

7. Projects outside Japan (STV)

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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 some 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

(Laos, Thailand and Malaysia) Click each Project name to jump into the detailed description!

Code	Project name	Location	Country	Start	End	Theme	SDGs
NICE-26Y-0425A	G. Mongolia	Mongolia	Buhug	04/25	05/06	ENVI	13,15
NICE-26Y-0426D	Vang Vieng 3	Laos	Vang Vieng	04/26	05/05	CONS, EDUC	4,11
NICE-26Y-0429A	Tuburan 1	Philippines	Cebu Island	04/29	05/06	AGRI, CULT	2,4
NICE-26Y-0802A	Golden Age 9	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	08/02	08/08	ELDE	10
NICE-26Y-0802B	YCK 4	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	08/02	08/15	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	4,10
NICE-26Y-0803A	CLC 5 (2610)	Cambodia	Kampot	08/03	08/15	EDUC, AGRI	2,4
NICE-26Y-0803D	TFC 5 (2608)	Cambodia	Kampot	08/03	08/15	ENVI	13,14
NICE-26Y-0809A	Golden Age 10	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	08/09	08/15	ELDE	10
NICE-26Y-0809B	Vang Vieng 4	Laos	Vang Vieng	08/09	08/22	CONS, EDUC	4,11
NICE-26Y-0816A	Golden Age 11	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	08/16	08/22	ELDE	10
NICE-26Y-0817A	CLC 6 (2611)	Cambodia	Kampot	08/17	08/29	EDUC, AGRI	2,4
NICE-26Y-0817D	TFC 6 (2609)	Cambodia	Kampot	08/17	08/29	ENVI	13,14
NICE-26Y-0823A	Golden Age 12	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	08/23	08/29	ELDE	10
NICE-26Y-0823B	YCK 5	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	08/23	09/05	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	4,10
NICE-26Y-0823E	Ulu Tiram 2	Malaysia	Johol	08/23	09/05	CULT, AGRI	2,10
NICE-26Y-0830A	Golden Age 13	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	08/30	09/05	ELDE	10
NICE-26Y-0901A	CLC 7 (2612)	Cambodia	Kampot	08/31	09/12	EDUC, AGRI	2,4
NICE-26Y-0901D	TFC 7 (2610)	Cambodia	Kampot	08/31	09/12	ENVI	13,14
NICE-26Y-0906A	Golden Age 14	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	09/06	09/12	ELDE	10
NICE-26Y-0906B	Vang Vieng 5	Laos	Vang Vieng	09/06	09/19	CONS, EDUC	4,11
NICE-26Y-0913A	Golden Age 15	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	09/13	09/19	ELDE	10
NICE-26Y-0913B	YCK 6	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	09/13	09/26	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	4,10
NICE-26Y-0914A	CLC 8 (2613)	Cambodia	Kampot	09/14	09/26	EDUC, AGRI	2,4
NICE-26Y-0914D	TFC 8 (2611)	Cambodia	Kampot	09/14	09/26	ENVI	13,14
NICE-26Y-0920A	Golden Age 16	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	09/20	09/26	ELDE	10

* All short term workcamps are open to partial participation for 6-9 days.

< Placement of the following workcamps is dealt by NICE >

- * **Projects in Malaysia** Co-organized with **MOVE** (Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange)
- * **Projects in Laos** Co-organized with **PYC** (Phoudindaeng Youth Center)

< Placement of the following workcamps is dealt by our co-organizing partners >

- * **Projects in Mongolia** Application s should be sent to **MCE** (mce_incoming@yahoo.com).
- * **Projects in Cambodia** Application s should be sent to **CYA** (incoming@cyacambodia.com).
- * **Projects in Philippines** Application s should be sent to **GIED** (workcamps@volunteergied.org).

