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(7,497 workcamps/ 90,908 volunteers in 36 years since 1990)

NICE Projects for 2026

(Projects starting in Apr.-Dec.)



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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 7,497 workcamps & exchanged 90,908 volunteers in 36 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.

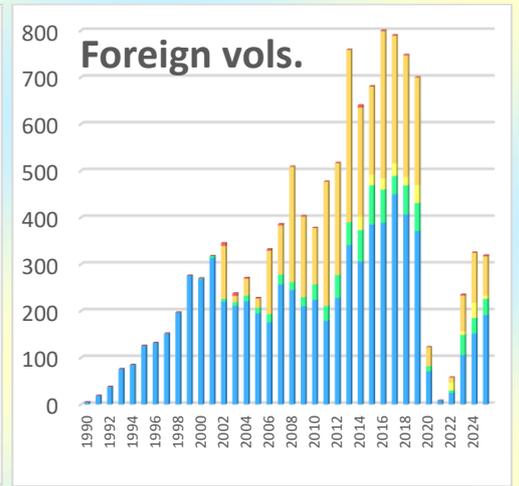
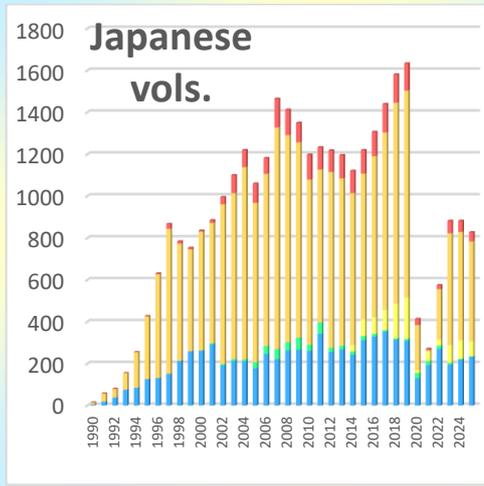
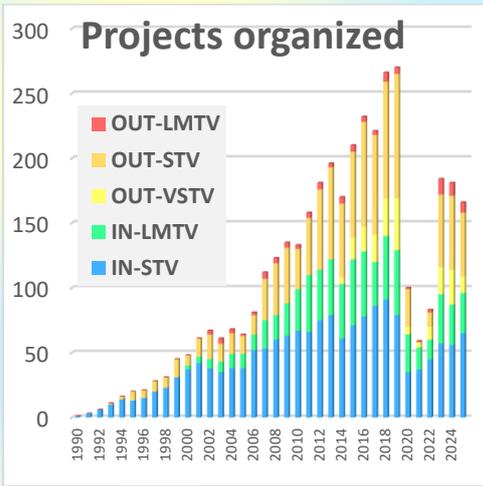
In 1990 Sep., the first international workcamp of NICE was held at the foot of the Mt. Fuji in Japan.



< 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!

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 co-existed 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 2026 Feb., there are
10 EC (Executive Committee) members
2 Auditors
917 Full + Associate members
Over 300 Active members
27 family members
18,117 Supporting members
8 full + 4 part time paid staff members
8 Registered Activity team
3 Regional Workcamp Centers

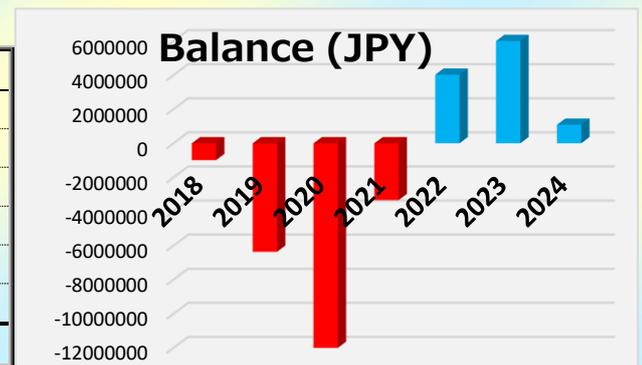


1-5) Finance

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

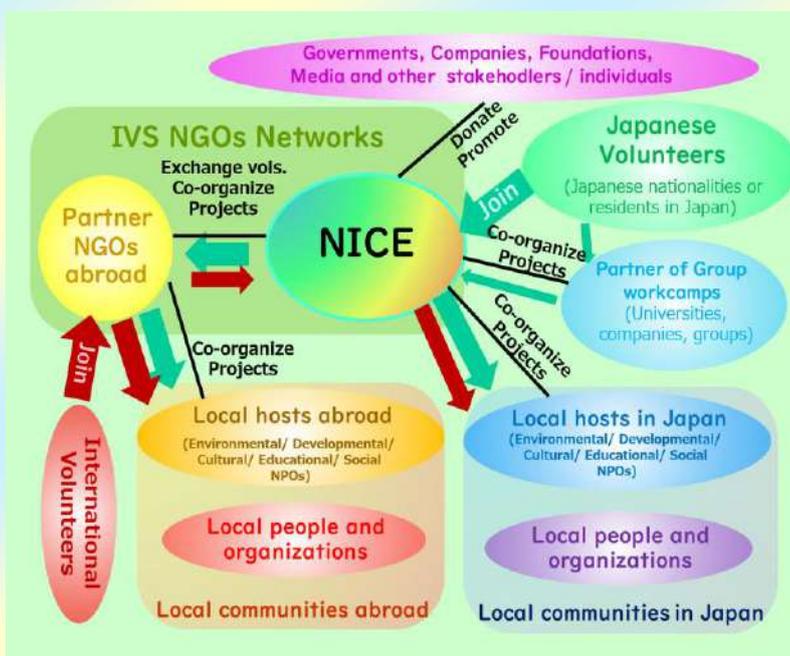
< Settlement of Account in 2024 >

Income: 340,815 USD		Expense: 333,573 USD	
Membership fee	65%	IVS projects cost	21%
Participation fee	0%	Other projects cost	0%
Grants	6%	Staff cost	67%
Donation	4%	Other operation cost	7%
Fund raising	17%	Network & Promotion	2%
Others	9%	Others	3%
Total Balance: plus 7,243 USD			



1-6) External Relations

- One of the largest networks in IVS movement!



