsible for the safety of the children, providing behind the scenes support, helping to make the activities fun and exciting for the children, and acting as a bridge between foreigners and children! Work might be changed due to weather condition, we need to be flexible!								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in school dormitory. Sleeping bag is needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Shirakami-Sanchi World Heritage, and skills of conservation forests in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Enjoy snow in Aomori, hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Volunteers will work in Ajigasawa town in Aomori prefecture. Aomori is located on the northernmost tip of Honshu Island. Shirakami Mountains located in southwest and the Mutsu-bay nestles between the eastern Shimokita and western Tsugaru Peninsulas.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours by bullet train and local train or 10 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Aomori pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Jan. 02 and can leave there after 22:00 on Jan. 07. It is better to book flight on or after Jan. 08.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers who can teach skiing. It is winter(snow) season in Aomori. Volunteers should be prepared to work hard outside. Volunteers need to have high motivation for snow activities.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (55 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									




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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24V-0105A	Oi 1	Tokushima	Japan	01/05	01/09	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0112A	Oi 2	Tokushima	Japan	01/12	01/16	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0119A	Oi 3	Tokushima	Japan	01/19	01/23	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0126A	Oi 4	Tokushima	Japan	01/26	01/30	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0202A	Oi 5	Tokushima	Japan	02/02	02/06	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0209A	Oi 6	Tokushima	Japan	02/09	02/13	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0216A	Oi 7	Tokushima	Japan	02/16	02/20	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0223A	Oi 8	Tokushima	Japan	02/23	02/27	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0301A	Oi 9	Tokushima	Japan	03/01	03/05	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0308A	Oi 10	Tokushima	Japan	03/08	03/12	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0315A	Oi 11	Tokushima	Japan	03/15	03/19	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0322A	Oi 12	Tokushima	Japan	03/22	03/26	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0329A	Oi 13	Tokushima	Japan	03/29	04/02	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0405A	Oi 14	Tokushima	Japan	04/05	04/09	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0412A	Oi 15	Tokushima	Japan	04/12	04/16	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0419A	Oi 16	Tokushima	Japan	04/19	04/23	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0426A	Oi 17	Tokushima	Japan	04/26	04/30	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0503A	Oi 18	Tokushima	Japan	05/03	05/07	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0510A	Oi 19	Tokushima	Japan	05/10	05/14	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0517A	Oi 20	Tokushima	Japan	05/17	05/21	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0524A	Oi 21	Tokushima	Japan	05/24	05/28	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0531A	Oi 22	Tokushima	Japan	05/31	06/04	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0607A	Oi 23	Tokushima	Japan	06/07	06/11	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0614A	Oi 24	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	06/18	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0621A	Oi 25	Tokushima	Japan	06/21	06/25	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-24V-0628A	Oi 26	Tokushima	Japan	06/28	07/02	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99



1. Summary	Supporting a village next to Kakurin-ji temple with agriculture and revitalization of the community!	
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with the local group since 2019. This village has been welcoming "Ohenro (pilgrims)" who visit 88 temples in Shikoku since long time ago. The pilgrims walk through this village before visiting "Kakurin-ji temple"; the 20th temple out of 88 temples of the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage. However, there are problems which should be solved such as aging and depopulation of the community these days, and locals haven't been able to find solutions for those problems. On the other hand, since more and more people from overseas visit for the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage locals are trying to find new ways for "omotenashi (hospitality)". Volunteers who have been working on the project have come up with ideas for the reuse of vacant and abandoned land. Local host Oi have finally decided that they can freely renovate and modify the vacant houses. Moreover, the site is in a good location, with mountains, a river and fields. It is up to the volunteers from now on to decide how to develop the project. The aim is for the volunteer members to clean up the abandoned houses and village landscape and transform it into a village that people will want to visit to take photos, as it used to be a village where people came and went since ancient times.	
3. Work	1) Supporting for harvesting and shipping during the peak of the Japanese star anise (shikimi) harvest season. 2) Supporting for harvesting and shipping of sudachi (Japanese citrus fruit) at the peak of harvest season. 3) Supporting for activities such as writing English guides in various places in the town for foreign pilgrims. 4) Cleaning of vacant houses, support for carrying out furniture, pruning of cedar cypress branches in abandoned mountain forests, picking up plastic rubbish from the sea and river, and utilization of vacant houses. 5) Maintenance of Asagimadara flying sites, maintenance of firefly flying sites, etc.	
4. Accommodation	Home staying at local farmhouses. All meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NOT necessary.	
5. Study theme	Finding ways for sustainability of a depopulated village, Pass down the "osettai" culture to the next generation, Helping senior citizens to host foreigners	
6. Other activities	Visiting Kakurin-ji temple.	
7. Location	Oi-cho, Anan city, Tokushima pref.	
8. Terminal	The nearest int'l airport is Kansai (Osaka). From Osaka to the meeting point in Tokushima, it takes 3 hours by highway bus. Volunteers are recommended to arrive at Japan one or more days before the workcamp starts and leave Japan one or more days after the end. Volunteers need to take a local train from the meeting point to the campsite about 2.5 hours. Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point at 14:00 on 1st day and can leave project site around 13:00 on last day.	
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!	
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (55 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.	
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)	
12. Other	Video about Kakurin-ji temple https://youtu.be/V2vX5Ik4ASM	
Picture (Area)	Picture (Work)	Picture (Accommodation)
		

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24V-0115A	Maki & Tateya 1	Nagano	Japan	01/15	01/19	CULT, MANU, SOCI	8	18	99
1. Summary	Clearing snow to protect the cultural heritage in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. The life is very hard with deep snow during the winter, so the members usually live in the other farm at the foot of the mountain and only sometimes come to Maki to clear the snow in these years.</p> <p>However, the water mill hut, that had been constructed just several years ago by a lot of work and donations, was destroyed in 2022 due to too much snow, they feel the needs to clear the snow more regularly, that's why the winter workcamp here has been revived since 15 years ago!</p> <p>Tateya is located on the hilly (less than Maki, but still a bit isolated) area where 30-40 members live and mainly do rice farming as well as growing cows and chicken.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2023, we had 4 short term workcamps and 1 LMTV project with 13 vols. who greatly contributed to their protecting the houses, farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	The volunteers will mainly clear the snow on the roofs and the surroundings of the old, traditional houses. They will also carry the things from the town to Maki and join the house work such as cooking, washing, clearing, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard! It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!								
4. Accommodation	Maki: Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the volunteers' house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, toilets and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. Tateya: Building for volunteers and a few members, 5 min. walk from the farm. Meals will be usually cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Both are located in the beautiful places near "Japanese Northern Alps". Maki is in about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization. Tateya is surrounded by the farms and 40 min. walk from the train station.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 5 hours by express bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo by the end of Jan. 14 and can leave there from the beginning of Jan. 20.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to have high motivation and patience to keep the same hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place and to respect the way of the local host. No special skills nor experiences are needed. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (55 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ .								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24V-0219A	Maki & Tateya 2	Nagano	Japan	02/19	02/23	CULT, MANU, SOCI	8	18	99
1. Summary	Clearing snow to protect the cultural heritage in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. The life is very hard with deep snow during the winter, so the members usually live in the other farm at the foot of the mountain and only sometimes come to Maki to clear the snow in these years.</p> <p>However, the water mill hut, that had been constructed just several years ago by a lot of work and donations, was destroyed in 2022 due to too much snow, they feel the needs to clear the snow more regularly, that's why the winter workcamp here has been revived since 15 years ago!</p> <p>Tateya is located on the hilly (less than Maki, but still a bit isolated) area where 30-40 members live and mainly do rice farming as well as growing cows and chicken.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2023, we had 4 short term workcamps and 1 LMTV project with 13 vols. who greatly contributed to their protecting the houses, farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	The volunteers will mainly clear the snow on the roofs and the surroundings of the old, traditional houses. They will also carry the things from the town to Maki and join the house work such as cooking, washing, clearing, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard! It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!								
4. Accommodation	Maki: Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the volunteers' house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, toilets and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. Tateya: Building for volunteers and a few members, 5 min. walk from the farm. Meals will be usually cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Both are located in the beautiful places near "Japanese Northern Alps". Maki is in about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization. Tateya is surrounded by the farms and 40 min. walk from the train station.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 5 hours by express bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo by the end of Feb. 18 and can leave there from the beginning of Feb. 24.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to have high motivation and patience to keep the same hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place and to respect the way of the local host. No special skills nor experiences are needed. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (55 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ .								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

5. STV - Short Term Workcamps (in Japan)

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- * STV is a voluntary service project which duration is from 1 week to 1 month (7-31 days).
- * Most projects are **Workcamps** types (STW) while Individual volunteering type (STI) are rare.

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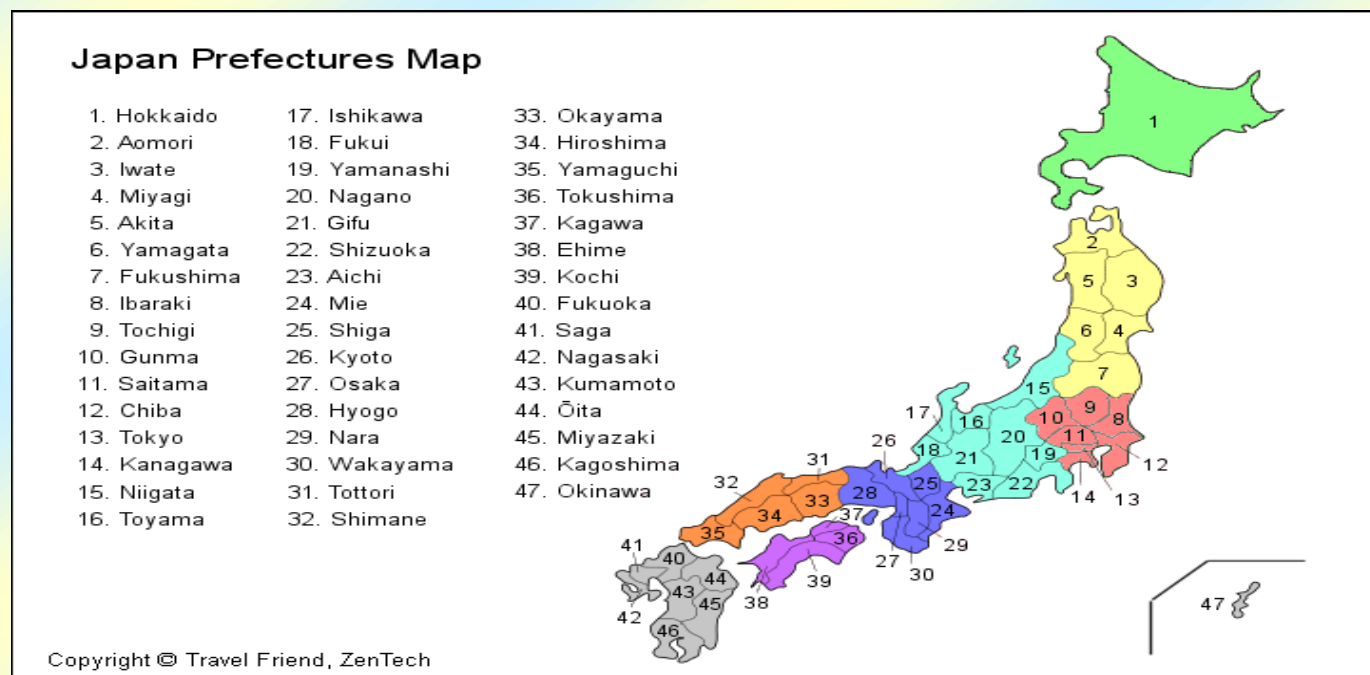
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Code	Project name	Location	Start	End	Theme	SDGs
NICE-24S-0210A	Ozuchi 1	Ishikawa	02/10	02/16	CULT, MANU	11
NICE-24S-0224A	Ikata	Ehime	02/24	03/08	AGRI	2
NICE-24S-0311A	Akame 1	Mie	03/11	03/22	ENVI	4,15
NICE-24S-0325A	Ozuchi 2	Ishikawa	03/25	03/31	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24S-0427A	Shirakami 2	Aomori	04/27	05/03	ENVI	13,15
NICE-24S-0605A	Maki & Tateya 3	Nagano	06/05	06/16	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-24S-0614A	Shirakami 3	Aomori	06/14	06/24	ENVI, FEST	13,15
NICE-24S-0730A	Shirakami 4	Aomori	07/30	08/07	CHIL	4

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AGRI: Agriculture
 ANIM: Work with animals
 ARCH: Archaeology
 ART: Artistic
 CONS: Construction
 CULT: Cultural
 DISA: Disabled ("Challenged")




EDU: Teaching, Awareness
 ELDE: Work with Elderly
 ENVI: Environmental
 FEST: Festival
 KIDS: Work with Kids
 LEAD: Project leading
 MANU: Manual




REFU: Work with refugees
 RENO: Renovation
 SOCI: Social
 SPORT: Sports
 STUD: Study, Research
 FAM: targeting Family
 TEEN: targeting Teenagers




- * **SDGs:** 1-2 Most relevant goals of SDGs for each project (16 applies to all the projects, so has not been specified).
 1. Poverty 2. Hunger 3. Health 4. Education 5. Gender 6. Water 7. Energy 8. Work 9. Infrastructure 10. Inequality
 11. Cities 12. Consumption 13. Climate change 14. Oceans 15. Forests 16. Justice 17. Partnership




