

Organized 239 workcamps/ hosted & sent 2,006 volunteers in 2024
(7,192 workcamps/ 88,988 volunteers in 35 years since 1990)

NICE Projects for 2025

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



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NICE (Never-ending International workCamps Exchange)

< Organizing various types of Workcamps & International Voluntary Service Projects >

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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 7,192 workcamps & exchanged 88,988 volunteers in 35 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.

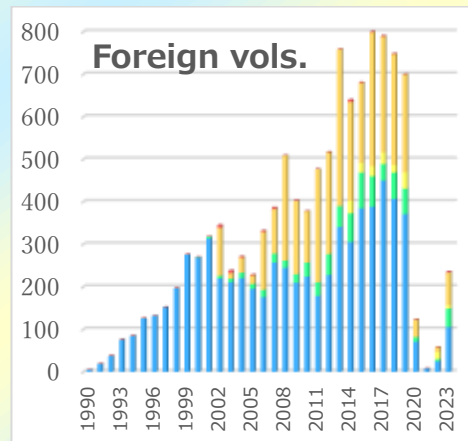
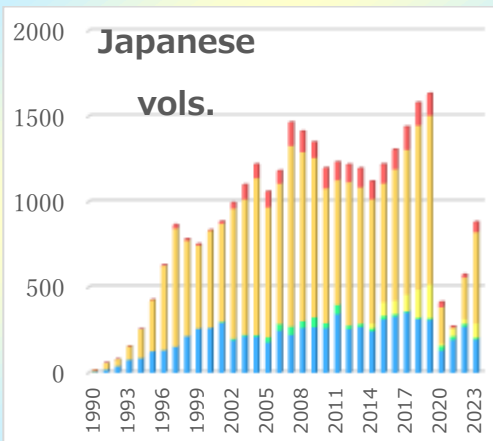
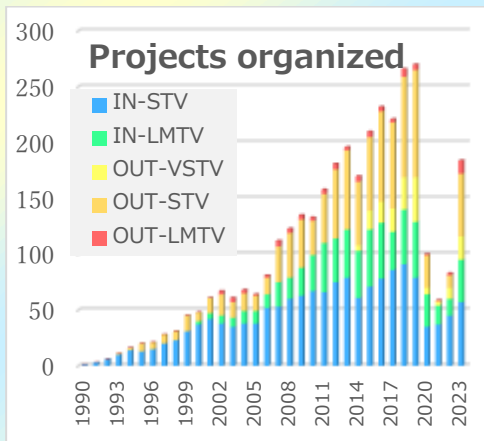
In 1990 Sep., the first international workcamp of NICE was held at the foot of the Mt. Fuji in Japan.



< 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, 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): Affiliated (1996-2023), Partner (2024-) * 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, 2020-24) * 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 2023, Outgoing vols. reached 678 and Incoming placement finally restarted from 2022 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!



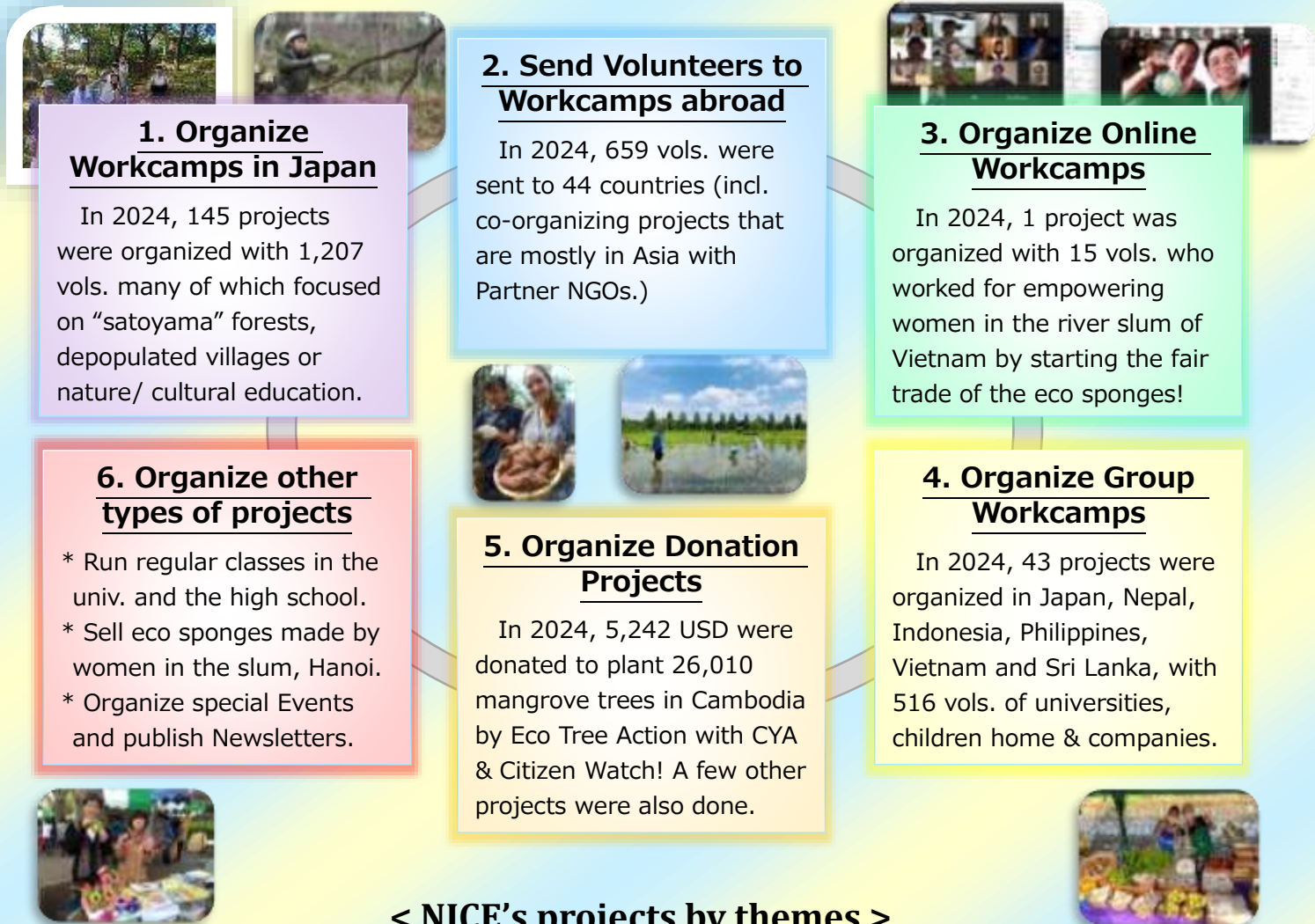
3) Promote global friendship/ cooperation and personal growth!



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** (7-29 days), **MTV** (30-182 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 2024 Dec., there are
9 EC (Executive Committee) members
2 Auditors
947 Full + Associate members
Over 300 Active members
16 family members
17,755 Supporting members
8 full + 3 part time paid staff members
16 Registered Activity team
4 Regional Workcamp Center

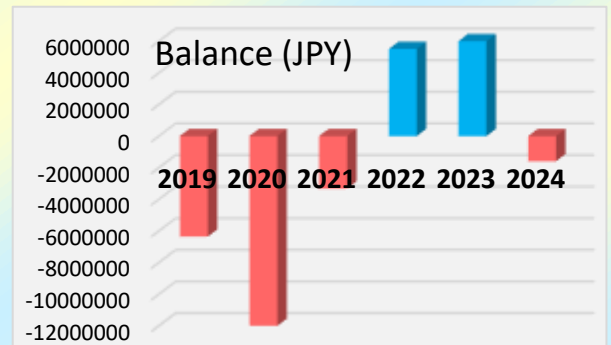


1-5) Finance

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

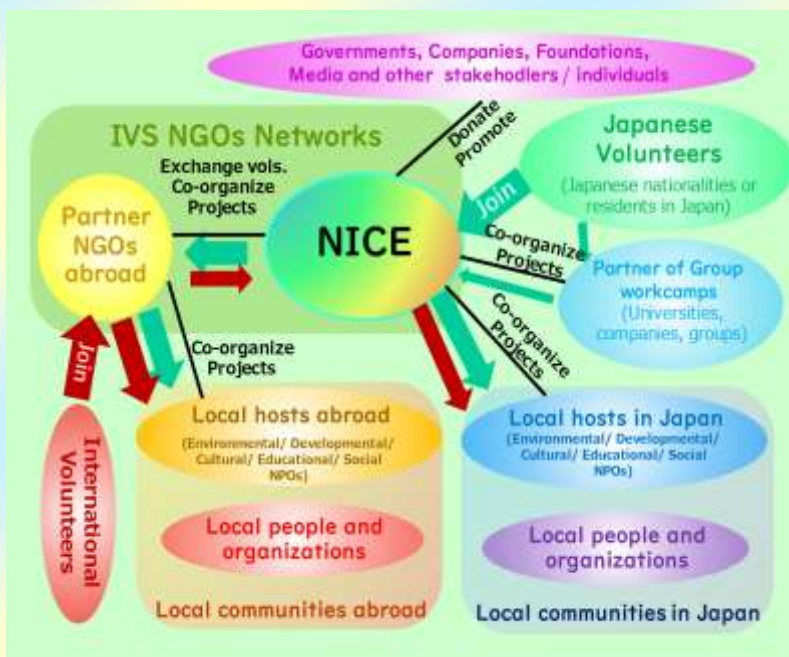
< Settlement of Account in 2024 >

Income: 316,100 USD		Expense: 326,585 USD	
Membership fee	74%	IVS projects cost	20%
Participation fee	0%	Other projects cost	0%
Grants	6%	Staff cost	67%
Donation	4%	Other operation cost	8%
Fund raising	16%	Network & Promotion	1%
Others	9%	Others	4%
Total Balance: minus 10,475 USD			



1-6) External Relations

- One of the largest networks in IVS movement!



As of 2024 Nov., there are,
110 partner NGOs in 70 countries
Over 2,000 local hosts in the world
59 local hosts in 32 pref. of 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)
- 😊 **Ex. Associate member of ALLIANCE** of European Voluntary Service Organisations
- 😊 **Partner of SCI** (Service Civil International)

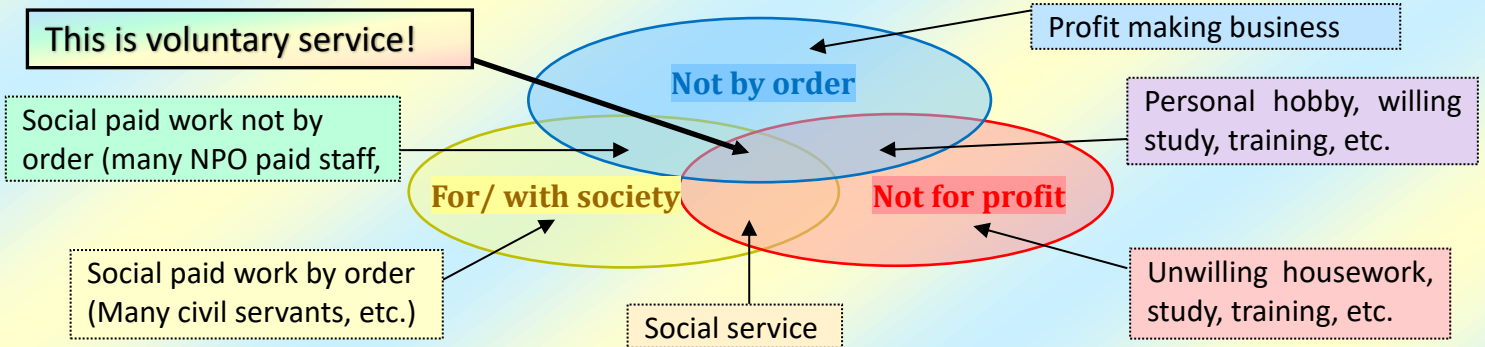


2. Types & Definitions of NICE Projects

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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	LMTV	LMTI	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 third version finalized in 2024 for the [figures of 2023](#) ([Annex](#)).