As of 2026 Feb., 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;

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

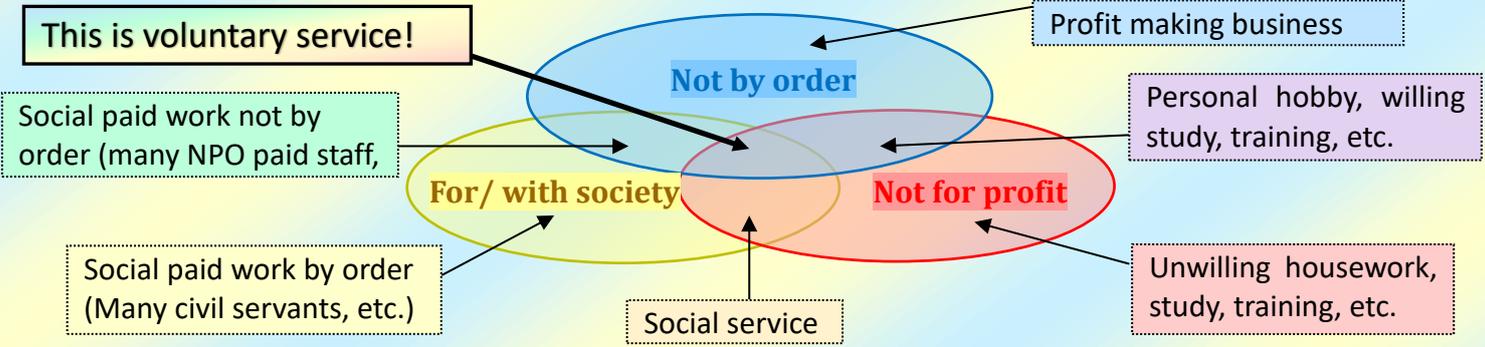


2. Types & Definitions of NICE Projects

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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	
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).

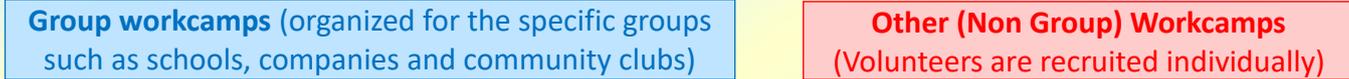
2-4) Other ways of Categories



- * 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".



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



* 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]

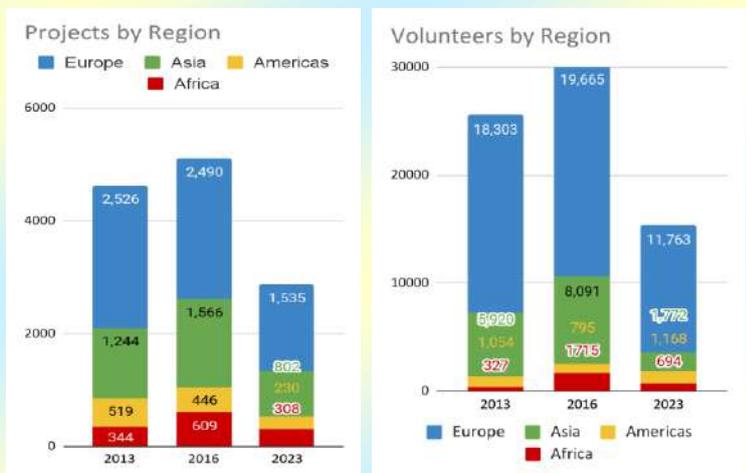
	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Total	111	1,840	535	389	2,875
Africa	48	97	96	67	308
Americas	0	78	64	88	230
Asia	48	471	164	119	802
Europe	15	1,194	211	115	1,535
Cultural	25%	31%	22%	18%	29%
Developmental	39%	21%	7%	16%	19%
Educational	7%	12%	4%	1%	10%
Environmental	14%	22%	30%	46%	24%
Human Rights	10%	4%	5%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

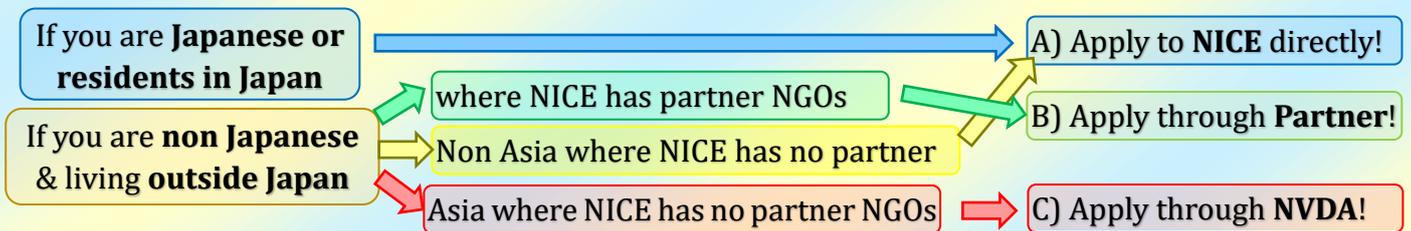
SCI was founded by Pierre Cérésolle, a Swiss engineer, who established a peace and humanitarian movement in the aftermath of World War I in 1920, thereby laying down the foundations of SCI. Cérésolle organised the first international workcamp (voluntary project) on the former battlefield of Verdun (France) 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 vols. need to pay this fee beforehand (9,000 JPY/ 18,000 JPY/ 36,000 JPY/ 72,000 JPY for VSTV/ STV/ MTV/ LTV) **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"



3-3) Visa to join NICE projects in Japan

Check the updated info. at [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: 31 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, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherland, Marta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, UK
Americas	Argentina, Canada, Chile, Uruguay

B: 43 Countries/ areas which has Visa exemption agreement with Japan

Asia-Pacific	Brunei, Indonesia, Israel, Macao, Malaysia, Qatar, Singapore, Thailand, UAE
Europe	Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Monaco, Montenegro, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey
Africa	Lesotho, Mauritius, Tunisia
Americas	Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Mexico, 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/ 18,000/ 36,000/ 72,000 JPY for VSTV/ STV/ MTV/ LTV)
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 (24,000-54,000 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): **9,000 JPY** (about 50 EUR)/ **STV** (7-29 days): **18,000 JPY** (about 99 EUR)

MTV (30-182 days): **36,000 JPY** (about 199 EUR)/ **LTV** (over 182 days): **72,000 JPY** (about 398 EUR)

* EUR is calculated by XE rate on 2026 Feb. 14 and actually will be different depending on the rate.

* 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 WA 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 find!?