5-2) Detailed Project Description




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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0210A	Ozuchi 1	Ishikawa	Japan	02/10	02/16	CULT, MANU	6	16	99
1. Summary	Revive the countryside and beautiful village by maintenance of the fields. You can enjoy very beautiful nature and traditional Japanese culture!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Shizentaiken Ozuchi Mura (SOM) since 2013. There were 140 inhabitants with 20 houses in 1916, but This village had become abandoned and one of the former villagers (Founder of SOM) was maintaining the terraced rice fields alone from his home in the town. 10 houses are still remained and the area was designated as Nation's Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings. SOM tries to improve this situation by young voluntary power.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Vols. have been greatly contributing to maintain the fields and the forest path, to organize the culture exchange events for local children and to exchange ideas for improvement regional development. But such workcamps working together, the founder of SOM has got so empowered that he started living there again with his old mother since 2018! Please see the presentation made by the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2017e2 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Main work is removing snow and clean up the traditional renovated house. And also discuss and plan events to promote the attractions of this village! We possibly also support agriculture and do some other work for the community. Work may be changed due to weather and snow conditions, so flexible attitude is necessary.								
4. Accommodation	Renovated house (traditional house!). Simple shower room. Clean toilet. Winter Sleeping bag is needed! Cooked by volunteers. Wi-Fi and internet are fine. There is a cat.								
5. Study theme	Best practice to revive depopulated areas in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Snow trekking, enjoy Japanese hot spring, enjoy drum baths under the stars.								
7. Location	The southwest part of Ishikawa prefecture. Ozuchi village is far from 30 minute from Kaga-onsen station. And surrounded by mountains, you can enjoy rich nature.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Komatsu for domestic and Osaka (KIX), Nagoya (NGO) or Tokyo (HND/ NRT) for international flights. It takes 4 hours by express train from Osaka or Nagoya and 5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by highway night bus from Tokyo. Vols. need to arrive at Japan by the end of Feb. 09 and can leave Japan from the midnight of Feb. 16.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work hard, simple life in the isolated mountain area and respect to the local								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (55 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0224A	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	02/24	03/08	AGRI	12	18	30
1. Summary	Let's support mandarin farming in edge of peninsula!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGS15 (Life on Land), organized together with Kikuya Community Group (KCG), formed by the local young people to think of the future of their small village, since 2008. Ikata is famous for its main industry of mandarins farming, but has been facing depopulation, lack of workers and aging society since most of young people leave the town. So, the number of abandoned mandarin farms is increasing and the town is losing its tradition, life, custom and scenery. KCG strongly hopes to host vols. to work together to animate the town and revive the farms. The activity Blog: http://blog.goo.ne.jp/kikuya2009</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: As this project has continued over 10 years, international vols. not only worked at farm but also visited local elementary school and introduced their culture as a international education.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will help mandarin farming (It is the main work!! Harvesting, taking care of trees, cutting grass etc., it depend on season! Especially, Nov. to April. is hard!!), support local youth club (If you have chance), and create new activities to animate the town.								
4. Accommodation	Share room (male and female are separated) at the volunteer's house. It is traditional Japanese style house. Volunteers cook by themselves.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers have opportunities learning organic mandarin farming.								
6. Other activities	Joining the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	In the edge of Sata Peninsula, surrounded by the sea, so fishing is also famous. There are only 30 houses in this community. The climate is relatively warm though it can be cold in winter.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Matsuyama for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. It takes 2.5 hours by bus from Matsuyama to the meeting point. Vols. need to arrive at KIX by the end of Feb. 23 and can leave there from the midnight of Mar. 8.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to learn/ speak Japanese and to work hard. Respect for the local cultures and way of the local organization. Interests in agriculture. Be ready that work is for quite a long and hard.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (55 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Some Japanese (Those who can manage to speak basic daily conversation)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0311A	Akame 1	Mie	Japan	03/11	03/22	ENVI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Working in SATOYAMA forest !								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with "Akame no SATOYAMA wo Sodateru kai", a local environmental organization for conservation of SATOYAMA forest working in Nabari city, since 1999. Because this area is relatively close to the big cities between Osaka and Nagoya, there were plans to build a golf field and a disposal center. However, the local people stopped those plans by collecting donations and buying the land. SATOYAMA needs to be maintained by humans for its biodiversity and water adjustment function. Our ancestors had protected and utilized the forest in an ecological and sustainable way, which has been neglected by modernization at many places in Japan.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Over the last 20 years, 30 ha of SATOYAMA forest has been maintained by the previous volunteers. Please see the presentation of the camp leader for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/w55 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!).</p>								
3. Work	Activities related to conservation of satoyama and agriculture using satoyama. Clearing undergrowth and tending thickets, transporting hodagaki woods for growing safe shiitake mushrooms in Fukushima, and maintaining walking trails. Also help with looking after cage free chickens, processing adult chickens and mushroom cultivation. Some work with saws and machinery, sometimes even in the rain. Having fun attitude to hard work is important! Volunteers sometimes work with mentally/physically challenged people who work at the same place.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in a regular Japanese house. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NO need. Depends on the amount of work and consideration for the environment, volunteers may take a shower once every two days. Water might be only cold.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of conservation work in SATOYAMA forest.								
6. Other activities	Hiking, opportunity communicate with local people, etc.								
7. Location	Workcamp is held in Kami-mitani area, Nabari city, Mie prefecture, about 60 km from Osaka. There are famous falls nearby that many hikers visit.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX) or Nagoya (NGO). To the meeting point, it takes 2-3 hours by train from the both airports. Vols. need to arrive at KIX or NGO by 06:00 on Mar. 11 and can leave there after 18:00 on Mar. 22.								
9. Requirement	Strong motivation and physical strength are highly needed.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (55 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0325A	Ozuchi 2	Ishikawa	Japan	03/25	03/31	AGRI, MANU	6	16	99
1. Summary	Revive the countryside and beautiful village by maintenance of the fields. You can enjoy very beautiful nature and traditional Japanese culture!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Shizentaiken Ozuchi Mura (SOM) since 2013. There were 140 inhabitants with 20 houses in 1916, but This village had become abandoned and one of the former villagers (Founder of SOM) was maintaining the terraced rice fields alone from his home in the town. 10 houses are still remained and the area was designated as Nation's Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings. SOM tries to improve this situation by young voluntary power.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Vols. have been greatly contributing to maintain the fields and the forest path, to organize the culture exchange events for local children and to exchange ideas for improvement regional development. But such workcamps working together, the founder of SOM has got so empowered that he started living there again with his old mother since 2018! Please see the presentation made by the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2017e2 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Main work is farming, forest road maintenance and clean up the traditional renovated house. And also discuss and plan events to promote the attractions of this village! We possibly also support agriculture and do some other work for the community. Work may be changed due to weather and snow conditions, so flexible attitude is necessary.								
4. Accommodation	Renovated house (traditional house!). Simple shower room. Clean toilet. Winter Sleeping bag is needed! Cooked by volunteers. Wi-Fi and internet are fine. There is a cat.								
5. Study theme	Best practice to revive depopulated areas in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Enjoy Japanese hot spring, enjoy drum baths under the stars.								
7. Location	The southwest part of Ishikawa prefecture. Ozuchi village is far from 30 minute from Kaga-onsen station. And surrounded by mountains, you can enjoy rich nature.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Komatsu for domestic and Osaka (KIX), Nagoya (NGO) or Tokyo (HND/ NRT) for international flights. It takes 4 hours by express train from Osaka or Nagoya and 5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by highway night bus from Tokyo. Vols. need to arrive at Japan by the end of Mar. 24 and can leave Japan from the midnight of Mar. 31.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work hard, simple life in the isolated mountain area and respect to the local								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (55 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0427A	Shirakami 2	Aomori	Japan	04/27	05/03	ENVI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Preserving the beautiful beech forests and enjoy your stay in beautiful rural area where is famous for tasty sea foods!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG13 (Climate Action) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Shirakami Mountains Preservation Society (SMPS), since 2006. The Shirakami Mountains is one of Japanese valuable preserved natural forests consisting primarily of beech trees, registered as a World Natural Heritage in 1993. SMPS aims to preserve the natural beauty of the Shirakami Mountains by nurturing seedlings of beech trees, planting them, training mountain guide, etc. SMPS hosts tree-planting ceremony every June for preserving beech forests and promoting the value. They also preserve the forests near the Mutsu-bay, famous as production of scallops. Due to climate change, the sea water temperature increased abnormally in 2010, the most of scallops were dead, so SMPS started to preserve the forest there to let nutrient water flow to the ocean.								
3. Work	Work will be carried out in two locations, Ajigasawa and Hiranai. In Ajigasawa, volunteers will remove the snow fence of Shirakami Nature School, putting up a plastic greenhouse, chopping firewood, and digging and transport new saplings at the nursery. In Hiranai, work is carried out to remove dead saplings and replant new ones. The contents of work might be changed due to weather condition, so volunteers need to be flexible!								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in school dormitory. Sleeping bag is needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Shirakami-Sanchi World Heritage, and skills of conservation forests in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Enjoy rich nature around accommodation, taking a walk at morning, hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Volunteers will work in Ajigasawa town and Hiranai town in Aomori prefecture. Aomori is located on the northernmost tip of Honshu Island. Shirakami Mountains located in southwest and the Mutsu-bay nestles between the eastern Shimokita and western Tsugaru Peninsulas. This is the good season for cherry blossom-viewing there. In this workcamp, volunteers doesn't have chance to go to Shirakami-sanchi world heritage place.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours by bullet train and local train or 10 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Aomori pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Apr. 26 and can leave there after 22:00 on May 03. It is better to book flight on or after May 04.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers should be prepared to work hard outside in good and bad weather and have high motivation for work in the forests actively with local people.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (55 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0614A	Shirakami 3	Aomori	Japan	06/14	06/24	ENVI, FEST	5	18	99
1. Summary	Let's preserve the beautiful forests in the World Natural Heritage!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG13 (Climate Action) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Shirakami Mountains Preservation Society (SMPS) since 2006. The Shirakami Mountains is one of Japanese valuable preserved natural forests consisting primarily of beech trees, registered as a World Natural Heritage in 1993. SMPS aims to preserve the natural beauty of the Shirakami Mountains by nurturing seedlings of beech trees, planting them, training mountain guide, etc. SMPS hosts tree-planting ceremony every June for preserving and promoting the value of it. They also preserve the forests near the Mutsu-bay, famous as production of scallops. Due to climate change, the sea water temperature increased abnormally and the most of scallops were dead. So SMPS started to preserve the forest there to let nutrient water flow to the ocean.								
3. Work	Assisting in the preparation (preparation of saplings and tools, setting up tents, etc.) and operation of tree planting festivals in two locations in Aomori Prefecture (Ajigasawa and Hiranai). On the day of the festival, many participants, local students to those from all over the country, will gather to plant trees. 1) Preparing a beech nursery and organize a tool shed. 2) Preparation and operation of the tree-planting festival in Hiranai on June 16. 3) Preparation and operation for the tree-planting festival of SMPS in Ajigasawa on June 23								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in school dormitory. Sleeping bag is needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Shirakami-Sanchi World Heritage, and skills of conservation forests in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Enjoy rich nature around accommodation, taking a walk at morning, hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Volunteers will work in Ajigasawa town and Hiranai town in Aomori prefecture. Aomori is located on the northernmost tip of Honshu Island. Shirakami Mountains located in southwest and the Mutsu-bay nestles between the eastern Shimokita and western Tsugaru Peninsulas.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours by bullet train and local train or 10 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Aomori pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Jun. 13 and can leave there after 22:00 on Jun. 24. It is better to book flight on or after June 25.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers should prepare to work hard outside in good and bad weather and have high motivation for work in the forests actively with local people.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (55 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0605A	Maki & Tateya 3	Nagano	Japan	06/05	06/16	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	8	18	99
1. Summary	Organic farming and nature life in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. Over 10 people incl. 2 families were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2023, we had 4 short term workcamps and 1 LMTV project with 13 vols. who greatly contributed to their protecting the houses, farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	we will help their organic farming (planting rice and vegetables, weeding in the vegetable fields, taking care of goats and chicken) and also carry the things from the town, renovate the trails, help their house work such as cooking, washing, clearing, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard! It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the volunteers' house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, toilets and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Maki is located in the beautiful place near "Japanese Northern Alps", at about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 5 hours by express bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo by the end of Jun. 04 and can leave there from the beginning of Jun. 17.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to have high motivation and patience to keep the hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place and to respect the way of the local host. No special skills nor experiences are needed. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (55 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ .								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0730A	Shirakami 4	Aomori	Japan	07/30	08/07	CHIL	5	18	99
1. Summary	Let's be a volunteer for nature kid summer camp in beautiful World Natural Heritage!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education), organized together with Shirakami Nature School (SNS) since 2006. Shirakami Mountains is one of Japanese valuable preserved natural forests consisting primarily of beech trees, registered as a World Natural Heritage in 1993. SNS has a summer vacation program for children aged 7-12. Children will play and live in the nature to grow their independence, cultivate sensitivity, and learn group cooperation. This is also good opportunity for children to learn about international culture through communication with international volunteers.</p> <p>Volunteers need to be ready to spend 24 hours with children during kids camp except some free</p>								
3. Work	Supporting of children's nature camps, which take place from July 31 to Aug.7. Supporting various activities (farming/forestry experience, river play, BBQ, climbing, sports, etc.) while living together with the children, and preparing & cleaning up for the reception. Volunteers are also responsible for the safety of the children, providing behind-the-scenes support and encouragement for the children to enjoy their activities, and acting as a bridge between the children and foreigners. In addition, there is a possibility of doing environmental maintenance around the school. Work content may change depending on the weather, so a flexible attitude is important!								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in school dormitory. Volunteer take it in turns to sleep in tent to look after the children. Sleeping bag is needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Shirakami-Sanchi World Heritage, and skills of conservation forests in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Enjoy rich nature around accommodation, taking a walk at morning, hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	The Shirakami Mountains, located in the northern part of Honshu Island, is a huge mountainous area (130,000 hectares on the border between Aomori and Akita Prefectures).								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours by bullet train and local train or 10 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Aomori pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Jul. 29 and can leave there after 22:00 on Aug. 07. It is better to book flight on or after Aug. 08.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers should love kids and speak/understand some Japanese language. Responsibilities, group cooperativeness and high motivation are necessary! Volunteers have experienced the activity with kids are welcome! Motivation letter is required.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (55 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English and basic Japanese								
12. Other	none								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

6. LMTV - Long and Mid Term Projects (in Japan)

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- * LMTV is a voluntary service project which duration is over 1 month (**32 or more days**) that can be separately called MTV for 1-6 months (32-182 days) and LTV over 6 months (183 or more days).
- * Many projects are **Individual** volunteering type (**LMTI**) while some are **Workcamps** type (**LMTW**).
- * We may add more in early November and early March for the projects starting in 2023 Jan.-Dec.