[Number of Projects organized]

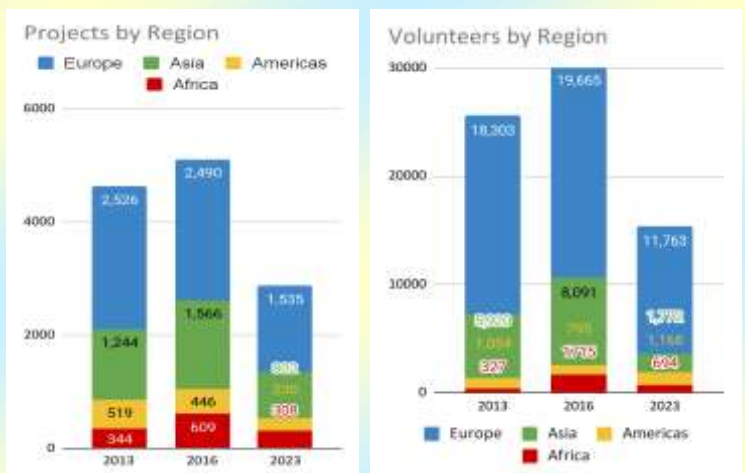
	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Total	111	1,840	535	389	2,875
Africa	48	97	96	67	308
Americas	0	78	64	88	230
Asia	48	471	164	119	802
Europe	15	1,194	211	115	1,535
Cultural	25%	31%	22%	18%	29%
Developmental	39%	21%	7%	16%	19%
Educational	7%	12%	4%	1%	10%
Environmental	14%	22%	30%	46%	24%
Human Rights	10%	4%	5%	7%	4%
Others	5%	11%	32%	12%	14%

< Country's ranking in 2023 >

	Projects	Total Vols	Outgoing	National
1	Vietnam 310	Germany 3870	Italy	Germany
2	Belgium 273	France 1578	Mexico	France
3	Iceland 270	Italy 1207	Germany	Morocco
4	Germany 236	Mexico 1052	France	Spain
5	France 179	Japan 1033	Japan	Japan

[Number of Volunteers from]

	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Total	766	9,554	1,301	3,874	15,495
Africa	424	192	38	40	694
Americas	74	1,005	28	61	1,168
Asia	232	1,400	173	81	1,886
Europe	36	6,957	1,062	3,692	11,747



< 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;

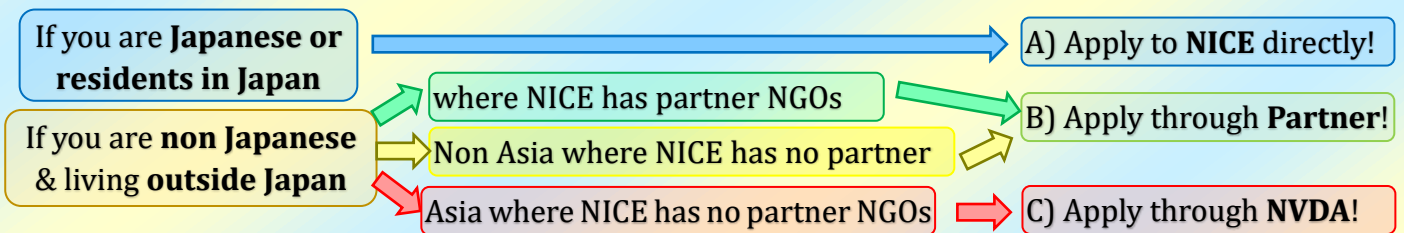
SCI was founded by Pierre Cérésolle, a Swiss engineer, who established a peace and humanitarian movement in the aftermath of World War I in 1920, thereby laying down the foundations of SCI. Cérésolle organised the first international workcamp (voluntary project) on the former battlefield of Verdun (France) 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 happed.)

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 (7-29 days): **9,000 JPY** (55 EUR by XE rate on 2023 Nov. 18)

LMTV (over 29 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).




4-1) Summery List of Projects

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Code	Project name	Location	Start	End	Theme	SDGs
NICE-25V-0403A	Oi 13	Tokushima	04/03	04/08	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0410A	Oi 14	Tokushima	04/10	04/15	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0417A	Oi 15	Tokushima	04/17	04/22	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0424A	Oi 16	Tokushima	04/24	04/29	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0501A	Oi 17	Tokushima	05/01	05/06	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0508A	Oi 18	Tokushima	05/08	05/13	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0515A	Oi 19	Tokushima	05/15	05/20	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0522A	Oi 20	Tokushima	05/22	05/27	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0529A	Oi 21	Tokushima	05/29	06/03	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0605B	Oi 22	Tokushima	06/05	06/10	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0612A	Oi 23	Tokushima	06/12	06/17	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0619A	Oi 24	Tokushima	06/19	06/24	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0626A	Oi 25	Tokushima	06/26	07/01	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0703A	Oi 26	Tokushima	07/03	07/08	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0710A	Oi 27	Tokushima	07/10	07/15	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0717A	Oi 28	Tokushima	07/17	07/22	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0724A	Oi 29	Tokushima	07/24	07/29	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0731A	Oi 30	Tokushima	07/31	08/05	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0807A	Oi 31	Tokushima	08/07	08/12	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0814A	Oi 32	Tokushima	08/14	08/19	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0821B	Oi 33	Tokushima	08/21	08/26	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0821A	Maki & Tateya 4	Nagano	08/21	08/24	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-25V-0828A	Oi 34	Tokushima	08/28	09/02	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0904A	Oi 35	Tokushima	09/04	09/09	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0911A	Oi 36	Tokushima	09/11	09/16	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0918A	Oi 37	Tokushima	09/18	09/23	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0925A	Oi 38	Tokushima	09/25	09/30	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-1001A	Mino	Gihu	10/01	10/05	CHIL,EDU,CULT	4
NICE-25V-1002A	Oi 39	Tokushima	10/02	10/07	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-1009A	Hiwasa	Tokushima	10/09	10/14	CULT, MANU	11
NICE-25V-1009B	Oi 40	Tokushima	10/09	10/14	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-1016A	Oi 41	Tokushima	10/16	10/21	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-1023A	Oi 42	Tokushima	10/23	10/28	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-1030A	Oi 43	Tokushima	10/30	11/04	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-1106A	Oi 44	Tokushima	11/06	11/11	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-1113A	Oi 45	Tokushima	11/13	11/18	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-1120A	Oi 46	Tokushima	11/20	11/25	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-1127A	Oi 47	Tokushima	11/27	12/02	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-1204A	Oi 48	Tokushima	12/04	12/09	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-1211A	Oi 49	Tokushima	12/11	12/16	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-1218A	Oi 50	Tokushima	12/18	12/23	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-25V-0403A	Oi 13	Tokushima	Japan	04/03	04/08	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0410A	Oi 14	Tokushima	Japan	04/10	04/15	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0417A	Oi 15	Tokushima	Japan	04/17	04/22	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0424A	Oi 16	Tokushima	Japan	04/24	04/29	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0501A	Oi 17	Tokushima	Japan	05/01	05/06	AGRI, MANU	10	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. 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.</p>								
3. Work	<p>1)Planting Sudachi seedlings to maintain the declining Sudachi production area. 2)Supporting the harvesting and shipping during the peak season of Sudachi. 3)International exchange with the few local children. 4)Cleaning vacant houses, removing furniture, trimming abandoned forest cedar and cypress trees, and picking up plastic waste from rivers and oceans.</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 "osetta" 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 by the day before the workcamp starts and leave Japan from the day after the end. Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point at 14:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 2.5 hours) 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 (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
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-25V-0508A	Oi 18	Tokushima	Japan	05/08	05/13	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0515A	Oi 19	Tokushima	Japan	05/15	05/20	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0522A	Oi 20	Tokushima	Japan	05/22	05/27	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0529A	Oi 21	Tokushima	Japan	05/29	06/03	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0605B	Oi 22	Tokushima	Japan	06/05	06/10	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0612A	Oi 23	Tokushima	Japan	06/12	06/17	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0619A	Oi 24	Tokushima	Japan	06/19	06/24	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0626A	Oi 25	Tokushima	Japan	06/26	07/01	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0703A	Oi 26	Tokushima	Japan	07/03	07/08	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0710A	Oi 27	Tokushima	Japan	07/10	07/15	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0717A	Oi 28	Tokushima	Japan	07/17	07/22	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0724A	Oi 29	Tokushima	Japan	07/24	07/29	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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Support for agricultural activities to revitalize the Sudachi production area. 2) International cultural exchange activities with the few children in the community. 3) Cleaning vacant houses, moving furniture, trimming overgrown cedar and cypress branches in abandoned forests, and picking up plastic waste from rivers and seas. 4)Activities to support English signage at various locations for foreign pilgrims. 5) Maintenance of areas for the Asagimadara butterfly and firefly habitats. 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 by the day before the workcamp starts and leave Japan from the day after the end. Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point at 14:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 2.5 hours) 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 (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).
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-25V-0731A	Oi 30	Tokushima	Japan	07/31	08/05	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0807A	Oi 31	Tokushima	Japan	08/07	08/12	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0814A	Oi 32	Tokushima	Japan	08/14	08/19	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0821B	Oi 33	Tokushima	Japan	08/21	08/26	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0828A	Oi 34	Tokushima	Japan	08/28	09/02	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0904A	Oi 35	Tokushima	Japan	09/04	09/09	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0911A	Oi 36	Tokushima	Japan	09/11	09/16	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0918A	Oi 37	Tokushima	Japan	09/18	09/23	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0925A	Oi 38	Tokushima	Japan	09/25	09/30	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 the harvesting and shipping during the peak season of Shikimi (Illicium anisatum) 2)Supporting the harvesting and shipping during the peak season of Sudachi. 3)International exchange with the few local children. 4)Cleaning vacant houses, removing furniture, trimming abandoned forest cedar and cypress trees, and picking up plastic waste from rivers and oceans.								
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 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 by the day before the workcamp starts and leave Japan from the day after the end. Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point at 14:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 2.5 hours) 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 (57 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Ooi workcamp Instagram: @Ooi_workcamp								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25V-0821A	Maki & Tateya 4	Nagano	Japan	08/21	08/24	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	10	6	99
1. Summary	Family workcamp! 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. 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 were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more! 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: 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 will help their organic farm by weeding in the rice and vegetable fields, planting vegetables, taking care of goats and chicken and also renovate the trails and the traditional house, help their house works such as cooking, washing, carrying the stuffs from the down village. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard. Kids may sometimes be separated to plan in the nature with care of some adults.								
4. Accommodation	<p>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 together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.</p> <p>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.</p>								
5. Study theme	2030 goals of Kyodo Gakusha and children's growth in each country								
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 HNH). 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 Aug. 20 and can leave there from the beginning of Aug. 25.								
9. Requirement	Only families (no age limit for the children!) can join this program. Up to 3 persons (1-2 kids) per family. Parents volunteers need to be physically strong and flexible to respect the way of the local host. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!). Child is exempted to pay this, but need to pay 4,000 JPY per child for the meals instead (this can be paid on the arrivals).								
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-25V-1001A	Mino	Gifu	Japan	10/01	10/05	KIDS, EDU	3	18	99
1. Summary	Let's create a Bamboo House! Enjoy supporting the English camp for the local kids.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) , organized together with MINO COOLJAPAN, since 2024 in Mino city, Gifu prefecture. At this workcamp, volunteers will support for the English camp for the local children, which is held on 10/3-10/5. About 20 children from 8 to 15 years old would be participated. Children in Mino City do not have many opportunities to interact with people from other countries. This camp will be a valuable opportunity for children to understand the diversity of the world, grow together, and cooperate. By communicating with volunteers from different cultures and languages, we expect the children to improve their communication skills, including non-verbal, in order to communicate effectively while respecting the other's culture and background. By building a Bamboo House together will be also great opportunity to develop the ability to cooperate with each other across national and cultural boundaries for the children! We also hope children will gain confidence in local culture by communication with the participants.								
3. Work	1) Preparation for the English camps for the local children. 2) 10/3-10/5: Supporting the English camp for the local children (e.g., Playing with them, organizing events for them, etc.). 3) Make a bamboo house with the local! Other maintenance work may be included depending on the local needs.								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in the guest house. Sleeping bag is needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. During 3 days camp, you will stay in the temple with children.								
5. Study theme	None								
6. Other activities	Experience the traditional culture of Mino City								
7. Location	Mino city is located in the central part of Gifu prefecture. The city center of Mino was selected as a national Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings in 1999, so you can feel historical atmosphere everywhere in the place. Mino Washi, a specialty of Mino City, has a 1,300 year history and is registered as one of the three greatest washi in Japan on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list. As well as being used in ancient documents that are national treasures.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Nagoya (NGO from which it takes 2 hours by train/ bus to the meeting point. The meeting time would be 13:00 at Mino Chuno sogo chosha. Vols. need to arrive at NGO by 11:00 on Oct. 01 and can leave there after 15:00 on Oct. 05.								
9. Requirement	Anyone who also has an attitude of concern for the local children!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (57 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
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-25V-1002A	Oi 39	Tokushima	Japan	10/02	10/07	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-1009B	Oi 40	Tokushima	Japan	10/09	10/14	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-1016A	Oi 41	Tokushima	Japan	10/16	10/21	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-1023A	Oi 42	Tokushima	Japan	10/23	10/28	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-1030A	Oi 43	Tokushima	Japan	10/30	11/04	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-1106A	Oi 44	Tokushima	Japan	11/06	11/11	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-1113A	Oi 45	Tokushima	Japan	11/13	11/18	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-1120A	Oi 46	Tokushima	Japan	11/20	11/25	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-1127A	Oi 47	Tokushima	Japan	11/27	12/02	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)Planting Sudachi seedlings to maintain the declining Sudachi production area. 2)Supporting the harvesting and shipping during the peak season of Sudachi. 3)International exchange with the few local children. 4)Cleaning vacant houses, removing furniture, trimming abandoned forest cedar and cypress trees, and picking up plastic waste from rivers and oceans.								
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 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 by the day before the workcamp starts and leave Japan from the day after the end. Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point at 14:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 2.5 hours) 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 (57 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Ooi workcamp Instagram: @Ooi_workcamp								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25V-1009A	Hiwasa	Tokushima	Japan	10/09	10/14	CULT	7	18	60
1. Summary	Let's join a 200-year-old tradition of the Autumn Festival and Carry the Chosa (drum) with the Locals!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), newly organized together with the local group, "Hiwasa tourist volunteer association". The Hiwasa Hachiman Shrine Festival, held since the ancient times, is a celebration for prayers of abundant catch, good harvests, maritime safety, and the prosperity of the five grains. During the festival, eight "Chosa" (taiko drum stand) parade through the Hiwasa area. The climax of the festival is when participants carry the Chosa and enter the sea. Although it is a historic festival, there has been a shortage of young people to carry the Chosa due to the region's declining population. The goal is for young people from around the world and Japan to learn about the Hiwasa festival, help preserve its culture and promote its charm. Former NICE volunteers have moved to the area as part of the regional revitalization program and plan to host this first international workcamp to energize the community.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will help with the entire process of participating in a traditional autumn festival, from its preparations, carrying the chosa (portable shrine), to cleaning up afterward. Be ready to work for a quite long time during two days of the festival (6:00-22:00 with some breaks) and hard!								
4. Accommodation	Shared house in the community center. Sleeping bag is not needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	You can get the knowledge about Japanese traditional festivals and be a part of the community!								
6. Other activities	Take a guided tour with a volunteer guide to explore Yakouji Temple, Ohama Beach, and more.								
7. Location	Minami Town, located on the Pacific Ocean in the southern part of Tokushima Prefecture, is a small town with a population of just under 6,000. The town has No.23rd temple of the Shikoku Pilgrimage, Yakoji Temple, and the Ohama Beach, which is designed as a nesting site for loggerhead sea turtles(national natural monument)								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokushima for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. From KIX to Tokushima, it takes 5 hours by train and bus. There is also a flight from Tokyo (HND) to Tokushima that takes 1.5 hours. Volunteers are recommended to arrive at Japan by the days before the workcamp starts and leave Japan from the day after the end.								
9. Requirement	Male only. Those who can respect, understand and actively participate in the local shrine festival and those who are confident in their physical strength to carry heavy 'Chosa'!"								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (57 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Festival Info in Japanese → https://hiwasahachiman.com/akimatsuri								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25V-1204A	Oi 48	Tokushima	Japan	12/04	12/09	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-1211A	Oi 49	Tokushima	Japan	12/11	12/16	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-1218A	Oi 50	Tokushima	Japan	12/18	12/23	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 the harvesting and shipping during the peak season of Shikimi (Illicium anisatum) 2)International exchange with the few local children. 3)Cleaning vacant houses, removing furniture, trimming abandoned forest cedar and cypress trees, and picking up plastic waste from rivers and oceans. 4)Activities to support English signage at various locations for foreign pilgrims.								
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 "osetta" 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 by the day before the workcamp starts and leave Japan from the day after the end. Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point at 14:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 2.5 hours) 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 (57 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Ooi workcamp Instagram: @Ooi_workcamp								
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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 (7-29 days).
- * Most projects are **Workcamps** types (STW) while Individual volunteering type (STI) are rare.