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 for 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-26V-0402A	Oi 13	Tokushima	04/02	04/07	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0409A	Oi 14	Tokushima	04/09	04/14	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0416A	Oi 15	Tokushima	04/16	04/21	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0423A	Oi 16	Tokushima	04/23	04/28	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0430A	Oi 17	Tokushima	04/30	05/05	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0507A	Oi 18	Tokushima	05/07	05/12	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0514A	Oi 19	Tokushima	05/14	05/19	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0521A	Oi 20	Tokushima	05/21	05/26	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0528A	Oi 21	Tokushima	05/28	06/02	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0604B	Oi 22	Tokushima	06/04	06/09	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0611A	Oi 23	Tokushima	06/11	06/16	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0618A	Oi 24	Tokushima	06/18	06/23	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0625A	Oi 25	Tokushima	06/25	06/30	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0702A	Oi 26	Tokushima	07/02	07/07	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0709A	Oi 27	Tokushima	07/09	07/14	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0716A	Oi 28	Tokushima	07/16	07/21	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0723A	Oi 29	Tokushima	07/23	07/28	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0730A	Oi 30	Tokushima	07/30	08/04	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0806A	Oi 31	Tokushima	08/06	08/11	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0813A	Hirata	Shimane	08/13	08/18	EDUC, FEST, MANU	4,11
NICE-26V-0813B	Oi 32	Tokushima	08/13	08/18	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0820A	Oi 33	Tokushima	08/20	08/25	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0824A	Maki 4	Nagano	08/24	08/29	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-26V-0827A	Oi 34	Tokushima	08/27	09/01	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0903A	Oi 35	Tokushima	09/03	09/08	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0910A	Oi 36	Tokushima	09/10	09/15	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0914A	Maki 5	Nagano	09/14	09/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
-NICE-26V-0917A	Oi 37	Tokushima	09/17	09/22	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-0919B	Yoichi 1	Hokkaido	09/19	09/23	AGRI, ENVI	2,15
NICE-26V-0924A	Oi 38	Tokushima	09/24	09/29	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-1001A	Oi 39	Tokushima	10/01	10/06	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-1008A	Oi 40	Tokushima	10/08	10/13	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-1015A	Oi 41	Tokushima	10/15	10/20	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-1022A	Oi 42	Tokushima	10/22	10/27	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-1029A	Oi 43	Tokushima	10/29	11/03	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-1105A	Oi 44	Tokushima	11/05	11/10	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-1112A	Oi 45	Tokushima	11/12	11/17	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-1119A	Oi 46	Tokushima	11/19	11/24	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-1126A	Oi 47	Tokushima	11/26	12/01	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-1203A	Oi 48	Tokushima	12/03	12/08	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-1210A	Oi 49	Tokushima	12/10	12/15	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26V-1217A	Oi 50	Tokushima	12/17	12/22	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-26V-0402A	Oi 13	Tokushima	Japan	04/02	04/07	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0409A	Oi 14	Tokushima	Japan	04/09	04/14	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0416A	Oi 15	Tokushima	Japan	04/16	04/21	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0423A	Oi 16	Tokushima	Japan	04/23	04/28	AGRI, MANU	15	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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sudachi harvesting and planting sudachi seedlings 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. 								
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 15:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 1h) and can leave project site around noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (50 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Follow the Oi Workcamp Instagram(@ooi_workcamp) to see the volunteers' daily activities.								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26V-0430A	Oi 17	Tokushima	Japan	04/30	05/05	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0507A	Oi 18	Tokushima	Japan	05/07	05/12	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0514A	Oi 19	Tokushima	Japan	05/14	05/19	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0521A	Oi 20	Tokushima	Japan	05/21	05/26	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0528A	Oi 21	Tokushima	Japan	05/28	06/02	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0604A	Oi 22	Tokushima	Japan	06/04	06/09	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0611A	Oi 23	Tokushima	Japan	06/11	06/16	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0618A	Oi 24	Tokushima	Japan	06/18	06/23	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0625A	Oi 25	Tokushima	Japan	06/25	06/30	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0702A	Oi 26	Tokushima	Japan	07/02	07/07	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0709A	Oi 27	Tokushima	Japan	07/09	07/14	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0716A	Oi 28	Tokushima	Japan	07/16	07/21	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0723A	Oi 29	Tokushima	Japan	07/23	07/28	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0730A	Oi 30	Tokushima	Japan	07/30	08/04	AGRI, MANU	15	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) 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.								
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 15:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 1h) and can leave project site around noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (50 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Follow the Oi Workcamp Instagram (@ooi_workcamp) to see the volunteers' daily activities.								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26V-0806A	Oi 31	Tokushima	Japan	08/06	08/11	AGRI, MANU	20	18	99
NICE-26V-0808A	Oi 32	Tokushima	Japan	08/13	08/18	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0813B	Oi 33	Tokushima	Japan	08/20	08/25	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0820A	Oi 34	Tokushima	Japan	08/27	09/01	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0827A	Oi 35	Tokushima	Japan	09/03	09/08	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0910A	Oi 36	Tokushima	Japan	09/10	09/15	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0917A	Oi 37	Tokushima	Japan	09/17	09/22	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-0924A	Oi 38	Tokushima	Japan	09/24	09/29	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
1. Summary	Revitalizing a Pilgrimage Town Through Sudachi and International Exchange!								
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. Known as a town along the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage route, this village welcomes pilgrims who pass through on their way to Kakurin-ji Temple, the 20th of the 88 temples. However, due to depopulation and an aging society, the number of sudachi farmers has been decreasing, and passing on local traditions and resources has become a challenge. The host, originally from Oi, returned to his hometown and hopes that by gathering international volunteers through sudachi farming, they can help create a more attractive rural lifestyle for young people. They also organize events to promote international understanding for children and adults who have few opportunities to experience different cultures.								
3. Work	1) Support for agricultural activities to revitalize the Sudachi production area. Aug. to Sep. is the busiest season for sudachi harvesting 2) International cultural exchange activities with the few children in the community. 3) Cleaning vacant houses, cleaning up shrines								
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	From 8/12-15, participants will have the opportunity to watch Awa Odori, Tokushima's largest								
7. Location	Oi-town, 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 15:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 1h) and can leave project site around noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (50 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Follow the Oi Workcamp Instagram(@ooi_workcamp) to see the volunteers' daily activities.								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26V-0813A	Hirata	Shimane	Japan	08/13	08/18	KIDS, ENVI	6	15	99
1. Summary	Experience Culture Through Open Classes and Traditional Bon Dance!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education), organized together with local group for International workcamp in Hirata since 2001. Hirata town is depopulated area in Izumo city and they don't have much chance to have an international interact, which is important for kids growth. Also, the number of people who maintain the environment is getting decreasing. We will organize a two-day open lesson for local elementary school students who have few opportunities to experience different cultures. Volunteers will introduce their own culture and language through fun games and activities. Kawashimo Bon Odori, a 700-year-old traditional dance registered as an Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Izumo City, is an important part of the community. Participants will practice the dance with local residents together and help pass it on to the next generation. Through this workcamp, we aim to make this rural community more open and connected to the world.								
3. Work	1) Introduce your home country's culture and language through fun games and interactive activities to elementary kids, 2) Practice the traditional dance together with local children and 3) Visiting to a Nursery School and seaside cleanup								
4. Accommodation	Accommodation is at a local community center. Meals will be cooked by volunteers in turns. A sleeping bag is necessary. Rooms will be shared with other volunteers.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of good ways of interaction with kids and learning local dance.								
6. Other activities	Experiencing Japanese culture, etc.								
7. Location	Hirata town, Izumo city, About 250 km north west of Osaka.								