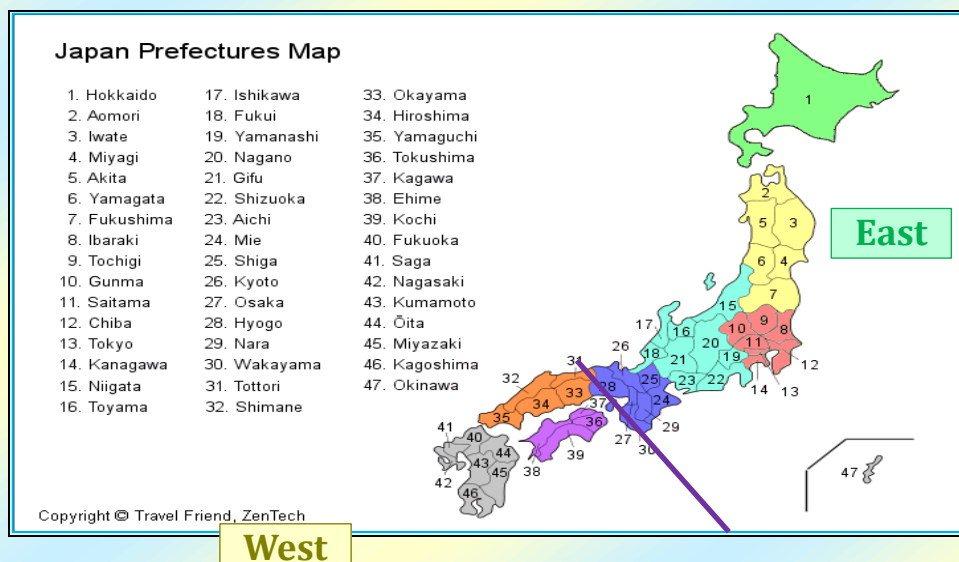
6-1) On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars

Volunteers of LMTI (individual type) usually need to join both On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars unless there are special circumstances and exceptionally agreed by NICE. Vols. for LMTW (workcamp type) can usually have Arrival Orientation and Evaluation Meeting in the project sites.

The places and dates of the seminars are divided depending on your project location (with some exceptions) and usually organized in the weekend for 2 days every 12 weeks in each region;

- ☺ Join **“East”** for Projects in the eastern part of Japan (**Prefecture no. 1-23** of the map below) usually at NICE house/ office in Yokohama (Kanagawa), but sometimes other places around Tokyo.
- ☺ Join **“West”** for Projects in the western part of Japan (**Prefecture no. 24-47** of the map below) usually at NICE House West in Tondabayashi (Osaka), but sometimes other places around Osaka.
- ☺ Some projects which periods are limited have cross over (East Seminar for Western projects and vice versa) for On Arrival and/ or Evaluation Seminar to give more chance of flexible length. For 2024, this applies to Yoichi (Dec.-Feb., and Tateya (Apr.-Oct.) and Maki/ Kurogi (Apr.-Nov.).

Area	2024					2025			
East	-	Mar. 09-10	Jun. 01-02	Aug. 24-25	Nov. 16-17	Feb. 08-09	May 03-04	Jul. 26-27	Nov. 16-17
West	Jan. 27-28	Apr. 20-21	Jul. 13-14	Oct. 05-06	Dec. 23-29	Mar. 22-23	Jun. 14-15	Sep. 06-07	Nov. 29-30



* The meals and accommodation during the seminars are included in your cost. Other cost such as drinking, sweet, transportation to/ from the place need to be paid by the vols.

* By mixing two seminars in the same places and time together, we expect that the ones joining Evaluation can advise and support the last minutes preparation of the ones for On Arrival! Thus, we also mix them with Pre Departure and After Coming Back Seminars of Japanese vols. for Projects in Japan/ the world for both short and long terms, so you can enjoy exchange with them!

* The typical schedule is as follows (but can be changed each time). The details will be sent together with the Info. sheets by 28 days before the project start.

Day 1		Day 2	
12:00-13:00	Orientation with Lunch	08:00-09:00	Cooking, Breakfast
13:00-16:00	Voluntary work (Gardening, etc.)	09:00-09:50	Workshop 2 (Expectation & fear)
16:00-18:00	Workshop 1 (Testimony, Safety, etc.)	10:00-10:50	Workshop 3 (Problem solving)
18:00-20:00	Cooking, Dinner, Shower, Cleaning	11:00-11:50	Workshop 4 (Impact goals)
20:00-22:00	Discussion and Exchange party	12:00-12:30	Evaluation, Cleaning

6-2) Summery List of Projects

Click each Project name to jump into the detailed description!

Code	Project name	Location	Start	End	Period	Theme	SDGs
NICE-24L-YC	Yoichi	Hokkaido	23/12/16	03/10	3 periods	ENVI, MANU	11,15
NICE-24L-AI	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	03/09	25/10/19	16 periods	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	4,10
NICE-24L-MK	Maki	Nagano	04/20	11/17	15 periods	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-24L-TT	Tateya	Nagano	04/20	10/06	10 periods	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-24L-AK	Akame	Mie	01/27	25/11/30	20 periods	ENVI, AGRI	2,15
NICE-24L-WO	NICE West Office	Osaka	01/27	25/11/30	20 periods	CULT, SOCI	10,16
NICE-24L-OI	Oi	Tokushima	01/27	25/11/30	20 periods	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-24L-SH	Shinmachi	Tokushima	01/27	25/11/30	20 periods	EDUC, MANU	4,11
NICE-24L-IK	Ikata	Ehime	01/27	25/11/30	20 periods	AGRI	2
NICE-24L-KR	Kurogi	Fukuoka	04/20	11/17	15 periods	AGRI, ENVI	2,15

* Location: **Green letters** = Projects in East, **Yellow letters** = Projects in West

* Start/ End: **Green** = Start/ End with the Seminars in Yokohama. **Yellow** = Start/ End with the Seminars in Osaka.
Yellow green = Mix (Yokohama or Osaka depending on the period)

< How to count the fee >

Days	Period (M/D)	Months	Fee (JPY)	In EUR #
44	23/12/16-01/28, 04/20-06/02, 06/01-07/14, 07/13-08/25, 01/27-03/10, 08/24-10/06, 10/05-11/17,	2	36,000	220
86	23/12/16-03/10, 03/09-06/02, 06/01-08/25, 08/24-11/17, 11/16-25/02/09, 01/27-04/21, 04/20-07/14, 07/13-10/06, 10/05-12/29, 12/28-25/03/23	3	54,000	331
128	04/20-08/25, 06/01-10/06, 07/13-11/17	5	72,000	442
170	03/09-08/25, 06/01-11/17, 08/24-25/02/09, 11/16-25/02/09, 01/27-07/14, 04/20-10/06, 07/13-12/29, 10/05-25/03/23, 12/28-25/06/15	6	81,000	497
212	04/20-11/17	8	99,000	607
254	03/09-11/17, 06/01-25/02/09, 08/24-25/05/04, 11/16-25/07/27, 01/27-10/06, 04/20-12/29, 07/13-25/03/23, 10/05-25/06/15, 12/28-25/09/07	9	108,000	663
338	03/09-25/02/09, 06/01-25/05/04, 08/24-25/07/27, 11/16-25/10/19, 01/17-12/29, 04/20-25/03/23, 07/13-25/06/15, 10/05-25/09/07, 12/28-25/11/30	12	135,000	828

Fee should be paid in JPY. "In EUR" is calculated by the rate of 23/11/19 and could be changed by the exchange rate.

* Theme

AGRI: Agriculture

ANIM: Work with animals

ARCH: Archaeology

ART: Artistic

CONS: Construction

CULT: Cultural

DISA: Disabled ("Challenged")

EDU: Teaching, Awareness

ELDE: Work with Elderly

ENVI: Environmental

FEST: Festival

KIDS: Work with Kids

LEAD: Project leading

MANU: Manual

REFU: Work with refugees

RENO: Renovation

SOCI: Social

SPORT: Sports




STUD: Study, Research

FAM: targeting Family




TEEN: targeting Teenagers

6-3) Detailed Project Description

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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24L-YC01	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	12/16	01/28	ENVI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-YC02	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	12/16	03/10	ENVI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-YC03	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	01/27	03/10	ENVI, MANU	2	18	99
1. Summary	Working as a staff of the eco village in the beautiful Hokkaido. Let's create sustainability of our healthy lifestyle and community!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDGS15 (Life on Land), organized together with Hokkaido Eco-village Promotion Project (HEPP) since 2015. They started to promote "sustainability of our lifestyle and community", to create better environmental and social model for next generation in Hokkaido since 2012. They want to produce necessities that are needed for our daily life (foods, energy, etc.) by themselves as much as they can, and want to share them to the local area. They provide various chances to learn comprehensive skill and knowledge about "sustainable development" by organizing training programs and events for the local adults and kids. They also aim at connecting urban area and rural area, producers and consumers and to contribute local revitalization. They restarted to welcome the international volunteers from 2022 summer and 2 vols. from UK did nice job for one month!</p> <p>*Outcome of this project: In 2023, 6 mid term vols. from UK greatly contributed for one month to their farming and other activities as well as the mental empowerment of the host!</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will work for 20-30 hours a week mainly to 1) Clear the snow and maintain the facilities, 2) Assist to host the school journeys, international tourist groups and the events, 3) Guide the visitors of the guest house and communicate with the local people and 4) Help food production such as miso, pickles and wine.								
4. Accommodation	Single room of HEPP. Cooking with the local and members by turn, vegetarian food is possible. There is limited wifi.								
5. Study theme	Theory and various practices of the sustainable living style								
6. Other activities	Joining the local festivals, exchange with local people, short trip (hot springs, famous places)								
7. Location	Located next to the city of Otaru, Yoichi is a place where one can fully enjoy Hokkaido tourism, from history and nature tourism to fruit fields and fresh seafood. There is the famous Nikka Whiskey factory.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is New Chitose (CTS) in Hokkaido from which it takes 2 hours to the project by train and bus. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival (in Yokohama for YC01, 02 and Osaka for YC03) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for YC02, 03 and Osaka for YC01), so firstly should arrive at/ leave NRT or HND if the seminar is in Yokohama and KIX if it is in Osaka, by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave there after 18:00 on the ending day.								
9. Requirement	<p>Motivation letter is needed. Good level of speaking for the daily conversations of English or Japanese is needed. Skills of driving a car (valid in Japan), maintenance of the agricultural machines, experience of work in the tourism/ hotels are not needed, but useful! Having work experience is desirable.</p> <p>Strong physical health, open mind to actively exchange with others, good cooking skills, PC skills and loving team work/ collective life are also welcomed!</p>								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (110 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).								
11. Language	English. The local host can speak English fluently. Japanese is also welcomed!								
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama or Osaka. HEPP website= http://ecovillage.greenwebs.net/english.html								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									










Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24L-AI01	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	03/09	06/02	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI02	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	03/09	08/25	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI03	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	03/09	11/17	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI04	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	03/09	25/02/09	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI05	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	06/01	08/25	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI06	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	06/01	11/17	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI07	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	06/01	25/02/09	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI08	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	06/01	25/05/04	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI09	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	08/24	11/17	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI10	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	08/24	25/02/09	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI11	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	08/24	25/05/04	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI12	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	08/24	25/07/27	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI13	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	11/16	25/02/09	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI14	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	11/16	25/05/04	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI15	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	11/16	25/07/27	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-24L-AI16	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	11/16	25/10/19	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's create a place for learning together with children who have difficulties in life do to various circumstances!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 1 (no poverty) and SDGs 4 (Quality Education), organized together with a local NPO, Terakoya Hojosha that aims to create a diverse learning environment that places children at the center and aims to promote children's participation in society. Their mission is to support 'Children's participation in society' and create a happy future for children. A characteristic of the learning at Terakoya Hojosya is that it attends to children's interests. The aim to create a happy future with children, each and every one of whom is important. In their all projects, it is importance on approving and affirming children and fostering a sense of self-affirmation, which is the children's energy, through their connections with others.								
3. Work	Volunteers will support to prepare, run and follow up the Kodomo Shokudo (Children's cafeteria) that provides meals for free or at a low price to the children including those in the low income families. It also provides the assist the homework and the subject learning for about 15 primary and junior high school students, so the volunteers will help their homework and crafts as well as cook the lunch and dinner together. Thus, they will also assist the activities with out-of-school children (e.g. supporting children, organizing event).								
4. Accommodation	Shared rooms in accommodation owned by the organization. It is different place with activity place. Men and women separated room. Cooking by yourself. Staffs also stay at the facility. No wifi in the accommodation (but there is wifi in activity place).								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of alternative school, children's social participation, child poverty in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, castle, famous places here).								
7. Location	Aizu Wakamatsu city is called Samurai city. It is located in the eastern part of the Aizu region of Fukushima prefecture. It is the central city of Aizu region, surrounded by rich nature, including Mt. Bandai and Lake Inawashiro and blessed with natural scenery. The organization is located in an area with an atmosphere of Taisho era Romanticism. Winter season (Dec.-Mar.) is quite cold, so vols. need to bring warm cloths.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 5 hours by train and bus to the meeting point in Fukushima pref. Volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave Tokyo airport after 18:00 on the ending day.								