5-1) Summery List of Projects

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Code	Project name	Location	Start	End	Theme	SDGs
NICE-25S-0428A	Shirakami 2	Aomori	04/28	05/04	ENVI	13,15
NICE-25S-0602A	Maki 3	Nagano	06/02	06/15	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-25S-0613A	Shirakami 3	Aomori	06/13	06/23	ENVI, FEST	13,15
NICE-25S-0614A	Tanabe	Wakayama	06/14	06/24	AGRI, CULT	2,11
NICE-25S-0721A	Kurogi Youth	Fukuoka	07/21	07/28	AGRI, EDUC	2.4
NICE-25S-0724A	Ohara	Fukui	07/24	07/30	CULT, MANU, AGRI	2,11
NICE-25S-0725A	Tsuga GR	Shimane	07/25	08/02	CULT, AGRI	2,11
NICE-25S-0727A	Shiki	Saitama	07/27	08/09	EDUC	4
NICE-25S-0730A	Shirakami 4	Aomori	07/30	08/07	CHIL	4
NICE-25S-0730B	Tabito 1	Fukushima	07/30	08/10	CHIL, AGRI	2,4
NICE-25S-0808A	Hanawa	Fukushima	08/07	08/17	CULT	11
NICE-25S-0809A	Ogi	Niigata	08/09	09/02	ENVI, FEST	11,15
NICE-25S-0811A	Akame 2	Mie	08/11	08/21	ENVI, EDUC	4,15
NICE-24S-0911A	Ozuchi 3	Ishikawa	08/13	08/26	AGRI, EDUC	2,4
NICE-25S-0818A	Gokayama	Toyama	08/18	08/24	AGRI	2,15
NICE-25S-0825A	Gose 2	Nara	08/25	09/04	AGRI, ENVI	2,15
NICE-25S-0826A	Nishiwaga	Iwate	08/26	09/04	AGRI, DISA	2,10
NICE-25S-0827A	Shintoku	Hokkaido	08/27	09/09	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2,10
NICE-25S-0904A	Ozuchi 4	Ishikawa	09/04	09/17	AGRI, CHIL	2,4
NICE-25S-0905A	Kamimamakuchi	Ishikawa	09/05	09/16	MANU, AGRI	2,11
NICE-25S-0928A	Azumino	Nagano	09/28	10/11	DISA, ART	10
NICE-25S-1016A	Kozagawa	Tokushima	10/16	10/26	CULT, FEST	2,11
NICE-25S-1008A	Misato	Shimane	10/08	10/21	CULT, FEST, ENVI	11,15
NICE-25S-1020A	Maki & Tateya 5	Nagano	10/20	11/02	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-25S-1117A	Yumefukuro	Kumamoto	11/17	11/30	ENVI, EDUC, CULT	13,15
NICE-25V-1223A	Oi 51	Tokushima	12/23	01/03	AGRI, MANU	2,11

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

CHIL: 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


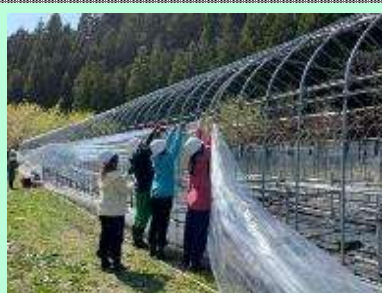

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5-2) Detailed Project Description



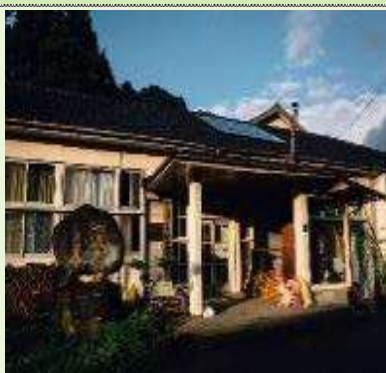
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0428A	Shirakami 2	Aomori	Japan	04/28	05/04	ENVI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Preserving the beautiful beech forests and enjoy your stay in beautiful rural area where is famous for tasty 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. 27 and can leave there after 22:00 on May 04. It is better to book flight on or after May 05.								
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 (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	From Apr.27 to May 6 is special holidays season in Japan. Transportations and Hotels will high price								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0602A	Maki 3	Nagano	Japan	06/02	06/15	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. 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 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 2024, we had 8 vols. from 6 countries who greatly contributed to the organic farming! 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 house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity 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. 01 and can leave there from the beginning of Jun. 16.								
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 (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
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/ .								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0613A	Shirakami 3	Aomori	Japan	06/13	06/23	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 15. 3) Preparation and operation for the tree-planting festival of SMPS in Ajigasawa on June 22.								
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. 12 and can leave there after 22:00 on Jun. 23. It is better to book flight on or after June 24.								
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 (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0614A	Tanabe	Wakayama	Japan	06/14	06/24	AGRI, CULT	6	18	99
1. Summary	Let's preserve the traditional plum farming system with a 400-year history.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Akitsugawa Promotion Group (APG) since 2024. Tanabe City and Minabe Town in Wakayama Prefecture are Japan's largest Ume(plums) products-growing areas. The region features a unique plum cultivation agricultural system that has been recognized as a World Agricultural Heritage by FAO. This system utilizes nutrient-poor, gravelly, and unstable slopes, preserving firewood and charcoal forests while strategically planting plum orchards. For over 400 years, it has sustainably produced high-quality plums, maintained through various wisdom and innovations. However, the region is also suffering from an aging population and declining birth rate, and sustainable agriculture, particularly plum farming, is in danger due to a lack of manpower. An international workcamp was organized with the aim of spreading the plum and the region's attractions to volunteers from all over the world, and passing to the next generation.								
3. Work	Collecting plums that naturally fall from the tree onto the net. Harvesting and sorting of plums on trees by hand. Working to support plum processing operations. etc.								
4. Accommodation	Shared house in community center. Sleeping bag is not needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers have opportunities learning about "Minabe-Tanabe Ume system", which is a World Agricultural Heritage Site.								
6. Other activities	Homestay, discussion with local people, observation of charcoal making, making plum juice, etc.								
7. Location	Tanabe City is located in south-central Wakayama Prefecture. It is the second largest city in Wakayama Prefecture and the economic and industrial center of southern Wakayama. It is the junction of the Nakaheji and Oheji routes of the Kumano Kodo, and is known as 'Kuchikumano'. With an area of over 1,000 km ² , the city has the largest area of any city in the Kinki region.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX) . To the meeting point, it takes 2-3 hours by Express train from the airport. Vols. need to arrive at KIX by 07:00 on the first day and can leave the project site after noon on Jun 24.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers should prepare to work hard outside and have high motivation for work								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0721A	Kurogi Youth	Fukuoka	Japan	07/21	07/28	ENVI	6	14	17
1. Summary	Farming in organic fields & living with goats!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Sansonjuku since 2008. This project has been organized with Sansonjuku, founded in 1994, maintaining forest and step rice paddies through the projects which involves 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 on July 2012, the hardest rain ever attacked around this area. After that it had serious damages by 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 this area!								
3. Work	1) Weeding in pesticide-free rice paddies. 2) Planting rakkyo. 3) looking after goats, 4) Collecting and making firewood. etc.								
4. Accommodation	Kasahara East Exchange Center 'Egao no Mori' (former primary school that became an exchange center after it was closed). Large rooms for men and women, renovated from former classrooms. Cooking room is the kitchen. There is also a wood-fired boiler. Self-catering, mainly with locally grown produce.								
5. Study theme	About local revitalization.								
6. Other activities	Swimming in river.								
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 int'l airport is Fukuoka airport. From Tokyo to the meeting point in Fukuoka, it takes 2.5 hours by airplane and 1hour by train. Volunteers need to arrive at Fukuoka airport by 12:00 on 1st day, and can leave there after 13:00 on last day.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers should be 14-17 years old, highly motivated to work outside. Respect to local people and other participants is needed.								
10. Participation fee	19,000 JPY (119 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee (9,000 JPY) + Additional fee (10,000 JPY) need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. NICE vpolunteers fee is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while Additional fee goes to the local host and partly used for your meals and accommodation.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0724A	Ohara	Fukui	Japan	07/24	07/30	CULT, MANU, AGRI	16	6	99
1. Summary	International FAMILY workcamp in the mountain village of great nature and beautiful houses! Meaningful work, super clean water and Dinosaur museum are waiting!!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Ohara Eco Project (OEP) since 2009. There were 600 inhabitants in Ohara village with 90 houses 100 years ago, but now only 1 elder! OEP was founded by the local people in 2006 and has rehabilitated 7 houses of cultural heritage. They maintain and revive the trails and fields, organize the workcamps with NICE and run various eco tours, so got the best prize in the award of Creating Home Town by the national government in 2016! The family workcamp started since 2013 (President of NICE keeps joining as a leader with his kids) and hosted a lot of families from Japan, Asia, Europe and Americas with great success.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2024, 17 vols. from 5 families joined and made great contribution to have dried over sleeping mats, weed in the tea field (see the pictures), made natural clay for walls, cleaned the village road, etc. Please see the presentation made by the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e5-55193721 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteer will help to 1) maintain the old houses by cleaning up, drying many sleeping mats, etc., 2) do farming (weeding in the green tea field that was abandon, cultivating, planting and harvesting potatoes) and 3) do other community work (e.g., construction, chopping woods, trail maintenance). Children sometimes work with adults and other times play in the nature (river, etc.) by the assistance of some parents (by turns) and supporting vols.								
4. Accommodation	A few rooms of the traditional renovated house! Meals will be cooked by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. Simple shower rooms. Clean toilets. You can see how the village looks like at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzGZvho8fVQ								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of Ohara								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, Excursion on a free day including the famous Dinosaurs Museum and its experience program of fossil excavation, etc.								
7. Location	200 km north east of Osaka. Katsuyama is an agricultural city and famous for dinosaurs discovery. Ohara village is located at 500 m a.s.l. and surrounded by the mountains with very rich nature (e.g., the spring water is drinkable and very tasty!).								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Komatsu for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. From Osaka/ Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 3/ 5 hours by the bullet train and 5/ 11 hours by bus. If Tokyo, vols. need to arrive at the airport in Narita or Haneda by 05:00 on Jul. 24 and can leave there after 23:00 on Jul. 30.								
9. Requirement	Only families (Children should be 6-12 years old) can join this program. Basically up to 4 persons (2 adults) per family. High motivation to work and cooperate. Respect to the local culture and way of the organization! Speaking Japanese language is welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!). Child is exempted to pay this, but need to pay 7,000 JPY per child for the meals instead (this can be paid on the arrivals).								
11. Language	English								
12. Other	Please see the presentation of the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan 2016 https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e1-67951349 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!). The President of NICE every year joins this as the project leader!								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0725A	Tsuga	Shimane	JAPAN	07/25	08/02	CULT	8	16	99
1. Summary	Let's pass down the traditional fishing method," Yana fishing", to the future!								
2. Background	<p>Organized by the Yamato Traditional Fishing Weir Preservation Association, the first-class river Enogawa, also known as "Chugoku Taro," flows through the Tsuga area of Misato. This is the only area along the "Gono River" where the fishing method known as "Yana fishing" is still practiced. The co-organizing organizations are dedicated to preserving this fishing method for future generations, which led to the establishment of the new preservation association in 2020.</p> <p>"Yana fishing" is a traditional fishing method in Japan, where a fish trap called "yana" is set up in a river to catch fish. The yana is a type of fish weir or net placed in the river's flow, and fish are captured as they swim into it. This fishing technique is still practiced in some regions of Japan.</p> <p>You can learn about the ecology of sweet fish (ayu) and rivers while also being involved in rural tourism development and regional revitalization.</p>								
3. Work	<p>1)Construction of fish weirs for the traditional fishing method "Yana fishing" in the river.</p> <p>2)Environmental improvements around the fish weirs for sightseeing and weir fishing.</p> <p>3)Sharing and exchanging national cultures with local residents and children, etc.</p>								
4. Accommodation	Accommodation is located near project site. Room facilities (wifi, kitchen, washing machine, bath, toilet, fridge).								
5. Study theme	Learn about traditional Japanese fishing methods.								
6. Other activities	Sight seeing like World Heritage Site "Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine", Izumo Taisha shrine.								
7. Location	The "Tsuga area" is located in the western part of Shimane Prefecture. The Tsuga area is a region known for its rich natural environment. In this area, traditional culture and the natural surroundings are highly valued. Tsuga area of Misato town, where the activities take place, is in the lower reaches of the Enogawa river.								
8. Terminal	The nearest int'l airport is KIX (Osaka). From Osaka to the meeting point in Shimane, it will take 6.5 hours by bus. You are recommended to arrive at KIX by the day before the starts and leave there from the day after the end. Hiroshima airport is also available, it takes about 4 hours to the meeting point.								
9. Requirement	Those who can communicate in the community and are willing to learn and help the traditional fishing!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (57 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iN-T9uxYRM								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0727A	Shiki	Saitama	Japan	07/27	08/09	CHIL	3	18	99
1. Summary	International exchange programs for local children!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education), organized together with the "Shiki International Exchange Association". Last time was held in 2019. 2025, they restart this program. "Shiki International Exchange Association" is an organization in Shiki City, Saitama Prefecture, which aims to promote international exchange between foreigners and Japanese people. It connects foreigners who want to learn Japanese culture and language, and people who want to talk and socialize with foreigners. International workcamps are organized to provide international exchange Programmes for children during their summer holidays. In the last edition, 10 children's Programmes were held over a two weeks period.								
3. Work	Providing international exchange programs for local children. (Ex. Playing and singing in English, reeding books, making your country's foods, for local children etc.)								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in local coordinator's house(homestay). Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Volunteers need to bring own sleeping bag (and mattress if you want).								
5. Study theme	Sharing situation about Kids in your country								
6. Other activities	Summer festivals, hot spring, cultural learning about Japanese, and so on. Volunteers can also enjoy								
7. Location	Located in the southeastern part of Saitama Prefecture. Access to the city center is 30 minutes to Ikebukuro in Tokyo. It is also 15 minutes to Kawagoe which is famous for sightseeing.								
8. Terminal	The closest International airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). From NRT or HND to the meeting point, it takes about 1.5-2 hours by train. You need to arrive at NRT or HND by 9:00 on the first day and can leave there after 17:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Likes to interact with children. Be able to follow Japanese culture and local rules.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	none								