8. Terminal	The nearest int'l airport is Kansai (Osaka). From Osaka to the meeting point in Shimane, it takes 6 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 Kansai airport, 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 13th and can leave there after 13:00 on 18th.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude to communicate with kids.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (50 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26V-0824A	Maki 4	Nagano	Japan	08/24	08/29	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 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 grow animals and vegetables in an 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 project: In 2025, we had 20 STVs for 4 short term workcamps and 3 LMTVs from 9 countries 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 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 (06:00-18:00 with some brakes) and hard. Kids may sometimes be separated to plan in the nature with care of some adults.								
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	2030 goals of Kyodo Gakusha and children's growth in each country								
6. Other activities	Various play in the nature! As this is only 6 days workcamp, there is no free day, so if the volunteers want to enjoy the sightseeing (e.g., Hakuba), they should do it before/ after the workcamp!								
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 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. 23 and can leave there from the beginning of Aug. 30.								
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 (50 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!). Child is exempted, but need to pay 6,000 JPY per child for the meals instead to 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-26V-0914A	Maki 5	Nagano	Japan	09/14	09/19	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 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 grow animals and vegetables in an 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 project: In 2025, we had 20 STVs for 4 short term workcamps and 3 LMTVs from 9 countries who greatly contributed to their protecting the houses, farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	The 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, reconstructing the neighboring traditional house owned by the ex. inhabitant and destroyed by snow, helping the house works especially cooking, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (06:00-18:00 with some brakes) and hard!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the volunteers' house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, toilets and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by 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	Various play in the nature! As this is only 6 days workcamp, there is no free day, so if the volunteers want to enjoy the sightseeing (e.g., Hakuba), they should do it before/ after the workcamp!								
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 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 Sep. 13 and can leave there from the beginning of Sep. 20.								
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 (50 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26V-0919B	Yoichi 1	Hokkaido	Japan	09/19	09/23	AGRI, ENVI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Harvesting wine grapes of the eco village and the neighboring farms 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.</p> <p>*Outcome of this project: In 2025, 5 international vols. greatly contributed to their farming and other activities as well as the mental empowerment of the host!</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will work for 30-40 hours a week with 1-2 days off mainly to help harvest of wine grapes in HEPP and neighboring farms since it is the busiest season for them!								
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 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 international airport is Sapporo (CTS). From CTS to the meeting point (Yoichi station), it takes 2-3 hours by train. Volunteers need to arrive at CTS by the end of Sep. 18th and can leave there after the midnight of Sep. 23rd.								
9. Requirement	Good level of speaking for the daily conversations of English or Japanese is needed. Strong physical health, open mind to actively exchange with others, good cooking skills and loving team work/ collective life are also welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (50 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English. The local host can speak English fluently. Japanese is also welcomed!								
12. Other	HEPP website= http://ecovillage.greenwebs.net/english.html								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26V-1001A	Oi 39	Tokushima	Japan	10/01	10/06	AGRI, MANU	20	18	99
NICE-26V-1008A	Oi 40	Tokushima	Japan	10/08	10/13	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-1015A	Oi 41	Tokushima	Japan	10/15	10/20	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-1022A	Oi 42	Tokushima	Japan	10/22	10/27	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-1029A	Oi 43	Tokushima	Japan	10/29	11/03	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
1. Summary	Revitalizing a Pilgrimage Town Through Sudachi and International Exchange!								
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. Known as a town along the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage route, this village welcomes pilgrims who pass through on their way to Kakurin-ji Temple, the 20th of the 88 temples. However, due to depopulation and an aging society, the number of sudachi farmers has been decreasing, and passing on local traditions and resources has become a challenge. The host, originally from Oi, returned to his hometown and hopes that by gathering international volunteers through sudachi farming, they can help create a more attractive rural lifestyle. They also organize events to promote international understanding for children who have few opportunities to experience different cultures. The local events in October are as follows: 1) Oi Town Shrine Autumn Festival (Oct 27th) - Volunteers will help local residents clean the shrine and support the autumn festival together. 2) Kamodani Community Sports Day (Oct 25th)-Volunteers join sports festival held in this community.								
3. Work	1) Support for agricultural activities to revitalize the Sudachi production area. Oct is still the busiest season for sudachi harvesting 2) International cultural exchange activities with the few children in the community. 3) Cleaning vacant houses, cleaning up local shrines.								
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	Joining Local autumn festival (Oct 25th&27th)								
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 15:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 1h) and can leave project site around noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (50 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Follow the Oi Workcamp Instagram(@ooi_workcamp) to see the volunteers' daily activities.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26V-1105A	Oi 44	Tokushima	Japan	11/05	11/10	AGRI, MANU	20	18	99
NICE-26V-1112A	Oi 45	Tokushima	Japan	11/12	11/17	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-1119A	Oi 46	Tokushima	Japan	11/19	11/24	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-1126A	Oi 47	Tokushima	Japan	11/26	12/01	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-1203A	Oi 48	Tokushima	Japan	12/03	12/08	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-1210A	Oi 49	Tokushima	Japan	12/10	12/15	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
NICE-26V-1217A	Oi 50	Tokushima	Japan	12/17	12/22	AGRI, MANU	15	18	99
1. Summary	Revitalizing a Pilgrimage Town Through Sudachi and International Exchange!								
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. Known as a town along the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage route, this village welcomes pilgrims who pass through on their way to Kakurin-ji Temple, the 20th of the 88 temples. However, due to depopulation and an aging society, the number of sudachi farmers has been decreasing, and passing on local traditions and resources has become a challenge. The host, originally from Oi, returned to his hometown and hopes that by gathering international volunteers through sudachi farming, they can help create a more attractive rural lifestyle. They also organize events to promote international understanding for children who have few opportunities to experience different cultures.								
3. Work	1) Support for agricultural activities such as planting vegetables harvest oranges. 2) Harvesting Shikimi, an evergreen tree traditionally used as an offering at Buddhist altars and graves in Japan. 3) International cultural exchange activities with the few children in the community. 4) Cleaning vacant houses, Cleaning vacant houses, cleaning up local shrines.								
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. Cycling around town								
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 15:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 1h) and can leave project site around noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (50 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Follow the Oi Workcamp Instagram(@ooi_workcamp) to see the volunteers' daily activities.								
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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-26S-0428A	Shirakami 1	Aomori	04/28	05/05	ENVI	13,15
NICE-26S-0601A	Maki 3	Nagano	06/01	06/13	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-26S-0612A	Shirakami 2	Aomori	06/12	06/22	ENVI, FEST	13,15
NICE-26S-0613A	Tanabe	Wakayama	06/13	06/23	AGRI, CULT	2,11
NICE-26S-0717A	Tondabayashi	Osaka	07/17	07/26	ENVI	15
NICE-26S-0720A	Kurogi Youth	Fukuoka	07/20	07/27	AGRI, EDUC	2.4
NICE-26S-0722A	Kuromatsunai	Hokkaido	07/22	08/17	CHIL, ENVI	4,15
NICE-26S-0723A	Ohara	Fukui	07/23	07/29	CULT, MANU, AGRI	2,11
NICE-26S-0724A	Tsuga	Shimane	07/24	08/02	CULT, AGRI	2,11
NICE-26S-0724B	Shiki	Saitama	07/24	08/09	EDUC	4
NICE-26S-0730A	Shirakami 3	Aomori	07/30	08/07	CHIL	4
NICE-26S-0731A	Kumano	Mie	07/31	08/10	MANU, CULT	11
NICE-26S-0803A	Hanawa	Fukushima	08/03	08/17	CULT	11
NICE-26S-0809A	Ogi	Niigata	08/09	09/01	ENVI, FEST	11,15
NICE-26S-0810A	Akame 2	Mie	08/10	08/20	ENVI, EDUC	4,15
NICE-26S-0812A	Ozuchi 3	Ishikawa	08/12	08/25	AGRI, EDUC	2,4
NICE-26S-0817A	Gose 2	Nara	08/17	08/24	AGRI, ENVI	2,15
NICE-26S-0825A	Nishiwaga	Iwate	08/25	09/03	AGRI, DISA	2,10
NICE-26S-0826A	Shintoku	Hokkaido	08/26	09/08	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2,10
NICE-26S-0831A	Azumino	Nagano	08/31	09/13	DISA, ART	10
NICE-26S-0902A	Ozuchi 4	Ishikawa	09/02	09/15	AGRI, CHIL	2,4
NICE-26S-0904A	Kamimamakuchi	Ishikawa	09/04	09/15	MANU, AGRI	2,11
NICE-26S-0905A	Okagami	Kanagawa	09/05	09/14	ENVI, EDUC	4,15
NICE-26S-0905B	Gokayama	Toyama	09/05	09/20	AGRI	2,15
NICE-26S-1001A	Yoichi 2	Hokkaido	10/01	10/17	AGRI, ENVI	2,15
NICE-26S-1007A	Hiwasa	Tokushima	10/07	10/13	CULT, MANU	11
NICE-26S-1007B	Misato	Shimane	10/07	10/20	CULT, FEST, ENVI	11,15
NICE-26S-1019A	Maki 6	Nagano	10/19	10/31	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-26S-1116A	Yumefukuro	Kumamoto	11/16	11/29	ENVI, EDUC, CULT	13,15
NICE-26S-1224A	Oi 51	Tokushima	12/24	01/04	AGRI, MANU	2,11