9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Volunteers need to have some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation), respect to the local culture and way of the local organization, positive attitude to communicate with children, being Interested alternative school, children's social patriation and child poverty, high motivation to work hard, open mind, cooperation with others.	
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (110 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).	
11. Language	Japanese	
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama.	
Picture (Area)	Picture (Work)	Picture (Accommodation)
		

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NICE-24L-MK01	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/20	06/02	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK02	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/20	07/14	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK03	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/20	08/25	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK04	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/20	10/06	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK05	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/20	11/17	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK06	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/01	07/14	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK07	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/01	08/25	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK08	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/01	10/06	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK09	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/01	11/17	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK10	Maki	Nagano	Japan	07/13	08/25	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK11	Maki	Nagano	Japan	07/13	10/06	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK12	Maki	Nagano	Japan	07/13	11/17	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK13	Maki	Nagano	Japan	08/24	10/06	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK14	Maki	Nagano	Japan	08/24	11/17	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-MK15	Maki	Nagano	Japan	10/05	11/17	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99

1. Summary	Let's preserve way of traditional Japanese life in mountain area!
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. Over 10 people incl. 2 families were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2023, we had 4 short term workcamps and 1 LMTV project with 13 vols. who greatly contributed to their protecting the houses, farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>

3. Work	Volunteers mainly work for organic agriculture (cultivation, seeding, weeding, harvesting, taking care of goats, cows and chicken, making their feeds) and also carrying the things from the town to Maki, renovating the houses and trails on the way, constructing a hut, helping the house works especially cooking, etc. It's important and necessary to actively join the daily meeting and actively share the collective life. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard. It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!						
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will live in the main house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, kitchen, toilets and a bath room! Single room can be provided. They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members. Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. There is limited wifi.						
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking						
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.						
7. Location	Maki is located in the beautiful place near "Japanese Northern Alps", at about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization.						
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours to the project by train and bus. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival (in Yokohama for MK06-09, 13-14 and Osaka for MK01-05, 10-12, 15) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for MK01, 03, 05, 07, 09, 10, 12, 14, 15 and Osaka for MK02, 04, 06, 08, 11, 13), so firstly should arrive at/ leave NRT or HND if the seminar is in Yokohama and KIX if it is in Osaka, by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave there after 18:00 on the ending day.						
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Volunteers need to have some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation) and high motivation and patience to keep hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place, to respect the way of the local host and to learn and speak Japanese language is needed. No special skills nor experiences are needed.						
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (110 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).						
11. Language	Japanese and English (a few of the local host can speak basic English)						
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama or Osaka. The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/.						
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NICE-24L-TT01	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	04/20	06/02	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-24L-TT02	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	04/20	07/14	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-24L-TT03	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	04/20	08/25	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-24L-TT04	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	04/20	10/06	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-24L-TT05	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	06/01	07/14	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-24L-TT06	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	06/01	08/25	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-24L-TT07	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	06/01	10/06	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-24L-TT08	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	07/13	08/25	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-24L-TT09	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	07/13	10/06	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-24L-TT10	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	08/24	10/06	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99

1. Summary	Organic farming in the wonderful community with challenged people and beautiful nature. Feel and appreciate the values of food and life!	
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2015, a cooperative community where about people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who wants to learn farming, just want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Tokyo, Nagano and Hokkaido and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way with utilizing bacterium and charcoal. Tateya Farm has 40 members and NICE started LMTV projects here since 2014. NICE also organizes workcamps and LMTV projects in Maki and Shintoku farms of Kyodo Gakusha.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2023, 1 mid term volunteer for 2 months greatly contributed to harvest rice which was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! There was also nice exchange between Community people and vols. through Yoga and Mindfulness. Please see the presentation of the camp leader for the IVS contest in Japan https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e4-54764427 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>	
3. Work	Volunteers will help their organic farm (harvesting/ threshing rice, planting vegetables, taking care of animals, etc.) and their house work especially cooking. Volunteers will also carry the things in the mountain to the Maki farm and harvest rice there. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard. It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!	
4. Accommodation	Shared room in the building for the volunteers and a few members, 5 min. walk from the farm. Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the community people by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. There is limited Wifi.	
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking	
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.	
7. Location	Otari village is a small village located in the region of stunning natural beauty in the northern part of Nagano Prefecture, Japan. It is beautiful village near "Japanese Northern Alps". It takes 40-50 min. by foot from Minami-Otari, the nearest train station.	
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours to the project by train and bus. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival (in Yokohama for TT05-07, 10 and Osaka for TT01-04, 08-09) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for TT01, 03, 06, 08 and Osaka for TT02, 04, 05, 07, 09, 10), so firstly should arrive at/ leave NRT or HND if the seminar is in Yokohama and KIX if it is in Osaka, by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave there after 18:00 on the ending day.	
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed. Volunteers need to have good level of speaking for the daily conversations of English or Japanese and high motivation and patience to keep the hard, long and important work in the natural place, to respect the way of the local host and to learn and speak Japanese language is needed. No special skills nor experiences are needed.	
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (110 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).	
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)	
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama or Osaka.	
Picture (Area)	Picture (Work)	Picture (Accommodation)
		

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24L-AK01	Akame	Mie	Japan	01/27	04/21	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK02	Akame	Mie	Japan	01/27	07/14	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK03	Akame	Mie	Japan	01/27	10/06	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK04	Akame	Mie	Japan	01/27	12/29	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK05	Akame	Mie	Japan	04/20	07/14	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK06	Akame	Mie	Japan	04/20	10/06	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK07	Akame	Mie	Japan	04/20	12/29	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK08	Akame	Mie	Japan	04/20	25/03/23	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK09	Akame	Mie	Japan	07/13	10/06	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK10	Akame	Mie	Japan	07/13	12/29	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK11	Akame	Mie	Japan	07/13	25/03/23	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK12	Akame	Mie	Japan	07/13	25/06/15	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK13	Akame	Mie	Japan	10/05	12/29	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK14	Akame	Mie	Japan	10/05	25/03/23	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK15	Akame	Mie	Japan	10/05	25/06/15	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK16	Akame	Mie	Japan	10/05	25/09/07	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK17	Akame	Mie	Japan	12/28	25/03/23	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK18	Akame	Mie	Japan	12/28	25/06/15	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK19	Akame	Mie	Japan	12/28	25/09/07	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-AK20	Akame	Mie	Japan	12/28	25/11/30	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
1. Summary	Let's conserve SATOYAMA and sustainable life in mountain area!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with a local environmental Non-profit organization (NPO) Akame no SATOYAMA wo Sodateru Kai (ASSK) since 1999. Since this area is close from big cities Osaka and Nagoya, there were plans to build a golf field and an incinerator, but local people stopped those plans by the movement called National Trust. They founded the group in 1996 to collect donations to buy and protect lands, to accept people who want to enjoy nature, to maintain forests, to create a pond for dragonflies, to host national corps meeting, etc. SATOYAMA needs to be maintained by humans for its biodiversity and water adjustment function. Our ancestors had protected and utilized the forest in ecological and sustainable way, which was neglected by modernization. We will try to revive it by global voluntary power!!								
3. Work	Volunteers will do various types of activities such as 1) Forest conservation (cutting trees, branches and maintaining the footpaths, etc.), 2) Agricultural work (taking care of the chickens raised by the free range farming, slaughtering too old chickens (#), harvesting and packaging mushrooms, etc.) and 3) Organizing some environmental events (e.g., to collect edible wild plants, nature observation) in the mountains. #: It's hard for ASSK to keep feeding too old chickens since they don't bear the eggs anymore and feeding is quite costly. Most chicken farms ask the special company to just kill and "throw away" as if they are rubbish with paying 15 yen per chicken, but ASSK does not support this and eats by themselves with deeply appreciating to their value of life.								
4. Accommodation	Small traditional house, on the premises of ASSK. Volunteers will cook the meals by themselves.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of conserving SATOYAMA and solving the environmental								
6. Other activities	Many opportunities to learn the local wisdom. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places								
7. Location	Kami-mitani area of Nabari city, 60 km from Osaka. There are famous falls nearby many hikers visit.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX) or Nagoya (NGO). To the meeting point, it takes 2-3 hours by train from the both airports. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so firstly should arrive at KIX by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day.								

9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation). High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language and work hard with simple mountain life in a remote area without colleagues. Respect for the local culture and way of the local organization. Interests in environment issues. Open mind and flexibility.
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (110 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).
11. Language	Japanese and English. The daily communication will be done by mixing simple English and Japanese.
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.

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NICE-24L-WO01	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	04/20	07/14	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO02	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	04/20	10/06	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO03	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	04/20	12/29	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO04	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	04/20	25/03/23	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO05	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	07/13	10/06	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO06	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	07/13	12/29	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO07	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	07/13	25/03/23	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO08	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	07/13	25/06/15	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO09	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	10/05	12/29	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO10	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	10/05	25/03/23	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO11	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	10/05	25/06/15	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO12	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	10/05	25/09/07	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO13	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	12/28	25/03/23	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO14	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	12/28	25/06/15	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO15	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	12/28	25/09/07	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-WO16	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	12/28	25/11/30	CULT, SOCI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's revitalize the community by utilizing "NICE House West" and also help the work of International Voluntary Service NGO to achieve a colorful & healthy world!								

2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDGs 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions) organized by NICE itself for the first time. In 2011-13, the old couple (Kuroda san) kindly rent a traditional house in their land by free to NICE for its office in Osaka, through the connection of the environmental group in this city with which NICE has been co-organizing workcamps to protect satoyama forests since 1999. A staff and a few LTVs lived there to do the daily work and also to maintain the bamboo forest next to the house. Then, the office was moved to Osaka city and the husband passed away, but this year, the wife decided to donate it to NICE to be used as its office again with expectation to create space for local people incl. elders to gather and enjoy exchange. Therefore, NICE decided to recruit long term residents. Together with NICE, let's work on activities to liven up the community with free and colorful ideas.
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly 1) Help the work of NICE in the western part of Japan such as Public Relations (Creating short movies of workcamps and spread through SNS and mass media), Organizing promotion events and weekend workcamps, Coordinating the workcamps in the western part of Japan as a camp leader together with NICE and the local hosts and Hosting the training seminars of NICE volunteers. They will also 2) Renovate/ maintain the house and the surroundings and 3) Organize various types of gathering for the local people incl. elders (e.g., just chatting with tea, taking care of small kids to support the parents, organizing international culture/ language classes).
4. Accommodation	NICE House West. Single room can be provided if the number of the residents are not many. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of conservation work in a forest, management of Non-Profitable Organization in Japan, etc.
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese culture, home stay, etc.
7. Location	Tondabayashi city is located in Osaka prefecture, 60km south of Osaka city. The house is surrounded by many old houses and a bamboo forest.
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX). It will take about 1.5 hours by train to the accommodation. On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars will be most likely held in this project place, so volunteers should arrive at KIX by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day.
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Good Japanese speaking skill (can have daily conversation well). High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language and to work hard with enjoying the simple and collective life. Respect for the local culture and way of the local organization. High interests in environment and community issues as well as the management of International Voluntary Service NGO. Open mind and flexibility.
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (110 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).
11. Language	English and Japanese
12. Other	We can open the place for international volunteers ONLY IF we already have a Japanese volunteer or resident in the same period.




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NICE-24L-OI01	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	01/27	04/21	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI02	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	01/27	07/14	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI03	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	01/27	10/06	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI04	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	01/27	12/29	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI05	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	04/20	07/14	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI06	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	04/20	10/06	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI07	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	04/20	12/29	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI08	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	04/20	25/03/23	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI09	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	07/13	10/06	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI10	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	07/13	12/29	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI11	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	07/13	25/03/23	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI12	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	07/13	25/06/15	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI13	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	10/05	12/29	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI14	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	10/05	25/03/23	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI15	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	10/05	25/06/15	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI16	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	10/05	25/09/07	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI17	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	12/28	25/03/23	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI18	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	12/28	25/06/15	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI19	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	12/28	25/09/07	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-OI20	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	12/28	25/11/30	AGRI, MANU	2	18	99
1. Summary	Supporting a village next to Kakurin-ji temple with agriculture and revitalization of the community!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with the local group since 2019. This village has been welcoming "ohenro (pilgrims)" who visit 88 temples in Shikoku since long time ago.</p> <p>The pilgrims walk through this village before visiting "Kakurin-ji temple"; the 20th temple out of 88 temples of the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage. However, there are problems which should be solved such as aging and depopulation of the community these days, and locals haven't been able to find solutions for those problems. On the other hand, since more and more people from overseas visit for the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage locals are trying to find new ways for "omotenashi (hospitality)".</p> <p>Volunteers who have been working on the project have come up with ideas for the reuse of vacant and abandoned land. Local host Oi have finally decided that they can freely renovate and modify the vacant houses. Moreover, the site is in a good location, with mountains, a river and fields. It is up to the volunteers from now on to decide how to develop the project. The aim is for the volunteer members to clean up the abandoned houses and village landscape and transform it into a village that people will want to visit to take photos, as it used to be a village where people came and went since ancient times.</p>								
3. Work	<p>1) Supporting for harvesting and shipping during the peak of the Japanese star anise (shikimi) harvest season. 2) Supporting for harvesting and shipping of sudachi (Japanese citrus fruit) at the peak of harvest season. 3) Supporting for activities such as writing English guides in various places in the town for foreign pilgrims. 4) Cleaning of vacant houses, support for carrying out furniture, pruning of cedar cypress branches in abandoned mountain forests, picking up plastic rubbish from the sea and river, and utilisation of vacant houses. 5) Maintenance of Asagimadara flying sites, maintenance of firefly flying sites, etc.</p>								
4. Accommodation	Home staying at local farmhouses. All meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NOT necessary.								
5. Study theme	Finding ways for sustainability of a depopulated village, Pass down the "osettaï" culture to the next								
6. Other activities	Visiting Kakurin-ji temple.								




7. Location	Oi-cho, Anan city, Tokushima pref.	
8. Terminal	The nearest int'l airport is Kansai (Osaka). From Osaka to the meeting point in Tokushima, it takes 3 hours by highway bus. Volunteers are recommended to arrive there one day before workcamp starts since the bus leaves early. Volunteers need to take local train from the meeting point to the campsite about 2.5 hours. Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point at 14:00 on 1st day and can leave project site around 13:00 on last day.	
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!	
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (110 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).	
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)	
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Osaka. Video about Kakurin-ji temple https://youtu.be/V2vX5Ik4ASM .	
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NICE-24L-SH01	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	01/27	04/21	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH02	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	01/27	07/14	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH03	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	01/27	10/06	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH04	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	01/27	12/29	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH05	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	04/20	07/14	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH06	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	04/20	10/06	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH07	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	04/20	12/29	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH08	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	04/20	25/03/23	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH09	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	07/13	10/06	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH10	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	07/13	12/29	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH11	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	07/13	25/03/23	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH12	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	07/13	25/06/15	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH13	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	10/05	12/29	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH14	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	10/05	25/03/23	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH15	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	10/05	25/06/15	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH16	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	10/05	25/09/07	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH17	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	12/28	25/03/23	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH18	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	12/28	25/06/15	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH19	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	12/28	25/09/07	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
NICE-24L-SH20	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	12/28	25/11/30	EDUC, MANU	2	18	99
1. Summary	Creating the opportunity of international exchange for local children !								