7-2) Detailed Project Description

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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26Y-0426D	Vang Vieng 3	Vang Vieng	Laos	04/26	05/05	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0426E	Vang Vieng 3B	Vang Vieng	Laos	04/26	04/30	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0426F	Vang Vieng 3C	Vang Vieng	Laos	05/01	05/05	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
1. Summary	Assisting/ joining the English class and club activities of the very friendly local children and teen and working for building Youth Center in a small village with rich nature!								
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's main projects are running a school bus, teaching English in extracurricular classes, supporting the construction of a community center and establishing a library. Considering the increasing demands of villagers, PYC was officially established in 2007 which has played important roles for personal growth, life-long education and formation of leadership skills. PYC also keeps money little by little from the volunteers fee and sponsors the teachers' salary in the elementary school of the mountain connecting the children of 3 races (Lao, Mon and Khum) since the government neglect the school as well as youth employment from low income families, but more funds are needed (to buy a new van, etc.). In 2025, 3 workcamps were successfully organized with 15 vols. from Japan, Vietnam and Czech in addition to some local vols. It had been open only to Asian, but from 2025, it is open to all over the world!								
3. Work	Volunteers will do physical work in the morning such as construction/ maintenance of Youth Center and small gardening at Center (mostly planting flowers and trees for shade), and assist/ join English teaching class and club activities of traditional dance as well as playing with them (maybe organizing something!) in the afternoon as the after school activities.								
4. Accommodation	Phoudindaeng Youth Center. Sleeping on the floor dormitory bed (Sleeping bag is necessary), female and male are separated. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. There are local markets near the village. Sometime dinner will be Vangvieng town.								
5. Study theme	The future plan of international workcamps in Laos and the youth center								
6. Other activities	Going to the market, Basi Ceremony, Performance, Party, Optional excursion in the weekend to be organized and financed by the volunteers themselves (e.g., trekking, blue lagoon), etc.								
7. Location	Van Vieng is a famous tourist spot, but the workcamp is located in the rural 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 18:00 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	High motivation to exchange with the children, work physically and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization! Adaptable to the simple conditions.								
10. Participation fee	240 USD (190 USD for 5 days) to be paid on your arrivals								
11. Language	English (Lao is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp//files/user/reports/LaosSayaka2023.pdf								
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NICE-26Y-0802A	Golden Age 9	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/02	08/08	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0809A	Golden Age 10	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/09	08/15	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0816A	Golden Age 11	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/16	08/22	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0823A	Golden Age 12	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/23	08/29	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0830A	Golden Age 13	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/30	09/05	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0906A	Golden Age 14	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	09/06	09/12	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0913A	Golden Age 15	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	09/13	09/19	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0920A	Golden Age 16	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	09/20	09/26	ELDE	4	18	99
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 in 2024-15, 13 international volunteers did great work!								
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	Home stay in the house of MOVE President (Siva san) or if the room is available, a room of Golden Age. Male and female will be mixed. The breakfast will be bought at the food stalls, very near to the house (walking distance). The dinner too (or they can also cook at home by themselves if they prefer). Lunch will be provided at Home. Workcampers will be able to try various of local food. Sleeping bag is necessary. They need to keep a good manner not to disturb the family life.								
5. Study theme	Situation of elderly home in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of Bernice Home								
6. Other activities	Visit around Kuala Lumpur city. Wednesday afternoon will be free. The volunteers joining more than 1 unit (week) can have free days in the weekend.								
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 11:00 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	750 MYR (155 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd). If vols. join more than 1 unit (week), 450 MYR+ 50 MYR x Days meaning 1,100 MYR (227 EUR) for 2 units, 1,450 MYR (300 EUR) for 3 units, etc. 10% discount for the repeaters of MOVE workcamps or those from less expensive countries. Transportation cost for the work is not included. For the vols. joining more than one unit, the accommodation in the Saturday night and the meals from Saturday lunch to Sunday lunch are included unless they stay/ eat outside.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	There are 8 units of one week workcamp in 2026 Feb.-Mar. (2/1-7, 2/8-14, 2/15-21, 2/22-28, 3/1-7, 3/8-14, 3/15-21 and 3/22-28) and 2026 Aug.-Sep. (8/2-8, 8/9-15, 8/16-22, 8/23-29, 8/30-9/5, 9/6-12, 9/13-19 and 9/20-26), so you are welcomed to join one up to 8 units!								