AGRI: Agriculture

ANIM: Work with animals

ARCH: Archaeology

ART: Artistic

CONS: Construction

CULT: Cultural

DISA: Disabled ("Challenged")

EDUC: 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

5-2) Detailed Project Description

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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26S-0428A	Shirakami 1	Aomori	Japan	04/28	05/05	ENVI	6	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 1day before of first day and can leave there after 22:00 on last day. It is better to book flight on or after May 06.								
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	18,000 JPY (100 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	From Apr.25 to May 10 is special holidays season in Japan. Transportations and Hotels will high price								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

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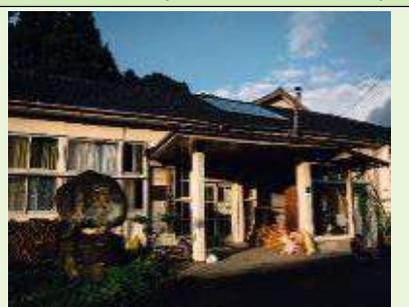
Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26S-0601A	Maki 3	Nagano	Japan	06/01	06/13	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	8	18	99
1. Summary	Organic farming and nature life in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 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 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 grow animals and vegetables in an 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 project: In 2025, we had 20 STVs for 4 short term workcamps and 3 LMTVs from 9 countries who greatly contributed to their protecting the houses, farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! Especially for June, it was very helpful to have managed to finish rice planting:) 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, reconstruct the neighboring traditional house owned by the ex. inhabitant and destroyed by snow, help the house work such as cooking, washing, clearing, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (06:00-18:00 with some brakes) and hard!								
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 May 31 and can leave there from the beginning of Jun. 14.								
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	18,000 JPY (100 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-0612A	Shirakami 2	Aomori	Japan	06/12	06/22	ENVI, FEST	6	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 14. 3) Preparation and operation for the tree-planting festival of SMPS in Ajigasawa on June 21.								
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 1day before of first day and can leave there after 22:00 on last day. It is better to book flight on or after May 06.								
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	18,000 JPY (100 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-0613A	Tanabe	Wakayama	Japan	06/13	06/23	AGRI, CULT	6	18	75
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. Cultural exchange through visiting schools. etc.								
4. Accommodation	All volunteer members stay together in a single large shared room of 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	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 23.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers should prepare to work hard outside and have high motivation for work								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (100 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-0717A	Tondabayashi	Osaka	Japan	07/17	07/26	ENVI	8	15	70
1. Summary	Maintain SATOYAMA forest to keep biodiversity and encourage sustainable life!								
2. Background	This project actively contributes to SDG 15: Life on Land, and has been organized in collaboration with local NPO — The Association for Protecting Nature in Tondabayashi since 1999. Satoyama are traditional rural landscapes of woodlands, fields, and rivers, shaped by human activity over centuries. Unlike untouched nature, they create diverse environments and support rich biodiversity. With urbanization, many forests are now unmanaged, reducing vegetation diversity and altering the satoyama ecosystem. Through this project, we aim to revive Satoyama with the power of global volunteerism! Most members of the local organizations are between 60 and 80 years old, and they greatly welcome the participation of young people and international volunteers to help energize and support their activities—both physically and mentally.								
3. Work	Volunteers will work in the forest to maintain. Cutting woods, peeling skins, cutting bamboos, chopping firewood. Volunteers will also have activities such as bamboo craft, having a lecture about SATOYAMA.								
4. Accommodation	Traditional Japanese house. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of conservation work in a forest.								
6. Other activities	Exchange cultures, experiencing Japanese culture etc.								
7. Location	Tondabayashi city in Osaka. 40mins away from Osaka city by train.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Kansai (Osaka). To the meeting point, it will take about 1 hour by train. You need to arrive at Kansai airport by 10:00 on the 1st day and can leave the project site around noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Interest in nature conservation. Adaptability to enjoy a simple lifestyle is needed!								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-0720A	Kurogi Youth	Fukuoka	Japan	07/20	07/27	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) Cutting grass in forest, 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, Going to a fireworks festival.								
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	28,000 JPY (155 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14th) of "NICE Volunteers" fee (18,000 JPY) + Additional fee (10,000 JPY) need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. NICE volunteers 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-26S-0722A	Kuromatsunai	Hokkaido	Japan	07/22	08/17	CHIL, ENVI	3	18	99
1. Summary	Let's work with the Nature School in Hokkaido which is famous for beautiful nature and tasty, fresh food! The host NGO is specialized for environmental education.								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG4 (Quality Education)/ SDGS11 (Sustainable cities and communities) and has been organized together with Buna-no-mori Shizen Gakko (nature school with beech forests) since 2003. BSG was started in 1998 to promote ecological education for kids and run various kinds of programs such as walking in the forest as the school program, trekking and searching for fossils for the tourists and kids camps in the spring/ summer vacations as well as training for the nature guides, maintaining the community farm, exchange with the local community, etc.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2025, 4 international vols. worked together with the local people and made great contribution such as exchanging with the local kids to grow glocal friendship! Please see the long term goal of this project as "Local SDGs" at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/n1-68295484 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will help to run three kids summer camps each for 4-7 days by playing with and assisting kids, running cultural programs (sharing your dance, songs, arts, sports, games, cooking, etc.) and helping house work and preparation such as cleaning, cooking and setting up the equipment with the staffs and other vols. You won't have much "free" time, let's enjoy the time with the children!								
4. Accommodation	Old school (Volunteers will sometimes sleep in the same rooms with the kids by turns during the kids camp). Lunch besides the kids camp period will be cooked by volunteers by turns while other meals will be provided mainly by mother Mariko san (but you should still help!). Sleeping bag is necessary.								
5. Study theme	Children's life in each county								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties. Volunteers can enjoy rich nature through joining and assisting the kids camp in the sea, river, forests, etc.								
7. Location	South west of Hokkaido island. Full of beautiful nature with national reserve of beech forests, a river and wetland. Main industry is cattle farming.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Sapporo (CTS). From CTS to the meeting point (Kuromatsunai station), it takes 4-5 hours by train. Volunteers need to arrive at CTS by the end of Jul. 21st and can leave there after the midnight of Aug 17th.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work with kids all day and to run outdoor activities even in rain. Similar types of experience and Japanese speaking skill are welcome! Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Takagi san, the President of BSG is one of the leading persons for the nature school movement in Japan with a lot of experiences and great visions. You may possibly have a few opportunities to talk with him with drinking. And his partner, Mariko san, has been warmly taking care of hundreds of kids and youth with a big heart! Chiko san is a young coordinator and also kind, active and attractive speaking fluent English since she has studied in UK for a few years.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26S-0723A	Ohara	Fukui	Japan	07/23	07/29	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	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 no inhabitant! OEP was founded 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 of Creating Home Town by the national government in 2016! The family B13workcamp 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. *Outcome of this workcamp: In 2025, 10 vols. from 3 families greatly contributed to weed in the tea field, cleaned the village road, etc. See the presentation made by the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e5-55193721 (only in Japanese though).								
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 international airport is Osaka (KIX). 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 the end of Jul. 22 and can leave there after the beginning of 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	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!). Child is exempted to pay this, but need to pay 7,000 JPY per child for the meals to be paid on arrivals.								