2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 4 (Quality Education), SDGs 11 (Sustainable city and Communities) organized together with a local NPO, Bizan Daigaku (B.D.) since 2019. They organize short term workcamps with NICE from 2013 and have many types of projects, one of the projects started visiting a primary school/ kindergarten this year in Tokushima city. There is a kind of problem that the children who live in countryside face to have few opportunity to communicate with foreign people compared with city because of the lack of number of foreigners. They want to change the situation and activate both of children and the situation of education for cultural exchange through having such a local activities with volunteers.	
3. Work	Visiting the local Child center and kindergarten, volunteers play with local students and kids. For example, playing game, helping their homework etc. Supporting B.D. activities Flower Road project (Watering flowers, maintaining flower on the road). Joining in some kind of local events which BD organizes.	
4. Accommodation	Staying in local apartment house. Share room with other volunteers. Shower room in each rooms. Volunteers need to prepare for breakfast by themselves. Lunch and dinner are usually cooked by themselves, sometimes provided from the local.	
5. Study theme	Volunteer have opportunities to communicate with local people, to join local events a lot.	
6. Other activities	Awa Odori Festival on August, Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese culture, etc. Join the local events etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).	
7. Location	Tokushima City, capital of Tokushima Prefecture, has a population of about 260,000. The city is in northern Tokushima Prefecture where the Yoshino River and its tributaries create a delta.	
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is TOKUSHIMA for domestic. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so firstly should arrive at Osaka airport (KIX) by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day. It takes 3 hours from Osaka to Tokushima by bus.	
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language. Respect for the local cultures and way of the local organization. It's also better if volunteer have experience of taking care of children.	
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (110 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).	
11. Language	English and Japanese. A few locals can speak English. When volunteers communicate with children, mainly language is Japanese.	
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.	
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NICE-24L-IK02	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	01/27	07/14	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK03	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	01/27	10/06	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK04	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	01/27	12/29	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK05	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	04/20	07/14	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK06	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	04/20	10/06	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK07	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	04/20	12/29	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK08	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	04/20	25/03/23	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK09	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	07/13	10/06	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK10	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	07/13	12/29	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK11	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	07/13	25/03/23	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK12	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	07/13	25/06/15	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK13	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	10/05	12/29	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK14	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	10/05	25/03/23	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK15	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	10/05	25/06/15	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK16	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	10/05	25/09/07	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK17	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	12/28	25/03/23	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK18	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	12/28	25/06/15	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK19	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	12/28	25/09/07	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-24L-IK20	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	12/28	25/11/30	AGRI	2	18	30
1. Summary	Let's support mandarin farming in edge of peninsula!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), organized together with Kikuya Community Group (KCG) since 2008, formed by the local young people to think of the future of their small village. Ikata is famous for its main industry of mandarins farming, but has been facing depopulation, lack of workers and aging society since most of young people leave the town. So, the number of abandoned mandarin farms is increasing and the town is losing its tradition, life, custom and scenery. KCG strongly hopes to host vols. to work together to animate the town and revive the farms.								
3. Work	Volunteers will help mandarin farming (It is the main work!! Harvesting, taking care of trees, cutting grass etc., it depend on season! Especially, Nov. to April. is hard!!), support local youth club (if you have chance) and create new activities to animate the town.								
4. Accommodation	Shared room (male and female are separated) at the volunteer's house. It is traditional Japanese style house. Volunteers will cook by themselves.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will have opportunities learning organic mandarin farming.								
6. Other activities	Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	In the edge of Sata Peninsula, surrounded by the sea, so fishing is also famous. There are only 30 houses in this community. The climate is relatively warm though it can be cold in winter.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Matsuyama for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. It takes 2.5 hours by bus from Matsuyama to the meeting point. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so firstly should arrive at KIX by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day.								

9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation). High motivation to work hard and to learn and speak Japanese language. Respect for the local cultures and way of the local organization. Interests in agriculture. Be ready that work is for quite a long and hard.	
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (110 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).	
11. Language	Japanese and English (a few of the local host can speak basic English)	
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.	
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NICE-24L-KR01	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/20	06/02	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR02	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/20	07/14	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR03	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/20	08/25	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR04	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/20	10/06	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR05	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/20	11/17	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR06	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/01	07/14	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR07	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/01	08/25	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR08	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/01	10/06	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR09	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/01	11/17	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR10	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	07/13	08/25	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR11	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	07/13	10/06	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR12	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	07/13	11/17	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR13	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	08/24	10/06	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR14	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	08/24	11/17	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-24L-KR15	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	10/05	11/17	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's make international volunteer movement to connect urban and rural areas!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGS15 (Life on Land), organized together with Sansonjuku, founded in 1994, maintaining forest and step rice paddies through the projects which involve people from the city and local. They started 80-days of international workcamp with NICE since 2008 to make the footpath and maintain the forest. But in July 2012, the hardest rain ever attacked around this area. After that, it had serious damages from a flood. Their aim is to activate the community and sustain the program with young people from the world to conserve this rich nature and revival in this area!								

3. Work	Volunteers will work on various types of activity related to agriculture such as 1) Cultivating rice (Ex. rice planting, cutting grass in terraced rice fields (Mainly from May to Nov.), 2) Helping local farm of green tea (May and Oct.), rice and vegetable (from May to Nov.), etc., 3) Supporting events of Sansojuku (Ex. promotion, preparation, supporting staffs, communicating with participants, clean up) and 4) Taking care of goats (everyday).
4. Accommodation	Egao no mori center (It was Kasahara-higashi elementary school until 2004). Volunteers cook by themselves.
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of how to conserve SATOYAMA, taking care of forest, organic farming.
6. Other activities	Other activities Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).
7. Location	Southern part of the Fukuoka prefecture. The Yame city is 482.53 km ² . There are so many tee trees and terraced paddy fields.
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Fukuoka. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival (in Yokohama for KR06-09, 13-14 and Osaka for KR01-05, 10-12, 15) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for KR01, 03, 05, 07, 09, 10, 12, 14, 15 and Osaka for KR02, 04, 06, 08, 11, 13), so firstly should arrive at/ leave NRT or HND if the seminar is in Yokohama and KIX if it is in Osaka, by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave there after 18:00 on the ending day.
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Volunteers need to have high motivation to learn and speak Japanese language, respect to the local culture and way of the local organization, high motivation to work hard and interests in environment issues and local development.
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (110 EUR by the rate on 2023 Nov. 18th) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).
11. Language	Japanese and English (the local host can speak some English), but Japanese speaker is in priority.
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama or Osaka. The activity Blog: http://egaonomori.exblog.jp/



7. Projects outside Japan (VSTV/ STV/ LMTV)

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NICE has been actively working with “new” NGOs in Asia-Pacific where there had been no IVS projects or done by the specific networks exclusively. By co-organizing the pilot projects for 2-3 years, we share visions, values, know how and networks with those NGOs to enable to do it completely by themselves afterwards.

However, some of them keep co-organizing the projects with NICE which is still in charge of the recruitment of the international volunteers due to various circumstances (lack of human resources, etc.). So, please send the applications of your volunteers to “Outgoing” placement officer of NICE (out@nice1.gr.jp).

- For PLATO, our incoming placement officer keeps forwarding the applications internally, so no worry!

7-1) Summery List of Projects




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Code	Project name	Location	Country	Start	End	Theme	SDGs
NICE-24L-GA	Golden Age LM	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	01/01	12/31	ELDE	10
NICE-24S-0109A	NP S1	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	01/09	01/18	AGRI, SOCI	1,2
NICE-24S-0109A	NP S1B	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	01/09	01/14	AGRI, SOCI	1,2
NICE-24L-0109A	NP M1	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	01/09	03/07	CULT, EDUC	4,11
NICE-24S-0123A	Higu S1	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	01/23	02/01	SOCI, MANU, EDUC	1,4
NICE-24S-0123A	Higu S1B	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	01/23	01/28	SOCI, MANU, EDUC	1,4
NICE-24L-0123A	Higu M1	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	01/23	03/21	AGRI, EDUC	1,2
NICE-24S-0211B	Vang Vieng 1	Vang Vieng	Laos	02/11	02/24	CONS, EDUC	4,11
NICE-24S-0211B	Vang Vieng 1B	Vang Vieng	Laos	02/11	02/19	CONS, EDUC	4,11
NICE-24S-0211B	Vang Vieng 1C	Vang Vieng	Laos	02/16	02/24	CONS, EDUC	4,11
NICE-24S-0211C	YCK 1	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/11	02/24	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	4,10
NICE-24S-0211C	YCK 1B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/11	02/19	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	4,10
NICE-24S-0211C	YCK 1C	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/16	02/24	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	4,10
NICE-24S-0218C	Golden Age 1	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/18	03/02	ELDE	10
NICE-24S-0218C	Golden Age 1B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/18	02/23	ELDE	10
NICE-24S-0227A	NP S2	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	02/27	03/07	MANU, SOCI	1,11
NICE-24S-0227A	NP S2B	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	02/27	03/03	MANU, SOCI	1,11
NICE-24L-0227A	NP M2	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	02/27	04/09	CULT, EDUC	4,11
NICE-24S-0304E	YCK 2	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/03	03/16	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	4,10
NICE-24S-0304E	YCK 2B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/03	03/11	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	4,10
NICE-24S-0304E	YCK 2C	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/08	03/16	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	4,10
NICE-24S-0310A	Golden Age 2	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/10	03/23	ELDE	10
NICE-24S-0310A	Golden Age 2B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/10	03/15	ELDE	10
NICE-24S-0312A	Higu S2	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	03/12	03/21	AGRI, SOCI	1,2
NICE-24S-0312A	Higu S2B	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	03/12	03/17	AGRI, SOCI	1,2
NICE-24L-0312A	Higu M2	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	03/12	04/29	AGRI, SOCI	1,2
NICE-24S-0420A	Higu S3	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	04/20	04/29	AGRI, SOCI	1,2
NICE-24S-0420A	Higu S3B	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	04/20	04/25	AGRI, SOCI	1,2
NICE-24L-0420A	Higu M3	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	04/20	06/27	AGRI, SOCI	1,2
NICE-24S-0514A	NPGP S1	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	05/14	05/23	MANU SOCI,	1,11
NICE-24S-0514A	NPGP S1B	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	05/14	05/19	MANU SOCI,	1,11
NICE-24S-0618A	Higu S4	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	06/18	06/27	AGRI, SOCI	1,2
NICE-24S-0618A	Higu S4B	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	06/18	06/23	AGRI, SOCI	1,2
NICE-24S-0811A	Vang Vieng 2	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/11	08/24	CONS, EDUC	4,11
NICE-24S-0811A	Vang Vieng 2B	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/11	08/19	CONS, EDUC	4,11
NICE-24S-0811A	Vang Vieng 2C	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/16	08/24	CONS, EDUC	4,11