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NICE-26Y-0802B	YCK 4	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/02	08/15	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
NICE-26Y-0802C	YCK 4B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/02	08/08	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
NICE-26Y-0802D	YCK 4C	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/09	08/15	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
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) was founded in 2011 to run the school providing education, cultural workshops, leisure activities and lunch to the children aged 6-18 who are not allowed to go to public schools due to the lack of citizenship. Many of them are refugees or immigrants from Myanmar, Indonesia, etc. while others have different backgrounds in their families such as poverty, drug addiction, child abuse, prostitution, etc. YCK operate in partnership with Ministry of Women and Child Welfare and got new rooms on the 3rd to 5th floors of the big building in 2025. The workcamps have been successful and in 2025, 59 vols. from Japan, Italy, Hong Kong and Spain joined 6 workcamps with creating great impact! You may wonder if the volunteering for short term can be useful for their education and even worry if they feel too sad and tired to repeat hi and bye. But children have got greatly motivated to study by having international big sisters/ brothers as one of their role models and felt happiness and encouragement by having reliable adult friends since they had been terribly neglected. Volunteers will be spilt into some small groups and assist the teachers for their classes of smaller children in the morning. In the afternoon, they can play and organize cultural activities with the children in the big room all together (e.g., dancing, games). Or sometimes, joined the workshops (music, sports, etc.) organized for the children by other volunteer group. Volunteers may sometimes have occasions to have no activities (e.g., national holidays), but alternative work such as supporting homeless people may be organized.								
3. Work	Volunteers will stay in 2-3 rooms of the school (female and male are separated) and have simple breakfast to be provided by MOVE, school lunch and dinner in the outside restaurant. Sleeping bag is necessary (mat is also recommended since the floor is hard). No AC and simple condition, but safe water is provided and local style bath/ fridge are available.								
4. Accommodation	Refugees and other disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of YCK								
5. Study theme	Sightseeing around Kuala Lumpur city (café, night market, China town, shopping malls, etc.)								
6. Other activities	in the evenings (but need to come back by 21:00!), optional trip in the weekend to be organized and financed by the volunteers themselves.								
7. Location	The school is located in Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur (with the guard man for 24 hours!).								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at KL Sentral at 16:00 and need to arrive at the airport (KUL) by 14:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after 11:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Very high motivation and responsibility to work with the disadvantaged kids and to respect local culture/ way. Adaptable to the simple conditions such as hot climate without using AC in the night and sleeping on the hard floor. Good manner to keep the places clean and proper, sensitive behaviors especially to the children (the guidance will be done by YCK).								
10. Participation fee	1,100 MYR (237 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for 14 days, 850 MYR (184 EUR) for 9 days including the weekend and 750 MYR (162 EUR) to be paid on your arrivals. 10% less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps or those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The local camp leader will be a lady who was a student of YCK before! There might be also a co-leader from Japan. 1st week vols. (Aug. 02-08) can extend their stay till Aug. 10 and 2nd week vols. (Aug. 09-15) can start their stay from Aug. 07 if they want to join free days activities in the weekend. The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/reports/YckAyaka2023.pdf								
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NICE-26Y-0809C	Vang Vieng 4B	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/09	08/17	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0809D	Vang Vieng 4C	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/14	08/17	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
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9. Requirement	High motivation to exchange with the children, work physically and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization! Adaptable to the simple conditions.								
10. Participation fee	280 USD (230 USD for 9 days, 180 USD for 4 days) to be paid on your arrivals								
11. Language	English (Lao is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/reports/LaosSayaka2023.pdf								
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3. Work	Volunteers will stay in 2-3 rooms of the school (female and male are separated) and have simple breakfast to be provided by MOVE, school lunch and dinner in the outside restaurant. Sleeping bag is necessary (mat is also recommended since the floor is hard). No AC and simple condition, but safe water is provided and local style bath/ fridge are available.								
4. Accommodation	Refugees and other disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of YCK								
5. Study theme	Sightseeing around Kuala Lumpur city (café, night market, China town, shopping malls, etc.)								
6. Other activities	in the evenings (but need to come back by 21:00!), optional trip in the weekend to be organized and financed by the volunteers themselves.								