11. Language	English								
12. Other	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-26S-0724A	Tsuga	Shimane	JAPAN	07/24	08/02	CULT	8	16	65
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. 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. 2) Environmental improvements around the fish weirs for sightseeing and weir fishing. 3) Sharing and exchanging national cultures with local residents and children, etc.</p>								
4. Accommodation	Accommodation is located near project site. Room facilities (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. Recommended to arrive at KIX by one 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								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-0724B	Shiki	Saitama	Japan	07/24	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	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-0730A	Shirakami 3	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	18,000 JPY (100 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-0731A	Kumano	Mie	Japan	07/31	08/10	ENVI, CULT, MANU	8	18	60
1. Summary	Preserving Heritage and Building Community in Kumano!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Association for Promotion of Regional Development in Nishiyama area, Kumano, located in Mie Prefecture. The city is rich in cultural heritage, including the UNESCO World Heritage pilgrimage route Kumano Kodo. The volunteer activities take place in the mountainous Nishiyama area, where the aging population is rapidly increasing. The goal is to encourage exchange between local residents and international volunteers, bringing new energy to the town. As many residents are now too elderly to maintain the historic Akagi Castle, volunteers support the preservation of the castle, clean nearby roads, and engage in cultural exchange activities with local children. Through these activities, international volunteers can experience Kumano's beautiful nature and the warm hospitality of its people while contributing to the community.								
3. Work	1) Maintenance at Akagi Castle, 2) Visiting a local nursery school and cultural exchange and 3) Ditch cleaning and road mirror cleanup								
4. Accommodation	Community center. Sleeping bag is necessary. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will experience the countryside of Japan								
6. Other activities	Sightseeing along the Kumano Kodo, hot springs, going to beaches								
7. Location	Nishiyama area, Kumano city, Mie prefecture. It is more than 200 km far both from Osaka and Nagoya.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Nagoya (Chubu Centrair) or Osaka (Kansai). To the meeting point, it will take about 4.5 hours by train from Chubu and 6 hours from Kansai. Volunteers are recommended to arrive at the airport one day before workcamp starts.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude to enjoy rural, remoted area. Open mind to respect and communicate with local people								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Nothing								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26S-0803A	Hanawa	Fukushima	Japan	08/05	08/17	FEST, ART	17	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	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Japanese volunteers will start workcamp from Aug. 3rd.								
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NICE-26S-0809A	Ogi	Nigata	Japan	08/09	09/01	ENVI,FEST	6	18	99
NICE-26S-0809B	Ogi	Nigata	Japan	08/09	08/24	ENVI,FEST	6	18	99
NICE-26S-0820C	Ogi	Nigata	Japan	08/20	09/01	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 Japanese drums! Enjoy the traditional culture and spectacular scenery that only Sado Island can offer!								
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.</p> <p>*Outcome 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 (Haneda/Narita airport). 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	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	Mainly Japanese and some English, NICE leader will help you with the translation.								
12. Other	"Earth Celebration Festival" = from 21th to 23th Aug. "Ogi Matsuri" = 29th and 30th Aug.								
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NICE-26S-0810A	Akame 2	Mie	Japan	08/10	08/20	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. 2) Supporting Satoyama Kids weekend camp . 3)Volunteers may take care of free-range raised chickens. Volunteers sometimes work with mentally/physically challenged people who work at the same place. 3)Harvesting mushrooms								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in a regular Japanese house. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NO need. The bath is a traditional style where we heat the water ourselves using firewood.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of conservation work in SATOYAMA forest.								
6. Other activities	Hiking, Visiting Nara prefecture on free day 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 afternoon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Strong motivation and physical strength are highly needed. Motivation letter is required.								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (100 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-0812A	Ozuchi 3	Ishikawa	Japan	08/12	08/25	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	<p>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 200 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!</p> <p>*Outcome 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!</p>								
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 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								
8. Terminal	nearest domestic terminal is Komatsu. international airport is Osaka(Kansai) or Tokyo(Haneda/Narita). 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 1~2 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	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-0817A	Gose 2	Nara	JAPAN	08/17	08/24	AGRI, ENVI	5	15	65
1. Summary	Green Heritage: Reviving Farms and Preserving Japan's Countryside!								
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 local farmers in the project area became too old to continue working on their farms. Taking over the farmland of these retired farmers, the host, Mr. Sugiura, now cultivates vegetables, harvests crops, makes fertilizer, and processes the harvest into products. He works not only to produce crops, but also to conserve the environment and preserve the beautiful rural landscape of Japan's countryside.								
3. Work	Supporting crop production through pesticide-free, environmentally friendly farming, including growing buckwheat and restoring abandoned fields. Volunteers may also help with grass cutting, composting, 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	From the nearest airport, KIX (Osaka), it takes about 2 hours by train to the meeting point. Volunteers can leave the site around noon 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	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-0825A	Nishiwaga	Iwate	Japan	08/25	09/03	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	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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NICE-26S-0826A	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	08/26	09/08	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!</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 2025, 4 STVs and 2 MTVs from 4 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 birth month 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. 26th and can leave there after 18:00 on Sep. 08th.								
9. Requirement	Interest and motivation to work and live in this type of community. Respect to their life.								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	They also recruit LMTVs.								
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NICE-26S-0831A	Azumino	Nagano	Japan	08/31	09/13	DISA, ART	4	18	99
1. Summary	Support the daily work and 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 2025, 2 MTVs and 3 STVs from 3 countries greatly contributed to cut the glasses, friendly exchange with the challenged people and assist the activities/ events!</p>								
3. Work	We will 1) join to plan and run the open day conducted by mentally challenged adults together with community members and artists, 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 Aug. 30th and can leave there from the beginning of Sep. 14th.								
9. Requirement	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 (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-0902A	Ozuchi 4	Ishikawa	Japan	09/02	09/15	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 camp' for local elementary school families.								
2. Background	<p>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 200 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!</p> <p>*Outcome 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!</p>								
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, 2) organizing nature experience camp for local elementary school families and 3) doing 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(Kansai) or Tokyo(Narita/Narita). 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 1~2 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	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-0904A	Kamimamakuchi	Ishikawa	Japan	09/05	09/15	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 project: 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	18,000 JPY (100 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Follow (@kamimamakuchi_nice) on Instagram to see the activities of the local host.								
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NICE-26S-0905A	Okagami	Kanagawa	Japan	09/05	09/14	ENVI, EDU	6	18	99