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NICE-25S-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	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 who 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. Volunteers need to be ready to spend 24 hours with kids during kids camp except some free times.								
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 (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English and basic Japanese								
12. Other	none								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0730B	Tabito 1	Fukushima	Japan	07/30	08/10	KIDS, ENVI	4	18	99
1. Summary	"Workcamp Village" launched! Former NICE staff and others to boost depopulated areas!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Tabito Satoyama Restoration Committee (TSRC), since 2022. Tabito-cho is an area of Iwaki City with an ageing population, but at the same time it still retains its traditional satoyama landscape. Former NICE staff, her husband who took up as Local Vitalization Cooperator (organized by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications) in 2019, was fascinated by Tabito area and wanted to pass on the local satoyama nature and culture to the next generation. The TSRC was set up with the involvement of local people. The couple's vision of a 'Tabito Workcamp Village' to enliven the depopulated and ageing town with a workcamp movement was launched. T From 2022, TSRC accepted very short-term workcamp in spring, short-term workcamp in summer and medium- to long-term volunteers were organized, and accepted a university group.								
3. Work	1) Preparation for the of kid's nature camps in the summer. 2) Supporting kid's nature camp(ex. Playing with kids, organizing events for kids etc.). 3)Putting away nature camp (ex. Tidying up the tent, clean up accommodation etc.)								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in Tabito Workcamp Village. Sleeping bag is needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Bath is rented at a nearby inn.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge about revitalization of the region, life in rural villages.								
6. Other activities	Enjoy rich nature around accommodation, hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Iwaki city is located in the southern part of Hamadori (near seashore), Fukushima prefecture. It is the second most populous city in the Tohoku region. Tabito Village was merged with Iwaki City in 1966. The Tabito area is located in the southern part of the city and is steep, mountainous and undulating throughout.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 3 hours by bus to the meeting point. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 07:00 of first day and can leave there after 19:00 last day.								
9. Requirement	Anyone who also has an attitude of concern for the local people and children!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (59 USD by the rate on 2024 April 19th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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NICE-25S-0808A	Hanawa	Fukushima	Japan	08/08	08/17	FEST, ART	13	18	99
1. Summary	The empowerment of the local festival together with locals in the region facing the depopulation and aging.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with a local NGO for community development named KOBOSHA since 1996. Volunteers will join the summer festival called TORO NAGASHI that is a memorial service for ancestors by making lanterns named TORO and floating them down a river. Volunteers will make large TORO (2 x 2 meters) for the festival in this workcamp. Project aims to mobilize the local community with workcampers. Through this workcamp, the local community will be much more activated, redeveloping pride for their community!								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly help and join the festival by making some big lanterns TORO (2 x 2 meters) and hundreds of small lanterns together with local students. Volunteers can design your own large TORO in a group and will float it down a river in the festival. It will be physically demanding work.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay local community building. It will be very simple life style and a Japanese style(sleeping on Tatami). Room is shared with every volunteers. Meals are cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.								
5. Study theme	Activate the isolated community with suffer from depopulation through the festival and good practices in your country								
6. Other activities	Experience of Japanese Drum, sports, exchange parties, hot spring, etc. Volunteers will be able to do Homestay in local house.								
7. Location	Small town in the southern part of Fukushima. the population is about 7,650. The town is famous for beautiful flower named Dahlia in Aug. to Oct.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). From Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 4.5-7 hours by trains. Volunteers need to arrive at NRT or HND by 07:00 AM on the first day and can leave the airport after 10:00 PM on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Interest in Japanese culture and respect for local culture. Adaptability to simple living condition and positive attitude to work with locals!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (59 USD by the rate on 2024 April 19th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Japanese volunteers will start workcamp from Aug. 7th.								
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NICE-25S-0809A	Ogi	Nigata	Japan	08/09	09/02	ENVI, FEST	6	18	99
1. Summary	Cut down the weeds in the forest! You can also try making and selling soba noodles and playing								
2. Background	<p>Since 2001, this project has been actively working on SDG15 (Protect the richness of land) in collaboration with a local volunteer group "Morito" on Sado Island. The group manages a forest called "Furusato no Mori Park" in Ogi Town, where local people can enjoy the forest in all seasons. The members of this group are all elderly, so they hope that young people and foreign volunteers will empower the area mentally and physically. Volunteers take care of about 5.7 hectares of fields every year (mowing the grass)! Volunteers also parade around the area playing Japanese drums at local festivals. This is also a good encouragement for the area that various people are supporting this place. *Results of this work camp: See the presentation that the volunteers gave at the IVS contest in Japan. https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2018-e3 (Currently only in Japanese, but at least you can enjoy the photos!)</p>								
3. Work	The main work of is 1. Cutting weeds and brushwood of the forest with using machines, 2. Practicing soba-making almost every night and selling it at local events and 3. Playing Japanese drums at the local festival (for this we practice several times at night). To do various tasks for the local community.								
4. Accommodation	Cottage in the forest. Please bring your sleeping bag! Everyone will sleep same room. Volunteers prepare the meals by themselves. Internet cannot be connected in the site. There is simple toilet, kitchen and shower room. Please be ready for simple forest life!								
5. Study theme	Volunteers get knowledge and skill about making Soba and playing the Japanese drum. Also, the basic knowledge of the Japanese language and local culture.								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, fishing, swimming in the sea etc.								
7. Location	300 km northeast of Tokyo. Sado Island is famous for gold and the Japanese crested ibis. Ogi village is in the southern part beside the beach, where you can enjoy fishing and the hot spring! (https://goo.gl/maps/wSCq3PyfZT32)								
8. Terminal	The closest International airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). It takes 3 hours by express train/ 8 hours by highway night bus and take ferry for 2 hours. Volunteers need to arrive Japan by afternoon of the day before the first day/ can leave campsite after noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Interest in nature protection & exchange with a community. Adaptability to enjoy a simple forest lifestyle. Super high motivation for hard physical work during day and night! Volunteers also need to speak and understand some Japanese language (daily conversational level).								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (59 USD by the rate on 2024 April 19th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	Mainly Japanese and some English, NICE leader will help you with the translation.								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0811A	Akame 2	Mie	Japan	08/11	08/21	ENVI, KIDS	6	18	99
1. Summary	Working in SATOYAMA forest and help organizing a kids' camp!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and 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.								
3. Work	1) Cutting down trees in the forest and carry them out so that SATOYAMA forest receives enough amount of sun light and will be kept in the healthy condition for biodiversity. You sometimes need to use blades and machineries under the supervision. 2) Supporting Kids camp. Work is quite hard from morning to evening. 3)Volunteers may take care of free-range raised chickens and slaughter old enough chickens for eating by themselves as well. Volunteers sometimes work with mentally/physically challenged people who work at the same place. Volunteers also will help organizing a 3-days summer kids' camp.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in a volunteer 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.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of conservation work in SATOYAMA forest.								
6. Other activities	Hiking, cultural exchange parties, 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 KIX (Osaka) or Nagoya (NGO). To the meeting point, it will take about 2-3 hours by train from the both airports above. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport by 10:00 on 1st day and can leave there after 19:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Strong motivation and physical strength are highly needed. Motivation letter is required.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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NICE-25S-0813A	Ozuchi 3	Ishikawa	Japan	08/13	08/26	AGRI,EDUC	6	16	99
1. Summary	Enjoy the Japanese summer in a traditional Japanese village! We will be farming in this area full of nature, and organizing 'career education program' for local high school students.								
2. Background	This project is actively working on SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG4 (Quality Education), and has been working with Ozuchi Village since 2013. Ozuchi Village was established by local people to preserve the original landscape. In 1916, there were 140 residents and 20 houses, but now only one person lives there. Fortunately, 10 houses remain and the village is designated as a national important traditional buildings preservation district. The village retains the landscape and lifestyle of old Japan that is no longer in existence. In order to preserve this place and culture, we are trying to improve the situation with the power of young volunteers. Since 2016, Ozuchi Village and NICE have started a monthly weekend work camp, and more than 300 volunteers visit the village every year, fall in love with the village, and participate as repeat visitors or support the village in whatever way they can! The local hosts hope to pass this village on to the next generation!*Results of this work camp: The village was abandoned, but one of the former villagers maintained the rice terraces and landscape. However, the work camp gave him such strength that he started living there again in 2018!								
3. Work	We will do various work to activate the area and success their culture. Main work may be one of 1. Maintaining rice and vegetables' fields for sustainable life or 2. Organizing the career education camp for local high school students. And do some other work for the community.								
4. Accommodation	Renovated house (traditional house!). Simple shower room. Clean toilet. Sleeping bag is needed! Food will be cooked by volunteers. There is a cat. Wi-Fi is available at the base facility. Mountain life!								
5. Study theme	Revival of the abandon villages. Bring some info.! Volunteers get knowledge about actions for developing local village. Also the basic knowledge of the Japanese language and local culture.								
6. Other activities	Exchange meetings with local people, trekking, hot springs, river activities, fireworks, etc.								
7. Location	Ozuchi Village is located in the southwest of Ishikawa. It is a beautiful place surrounded by mountains. Because it is far from the city, it is rich in nature and you can feel the change of the seasons.								
8. Terminal	Nearest Domestic terminal is Komatsu. International airport is Osaka (KIX) or Tokyo (NRT or HND). From Osaka, 3.5 hours by express train. From Tokyo, 3.5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by night bus (Meeting time is First day's 2 pm, Departure time is Last day's 12 pm at Kaga-Onsen station)								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work hard and simple life in the isolated area and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (59 USD by the rate on 2024 April 19th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	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!)								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0818A	Gokayama	Toyama	Japan	08/18	08/24	AGRI	6	18	99
1. Summary	Join us in traditional farming, growing thatch for roofs, cultivating vegetables, and assisting with local activities to preserve culture!								
2. Background	This project will be the first to be co-hosted with the local group "Transition Village Gokayama" from 2025, and is actively working on SDG15 (protecting the richness of the land)."Houbikiso", a former lodging facility near the World Heritage site Suganuma Gassho-style Village, has been repurposed as a place to learn and practice "living in harmony with the Gokayama climate," "living using the wisdom of the past in a Gassho-style building," and "living in which people, animals, and plants coexist and circulate." The hosts are making small changes to the place and building the community. Together with volunteers from Japan and around the world, they hope to pass on the local cultural traditions to future generations. Currently, due to the aging population, there are few people who can take care of the thatched roofs with their history (which are grown on the slopes of the mountain) or grow traditional vegetables.								
3. Work	The main tasks of the volunteers are 1. Farming (mountain areas) growing thatch for repairing traditional roofs, 2. Farming some traditional vegetables and 3/ Doing some work for the local community.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers share rooms or have your own rooms. Volunteers cook most of their own meals. Mobile phone signals may be weak. Compost toilets, kitchens, and shower rooms are available. Please bring your own sleeping bag. Please be prepared for very simple mountain life.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire knowledge and skills related to Gokayama's traditional architecture and thatching, as well as basic Japanese language and local culture.								
6. Other activities	Partying with locals, hiking, hot springs, etc.								
7. Location	Gokayama and Suganuma village in the Hokuriku region of Japan is a World Heritage Site, a village of Gassho-style houses, and a special place where beautiful scenery changes with the seasons and traditional culture lives on. (https://maps.app.goo.gl/a7SWiKQgTDoWxBf17)								
8. Terminal	The closest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). From Tokyo, it takes about 3 hours by Shinkansen and bus, or 6 hours by highway bus to reach here. Volunteers should arrive in Japan by the afternoon of the day before the program starts and can leave the site after noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Must be interested in nature, farm work, and the traditional life of the area. Must be adaptable and enjoy a simple lifestyle. Must be highly motivated to work. Volunteers are expected to be able to speak some Japanese (daily conversation level).								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (59 USD by the rate on 2024 April 19th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	Mainly Japanese and some English, NICE leader will help you with the translation.								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0825A	Gose 2	Nara	JAPAN	08/25	09/04	AGRI, ENVI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Farming on an organic farm with a great view!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGS15 (Life on Land). This project is co-organized with "Sugiura Farm" that engages in organic farming for pursuing food safety and an environmental-friendly society. The owner of this farm is Mr. Sugiura, who was the only a man taking care of 2 hectares of farmland abandoned by local people until 2022. The local farmers became too old to keep working on the farm. Mr. Sugiura cultivates, harvests crops, even makes fertilizer and processes the harvest into products. He is working not only for crops, but also for conserving the environment and the beautiful scenery of living fields in the countryside of Japan.								
3. Work	Supporting in crop production through pesticide-free and environmentally friendly agriculture. Vols. will also cut grass on abandoned fields and restore farmland. Vols may also perform other farm work such as spreading compost on fields and harvesting!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers stay at an old Japanese house next to the local host's. Volunteers cook by themselves by turn. Smoking is not allowed. The host has a cat.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of organic farming.								
6. Other activities	Hot spring, temples and shrines. Short trip to main city in Nara.								
7. Location	It is located in Gose city, Nara pref. which is about 50 km southeast of Osaka.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is KIX (Osaka). To the meeting point, it will take about 2 hours by train. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport by 10:00 on 1st day and can leave there after 19:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work hard with simple mountain life in a remote area. Interests in agriculture.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (57 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Volunteers can get knowledge about actions for developing local village and ancient times. Also the basic knowledge of the Japanese language and local culture.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0826A	Nishiwaga	Iwate	Japan	08/26	09/04	ENVI, ELDE	8	18	99
1. Summary	Let's be of help for the local elderly farmers in a beautiful country side in Japan! After working, you can also enjoy a relaxing time in natural hot spring.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Ono Agriculture Union in Nishiwaga (OAUN), since 2014. Nishiwaga is a rural town surrounded by beautiful nature such as forests and lake. On the other side, it faces serious aging society and depopulation, and over 45% of villagers are 65 years or older. More and more farmers have retired, and many farmers suffer from a shortage of successors. OAUN has tried to revive deserted cultivated lands, organized some projects for interaction between urban and rural areas to activate the community. In 2017, the project for biotope development newly started to promote sustainable organic farming. From few years ago, OAUN started to accept some company group through NICE. The company choose this project site, because of hospitality of OAUN. They have really warm heart and welcome to volunteers.								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly work on 1) Renovation of the vacant house and 2) Support and interaction at facilities for people with disabilities, 3) Communicating with primary and high schools in the town, 4) meeting to show respect for the aged.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in shared room in an old house (newly-renovated). Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NOT necessary.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Nishiwaga and have time for sharing ideas how to activate the depopulated area.								
6. Other activities	Hot spring is available. Volunteers can also join for cultural exchange parties with locals as well as activity with nursery school kids.								
7. Location	Nishiwaga town, center of Tohoku area (north part of Japan), and located in border between Iwate and Akita prefecture. It surrounded by beautiful mountains, and famous for hot spring (there is one even in a train station)!								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). To the meeting point (Hot Yuda sta.) in Iwate, it takes 5 hours by bullet train or 9 hours by night bus. You need to arrive at NRT or HND by 19:00 on 1day before of 1st day, and can leave the airport after 09:00. on 1day later of last day.								
9. Requirement	Interest in community development, cultural exchange with a local community, and agriculture. Ability to ride a bicycle.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0827A	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	08/27	09/09	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	9	18	99
1. Summary	Organic farming in the wonderful community with challenged people in beautiful nature. They have got the best prize of mountain cheese contest in the world!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 1998, a cooperative community where 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. Shintoku farm has 60 ha of land and 60 inhabitants including kids. Their cheese got the 1st prize in the global contest! The workcamp has been stopped since 2020 and revived this time!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: The workcamps have greatly shared the spirit of the community and also do some that is hardly done by their daily work such as construction of sheep farm, irrigation ditch, etc. In 2024, 4 vols. from 3 countries helped to harvest the vegetables, run the cafe, etc. and had a wonderful exchange in the school visit. Please see the long term goal of this project as "Local SDGs" at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/n0-68540773 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will 1) join the farm work (weeding and harvest in the vegetable fields), 2) do some work with the supervision of the specialists (possibly, dismantling the barns) and 3) help and other community work especially cooking.								
4. Accommodation	Houses in the community (female and male are separated). Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the community people by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.								
5. Study theme	Similar types of communities in each country and networking (Social farms)								
6. Other activities	School visit, exchange and birthmonth parties, lecture and discussion with the community leader who has very big visions, etc.								
7. Location	Shintoku town is an agricultural country side with big scale of nature and farms, at the foot of "Mt. Milk" and located in the center of Hokkaido island, near Obihiro and 120 km east of Sapporo. -20 degree in winter and 20 in summer.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Obihiro for domestic and Sapporo (CTS) for international flights. From CTS to the meeting point (Shintoku station), it takes 2 hours by express train. Volunteers need to arrive at CTS by 11:00 on Aug. 27 and can leave there after 18:00 on Sep. 09.								
9. Requirement	Interest and motivation to work and live in this type of community. Respect to their life.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	They also recruit LMTVs.								
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NICE-25S-0904A	Ozuchi 4	Ishikawa	Japan	09/04	09/17	AGRI, KIDS	6	16	99
1. Summary	Enjoy country life in a traditional Japanese village! We focus on agriculture in this naturally rich area, and organizing 'nature experience camps' for local elementary school families.								
2. Background	This project is actively working on SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG4 (Quality Education), and has been working with Ozuchi Village since 2013. Ozuchi Village was established by local people to preserve the original landscape. In 1916, there were 140 residents and 20 houses, but now only one person lives there. Fortunately, 10 houses remain and the village is designated as a national important traditional buildings preservation district. The village retains the landscape and lifestyle of old Japan that is no longer in existence. In order to preserve this place and culture, we are trying to improve the situation with the power of young volunteers. Since 2016, Ozuchi Village and NICE have started a monthly weekend work camp, and more than 300 volunteers visit the village every year, fall in love with the village, and participate as repeat visitors or support the village in whatever way they can! The local hosts hope to pass this village on to the next generation!*Results of this work camp: The village was abandoned, but one of the former villagers maintained the rice terraces and landscape. However, the work camp gave him such strength that he started living there again in 2018!								
3. Work	We will do various work to activate the area and success their culture. Main work are 1. Maintaining/ harvesting rice and vegetables' fields for sustainable life and 2. Communicating with local people. And do some other work for the community.								
4. Accommodation	Renovated house (traditional house!). Simple shower room. Clean toilet. Sleeping bag is needed! Food will be cooked by volunteers. There is a cat. Wi-Fi is available at the base facility. Mountain life!								
5. Study theme	Revival of the abandon villages. Bring some info.! Volunteers get knowledge about actions for developing local village. Also the basic knowledge of the Japanese language and local culture.								
6. Other activities	Exchange meetings with local people, trekking, hot springs, river activities, fireworks, etc.								
7. Location	The southwest part of Ishikawa prefecture. Ozuchi village is surrounded by mountains, so very isolated, but beautiful place. Charcoal making was main industry.								
8. Terminal	Nearest Domestic terminal is Komatsu. International airport is Osaka (KIX) or Tokyo (NRT or HND). From Osaka, 3.5 hours by express train. From Tokyo, 3.5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by night bus (Meeting time is First day's 2 pm, Departure time is Last day's 12 pm at Kaga-Onsen station)								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work hard and simple life in the isolated area and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (59 USD by the rate on 2024 April 19th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	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!)								
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NICE-25S-0905A	Kamimamakuchi	Ishikawa	Japan	09/05	09/16	MANU,AGRI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Painting the long fences, restoration of work roads, planning and managing exchange events. You can make Kamimamakuchi village encourage!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with "Kamimamakuchi village" since 2013, and they tried starting new project with volunteer. Depopulation (especially of youth) is a serious problem here similarly in many other country sides. This village have only 20 families and very few young people. It is difficult to keep traditional culture and community work, so we aim to help keeping this landscape/cultures and telling local village's attraction by young power!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Volunteer had painted fence about 1km! And organizing candle night festival, cultural party! Local people really welcome to coming the new people! Please see the long term goal of this project as "Local SDGs" at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-wp2-188758763 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!).</p>								
3. Work	Main works are 1. Drawing on the fences that are near mountain, 2. Agriculture: harvesting rice, 3. Supporting the events with local people and do some other work for the community.								
4. Accommodation	The community center in the village. There are clean kitchen and toilet. Volunteers take a shower in the kindly local people's houses. Please bring sleeping bag! Volunteers prepare the meals by themselves. Wi-Fi is not available.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers get knowledge about actions for developing local village. Also, the basic knowledge of the Japanese language and local culture.								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties with local people, trekking and hot spring etc.								
7. Location	Ishikawa prefecture is almost middle of Japan. Campsite is very small village located in South part of Ishikawa prefecture. There are rice fields, historical shrine, and beautiful nature. (https://goo.gl/maps/JBr8Py5WowS2)								
8. Terminal	Meeting place is "Komatsu station". Nearest Domestic airport is "Komatsu". The closest International airport is KIX (Osaka). It takes 4 hours by express train. From Tokyo (NRT or HND), 5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by night bus (you need to arrive by afternoon of the day before the first day). On last day, you can leave campsite around noon.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work hard and seriously and enjoy simple countryside life. Need idea for local revitalization. Speaking Japanese language is welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (59 USD by the rate on 2024 April 19th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0928A	Azumino	Nagano	Japan	09/28	10/11	DISA, ART	4	18	99
1. Summary	Second international workcamp of this place to support the artistic event of mentally challenged people together with the local people and the artists in a very beautiful nature of the mountain area!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with NPO WHITE CANVAS since 2024, a Non Profit Organization to empower mentally challenged people through the power of art. It was established by Kyoko who was a very active members of NICE with a lot of workcamp experiences in Togo, etc. and the company who had been working with her. Then more members joined when the workshop was about to open. They organize the workshop "TIME WARP" that is a workplace for adults with special needs for weaving, pottery, small garden and embroidery work. They all love art and craft, having big interests on humans. They don't stick in specific philosophies, but anthroposophy is one of their guides. They work and study together with a certified anthroposophical doctor, nurse, curative pedagogists and Extra Lesson practitioners.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2024, 6 vols. from 4 countries greatly contributed to cut the glasses, friendly exchange with the challenged people and assist the activities/ events!</p>								
3. Work	We will 1) Support for the art event conducted by mentally challenged adults together with community members and artists (Event is scheduled to be held in various locations to produce large paintings in a field using soil as paint under the guidance of a picture book artist.), 2) Maintain and prepare the art event venues and ateliers, including fields and warehouses and 3) Support the daytime activities, including making things in the atelier (e.g., dyeing plants and trees, setting up weaving machines, etc.).								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will sleep in the tatami (Japanese traditional carpet) rooms of a separate house near the office of White Canvas. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns (lunch will be sometimes prepared with the host). Sleeping bag is necessary. There is a shower room, a kitchen and wifi.								
5. Study theme	Discussion on activities in the volunteer's home country and local art brut/ outsider art								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, hot spring, excursion on a free day, etc.								
7. Location	The project is located in Azumino-city, Nagano pref.; foothills of the Northern Alps of Japan. 189 km north west from Tokyo, 150km north east from Nagoya. It is famous for beautiful nature as well as the fresh, tasty fruits especially, apples! There are no shops nearby.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes around 4 hours by train or bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo by the end of Sep. 27th and can leave there from the beginning of Oct. 12th.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to have respect and interest in others and other cultures. Enjoyment of living in a natural setting where one comes into contact with insects and soil. Willingness and flexibility to engage in a variety of activities. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Website of White Canvas https://npowhitecanvas.wixsite.com/love/services-9								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-1016A	Kozagawa	Wakayama	JAPAN	10/16	10/26	MANU, FEST	6	18	99
1. Summary	Support the Film Festival Project with a Large Rock as the Screen!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), newly organized with the local Film Festival Committee. Since 2020, Mr. Joya, a local resident, has been organizing the film festival with the goal of revitalizing the region. There is a large rock (standing 100 meters high and 500 meters wide) in the town, and this film festival is a unique event where movies are projected onto the rock. The festival creates events that can only take place in this town, highlighting the people, nature, and culture of the area. This year marks the first international workcamp held.								
3. Work	Decorating the venue with objects (such as lights and other decorations), setting up tables and chairs for the festival, Supporting local organic farming in the community								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay at a hostel. Volunteers will cook by themselves by turns. Smoking is not allowed.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of the town and have time for sharing ideas how								
6. Other activities	Cycling, enjoy seeing the autumn leaves that are turning colors during fall								
7. Location	It is located in Kozagawa town, Wakayama pref.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is KIX (Osaka). To the meeting point, it will take about 4 hours by train. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport by 10:00 on 1st day and can leave there after 19:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Interest in community development, cultural exchange with a local community								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (57 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The film festival is held outdoors, so in case of rain, it may be postponed or canceled.								
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NICE-25S-1008A	Misato	Shimane	Japan	10/08	10/21	FEST, ENVI	8	18	99
1. Summary	Let's Celebrate the traditional Autumn Festival with Song, Dance and Parade!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with the local group, "executive committee of Light and Tradition festival" since 2011. Recently, aging and depopulation of the area is getting very serious as well as many other rural villages in Japan. They expect the workcamp to activate local traditional festivals related to Shintoism, which is Japanese traditional religion. This event is combined with 2 events called "Bamboo Lantern Festival" and "Gaku-uchi" which locals play Japanese drums and flute with walking around the village to wish for the productiveness of grain. Local people want us to know their traditional cultures to be succeeded to the next generation.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp; local people proposed to invite volunteers to their own house for staying as cultural exchange or joining in Japanese drum practice to touch local culture.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly prepare and join the local festival. Cut bamboos to make lanterns and some small tools to be used in the festival. Volunteers will also need to practice traditional music in every evening with local people to play and walk around the village at the festival. Volunteers will also organize a program in the elementary school to promoting both inter-cultural learning and also, the festival to the children.								
4. Accommodation	Shared house in the community. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. There is a shower room.								
5. Study theme	You can get the knowledge about Japanese traditional festivals and customs.								
6. Other activities	Japanese Shinto music and dance, home staying, lecture about traditional cultures.								
7. Location	Misato-town is located in the middle of the Shimane prefecture, famous for Iwami silver mine as a world heritage. There is hot spa, some famous shrine as origin of Shintoism.								
8. Terminal	The nearest int'l airport is KIX (Osaka). From Osaka to the meeting point in Shimane, it takes 6.5 hours by highway bus and train. Volunteers are recommended to arrive there one day before workcamp starts. Hiroshima airport is also available by take a flight from KIX, it takes about 4 hours to the meeting point by train and bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point by 13:00 on first day and can leave there after 13:00 on last day.								
9. Requirement	Interested in Japanese old culture, positive attitude to communication with local people								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (57 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Misato Last year's workcamp → https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfpwnSGws30								