* Grey: Partial participation in 10-14 days workcamps. Purple: LMTV




7-2) Detailed Project Description




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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24L-GA	Golden Age LM	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	01/01	12/31	ELDE	2	18	50
1. Summary	Working in the nursing home to have a precious time with the elders.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) since 2019 in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006. Bernice Home was found by a lady by the name of Bernice. She started this home for senior citizens who need quality home care services to seniors with limited mobility or dementia and hence social interaction. She started this home in 2000 and the second home in 2018. The founder belief "life shouldn't end when you are old, it should be full of happy memories regardless of the age. The founder wants to keep the seniors active and engaged through physical, mental and social activities, all in the comfort of their home. The workcamp was revived in 2023 and 2 STVs from Japan + 1 MTV from Czech did great work, so they have decided to host the workcamp again!								
3. Work	Volunteers will help in arranging extra activities for the senior citizens, such as art, craft, painting, gardening, storytelling, music and movement activities. Other than that, volunteers could help the nursing care helpers to cook and take part in daily cleaning routines. Some of the days, bring the senior citizens for an evening walk if weather permits. Otherwise lots of, indoor activities could be conduct.								
4. Accommodation	Bernice Home. Three meals will be provided. Sleeping bag is necessary. There is open space with attach bathroom/toilet. Volunteers will use the space as their accommodation and sleep by using sleeping bag.								
5. Study theme	Situation of senior citizens and elderly home in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of Bernice Home								
6. Other activities	Create a herb garden or vegetable garden for the elderly people. Visit around Kuala Lumpur city, and the cultural heritage of Malaysia, cultural exchange events.								
7. Location	The home is located in Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur. https://goo.gl/maps/84vfEaSMEaBL2b4x8								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at the nearest train station and need to arrive at the airport by 14:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after the noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Bring along your expertise, such as singing, dancing, arts and craft and most important your caring heart to engage with these old people.								
10. Participation fee	200 USD + 5 USD x days of participation (e.g., 350 USD for 30 days) to be paid on your arrivals.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Starting the first day of each month and ending the last day of that month (so, the length should be always for one month.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0109A	NP S1	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	01/09	01/18	AGRI, SOCI	10	18	99
NICE-24S-0109A	NP S1B	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	01/09	01/14	AGRI, SOCI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Working and sharing with local communities, Sinhalese and Tamils, who brought to Sri Lanka 200 years ago. experiencing the rural life and local culture while exploring hill country's environment.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 1 (No poverty) and SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2023 in this place!). Project area is a based on tea plantation and vegetable cultivation. Total area was a tea plantation until Independence (in 1948) and after that government took the administration. Some parts were abandoned and some parts distributed among people. During the development of hydro power projects in nearby area, many lost their properties and were relocated in this area. Tea plantation is the lifeline of most people and still some people work in fields. Very few people are working at the city or for government. This area is not a popular destination among the locals or foreigners because of difficulty to access common facilities. After covid pandemic community are trying to reestablish their agricultural work and other livelihoods. Not only pandemic, but also economic crisis impacted every sector in Sri Lanka. These sectors are trying to reestablish their own work but they need external assistances to continue their work. We are going to help domestic level livelihoods running by villagers. While visiting community, volunteers can experience real life of Sri Lanka and experience the nature of the local life. Community can get awareness about lifestyle of developed countries that they cannot experienced in their local.								
3. Work	Project consists of two parts. First three days we are supporting agricultural work for the selected 2 or 3 families in the village and second four days we move around villages to meet members of the women's group/members of the self-help group, kindergarten youths, etc. First 3 days we are working with home gardens/agriculture work. During the second four days, we are sharing with volunteers stories and culture with family/ village youths/village level organizations members and support to do their daily work. On the last day morning volunteers visit the village kindergarten/village temple/church/Kovil.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers are going to stay at a village house with limited facilities. Electricity, cleaned drinking water, beds, pillows, and toilets are available. Internet facility is good. But no Wi-Fi. Cloths can be washed by hand and can hang outside to dry.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Nawalapitiya and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Located at 114km (and 157km via Gampola) from Colombo. This is a rural area and located at among mountains. 590m above from the sea level. People are mainly tea plantation workers and working at the tea factories. Few families depend on agriculture, especially on black pepper and vegetable cultivation. It is close to two ancient kingdoms called Gampola (17km) and Kandy (46km). This area has beautiful landscapes, mountains, ancient temple etc. Cardamom and Vanilla also common crops here.								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Jan. 08 and can leave there after 20:00 of Jan.18. 6 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the Colombo Government bus terminal in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	220/ 180 EUR for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 EUR less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 50 EUR to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house, following day breakfast and moving to the meeting point are included.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24L-0109A	NP M1	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	01/09	03/07	CULT, EDUC	2	18	99
1. Summary	Working with tea estate sector comminty. Join with village youth program, teach music and language. Experiecnce a life of tea estate community and mountainous areas. .								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality education) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2023 from this area and first tome we are going to work here).Total area was a tea plantation until Independence (in 1948) and after that government took the administration. Some parts were abandoned and some parts distributed among people. During the development of hydro power projects in nearby area, many lost their properties and were relocated in this area. Tea plantation is the lifeline of most people and still some people work in fields. There are 3 tea factories still functioning. Very few people are working at the city or for government. This area is not a popular destination among the locals or foreigners because of difficulty to access common facilities. We got an opportunity to have a discuss with an officer who coordinate livelihood development activities of the village to regional secretariat office and he suggested us to visit and have programs with villagers.								
3. Work	Volunteers are going to stay at community.Theye have to work with and give training to church's youth group members on music, work with village youth group and teaching language to them. (English / Japanese etc) They have to work 5 days a week including Saturday. In the morning have to teaching music to the church youths/teaching Language and evening teaching language to students. Apart this when time permits volunteer can join with community's common activities like social activities and festivals. During this period you can meet a families, youths/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village school etc.								
4. Accommodation	Village house with a host family, there is electricity and mobile phones are working. But less internet, no WiFi. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying. At the night you can see lots of bright stars at the sky.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Nawalapitiya and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Located at 114km (and 157km via Gampola) from Colombo. This is a rural area and located at among mountains. 590m above from the sea level. People are mainly tea plantation workers and working at the tea factories. Few families depend on agriculture, especially on black pepper and vegetable cultivation. It is close to two ancient kingdoms called Gampola (17km) and Kandy (46km). This area has beautiful landscapes, mountains, ancient temple etc. Cardamom and Vanilla also common crops here. Some big houses, constructed by British officers as well as rich people who lived here can be seen. Majority is Tamil people are living here. It is mountainous and cool area.								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Jan. 08 and can leave there after 17:00 of March 07. 7 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at Colombo Government bus terminal in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, sharing experiences, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	590 EUR to be paid on your arrivals. There is optional service of 50 EUR to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house, following day breakfast and moving to the meeting point are included.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0123A	Higu S1	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	01/23	02/01	SOCI, MANU, EDUC	10	18	99
NICE-24S-0123A	Higu S1B	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	01/23	01/28	SOCI, MANU, EDUC	10	18	99
1. Summary	Paddy farming area, new settlement, rural area. Second kingdom of the Sri Lanka. Sharing with local communities on life and work, understand the dealing with challenges facing during the daily life and how to live and overcome them.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 1 (No poverty) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2017 in this place!). Project is a based on paddy farming area. Higurakgoda is a part of the Polonnaruwa District, Sri Lanka's 2nd kingdom, exist 1100 years ago. Higurakgoda is a settlement, established in 1956, under the government development plan. Families brought to here from different parts of Sri Lanka and asked them to settle here while doing paddy farming. Different parts of Sri Lanka have different kind of sub cultures. In here all of them are mixed and emerge a new sub culture. Now 3rd generation is living here with their 2nd generation parents. During the 21st century, technology is changed rapidly but it is not reached to these areas because of language barrier, unawareness, narrow perspectives and so on. As a country, everyone should be a part of country's development process but unfortunately these rural communities are somehow rejected by the administration. But actually, communities' active participation is essential to overcome the burdens and to establish a just society. Some families are doing other activities to live. Making bags, packeting spices, maintain plant nurseries are among them. We are working closely with <u>paddy farmers as well as other families who have no lands to do agriculture too</u>								
3. Work	First three days we are working at the one place that is our main work, helping to livelihood activities, making a bags from papers. Second four days, we are moving around the village to meet community to do our next part of the projects. During the second part, you can meet a family, youth/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village kindergarten/temple etc. In short, 1. Help family to make bags 2. Cultural exchange programs with villagers including youths. 3. Activities with children 4. Work and assist to self-help group member's activities								
4. Accommodation	Village house with a host family, located close to nice paddy fields. There are electricity, filtered clean water to drink available as well. Mobile phones/internet are working. But no Wi-Fi. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Higu and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km2).								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Jan.22 and can leave there after 20:00 of Feb. 01. 7 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the Colombo Government bus terminal in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	220/ 180 EUR for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 EUR less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 50 EUR to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house, following day breakfast and moving to the meeting point are included.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24L-0123A	Higu M1	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	01/23	03/21	AGRI, EDUC	2	18	99
1. Summary	Working with members of the women's group on their home gardens. Join with village youth program and teach language. Experience a life of settlers in North Central Province.								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 1 (No poverty) and SDGs 02 (Zero hunger), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 we are working here but Kumaragama is first time). Higurakgoda is a settlement, established in 1956, under the government development plan. Families brought to here from different parts of Sri Lanka and asked them to settle here while doing paddy farming. Different parts of Sri Lanka have different kind of sub cultures. In here all of them are mixed and emerge a new sub culture. Now 3rd generation is living here with their 2nd generation parents.</p> <p>During the 21st century, technology is changed rapidly but it is not reached to these areas because of language barrier, unawareness, narrow perspectives and so on. As a country, everyone should be a part of country's development process but unfortunately these rural communities are somehow rejected by the administration. But actually, communities' active participation is essential to overcome the burdens and to establish a just society. Some families are doing other activities to live. Making bags, packeting spices, maintain plant nurseries are among them. We are working closely with paddy farmers as well as other families who have no lands to do agriculture too.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers are going work at the home gardens maintaing by the members of the women's group. Some times that have to work 2 or 3 days same place until finish the work. Evenings volunteers can teach languages (English/ Japanese /French etc) to village children according to their age groups. Saturday totally volunteers are staying with village youth group. They are going to work 5 days, including Sathurday. During this period you can meet a families, youths/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village school etc.								
4. Accommodation	Village house with a host family, there is electricity and mobile phones are working. But no or less internet or WiFi. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying. At the night you can see lots of bright stars at the sky.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Higu and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km2).								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Jan. 22 and can leave there after 20:00 of March 21. 8 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at Colombo Government bus terminal in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, sharing experiences, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	590 EUR to be paid on your arrivals. There is optional service of 50 EUR to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house, following day breakfast and moving to the meeting point are included.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0211B	Vang Vieng 1	Vang Vieng	Laos	02/11	02/24	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-24S-0211B	Vang Vieng 1B	Vang Vieng	Laos	02/11	02/19	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-24S-0211B	Vang Vieng 1C	Vang Vieng	Laos	02/16	02/24	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
1. Summary	Only for Asian. Construct a new community center in a small village of Laos! The black big is running around and the food is so tasty and unique!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Phoudindaeng Youth Center (PYC) since 2009. PYC was established by AVAN (network of individuals who has done voluntary service for one year in Japan) and KNCU to work for rural development in Van Vieng by running school bus and English classes, construction of the library and skill training. We aim that local youth can have sustainable life by their own responsibilities! PYC is run by Lao youth and the leader joined JAVS (Japan-ASEAN 3 months workcamp) in Japan in 2015! This project is open only for Asian due to the principle of the hosting organization.								
3. Work	Volunteers will 1) construct a new community center in the Phonsung village where we have been working since last year, 2) do cultural exchange/ environmental education activities with local youth in the village and Phoudindaeng Youth Center and 3) do some other work needed in the School/ the Center.								
4. Accommodation	Phonsung Youth Center. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.								
5. Study theme	The future plan of international workcamps in Laos and the youth center. Bring some info.!								
6. Other activities	Going to the Market, Basi Ceremony, Performance, Party, etc.								
7. Location	Agricultural village in Van Vieng district in the north part, surrounded by the river and mountains.								
8. Terminal	Vientiane. Volunteers need to arrive by 08:00 on the first day and can leave there after 20:00 on the last day. They can go to Van Vieng by the public bus that takes 4-5 hours, possibly together with other volunteers!								
9. Requirement	Only Asian. High motivation to work and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization!								
10. Participation fee	280 USD (180 USD for 9 days) to be paid on your arrivals								
11. Language	English (Lao is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The Local SDGs made by the project leader (background/ past actions/ future actions/ 2030 Goals); https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/IC-Van%20Vieng-17.pdf								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0211C	YCK 1	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/11	02/24	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	16	18	50
NICE-24S-0211C	YCK 1B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/11	02/19	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	16	18	50
NICE-24S-0211C	YCK 1C	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/16	02/24	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	16	18	50
1. Summary	The rare international workcamp in Asia working with refugees! Let's have a precious time with the children:)								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) since 2018 in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006. Yayasan Chow Kit (YCK) is a non-profit organization that caters to the needs of children in and around Chow Kit. They run two drop-in centers in Chow Kit and one safe home for children who are in need of temporary guardianship. YCK operate in partnership with Ministry of Women and Child Welfare. YCK developed out of Nur Salam and was incorporated in 2011. The past workcamps since 2018 Sep. have been successful, so revived in 2023 with 3 workcamps after 3 years stop due to the COVID-19, that were again successful!								
3. Work	Volunteers will help in guiding student in studies, setting a better environment to enhance a better learning environment. Be ready to provide attentive care from 09:00 to 15:00 on Monday to Friday. It is also important to have nice exchange with several children sleeping in the school building! Some group activities will be arranged by the school and teachers.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in the school. Meal will be provided. Sleeping bag is necessary (mat is also recommended since the floor is hard). Water is very valuable, so the volunteers should be aware of not wasting it when washing the clothes and taking a bath.								
5. Study theme	Situation of refugees and other disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of YCK								
6. Other activities	Visitation to the other community school around, local sports, visit around Kuala Lumpur city, and the cultural heritage of Malaysia, cultural exchange events.								
7. Location	The school is located in Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur. It is located in the city, so you can sometimes enjoy café, night market, etc. in the evening (but not till too late!).								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at the nearest train station and need to arrive at the airport by 14:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after the noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work with the kids and to respect local culture/ way. Experience of similar type of service is welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	1,050 MYR (206 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 19) for 14 days and 800 MYR (157 EUR) for 9 days to be paid on your arrivals. 10% less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps and those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The Local SDGs made by the project leader (background/ past actions/ future actions/ 2030 Goals); https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/LS-YCK%2019-%EF%BC%93.pdf								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0218C	Golden Age 1	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/18	03/02	ELDE	11	18	50
NICE-24S-0218C	Golden Age 1B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/18	02/23	ELDE	11	18	50
1. Summary	Working in the nursing home to have a precious time with the elders.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) since 2019 in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006. Bernice Home was found by a lady by the name of Bernice. She started this home for senior citizens who need quality home care services to seniors with limited mobility or dementia and hence social interaction. She started this home in 2000 and the second home in 2018. The founder belief "life shouldn't end when you are old, it should be full of happy memories regardless of the age. The founder wants to keep the seniors active and engaged through physical, mental and social activities, all in the comfort of their home. The workcamp was revived in 2023 and 2 STVs from Japan + 1 MTV from Czech did great work, so they have decided to host the workcamp again!								
3. Work	Volunteers will help in arranging extra activities for the senior citizens, such as art, craft, painting, gardening, storytelling, music and movement activities. Other than that, volunteers could help the nursing care helpers to cook and take part in daily cleaning routines. Some of the days, bring the senior citizens for an evening walk if weather permits. Otherwise lots of, indoor activities could be conduct.								
4. Accommodation	Bernice Home. Three meals will be provided. Sleeping bag is necessary. There is open space with attach bathroom/toilet. Volunteers will use the space as their accommodation and sleep by using sleeping bag.								
5. Study theme	Situation of senior citizens and elderly home in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of Bernice Home								
6. Other activities	Create a herb garden or vegetable garden for the elderly people. Visit around Kuala Lumpur city, and the cultural heritage of Malaysia, cultural exchange events.								
7. Location	The home is located in Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur. https://goo.gl/maps/84vfEaSMEaBL2b4x8								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at the nearest train station and need to arrive at the airport by 14:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after the noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Bring along your expertise, such as singing, dancing, arts and craft and most important your caring heart to engage with these old people.								
10. Participation fee	1,050 MYR (206 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 19) for 14 days and 650 MYR (127 EUR) for 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 10% less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps and those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0227A	NP S2	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	02/27	03/07	MANU, SOCI	10	18	99
NICE-24S-0227A	NP S2B	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	02/27	03/03	MANU, SOCI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Working and sharing with local communities, Sinhalese and Tamils, who brought to Sri Lanka 200 years ago. experiencing the rural life and local culture while exploring hill country's environment.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 1 (No poverty) and SDG 2 (zero Hunger), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2023 in this place!). Project area is a based on tea plantation and vegetable cultivation. Total area was a tea plantation until Independence (in 1948) and after that government took the administration. Some parts were abandoned and some parts distributed among people. During the development of hydro power projects in nearby area, many lost their properties and were relocated in this area. Tea plantation is the lifeline of most people and still some people work in fields. Very few people are working at the city or for government. This area is not a popular destination among the locals or foreigners because of difficulty to access common facilities. After covid pandemic community are trying to reestablish their agricultural work and other livelihoods. Not only pandemic, but also economic crisis impacted every sector in Sri Lanka. These sectors are trying to reestablish their own work but they need external assistances to continue their work. We are going to help domestic level livelihoods running by villagers. While visiting community, volunteers can experience real life of Sri Lanka and experience the nature of the local life. Community can get awareness about lifestyle of developed countries that they cannot experienced in their local.								
3. Work	Project consists of two parts. First three days we are supporting domestic level small scall income generating activities for the selected 2 or 3 families in the village. Second four days we move around villages to meet members of the women's group/members of the self-help group, kindergarten youths, etc. During the second part, we are sharing with volunteers stories and culture with family/ village youths/village level organizations members and support to do their daily work. On the last day morning volunteers visit the village kindergarten/village temple/church/Kovil.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers are going to stay at a village house with limited facilities. Electricity, cleaned drinking water, beds, pillows, and toilets are available. Internet facility is good. But no Wi-Fi. Cloths can be washed by hand and can hang outside to dry.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Nawalapitiya and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Located at 114km (and 157km via Gampola) from Colombo. This is a rural area and located at among mountains. 590m above from the sea level. People are mainly tea plantation workers and working at the tea factories. Few families depend on agriculture, especially on black pepper and vegetable cultivation. It is close to two ancient kingdoms called Gampola (17km) and Kandy (46km). This area has beautiful landscapes, mountains, ancient temple etc. Cardamom and Vanilla also common crops here.								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Feb. 26 and can leave there after 20:00 of Mar. 07. 6 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the Colombo Government bus terminal in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	220/ 180 EUR for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 EUR less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 50 EUR to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house, following day breakfast and moving to the meeting point are included.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24L-0227A	NP M2	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	02/27	04/09	CULT, EDUC	2	18	99
1. Summary	Working with tea estate sector comminty. Join with village youth program, teach music and language. Experiecnce a life of tea estate community and mountainous areas. .								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality education) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2023 from this area and first tome we are going to work here).Total area was a tea plantation until Independence (in 1948) and after that government took the administration. Some parts were abandoned and some parts distributed among people. During the development of hydro power projects in nearby area, many lost their properties and were relocated in this area. Tea plantation is the lifeline of most people and still some people work in fields. There are 3 tea factories still functioning. Very few people are working at the city or for government. This area is not a popular destination among the locals or foreigners because of difficulty to access common facilities. We got an opportunity to have a discuss with an officer who coordinate livelihood development activities of the village to regional secretariat office and he suggested us to visit and have programs with villagers.								
3. Work	Volunteers are going to stay at community.Theye have to work with and give training to church’s youth group members on music, work with village youth group and teaching language to them. (English / Japanese etc) They have to work 5 days a week including Saturday. In the morning have to teaching music to the church youths/teaching Language and evening teaching language to students. Apart this when time permits volunteer can join with community’s common activities like social activities and festivals. During this period you can meet a families, youths/children society members and watch their activities, women’s/farmers groups, visit village school etc.								