1. Summary	First international workcamp in this place near Yokohama and Tokyo, but with rich nature to maintain and revive the forest as well as promoting environmental education!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG4 (Quality Education) and SDGS15 (Life on Land), newly organized together with "Tomoiki", a local NPO to conserve the satoyama forest. In spite of the close location from the big cities such as Yokohama and Tokyo, around 50% of the land are still preserved as green area (forests and fields) in Okagami where the building constructions are strictly restricted. However, 2 hectare of the forest was abandon with a lot of rubbish (e.g., washing machines, cars), so Tomoiki was founded in 2003 by some local people to clean up, maintain, revive and utilize to enjoy this forest where there are some valuable, endangered species. Founding President of NICE moved to this town and started weekend workcamps by the local team since 2017 since Tomoiki wished to work with more young and outside volunteers. Over 600 volunteers many of who are students or families in/outside the town have joined in 22 weekend workcamps till now with creating a lot of great impact. To create new impact for the forest maintenance beyond weekend ones and involvement of the local community, the local team has decided to organize this first international workcamp!								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly do various types of satoyama forest maintenance such as cutting classes and bushes, closing down the old hut and prepare the reconstruction, improving the signboards and stairs, removing the fallen trees. Possibly, they may also organize the program to enjoy the forest for the local kids, help the surrounding farms and visit the elementary school. Weekend workcamp will be organized in the end with forest games and glocal cooking parties to be organized by the vols.								
4. Accommodation	TBC (possibly, in the vacant house nearby or the youth center). Meals will be cooked by the volunteers by turns. Shower, kitchen, wifi and other basic facilities will be provided.								
5. Study theme	2030 goals of this satoyama forest								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, excursion on free days, possibly one night home stay, etc.								
7. Location	North east of Kawasaki city, 30-40 km west from Tokyo. Forest is located in 20 min. walk distance from the train station where there are many shops.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). From Central Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 1-1.5 hours by train. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo by the noon of Sep. 5th and can leave there from the evening of Sep. 14th.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work and cooperate. Respect to the local culture and way of the organization! Participation with the children, speaking Japanese language are welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English. The local host can speak English fluently. Japanese is also welcomed!								
12. Other	Camp leader and host organizer will be President of NICE. Website of Tomoiki (only in Japanese) https://sites.google.com/view/okagami-tomokan/home01								
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NICE-26S-0905A	Gokayama	Toyama	Japan	09/05	09/20	AGRI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Let's preserve the World Heritage village through maintenance work and traditional vegetable								
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	Please bring your own sleeping bag. 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. There are CATS. 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 (Haneda/Narita Airport). 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	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	Mainly Japanese and English, NICE leader will help you with the translation.								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26S-1001A	Yoichi 2	Hokkaido	Japan	10/01	10/17	AGRI, ENVI	3	18	99
1. Summary	Harvesting wine grapes of the eco village and the neighboring farms 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.</p> <p>*Outcome of this project: In 2025, 5 international vols. greatly contributed to their farming and other activities as well as the mental empowerment of the host!</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will work for 30-40 hours a week with 1-2 days off mainly to help harvest of wine grapes in HEPP and neighboring farms since it is the busiest season for them! Thus, volunteers will also work for harvesting vegetables, cooking, maintenance of the compost, 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 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 international airport is Sapporo (CTS). From CTS to the meeting point (Yoichi station), it takes 2-3 hours by train. Volunteers need to arrive at CTS by the end of Sep. 30th and can leave there after the midnight of Oct. 17rd.								
9. Requirement	Good level of speaking for the daily conversations of English or Japanese is needed. Strong physical health, open mind to actively exchange with others, good cooking skills and loving team work/ collective life are also welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English. The local host can speak English fluently. Japanese is also welcomed!								
12. Other	HEPP website= http://ecovillage.greenwebs.net/english.html								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26S-1007A	Hiwasa	Tokushima	Japan	10/07	10/13	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	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.								
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	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-1007B	Misato	Shimane	Japan	10/07	10/20	FEST, ENVI	8	16	65
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								
5. Study theme	You can get the knowledge about Japanese traditional festivals and customs.								
6. Other activities	Japanese Shinto music and dance, lecture about traditional cultures. Visit Izumo shrine, watch Kagura.								
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.								
9. Requirement	Interested in Japanese old culture, positive attitude to communication with local people								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Misato workcamp 2025 → https://youtu.be/b1_Dxz9ZxRY?si=BjeeHK4GE-3ktd4e								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-1020A	Maki 6	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 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 grow animals and vegetables in an 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 project: In 2025, we had 20 STVs for 4 short term workcamps and 3 LMTVs from 9 countries who greatly contributed to their protecting the houses, farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	The 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, reconstructing the neighboring traditional house owned by the ex. inhabitant and destroyed by snow, helping the house works especially cooking, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (06:00-18:00 with some brakes) and hard!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the volunteers' house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, toilets and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by 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 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	18,000 JPY (100 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-1116A	Yumefukuro	Kumamoto	Japan	11/16	11/29	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, COVID-19 has weakened ties in the local community and increasing isolation.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Workcamps have made various kinds of great impacts to activate this depopulated and aging area as fresh wind, create a forest on the reclaimed land, etc. In 2019, LMTVs and STVs together with local people, maintained 1ha of bamboo forest, made 541 kg of charcoal and reduced 1.1 ton of CO2 emission. In 2025, 7 vols. from 5 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. 16th and can leave there after 20:00 on Nov. 29th 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	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
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-26S-1224A	Oi 51	Tokushima	Japan	12/24	01/04	AGRI, MANU	20	18	99
1. Summary	Revitalizing a Pilgrimage Town Through Sudachi and International Exchange!								
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. Known as a town along the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage route, this village welcomes pilgrims who pass through on their way to Kakurin-ji Temple, the 20th of the 88 temples. However, due to depopulation and an aging society, the number of sudachi farmers has been decreasing, and passing on local traditions and resources has become a challenge. The host, originally from Oi, returned to his hometown and hopes that by gathering international volunteers through sudachi farming, they can help create a more attractive rural lifestyle. They also organize events to promote international understanding for children who have few opportunities to experience different cultures.								
3. Work	1) Support for agricultural activities such as planting vegetables harvest oranges. 2) Harvesting Shikimi, an evergreen tree traditionally used as an offering at Buddhist altars and graves in Japan. 3) International cultural exchange activities with the few children in the community. 4) Cleaning vacant houses, Cleaning vacant houses, cleaning up local shrines.								
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. Cycling around town								
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 15:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 1h) and can leave project site around noon on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (99 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free (so, your fee is not used for those things!).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Follow the Oi Workcamp Instagram (@ooi_workcamp) to see the volunteers' daily activities.								
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**).