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NICE-25S-1020A	Maki & Tateya 5	Nagano	Japan	10/20	11/02	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. 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 were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more! 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 2024, we had 6 vols. from 6 countries who greatly contributed to the organic farming! 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 will stay and work in Maki for some days and Tateya in other days. The work will be mainly helping organic agriculture (cutting thatch, harvesting/ threshing rice, selecting beans, taking care of goats, cows and chicken) and also carrying the things from the town to Maki, renovating the trails on the way, helping the house works especially cooking, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard!								
4. Accommodation	<p>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 together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.</p> <p>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.</p>								
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 HNH). 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 Oct. 19 and can leave there from the beginning of Nov. 03.								
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 (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
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/ .								
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NICE-25S-1117A	Yumefukuro	Kumamoto	Japan	11/17	11/30	ENVI, EDUC, CULT	10	18	99
1. Summary	Let's stop climate change through the carbon offset and bamboo charcoal and enjoy nice exchange with local students and people!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with NAP (Nobel Application of Plant resources) since 1992 and since 2016, as a part of SCC (Stop Climate Change) projects initiated by NICE with NVDA (Asian network). NAP is a local NPO to recover natural ecosystem cycles. Minamata had experienced the terrible industrial pollution though it is completely safe and clean now. As well as many other parts of Japan, bamboo trees, originally brought from China by human being, are severely spreading and damaging the eco-system. Also, the beaches have a lot of rubbish, but when it's clean, there is a lot of sea food such as oysters and sea urchins. Rehabilitation of seaweed forests has been done since several years ago. The workcamp has been stopped due to COVID-19, but finally revived since 2020 by this project!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Workcamps have made various kinds of great impacts to create a forest on the reclaimed land, etc. In 2019, 4 LMTVs from 4 countries and 6 STVs from 5 countries, together with local people, maintained 1ha of bamboo forest, made 541 kg of charcoal and reduced 1.1 ton of CO2 emission. In 2024, 8 vols. from 6 countries and 9 NGO leaders from 4 Asian countries joined us! Please see the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/17-82084627 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly trim the bamboo trees that can increase the whole amount to fix carbon in the forest and make the bamboo charcoal to be used as fuel instead of oil as carbon offset project. Other work will be helping to run the marine environmental education for the local middle school students as well as helping the traditional cultural workshop a bit such as making a paper from natural materials and weaving also as your experience.								
4. Accommodation	Community center (Volunteers will borrow the bathrooms of neighbors that creates nice exchange). Cooked by volunteers. Sleeping bag is needed! Moved by the bicycle.								
5. Study theme	Climate change, eco life, forests and future plan about Minamata. Bring some info.!								
6. Other activities	To join the local events, exchange party, excursion, etc.								
7. Location	South west in Kyushu islands. People are cheerful and many of man like to drink sake!! If lucky, you could enjoy parties under cherry flowers!								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Kagoshima and there is LCC from Tokyo (Narita) and Osaka. From Kagoshima airport to the meeting point, it takes 2 hours by bus. You need to arrive at Kagoshima by 11:00, Tokyo by 07:00 and Osaka by 06:00 on Nov. 17 and can leave there after 20:00 on Nov. 30 from Kagoshima and mid night from Tokyo/ Osaka.								
9. Requirement	Be able to ride a bicycle. High interest in environmental issues and their activities, big motivation to work hard, open mind, cooperation with others. Any experience and skills of the environmental work, Carbon research and Crowd funding are welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (56 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Please see the presentation of the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/17-82084627 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25V-1223A	Oi 51	Tokushima	Japan	12/23	01/03	AGRI, MANU	10	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. 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.</p>								
3. Work	<p>1)Supporting the harvesting and shipping during the peak season of Shikimi (Illicium anisatum) 2)International exchange with the few local children. 3)Cleaning vacant houses, removing furniture, trimming abandoned forest cedar and cypress trees, and picking up plastic waste from rivers and oceans. 4)Activities to support English signage at various locations for foreign pilgrims.</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 "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 by the day before the workcamp starts and leave Japan from the day after the end. Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point at 14:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 2.5 hours) 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 (57 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 (so, your fee is not used for your meals and accommodation!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Ooi workcamp Instagram: @Ooi_workcamp								
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 (**30 or more days**) that can be separately called MTV for 1-6 months (30-182 days) and LTV over 6 months (183 or more days).
- * Many projects are **Individual** volunteering type (**LMTI**) while some are **Workcamps** type (**LMTW**).