7. Location	The school is located in Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur (with the guard man for 24 hours!).								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at KL Sentral at 16:00 and need to arrive at the airport (KUL) by 14:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after 11:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Very high motivation and responsibility to work with the disadvantaged kids and to respect local culture/ way. Adaptable to the simple conditions such as hot climate without using AC in the night and sleeping on the hard floor. Good manner to keep the places clean and proper, sensitive behaviors especially to the children (the guidance will be done by YCK).								
10. Participation fee	1,100 MYR (237 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for 14 days, 850 MYR (184 EUR) for 9 days including the weekend and 750 MYR (162 EUR) to be paid on your arrivals. 10% less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps or those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The local camp leader will be a lady who was a student of YCK before! There might be also a co-leader from Japan. 1st week vols. (Aug. 23-29) can extend their stay till Aug. 31 and 2nd week vols. (Aug. 30-Sep. 05) can start their stay from Aug. 28 if they want to join free days activities in the weekend. The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/reports/YckAyaka2023.pdf								
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NICE-26Y-0823E	Ulu Tiram 2	Johor	Malaysia	08/23	09/05	CULT, AGRI	16	18	99
NICE-26Y-0823F	Ulu Tiram 2B	Johor	Malaysia	08/23	08/29	CULT, AGRI	16	18	99
1. Summary	Pilot project to experience local cultures and rural life of Malaysia (not typical workcamp, but rather learning and exchange program) near Johor!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) for the first time (!) in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006. One of the members (camp leaders) of MOVE has initiated to create this project by his own network with aiming at 1) Increase understanding of customs and culture between international vols. and the community, 2) Build friendship and cooperation networks between the two youth communities, 3) Assist in the development of the village community through innovative and beneficial activities and 4) Provide vols. with valuable experiences of <u>Malaysian life and culture, particularly in Kampung Sungai Tiram.</u>								
3. Work	Volunteers will do various activities such as 1) Introduction sessions with selected host families, 2) Batik Canting Workshop, 3) Rubber tapping and stingless bee honey activities, 4) Livestock and agriculture activities, 5) Community service projects (landscaping and mural painting) and 6) Village activities (traditional cooking, chicken slaughtering, fishing, and Hari Raya feast celebration with the villagers)								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in village people residents. One house will be occupied with two volunteers.								
5. Study theme	Traditional culture and rural life in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the area								
6. Other activities	Visits to eco-tourism sites within Mukim Sungai Tiram (Boat Tour, ATV Ride, Mussel raft visit), Closing ceremony with cultural night and experience-sharing session								
7. Location	The Kampung Sungai Tiram community is Ulu Tiram, Johor (southern Malaysia)								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at KL Sentral at 10:30 and need to arrive at the airport (KUL) by 08:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after 20:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to join the activities and to respect local culture/ way.								
10. Participation fee	1,100 MYR (237 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for 14 days, 850 MYR (184 EUR) for 9 days including the weekend and 750 MYR (162 EUR) to be paid on your arrivals. 10% less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps or those from less expensive countries. Transportation cost to/ from the village needs to be paid by the vols. additionally (not included in the fee).								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The local camp leader will be a man who has initiated this project creation! 7 days vols. can extend their stay for 2 more days if they want to join free days activities in the weekend. The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/reports/YckAyaka2023.pdf								
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NICE-26Y-0906C	Vang Vieng 5B	Vang Vieng	Laos	09/06	09/14	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0906D	Vang Vieng 5C	Vang Vieng	Laos	09/11	09/14	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0906E	Vang Vieng 5D	Vang Vieng	Laos	09/11	09/19	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
1. Summary	Assisting/ joining the English class and club activities of the very friendly local children and teen and working for building Youth Center in a small village with rich nature!								
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's main projects are running a school bus, teaching English in extracurricular classes, supporting the construction of a community center and establishing a library. Considering the increasing demands of villagers, PYC was officially established in 2007 which has played important roles for personal growth, life-long education and formation of leadership skills. PYC also keeps money little by little from the volunteers fee and sponsors the teachers' salary in the elementary school of the mountain connecting the children of 3 races (Lao, Mon and Khum) since the government neglect the school as well as youth employment from low income families, but more funds are needed (to buy a new van, etc.). In 2025, 3 workcamps were successfully organized with 15 vols. from Japan, Vietnam and Czech in addition to some local vols. It had been open only to Asian, but from 2025, it is open to all over the world!								