4. Accommodation	Village house with a host family, there is electricity and mobile phones are working. But less internet, no WiFi. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying. At the night you can see lots of bright stars at the sky.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Nawalapitiya and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Located at 114km (and 157km via Gampola) from Colombo. This is a rural area and located at among mountains. 590m above from the sea level. People are mainly tea plantation workers and working at the tea factories. Few families depend on agriculture, especially on black pepper and vegetable cultivation. It is close to two ancient kingdoms called Gampola (17km) and Kandy (46km). This area has beautiful landscapes, mountains, ancient temple etc. Cardamom and Vanilla also common crops here. Some big houses, constructed by British officers as well as rich people who lived here can be seen. Majority is Tamil people are living here. It is mountainous and cool area.								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Feb 26 and can leave there after 17:00 of April 09. 7 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at Colombo Government bus terminal in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, sharing experiences, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	450 EUR to be paid on your arrivals. There is optional service of 50 EUR to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house, following day breakfast and moving to the meeting point are included.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0304E	YCK 2	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/03	03/16	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	16	18	50
NICE-24S-0304E	YCK 2B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/03	03/11	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	16	18	50
NICE-24S-0304E	YCK 2C	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/08	03/16	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	16	18	50
1. Summary	The rare international workcamp in Asia working with refugees! Let's have a precious time with the children:)								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) since 2018 in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006. Yayasan Chow Kit (YCK) is a non-profit organization that caters to the needs of children in and around Chow Kit. They run two drop-in centers in Chow Kit and one safe home for children who are in need of temporary guardianship. YCK operate in partnership with Ministry of Women and Child Welfare. YCK developed out of Nur Salam and was incorporated in 2011. The past workcamps since 2018 Sep. have been successful, so revived in 2023 with 3 workcamps after 3 years stop due to the COVID-19, that were again successful!								
3. Work	Volunteers will help in guiding student in studies, setting a better environment to enhance a better learning environment. Be ready to provide attentive care from 09:00 to 15:00 on Monday to Friday. It is also important to have nice exchange with several children sleeping in the school building! Some group activities will be arranged by the school and teachers.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in the school. Meal will be provided. Sleeping bag is necessary (mat is also recommended since the floor is hard). Water is very valuable, so the volunteers should be aware of not wasting it when washing the clothes and taking a bath. Thus, Ramadan will start from the second week of this workcamp, so volunteers may also follow the local way not to have lunch, that could be good cultural experiences!								
5. Study theme	Situation of refugees and other disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of YCK								
6. Other activities	Visitation to the other community school around, local sports, visit around Kuala Lumpur city, and the cultural heritage of Malaysia, cultural exchange events.								
7. Location	The school is located in Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur. It is located in the city, so you can sometimes enjoy café, night market, etc. in the evening (but not till too late!).								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at the nearest train station and need to arrive at the airport by 14:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after the noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work with the kids and to respect local culture/ way. Experience of similar type of service is welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	1,050 MYR (206 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 19) for 14 days and 800 MYR (157 EUR) for 9 days to be paid on your arrivals. 10% less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps and those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The Local SDGs made by the project leader (background/ past actions/ future actions/ 2030 Goals); https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/LS-YCK%2019-%EF%BC%93.pdf								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0310A	Golden Age 2	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/10	03/23	ELDE	11	18	50
NICE-24S-0310A	Golden Age 2B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/10	03/15	ELDE	11	18	50
1. Summary	Working in the nursing home to have a precious time with the elders.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) since 2019 in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006. Bernice Home was found by a lady by the name of Bernice. She started this home for senior citizens who need quality home care services to seniors with limited mobility or dementia and hence social interaction. She started this home in 2000 and the second home in 2018. The founder belief "life shouldn't end when you are old, it should be full of happy memories regardless of the age. The founder wants to keep the seniors active and engaged through physical, mental and social activities, all in the comfort of their home. The workcamp was revived in 2023 and 2 STVs from Japan + 1 MTV from Czech did great work, so they have decided to host the workcamp again!								
3. Work	Volunteers will help in arranging extra activities for the senior citizens, such as art, craft, painting, gardening, storytelling, music and movement activities. Other than that, volunteers could help the nursing care helpers to cook and take part in daily cleaning routines. Some of the days, bring the senior citizens for an evening walk if weather permits. Otherwise lots of, indoor activities could be conduct.								
4. Accommodation	Bernice Home. Three meals will be provided. Sleeping bag is necessary. There is open space with attach bathroom/toilet. Volunteers will use the space as their accomodation and sleep by using sleeping bag. Thus, Ramadan will start from the beginning of this workcamp, so volunteers may also follow the local way not to have lunch, that could be good cultural experiences!								
5. Study theme	Situation of senior citizens and elderly home in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of Bernice Home								
6. Other activities	Create a herb garden or vegetable garden for the elderly people. Visit around Kuala Lumpur city, and the cultural heritage of Malaysia, cultural exchange events.								
7. Location	The home is located in Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur. https://goo.gl/maps/84vfEaSMEaBL2b4x8								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at the nearest train station and need to arrive at the airport by 14:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after the noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Bring along your expertise, such as singing, dancing, arts and craft and most important your caring heart to engage with these old people.								
10. Participation fee	1,050 MYR (206 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 19) for 14 days and 650 MYR (127 EUR) for 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 10% less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps and those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0312A	Higu S2	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	03/12	03/21	AGRI, SOCI	10	18	99
NICE-24S-0312A	Higu S2B	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	03/12	03/17	AGRI, SOCI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Paddy farming area, new settlement, rural area. Second kingdom of the Sri Lanka. Sharing with local communities on life and work, understand the dealing with challenges facing during the daily life and how to live and overcome them.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2017 in this place!). Project is a based on paddy farming area. Higurakgoda is a part of the Polonnaruwa District, Sri Lanka's 2nd kingdom, exist 1100 years ago. Higurakgoda is a settlement, established in 1956, under the government development plan. Families brought to here from different parts of Sri Lanka and asked them to settle here while doing paddy farming. Different parts of Sri Lanka have different kind of sub cultures. In here all of them are mixed and emerge a new sub culture. Now 3rd generation is living here with their 2nd generation parents. During the 21st century, technology is changed rapidly but it is not reached to these areas because of language barrier, unawareness, narrow perspectives and so on. As a country, everyone should be a part of country's development process but unfortunately these rural communities are somehow rejected by the administration. But actually, communities' active participation is essential to overcome the burdens and to establish a just society. Some families are doing other activities to live. Making bags, packeting spices, maintain plant nurseries are among them. We are working closely with paddy farmers as well as other families who have no lands to do agriculture too.								
3. Work	Basically our projects consists with two parts. First three days we are working at the one place that is our main work, helping family to do their nursery work. Making pots, mix soil and composts, watering to plants, making propagators, arrange the pots are among the work. Second four days, we are moving around the village to meet community to do our next part of the projects. During this week you can meet a family, youth/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village school etc. Among work scheduled volunteers participating to, 1. Help to family to do their nursery work 2. Cultural exchange programs with villagers including youths. 3. Activities with children 4. Work and assist to self-help group member's activities 5. Visit village								
4. Accommodation	Village house with a host family, located close to nice paddy fields. There are electricity, filtered clean water to drink available as well. Mobile phones/internet are working. But no Wi-Fi. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Higu and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km2).								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of March 11 and can leave there after 20:00 of March 21. 7 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the Colombo Government bus terminal in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	220/ 180 EUR for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 EUR less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 50 EUR to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house, following day breakfast and moving to the meeting point are included.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24L-0312A	Higu M2	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	03/12	04/29	AGRI, SOCI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Working with members of the women's group on their home gardens. Join with village youth program and teach language. Experiencce a life of settlents in North Central Province.								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 1 (No poverty) and SDGs 02 (Zero hunger), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 we are working here but Kumaragama is first time). Higurakgoda is a settlement, established in 1956, under the government development plan. Families brought to here from different parts of Sri Lanka and asked them to settle here while doing paddy farming. Different parts of Sri Lanka have different kind of sub cultures. In here all of them are mixed and emerge a new sub culture. Now 3rd generation is living here with their 2nd generation parents.</p> <p>During the 21st century, technology is changed rapidly but it is not reached to these areas because of language barrier, unawareness, narrow perspectives and so on. As a country, everyone should be a part of country's development process but unfortunately these rural communities are somehow rejected by the administration. But actually, communities' active participation is essential to overcome the burdens and to establish a just society. Some families are doing other activities to live. Making bags, packeting spices, maintain plant nurseries are among them. We are working closely with paddy farmers as well as other families who have no lands to do agriculture too.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers are going work at the home gardens maintaing by the members of the women's group. Some times that have to work 2 or 3 days same place until finish the work. Evenings volunteers can teach languages (English/ Japanese /French etc) to village children according to their age groups. Saturday totally volunteers are staying with village youth group. They are going to work 5 days, including Sathurday. During this period you can meet a families, youths/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village school etc.								
4. Accommodation	Village house with a host family, there is electricity and mobile phones are working. But no or less internet or WiFi. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying. At the night you can see lots of bright stars at the sky.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Higu and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km2).								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of March 11 and can leave there after 20:00 of April 29. 8 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at Colombo Government bus terminal in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, sharing experiences, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	510 EUR to be paid on your arrivals. There is optional service of 50 EUR to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house, following day breakfast and moving to the meeting point are included.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0420A	Higu S3	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	04/20	04/29	AGRI, SOCI	10	18	99
NICE-24S-0420A	Higu S3B	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	04/20	04/25	AGRI, SOCI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Paddy farming area, new settlement, rural area. Second kingdom of the Sri Lanka. Sharing with local communities on life and work, understand the dealing with challenges facing during the daily life and how to live and overcome them.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2017 in this place!). Project is a based on paddy farming area. Higurakgoda is a part of the Polonnaruwa District, Sri Lanka's 2nd kingdom, exist 1100 years ago. Higurakgoda is a settlement, established in 1956, under the government development plan. Families brought to here from different parts of Sri Lanka and asked them to settle here while doing paddy farming. Different parts of Sri Lanka have different kind of sub cultures. In here all of them are mixed and emerge a new sub culture. Now 3rd generation is living here with their 2nd generation parents. During the 21st century, technology is changed rapidly but it is not reached to these areas because of language barrier, unawareness, narrow perspectives and so on. As a country, everyone should be a part of country's development process but unfortunately these rural communities are somehow rejected by the administration. But actually, communities' active participation is essential to overcome the burdens and to establish a just society. Some families are doing other activities to live. Making bags, packeting spices, maintain plant nurseries are among them. We are working closely with paddy farmers as well as other families who have no lands to do agriculture too								
3. Work	Basically our projects consists with two parts. First three days we are working at the two or three places that is our main work, helping to members of the self-help group members. We are going to help to families who have gardens and planting vegetable. Second four days, we are moving around the village to meet community to do our next part of the projects. During these four days volunteers can meet a family, youth/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village preschool etc. Among work scheduled volunteers are going to participate, 1. Help family to do their home gardening work 2. Cultural exchange programs with villagers including youths. 3. Activities with children / kindergarten kids 4. Work and assist to self-help group member's activities								
4. Accommodation	Village house with a host family, located close to nice paddy fields. There are electricity, filtered clean water to drink available as well. Mobile phones/internet are working. But no Wi-Fi. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Higu and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km2).								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of March 11 and can leave there after 20:00 of March 21. 7 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the Colombo Government bus terminal in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	220/ 180 EUR for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 EUR less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 50 EUR to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house, following day breakfast and moving to the meeting point are included.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24L-0420A	Higu M3	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	04/20	06/27	AGRI, SOCI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Working with members of the women's group on their home gardens. Join with village youth program and teach language. Experiencce a life of settlents in North Central Province.								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 1 (No poverty) and SDGs 02 (Zero hunger), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 we are working here but Kumaragama is first time). Higurakgoda is a settlement, established in 1956, under the government development plan. Families brought to here from different parts of Sri Lanka and asked them to settle here while doing paddy farming. Different parts of Sri Lanka have different kind of sub cultures. In here all of them are mixed and emerge a new sub culture. Now 3rd generation is living here with their 2nd generation parents.</p> <p>During the 21st century, technology is changed rapidly but it is not reached to these areas because of language barrier, unawareness, narrow perspectives and so on. As a country, everyone should be a part of country's development process but unfortunately these rural communities are somehow rejected by the administration. But actually, communities' active participation is essential to overcome the burdens and to establish a just society. Some families are doing other activities to live. Making bags, packeting spices, maintain plant nurseries are among them. We are working closely with paddy farmers as well as other families who have no lands to do agriculture too.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers are going work at the home gardens maintaing by the members of the women's group. Some times that have to work 2 or 3 days same place until finish the work. Evenings volunteers can teach languages (English/ Japanese /French etc) to village children according to their age groups. Saturday totally volunteers are staying with village youth group. They are going to work 5 days, including Sathurday. During this period you can meet a families, youths/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village school etc.								
4. Accommodation	Village house with a host family, there is electricity and mobile phones are working. But no or less internet or WiFi. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying. At the night you can see lots of bright stars at the sky.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Higu and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km2).								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of April 19 and can leave there after 20:00 of June 27. 8 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at Colombo Government bus terminal in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, sharing experiences, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	670 EUR to be paid on your arrivals. There is optional service of 50 EUR to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house, following day breakfast and moving to the meeting point are included.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0514A	NPGP S1	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	05/14	05/23	MANU, SOCI	10	18	99
NICE-24S-0514A	NPGP S1B	Nawalapitiya	Sri Lanka	05/14	05/19	MANU, SOCI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Working and sharing with local communities, Sinhalese and Tamils, who brought to Sri Lanka 200 years ago. experiencing the rural life and local culture while exploring hill country's environment.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 1 (No poverty) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2023 in this place!). Total area was a tea plantation until Independence (in 1948) and after that government took the administration. Some parts were abandoned and some parts distributed among people. This is a kind of traditional village; some families are living here more than 100 years. Agriculture and Tea plantation is the main livelihoods in this area. People who have no lands to cultivate are engaging other domestic livelihoods such as, packeting and distribute spices, mushroom plantation etc. Very few people are working at the city or for government. This area is not a popular destination among the locals or foreigners because of difficulty to access common facilities. After covid pandemic community are trying to reestablish their agricultural work and other livelihoods. Not only pandemic, but also economic crisis impacted every sector in Sri Lanka. These sectors are trying to reestablish their own work but they need external assistances to continue their work. We are going to help domestic level livelihoods running by villagers. While visiting community, volunteers can experience real life of Sri Lanka and experience the nature of the local life. Community can get awareness about lifestyle of developed countries that they cannot experienced in their local lives.								
3. Work	Project consists of two parts. First three days we are supporting domestic level small scall income generating activities for the selected 2 or 3 families in the village. Second four days we move around villages to meet members of the women's group/members of the self-help group, kindergarten kids, youths, etc. During the second part, we are sharing with volunteers stories and culture with family/ village youths/village level organizations members and support to do their daily work. On the last day morning volunteers visit the village kindergarten/village temple/church/Kovil.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers are going to stay at a village house with limited facilities. Electricity, cleaned drinking water, beds, pillows, and toilets are available. Internet facility is good. But no Wi-Fi. Cloths can be washed by hand and can hang outside to dry.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Gampola and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Located at 134km from Colombo. This is a rural area and located among mountains. 620m above sea level. People are mainly depending on agriculture. It is close to ancient kingdoms called Kandy (24km). This area has beautiful landscapes, mountains, ancient temple etc. Some tea plantations and man-made forests plots also can be seen here.								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of May 13 and can leave there after 20:00 of May 23. 6 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the Colombo Government bus terminal in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, sharing with local communities, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	220/ 180 EUR for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 EUR less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 50 EUR to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house, following day breakfast and moving to the meeting point are included.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0618A	Higu S4	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	06/18	06/27	AGRI, SOCI	10	18	99
NICE-24S-0618A	Higu S4B	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	06/18	06/23	AGRI, SOCI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Paddy farming area, new settlement, rural area. Second kingdom of the Sri Lanka. Sharing with local communities on life and work, understand the dealing with challenges facing during the daily life and how to live and overcome them.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2017 in this place!). Project is a based on paddy farming area. Higurakgoda is a part of the Polonnaruwa District, Sri Lanka's 2nd kingdom, exist 1100 years ago. Higurakgoda is a settlement, established in 1956, under the government development plan. Families brought to here from different parts of Sri Lanka and asked them to settle here while doing paddy farming. Different parts of Sri Lanka have different kind of sub cultures. In here all of them are mixed and emerge a new sub culture. Now 3rd generation is living here with their 2nd generation parents. During the 21st century, technology is changed rapidly but it is not reached to these areas because of language barrier, unawareness, narrow perspectives and so on. As a country, everyone should be a part of country's development process but unfortunately these rural communities are somehow rejected by the administration. But actually, communities' active participation is essential to overcome the burdens and to establish a just society. Some families are doing other activities to live. Making bags, packeting spices, maintain plant nurseries are among them. We are working closely with paddy farmers as well as other families who have no lands to do agriculture too Basically our projects consists with two parts. First three days we are working at the one place that is our main work, helping family to do their nursery work. Making pots, mix soil and composts, watering to plants, making propagators, arrange the pots are among the work. Second four days, we are moving around the village to meet community to do our next part of the projects. During this week you can meet a family, youth/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village school etc. Among work scheduled volunteers participating to, 1. Help to family to do their nursery work 2. Cultural exchange programs with villagers including youths. 3. Activities with children 4. Work and assist to self-help group member's activities 5. Visit village								
3. Work	Village house with a host family, located close to nice paddy fields. There are electricity, filtered clean water to drink available as well. Mobile phones/internet are working. But no Wi-Fi. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying.								
4. Accommodation	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Higu and Sri Lanka								
5. Study theme	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
6. Other activities	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km2).								
7. Location	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of June 17 and can leave there after 20:00 of June 27. 7 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the Colombo Government bus terminal in the morning on the first day.								
8. Terminal	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
9. Requirement	220/ 180 EUR for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 EUR less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 50 EUR to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house, following day breakfast and moving to the meeting point are included.								
10. Participation fee	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
11. Language	None								
12. Other									
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-24S-0811A	Vang Vieng 2	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/11	08/24	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-24S-0811A	Vang Vieng 2B	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/11	08/19	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-24S-0811A	Vang Vieng 2C	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/16	08/24	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
1. Summary	Only for Asian. Construct a new community center in a small village of Laos! The black big is running around and the food is so tasty and unique!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Phoudindaeng Youth Center (PYC) since 2009. PYC was established by AVAN (network of individuals who has done voluntary service for one year in Japan) and KNCU to work for rural development in Van Vieng by running school bus and English classes, construction of the library and skill training. We aim that local youth can have sustainable life by their own responsibilities! PYC is run by Lao youth and the leader joined JAVS (Japan-ASEAN 3 months workcamp) in Japan in 2015! This project is open only for Asian due to the principle of the hosting organization.								
3. Work	Volunteers will 1) construct a new community center in the Phonsung village where we have been working since last year, 2) do cultural exchange/ environmental education activities with local youth in the village and Phoudindaeng Youth Center and 3) do some other work needed in the School/ the Center.								
4. Accommodation	Phonsung Youth Center. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.								
5. Study theme	The future plan of international workcamps in Laos and the youth center. Bring some info.!								
6. Other activities	Going to the Market, Basi Ceremony, Performance, Party, etc.								
7. Location	Agricultural village in Van Vieng district in the north part, surrounded by the river and mountains.								
8. Terminal	Vientiane. Volunteers need to arrive by 08:00 on the first day and can leave there after 20:00 on the last day. They can go to Van Vieng by the public bus that takes 4-5 hours, possibly together with other volunteers!								
9. Requirement	Only Asian. High motivation to work and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization!								
10. Participation fee	280 USD (180 USD for 9 days) to be paid on your arrivals								
11. Language	English (Lao is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The Local SDGs made by the project leader (background/ past actions/ future actions/ 2030 Goals); https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/IC-Van%20Vieng-17.pdf								
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8. NICE's Visions & Actions on SDGs