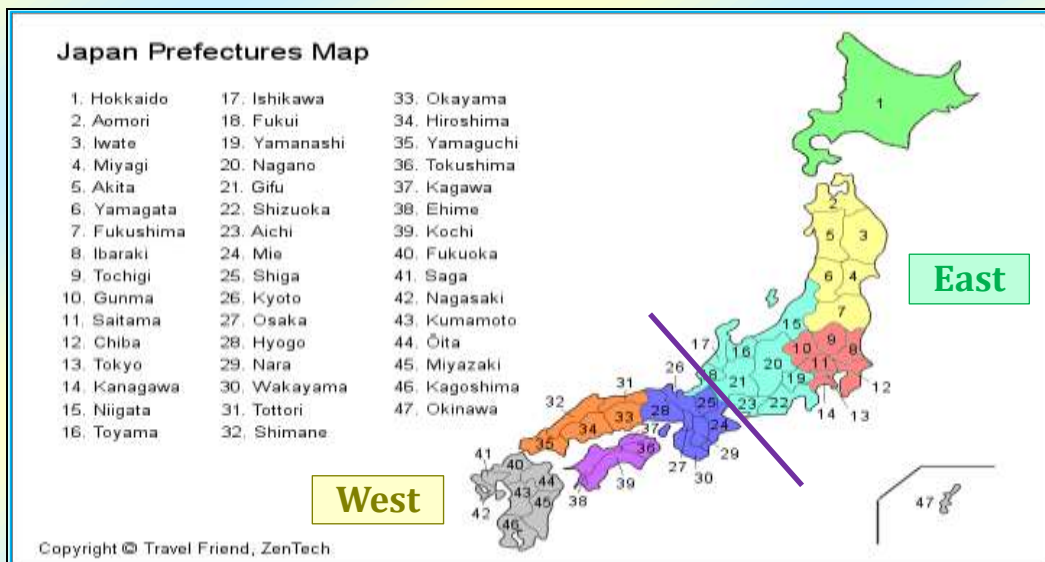
6-1) On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars

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 2025, this applies to Gokayama, Maki, Tateya, Azumino and Kurogi.

Area	2025			2026				
East	May 03-04	Jul. 26-27	Nov. 16-17	Jan. 10-11	Apr. 04-05	Jun. 27-28	Sep. 19-20	Dec. 13-14
West	Jun. 14-15	Sep. 06-07	Nov. 29-30	Feb. 21-22	May 16-17	Aug. 08-09	Oct. 31-Nov. 01	



- * The meals and accommodation during the seminars are included in your NICE Volunteers Fee. 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-25L-HK	Hakodate	Hokkaido	05/03	10/19	3 periods	SOCI, AGRI	2,10
NICE-25L-ST	Shintoku	Hokkaido	02/08	26/09/20	12 periods	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2,10
NICE-25L-YC	Yoichi	Hokkaido	02/08	26/09/20	12 periods	ENVI, MANU	11,15
NICE-25L-AI	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	02/08	26/09/20	12 periods	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	4,10
NICE-25L-MM	Mashiko&Motegi	Tochigi	10/08	11/21	1 period	AGRI, ENVI	2,15
NICE-25L-GK	Gokayama	Toyama	10/18	11/23	1 period	AGRI, ENVI	2,15
NICE-25L-MK	Maki	Nagano	03/22	11/30	15 periods	CULT	16
NICE-25L-TT	Tateya	Nagano	03/22	10/19	10 periods	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-25L-AZ	Azumino	Nagano	09/06	11/30	3 periods	DISA, ART	10
NICE-25L-AK	Akame	Mie	03/22	26/11/01	12 periods	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-25L-GS	Gose	Nara	03/22	26/11/01	12 periods	ENVI, EDUC	4,15
NICE-25L-OI	Oi	Tokushima	03/22	26/11/01	12 periods	AGRI, ENVI	2,15
NICE-25L-SH	Shinmachi	Tokushima	03/22	26/11/01	12 periods	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25L-IK	Ikata	Ehime	03/22	26/11/01	12 periods	EDUC, MANU	4,11
NICE-25L-KR	Kurogi	Fukuoka	04/16	11/30	15 periods	AGRI	2

* Code: Blue = Workcamp type (3 or more vols. are planned to stay in the same period.) Others are Individual type.