3. Work	Volunteers will do physical work in the morning such as construction/ maintenance of Youth Center and small gardening at Center (mostly planting flowers and trees for shade), and assist/ join English teaching class and club activities of traditional dance as well as playing with them (maybe organizing something!) in the afternoon as the after school activities.								
4. Accommodation	Phoudindaeng Youth Center. Sleeping on the floor dormitory bed (Sleeping bag is necessary), female and male are separated. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. There are local markets near the village. Sometime dinner will be Vangvieng town.								
5. Study theme	The future plan of international workcamps in Laos and the youth center								
6. Other activities	Going to the market, Basi Ceremony, Performance, Party, Optional excursion in the weekend to be organized and financed by the volunteers themselves (e.g., trekking, blue lagoon), etc.								
7. Location	Van Vieng is a famous tourist spot, but the workcamp is located in the rural 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 18:00 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	High motivation to exchange with the children, work physically and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization! Adaptable to the simple conditions.								
10. Participation fee	280 USD (230 USD for 9 days, 180 USD for 4 days) to be paid on your arrivals								
11. Language	English (Lao is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/reports/LaosSayaka2023.pdf								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26Y-0913B	YCK 6	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	09/13	09/26	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
NICE-26Y-0913C	YCK 6B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	09/13	09/19	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
NICE-26Y-0913D	YCK 6C	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	09/20	09/26	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
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) was founded in 2011 to run the school providing education, cultural workshops, leisure activities and lunch to the children aged 6-18 who are not allowed to go to public schools due to the lack of citizenship. Many of them are refugees or immigrants from Myanmar, Indonesia, etc. while others have different backgrounds in their families such as poverty, drug addiction, child abuse, prostitution, etc. YCK operate in partnership with Ministry of Women and Child Welfare and got new rooms on the 3rd to 5th floors of the big building in 2025. The workcamps have been successful and in 2025, 59 vols. from Japan, Italy, Hong Kong and Spain joined 6 workcamps with creating great impact! You may wonder if the volunteering for short term can be useful for their education and even worry if they feel too sad and tired to repeat hi and bye. But children have got greatly motivated to study by having international big sisters/ brothers as one of their role models and felt happiness and encouragement by having reliable adult friends since they had been terribly neglected.								
3. Work	Volunteers will be spilt into some small groups and assist the teachers for their classes of smaller children in the morning. In the afternoon, they can play and organize cultural activities with the children in the big room all together (e.g., dancing, games). Or sometimes, joined the workshops (music, sports, etc.) organized for the children by other volunteer group. Volunteers may sometimes have occasions to have no activities (e.g., national holidays), but alternative work such as supporting homeless people may be organized.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in 2-3 rooms of the school (female and male are separated) and have simple breakfast to be provided by MOVE, school lunch and dinner in the outside restaurant. Sleeping bag is necessary (mat is also recommended since the floor is hard). No AC and simple condition, but safe water is provided and local style bath/ fridge are available.								
5. Study theme	Refugees and other disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of YCK								
6. Other activities	Sightseeing around Kuala Lumpur city (café, night market, China town, shopping malls, etc.) in the evenings (but need to come back by 21:00!), optional trip in the weekend to be organized and financed by the volunteers themselves.								
7. Location	The school is located in Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur (with the guard man for 24 hours!).								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at KL Sentral at 16:00 and need to arrive at the airport (KUL) by 14:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after 11:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Very high motivation and responsibility to work with the disadvantaged kids and to respect local culture/ way. Adaptable to the simple conditions such as hot climate without using AC in the night and sleeping on the hard floor. Good manner to keep the places clean and proper, sensitive behaviors especially to the children (the guidance will be done by YCK).								
10. Participation fee	1,100 MYR (237 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for 14 days, 850 MYR (184 EUR) for 9 days including the weekend and 750 MYR (162 EUR) to be paid on your arrivals. 10% less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps or those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The local camp leader will be a lady who was a student of YCK before! There might be also a co-leader from Japan. 1st week vols. (Sep. 13-19) can extend their stay till Sep. 21 and 2nd week vols. (Sep. 20-26) can start their stay from Sep. 18 if they want to join free days activities in the weekend. The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/reports/YckAyaka2023.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)

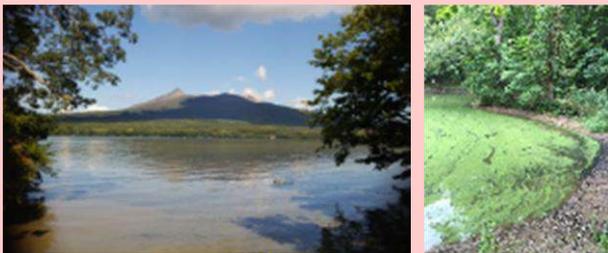
Onuma (Hokkaido), Japan

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!