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- NICE is actively working on SDGs initiated in/ together with NVDA! -



[SDGs \(Sustainable Development Goals\)](#) was approved at General Assembly of United Nations in 2015 Sep. It is very important that the world works together for the better future, but also important that each of us digests SDGs and see what is agreeable or not by our own visions. Then, we will strongly work/ cooperate with various stakeholders to achieve SDGs where we agree!

1. Make Local/ Project Goals (“Local SDGs”)

- ☺ **Long term goals of the communities and the projects** they have anyway regardless of SDGs
- ☺ **Different and not following from SDGs** (it is NOT to implement SDGs in the local level).
- ☺ This is based on their own visions/ needs by bottom up approach and **not only say, but also do!**

< **Aims to make Local SDGs** >

- 1. Good for ourselves!** (make better plans together, stronger motivation & solidarity, get more vols)
- 2. Good for the world!** (show another way of concrete goals, differently from UN with our actions)
- 3. Good for the movement!** (share the visions and actions, raise recognition from the society)

< **Where can we make the goals?** >

Any place where you can make your goals such as **your international/ weekend workcamps, LMTV projects, schools, offices, seminars**, etc. Especially, this can be quickly and effectively **utilized in a study part (in the evening or a rainy day) or the on arrivals orientation** of your workcamps starting from now!

2. Make a NICE's (modified) version of SDGs

- ☺ This will be a **good opportunity** to discuss and share each and common vision for the future!
- ☺ We are a **colorful NGO**, so don't unite opinions and we also introduce minority's opinions.

From next page, we will introduce the NICE's version that was made, discussed and approved in the 2 EC meetings with some local and international partners and finally at its GA in 2016 Dec.!

3. Work to achieve the (modified) SDGs

- 1. Indicate which goals of SDGs are related in each project description**
- 2. Research the impact for each goal in each project, then will collect and show them together.**
- 3. Work with UN agencies and other organizations to increase the impact of each project.**
- 4. Join or create the projects and actions of UN agencies and other sectors/ organizations.**
- 5. Organize special projects or campaigns**

NICE's modified SDGs

- * This was made by Executive Committee meeting and General Assembly of NICE in 2015 with over 100 staff, members and local/ international partners. IVP representative has also joined us.
- * We fully agree with the basic values (especially, "no one left behind") and principles of SDGs and over 80% of the goals besides the ones mentioned below (80%).
- * There are various different opinions on each topic and we do NOT force all vols/ partners to agree.

1.1 By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, **currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day**

→ (Change) **that they can have minimum standard of life without lack of food, clothes, houses and other basic human needs, and a means to sustain themselves.**

1.a (and other places) ...**developing countries**

→ (Change) **Less expensive countries or Countries with lower GDP.**

2.4 By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural...

→ (Add) **Convert the fundamental direction of agriculture by dramatically decreasing the use of pesticides and chemical fertilizer, combating GM crops, increasing self-sufficiency of each country, region and household and reviving/ developing organic/ natural farming.**

2.5 By 2020, maintain the genetic diversity of seeds, cultivated plants and farmed and...

→ (Add) **Escape from the situation that a few multi-national companies dominate the seeds as soon as possible and protect/ revive the native, multi year (not F1) seeds.**

2.b **Correct and prevent trade restrictions and distortions in world agricultural markets, including through the parallel elimination of all forms of agricultural export subsidies and all export measures with equivalent effect, in accordance with the mandate of the Doha Development Round**

→ (Change) **Protect local farming not to be destroyed by the free trade, change the direction fundamentally and enable each country and region can freely protect their life line of food production.**

3.2 By 2030, end preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age, with all countries aiming to reduce neonatal mortality to at least as low as 12 per 1,000 live births and under-5 mortality to at least as low as 25 per 1,000 live births.

→ (Add) **At the same time, promote family planning and social welfare not to increase poverty by the explosion.**

4.1 By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes.

→ (Add) **And promote good quality non-formal education.**

6.2 By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation...

→ (Add) **that causes serious sanitation problems**

(Comment) **This action can be even better for nature and farming if we do it in a proper way rather than just throw them to the river away?**

7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and **modern energy services**

→ (Change) **Renewable energy service without depending on unsustainable energy of nuclear and fossils**

8.4...**with developed countries taking the lead**

→ (Change) **by collaboration of all countries and stakeholders**

8.7 ...**end child labor in all its forms**

→ (Change) **end bad child labor while promote good children's work.**

9.c Significantly increase access to information and communications technology and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020

→ (Add) **At the same time, promote education and do other policies to be able to use internet properly.**

c13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning

→ (Add) **Limit the global emission within the nature's capacity (10 billion tons) and have equal amount of emission per person (1.4 tons if 7 billions population) not to increase the temperature over 1.5-2 degrees.**

16.4 By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime

→ (Add) **'all' before "arms".**

(Add) **Eliminate nuclear weapons and combat all the wars and terrorism.**

17.2 **Developed countries to implement fully their official development assistance commitments, including the commitment by many developed countries to achieve the target of 0.7 per cent of ODA/GNI to developing countries and 0.15 to 0.20 per cent of ODA/GNI to least developed countries; ODA providers are encouraged to consider setting a target to provide at least 0.20 per cent of ODA/GNI to least developed countries**

→ (Change) **Double the positive impact of ODA such as to elaborate the poverty, protect the environment and decrease half of negative impact.**

Example of Local SDGs

Local SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)

Onuma (Hokkaido), Japan

Made by: **IKEDA Makoto (Japan, local coordinator)**, **KAIZAWA Shinichiro (Japan, project coordinator in NICE)**, **10 vols in the workcamp**

Relevant themes in SDGs: **(6,15)** 1. Poverty 2. Hunger 3. Health 4. Education 5. Gender 6. Water 7. Energy 8. Work 9. Infrastructure 10. Inequality 11. Cities 12. Consumption 13. Climate change 14. Oceans 15. Forests 16. Justice 17. Partnership

Background situations

Though Onuma lake has been a popular tourism spot for a long time because of its beautiful scenery, it has been **polluted** by over use of agricultural chemicals in cattle farming and erosion from abandoned forests with alien trees. President of Cooperative has bought a forest and wants to revive it to original nature with native trees!



Goals in 2030

We would like to get the clean lake like 100 years ago where people can enjoy swimming and more various types of native fish and plants can be grown!

We also want the community with more active participation of all stakeholders such as young people, farmers, etc.

Tourists can enjoy the area in a more slow way not harming the nature and the farmers can keep cows without polluting.



As partial contribution in whole change!

Past actions & impact

We organize 2 weeks and 2 months workcamps since 2004 that **revived over 3 ha of forests by moving alien conifer trees** that disturb growth of other plants and animals and made water quality worse, **made 200 rafts with reeds every year** in the lake to purify the water and helped the research with some specialists. Onuma was registered by the world's Ramsar treaty thanks to the workcamps, the local host says. The projects also connected different people who did not work together.



New actions & impact

We will keep workcamps every year to create more and more impact to purify the lake with some new programs such as;

- * Promotion of using eco sponges to the locals
- * Hosting Longer term volunteers (e.g., 6 months)
- * Running eco-tourism with less negative impact

Personal actions!

- * Introduce to my friends by SNS.
- * Collect the fund for the materials.
- * Join the project again as LMTVs.
- * Link with the similar NGOs in my country!