* 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 (M=counting number of Months) >

Days	Period (M/D)	M	JPY	EUR#
44	05/03-06/15, 06/14-07/27, 07/26-09/07, 09/06-10/19, 10/08-11/21, 10/18-11/30	2	36,000	225
86	05/03-07/27, 07/26-10/19, 10/18-26/01/11, 06/14-09/07, 09/06-11/30, 11/29-26/02/22	3	54,000	338
128	05/03-09/07, 06/14-10/19, 07/26-11/30	5	72,000	450
170	05/03-10/19, 07/26-26/01/11, 10/18-26/04/05, 06/14-11/30, 09/06-26/02/22, 11/29-26/05/17	6	81,000	506
212	05/03-11/30	8	99,000	619
254	05/03-26/01/11, 07/26-26/04/05, 10/18-26/06/28, 06/14-26/02/22, 09/06-26/05/17, 11/29-26/08/09	9	108,000	675
338	05/03-26/04/05, 07/26-26/06/28, 10/18-26/09/20, 06/14-26/05/17, 09/06-26/08/09, 11/29-26/11/01	12	135,000	844

Fee should be paid in JPY. "In EUR" is calculated by the rate of 24/02/14 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-25L-HK01	Hakodate	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	10/19	SOCI, AGRI	3	18	99
NICE-25L-HK02	Hakodate	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	07/27	SOCI, AGRI	3	18	99
NICE-25L-HK03	Hakodate	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	10/19	SOCI, AGRI	3	18	99
1. Summary	Workcamp type of LMTV! Let's empower the foreigners living in Japan and the citizen farm in the beautiful Hokkaido land with various tasty food!!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with HIF=Hokkaido International Foundation (since 2022 here). HIF was founded in 1984 and has developed various types of projects such as 1) Children's cafeteria to support economically disadvantaged children, 2) Events and seminars to promote SDGs and international cooperation, 3) Citizen farm, etc. in addition to 4) the international exchange programs such as homestay. Thus, the director has hosted the international workcamps from 2004 to 2019 in Onuma to protect the lake and to activate the local community. Many of the foreigners living in Japan are having various types of difficulties (isolation, poor access to the information and service, etc.). We believe, the inclusive society makes not only them, but also everybody happier! And the agriculture in Japan is facing to the serious crisis of the lack of working power (average age of the farmers is 68!).</p> <p>*Outcome of this project: 3 vols. joined the 6 months workcamp in 2022 that has greatly supported the family immigrated from Afghanistan.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly 1) Support the life and the language of the foreign residents and students, 2) Do the agricultural work and also assist the families coming to the citizen farm run by HIF) and possibly 3) Search for the community challenges and the way to solve them as well as helping other projects of HIF, cleaning Onuma lake and assisting the local festivals.								
4. Accommodation	The house rent for the volunteers. Volunteers will share the rooms and cook the meals by turn (Vegetarian is possible if it's prepared by volunteer self). Wifi is available. No smoking.								
5. Study theme	Various opportunities to see, exchange and learn:)								
6. Other activities	One week off may be possible if the volunteers would like to enjoy going around Hokkaido (the period needs to be confirmed with the host).								
7. Location	Hakodate city is one of the most popular tourist spots in Hokkaido and Japan with the romantic night view, morning market to taste the sea food, historical sites such as Goryokaku. It is also the economic capital of the southern part of Hokkaido while it is also having a serious depopulation issue.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Hakodate for domestic and Sapporo (CTS) for international flights. Volunteers usually fly from Tokyo to Hakodate. They need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport (NRT or HND) by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave Tokyo airport after 18:00 on the ending day.								
9. Requirement	Strong motivation to work with the foreigners and in the farm. Respect to the local and international ways and cultures. Good level of English speaking skills as well as strong motivation to learn and speak Japanese language is needed. Skills of teaching Japanese and agriculture can be useful!								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 and 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. Some staff of HIF can speak good English.								
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama. Website of HIF: https://www.hif.or.jp/								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25L-ST05	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST06	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST07	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	26/01/11	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST08	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	26/04/05	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST09	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST10	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	26/01/11	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST11	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	26/04/05	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST12	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	26/06/28	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST13	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/01/11	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST14	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/04/05	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST15	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/06/28	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST16	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/09/20	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's enjoy organic farming with various members in the cooperative community in the beautiful nature of Hokkaido! They got the best prize for the World contest of mountain cheese!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha (since 1998 here), 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. Shintoku and grow animals and vegetables in an ecological, organic way.</p> <p>At Shintoku farm in Hokkaido, they grow cows, pigs, vegetables with utilizing bacterium and produce various types of milk products as well as running the cafe (soft cream and cakes are so yummy!) which is a popular spot for the local people and tourists. Their cheese got the best prize in the World contest for the mountain cheese! The project has been revived this year since 2019.</p> <p>*Outcome of this project: So many vols. have joined this community and greatly contributed both physically and mentally. There is even a case to marry one of the community members:) Please see the long term goal of this project as "Local SDGs" at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/n0-68540773 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will, together with the community members, mainly do 1) Agricultural work (planting, weeding, cultivating and harvesting of the organic vegetables, taking care of animals, cleaning the animal houses, etc.), 2) House work (cooking and cleanings) and possibly 3) Assisting the cheese production, running the cafeteria, handcrafts and textiles. Be ready to do what will be needed!								
4. Accommodation	Share the rooms in the facility which the community members live in. Cooking with the members by turn (Vegetarian is possible if it's prepared by volunteer self). Wifi is available.								
5. Study theme	Learn about organic farming, taking care of animals such as cows, chickens. Learn a group work with various types of people.								
6. Other activities	Monthly birthday parties. Sightseeing (hot springs, famous places in this area).								
7. Location	Shintoku town is an agricultural country side with big scale of nature and farms, at the foot of "Mt. Milk" and located in the center of Hokkaido island, near Obihiro and 120 km east of Sapporo. -20 degree in winter and 20 in summer.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Obihiro for domestic and Sapporo (CTS) for international flights. From CTS to the meeting point (Shintoku station), it takes 2 hours by express train. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport (NRT or HND) by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave Tokyo airport after 18:00 on the ending day.								
9. Requirement	Only female! Motivation letter is needed. Interest and motivation to work and live in this type of community. Respect to their life. Some levels of Japanese speaking skills as well as high motivation to learn and speak Japanese language is needed. Skills of agriculture or construction can be useful!								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 and 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. Not many members can speak basic English (while the leader of the farm can speak very fluently!), so you will communicate with them in mixing simple English and Japanese.								
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama. Shintoku Farm website= https://www.kyodogakusha.org/ (only in Japanese)								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25L-YC05	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	07/27	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC06	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	10/19	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC07	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	26/01/11	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC08	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	26/04/05	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC09	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	10/19	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC10	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	26/01/11	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC11	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	26/04/05	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC12	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	26/06/28	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC13	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/01/11	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC14	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/04/05	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC15	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/06/28	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC16	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/09/20	ENVI, MANU	1	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 SDG2 (Zero Hunger) 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 2024, 6 vols. from UK greatly contributed to their farming and other activities as well as the mental empowerment of the host!</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will work for around 36 hours a week (08:00-11:00/ 13:30-16:30) with one day off mainly to 1) do organic farming such as growing seedlings, seeding, weeding, thinning, harvesting, etc. or clear the snow in the winter, 2) help the vineyard and food production of wine, vegetables and fruits, 3) help the farm nearby, 4) Help to prepare and run the local events and promote HEPP through SNS, 5) maintain the facilities to make comfortable environment for the visitors including maintenance of eco toilets and weeding, 5) cook the meals for the visitors and staff, etc.								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in the main house or a container house (male and female are separated). 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 and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport (NRT or HND) 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. 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. Strong physical health, open mind to actively exchange with others, good cooking skills, PC skills and loving team work/ collective life are also welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 and 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 and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama. HEPP website= http://ecovillage.greenwebs.net/english.html								
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NICE-25L-AI05	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	05/03	07/27	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI06	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	05/03	10/19	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI07	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	05/03	26/01/11	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI08	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	05/03	26/04/05	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI09	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	07/26	10/19	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI10	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	07/26	26/01/11	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI11	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	07/26	26/04/05	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI12	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	07/26	26/06/28	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI13	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	10/18	26/01/11	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI14	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	10/18	26/04/05	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI15	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	10/18	26/06/28	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI16	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	10/18	26/09/20	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 since 2008 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	1) Supporting children's activities at affiliated kindergartens. 2) Learning support and cooking assistance at the Kodomo shokudo(The place where kids can eat for free or at a low cost with other people.). Specifically, homework and subject learning is provided to about 15 primary and junior high school students. They also assist in cooking dinner together with the staff. 3) Supporting for nature activities for kids(playing outside, cooking meals, preparing activities, etc.). Especially on weekends and during long holidays.								
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. However, 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 (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 and 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 and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25L-MM	Mashiko & Motegi	Tochigi	Japan	10/08	11/21	ENVI, AGRI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Workcamp type of LMTV, as a part of SCC (Stop Climate Change)! 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 Tochigi Conservation Corps (TCC). Conservation Corps is long term workcamp programs in USA where 10-20 youth work for local development and environment. About 25,000 vols. join every year. To create similar programs in Japan, TCC was created in 2009 by the leader who was a LMTV coordinator of NICE. In the depopulated and aging mountainous areas of Motegi and Mashiko Towns in Haga County, Tochigi Prefecture, the project aims to revitalize abandoned farmlands and satoyama that have fallen into disrepair due to lack of maintenance by the power of young volunteers. Nurture the youth of the next generation through these activities. From this year, the workcamp is organized also as a part of SCC (Stop Climate Change) projects initiated by NICE with NVDA (Asian network).								
3. Work	Volunteers will work on various types of activity related to agriculture such as 1) Maintenance work in satoyama and bamboo forests (bamboo cutting, mowing, building walking trails, etc.), 2) Restoration of abandoned rice terraces and creation of an environment rich in biodiversity (mowing, rice harvesting, threshing, etc.) and 3) Planning and operation of events and children's nature experience activities utilizing satoyama								
4. Accommodation	Single room in very big beautiful house, it is called Meizai-an. Cooked by vols. by turn. All basic facilities are provided.								
5. Study theme	Volunteer have opportunities learning conservation forest, solving of environmental issues.								
6. Other activities	Work skills training, leadership training, learning about NPOs, etc.								
7. Location	Mashiko is located in Tochigi Prefecture. Mashiko Town is about a 40-minute drive from Utsunomiya City. The town has an artistic atmosphere and is famous for its traditional Mashiko pottery. The town is also dotted with historical cultural assets and traditional culture, and is located along the Moka Railway line where an SL train runs.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Narita / Haneda airport. From the airport to the meeting point, 3-4 hours by train and 40 min. by car. Volunteer needs to arrive in Japan on the day before the project starts and can leave Japan after 22:00 on the last 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	36,000 JPY (225 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and 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	Japanese and English (the local host can speak some English), but Japanese speaker is in priority.								
12. Other	Video about TCC. https://youtu.be/0jZPGc7RNdY								
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NICE-25L-GK	Gokayama	Toyama	Japan	10/18	11/30	AGRI	4	18	99
1. Summary	New mid. Term workcamp! Let's cut thatched grass for the roofs of gassho-style houses, cultivate traditional vegetables, and prepare to survive the winter in a region with heavy snowfall!								
2. Background	This project will be the first to be co-hosted with the local group "Transition Village Gokayama" from 2025, and is actively working on SDG15 (protecting the richness of the land)."Houbikiso", a former lodging facility near the World Heritage site Suganuma Gassho-style Village, has been repurposed as a place to learn and practice "living in harmony with the Gokayama climate," "living using the wisdom of the past in a Gassho-style building," and "living in which people, animals, and plants coexist and circulate." The hosts are making small changes to the place and building the community. Together with volunteers from Japan and around the world, they hope to pass on the local cultural traditions to future generations. Currently, due to the aging population, there are few people who can take care of the thatched roofs with their history (which are grown on the slopes of the mountain) or grow traditional vegetables.								
3. Work	The main tasks of the volunteers are 1. Cutting thatched grass(mountain areas) for repairing traditional roofs, 2. Farming some traditional vegetables and 3. Doing some work for winter seasons.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers share rooms or have your own rooms. Volunteers cook most of their own meals. Mobile phone signals may be weak. Compost toilets, kitchens, and shower rooms are available. Please bring your own sleeping bag. Please be prepared for very simple mountain life.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire knowledge and skills related to Gokayama's traditional architecture and								
6. Other activities	Partying with locals, hiking, hot springs, etc.								
7. Location	Gokayama and Suganuma village in the Hokuriku region of Japan is a World Heritage Site, a village of Gassho-style houses, and a special place where beautiful scenery changes with the seasons and traditional culture lives on. (https://maps.app.goo.gl/a7SWiKQgTDoWxBf17)								
8. Terminal	The closest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). From Tokyo, it takes about 3 hours by Shinkansen and bus, or 6 hours by highway bus to reach here. However, volunteer needs to join On Arrival Seminars in Yokohama (Oct. 18-19) and Evaluation seminar in Osaka (Nov. 29-30) , so firstly should arrive at NRT or HND by 08:00 on Oct. 18th and can leave KIX (Osaka airport) after 18:00 on Nov. 30th (or come back to Tokyo again after the seminar in Osaka).								
9. Requirement	Must be interested in nature, farm work, and the traditional life of the area. Must be adaptable and enjoy a simple lifestyle. Must be highly motivated to work. Volunteers are expected to be able to speak some Japanese (daily conversation level).								
10. Participation fee	36,000 JPY (225 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and 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	Japanese and English. The daily communication will be done by mixing simple English and Japanese.								
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama (near Tokyo).								
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NICE-25L-MK07	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/03	06/15	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK08	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/03	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK09	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/03	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK10	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/03	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK11	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/03	11/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK12	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/14	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK13	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/14	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK14	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/14	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK15	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/14	11/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK16	Maki	Nagano	Japan	07/26	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK17	Maki	Nagano	Japan	07/26	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK18	Maki	Nagano	Japan	07/26	11/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK19	Maki	Nagano	Japan	09/06	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK20	Maki	Nagano	Japan	09/06	11/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK21	Maki	Nagano	Japan	10/18	11/30	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 here), 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 an 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 no 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 MK07-11, 16-18, 21 and Osaka for MK01-06, 12-15, 19, 20) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for MK01, 03, 05, 08, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19 and Osaka for MK02, 04, 06, 07, 09, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21), 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 (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 and 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 and last 2 days are On Arrival and 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-25L-TT06	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	05/03	06/15	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT07	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	05/03	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT08	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	05/03	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT09	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	05/03	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT10	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	06/14	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT11	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	06/14	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT12	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	06/14	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT13	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	07/26	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT14	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	07/26	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT15	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	09/06	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, 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 here), 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 an 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 TT06-09, 13, 14 and Osaka for TT01-05, 10-12, 15) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for TT01, 03, 05, 07, 09, 10, 12, 14, 15 and Osaka for TT02, 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 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 (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 and 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 and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama or Osaka.

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NICE-25L-AZ01	Azumino	Nagano	Japan	09/06	10/17	DISA, ART	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AZ02	Azumino	Nagano	Japan	09/06	11/02	DISA, ART	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AZ03	Azumino	Nagano	Japan	09/06	11/28	DISA, ART	2	18	99
1. Summary	First LMTV project of this place to support the artistic activities of mentally challenged people together with the local people and the artists in a very beautiful nature of the mountain area!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with NPO WHITE CANVAS since 2024, a Non Profit Organization to empower mentally challenged people through the power of art. It was established by Kyoko who was a very active members of NICE with a lot of workcamp experiences in Togo, etc. and the company who had been working with her. Then more members joined when the workshop was about to open. They organize the workshop "TIME WARP" that is a workplace for adults with special needs for weaving, pottery, small garden and embroidery work. They all love art and craft, having big interests on humans. They don't stick in specific philosophies, but anthroposophy is one of their guides. They work and study together with a certified anthroposophical doctor, nurse, curative pedagogists and Extra Lesson practitioners. *Outcome of this workcamp: In 2024, 6 vols. from 4 countries gathered for the first short term international workcamp and greatly contributed to cut the glasses, friendly exchange with the challenged people and assist the activities/ events!								
3. Work	Volunteer will 1) Prepare, assist and finalize the daily work of the members for their weaving, pottery, drawing, etc. including making things in the atelier (e.g., dyeing plants and trees, setting up weaving machines, etc.), 2) Support for the art event conducted by mentally challenged adults together with community members and artists (Event is scheduled to be held in various locations to produce large paintings in a field using soil as paint under the guidance of a picture book artist.), 3) Maintain and prepare the art event venues and ateliers, including fields and warehouses and 4)) Possibly support the exhibitions or selling the art products depending on the period of the volunteer's stay.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will sleep in the tatami (Japanese traditional carpet) rooms of a separate house near the office of White Canvas. Meals will be cooked by volunteer her/himself (lunch will be often prepared with the host). There is a shower room, a kitchen and wifi. Bicycle can be available.								
5. Study theme	Discussion on activities in the volunteer's home country and local art brut/ outsider art								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, hot spring, excursion on a free day, etc.								
7. Location	The project is located in Azumino-city, Nagano pref.; foothills of the Northern Alps of Japan. 189 km north west from Tokyo, 150km north east from Nagoya. It is famous for beautiful nature as well as the fresh, tasty fruits especially, apples! There are no shops nearby.								
8. Terminal	Volunteer needs to join On Arrival Seminars in Osaka (Sep. 06-07), so firstly should arrive at KIX (Osaka airport) by 08:00 on Sep. 6th. Volunteer of AZ01 needs to join Evaluation seminar in Yokohama (Oct. 18-19) and can leave Tokyo airport (NRT or HND) from 20:00 on Oct. 19th. Volunteer of AZ02 has no Evaluation seminar and can leave Tokyo airport (NRT or HND) from Nov. 3rd. Volunteer of AZ03 needs to join Evaluation seminar in Osaka (Nov. 29-30) and can leave KIX after 18:00 on Nov. 30th.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to speak a good level of English and a beginner (or any more!) level of Japanese and actively try to communicate with the members and staff in Japanese and the body language. Volunteers should have respect and interest in social welfare of the challenged people and their arts. Enjoyment of living in a natural setting where one comes into contact with insects and soil. Willingness and flexibility to engage in a variety of activities. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) per month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and 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., 45 days are counted as 2 months).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Website of White Canvas https://npowhitecanvas.wixsite.com/love/services-9								
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NICE-25L-AK05	Akame	Mie	Japan	06/14	09/07	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK06	Akame	Mie	Japan	06/14	11/30	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK07	Akame	Mie	Japan	06/14	26/02/22	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK08	Akame	Mie	Japan	06/14	26/05/17	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK09	Akame	Mie	Japan	09/06	11/30	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK10	Akame	Mie	Japan	09/06	26/02/22	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK11	Akame	Mie	Japan	09/06	26/05/17	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK12	Akame	Mie	Japan	09/06	26/08/09	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK13	Akame	Mie	Japan	11/29	26/02/22	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK14	Akame	Mie	Japan	11/29	26/05/17	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK15	Akame	Mie	Japan	11/29	26/08/09	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK16	Akame	Mie	Japan	11/29	26/11/01	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99




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 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 issues.
6. Other activities	Many opportunities to learn the local wisdom. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).
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 (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 and 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 and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.



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NICE-25L-GS05	Gose	Nara	Japan	06/14	09/07	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS06	Gose	Nara	Japan	06/14	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS07	Gose	Nara	Japan	06/14	26/02/22	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS08	Gose	Nara	Japan	06/14	26/05/17	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS09	Gose	Nara	Japan	09/06	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS10	Gose	Nara	Japan	09/06	26/02/22	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS11	Gose	Nara	Japan	09/06	26/05/17	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS12	Gose	Nara	Japan	09/06	26/08/09	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS13	Gose	Nara	Japan	11/29	26/02/22	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS14	Gose	Nara	Japan	11/29	26/05/17	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS15	Gose	Nara	Japan	11/29	26/08/09	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS16	Gose	Nara	Japan	11/29	26/11/01	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99

1. Summary	Working hard and healthy with an organic farmer who conserves beautiful culture and scenery in the countryside of Japan!
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized with Sugiura Farm since 2017 that engages in organic farming for pursuing food safety and an environmental-friendly society. The owner of this farm is Mr. Sugiura, who is the only a man taking care of 2 hectares of farmland abandoned by local people. The local people became too old to keep working on the farm. Mr. Sugiura cultivates, harvests crops, even makes fertilizer and processes the harvest into products. He is working not only for crops, but also for conserving the environment and the beautiful scenery of living fields in the countryside of Japan.
3. Work	Volunteers will engaged in terraced rice field conservation and pesticide-free agriculture in the devastated mountainous areas. 1) Management and harvesting of organic vegetables and rice. 2) Crop production in terraced rice paddies. 3) Restoration of deserted terraced rice paddies and abandoned farmland. 4) Planning and management of events to promote organic crops.
4. Accommodation	Volunteers stay at an old Japanese house next to the local host's. The kitchen and shower are shared with the local host. Volunteers cook by themselves. Smoking is not allowed. A cat and dog is kept around the house.
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of organic farming.
6. Other activities	Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, temples and shrines).
7. Location	It is located in Gose city, Nara pref. which is about 50 km southeast of Osaka.
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX) or Nagoya (NGO). To the meeting point, it takes 2 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	High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language, to work hard with simple mountain life in a remote area. Respect for the local culture and way of the local organization. Interests in agriculture.
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 and 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. The local host speaks English.
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.

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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25L-OI05	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	09/07	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI06	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	11/30	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI07	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	26/02/22	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI08	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	26/05/17	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI09	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	11/30	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI10	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	26/02/22	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI11	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	26/05/17	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI12	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	26/08/09	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI13	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/02/22	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI14	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/05/17	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI15	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/08/09	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI16	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/11/01	AGRI, MANU	5	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 and houses. It is up to the volunteers' creative ideas how to develop the community. 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)Harvesting and shipping the Japanese star anise (shikimi).[Aug/Sep/Dec] 2) Supporting for harvesting and picking up sudachi (Japanese citrus fruit) [Apr/Aug/Sep] 3) Plantings Sudachi in new fields to maintain the declining sudachi production due to the aging farmer's population[Mar]</p> <p>4)Supporting for activities such as writing English guides in various places in the town for foreign pilgrims. 5) 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. 6) Maintenance of Asagimadara flying sites, maintenance of firefly flying sites 7)International exchange with the few children in the community.</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 "osettai" culture to the next								
6. Other activities	Visiting &Hiking around 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 Anan city, it takes 4 hours by highway bus & train. 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	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 and 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!)*The local host and assistant speaks English well.								
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka. Video about Kakurin-ji temple https://youtu.be/V2vX5Ik4ASM .								
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NICE-25L-SH05	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	09/07	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH06	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	11/30	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH07	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	26/02/22	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH08	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	26/05/17	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH09	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	11/30	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH10	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	26/02/22	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH11	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	26/05/17	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH12	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	26/08/09	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH13	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/02/22	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH14	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/05/17	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH15	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/08/09	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH16	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/11/01	EDUC, MANU	5	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. B.D. is an NPO dedicated to improving Tokushima area through various volunteer activities. Its initiatives include city landscape maintenance projects, such as planting and maintaining flower beds in the community, as well as cleaning rivers by boats. We also engage with local elementary schools and children’s centers to foster connections with kids, and we actively join with community events and activities. The children who live in countryside face to have few opportunity to communicate with foreign people compared with city. They want to change the situation and activate both of children and the situation of education for cultural exchange through 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 various kind of local events which BD supports.								
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 (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 and 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. When volunteers communicate with children, mainly language is Japanese.								
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25L-IK05	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	06/14	09/07	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK06	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	06/14	11/30	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK07	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	06/14	26/02/22	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK08	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	06/14	26/05/17	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK09	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	09/06	11/30	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK10	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	09/06	26/02/22	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK11	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	09/06	26/05/17	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK12	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	09/06	26/08/09	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK13	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	11/29	26/02/22	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK14	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	11/29	26/05/17	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK15	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	11/29	26/08/09	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK16	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	11/29	26/11/01	AGRI	2	18	99

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 (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 and 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
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.

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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25L-KR06	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/03	06/15	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR07	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/03	07/27	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR08	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/03	09/07	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR09	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/03	10/19	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR10	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/03	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR11	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/14	07/27	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR12	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/14	09/07	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR13	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/14	10/19	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR14	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/14	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR15	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	07/26	09/07	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR16	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	07/26	10/19	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR17	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	07/26	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR18	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	09/06	10/19	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR19	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	09/06	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR20	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	10/18	11/30	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 km2. 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 KR01-10, 15-17, 20 and Osaka for KR11-14, 18-19) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for KR02, 04, 07, 09, 11, 13, 16, 18 and Osaka for KR01, 03, 05, 06, 08, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20), 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. Participants from some countries can stay for more than 90 days								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (113 EUR by the rate on 2025 Feb. 14th) 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 and 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 and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama or Osaka. The activity Blog: http://egaonomori.exblog.jp/								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