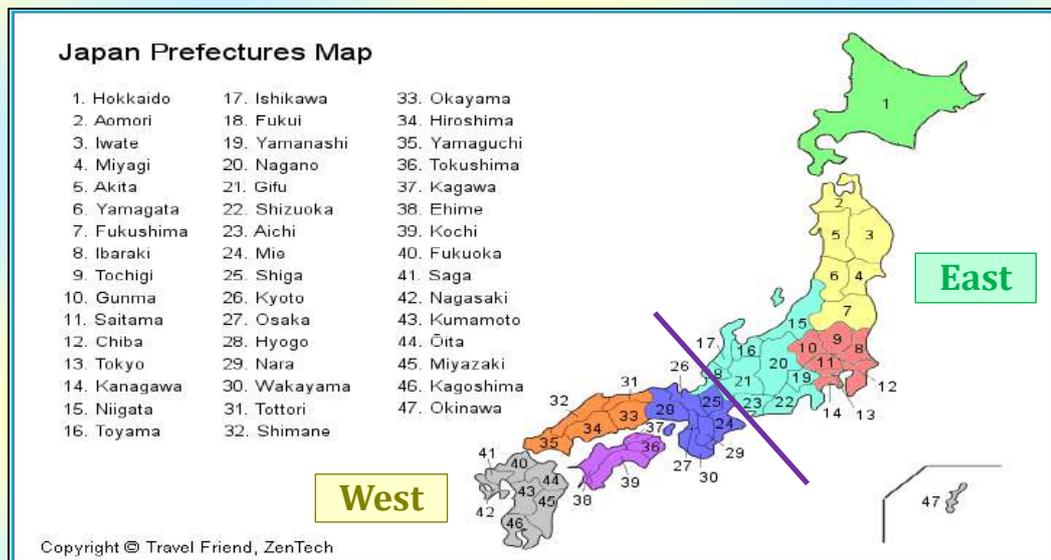
6-1) On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars

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 2026, this applies to ama, Maki and Tateya.

Area	2026					2027			
East	Jan. 10-11	Apr. 04-05	Jun. 27-28	Sep. 19-20	Dec. 12-13	Mar. 06-07	May 29-30	Aug. 21-22	Nov. 13-14
West	Feb. 21-22	May 16-17	Aug. 08-09	Oct. 31-Nov. 01		Jan. 23-24	Apr. 17-18	Jul. 10-11	Oct. 03-04



* 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-26L-ST	Shintoku	Hokkaido	04/04	08/22	16 periods	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-26L-YC	Yoichi	Hokkaido	04/04	12/13	6 periods	ENVI, MANU	11,15
NICE-26L-AI	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	04/04	12/13	16 periods	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	4,10
NICE-26L-TB	Tabito	Fukushima	06/27	09/20	1 period	EDC,ENVI	4,15
NICE-26L-Gle1	Glocal Intern Y	Kanagawa	04/04	09/20	5 periods	CULT	16
NICE-26L-GK	Gokayama	Toyama	04/04	12/13	6 periods	AGRI, ENVI	2,15
NICE-26L-AZ	Azumino	Nagano	08/08	09/20	1 period	DISA, ART	10
NICE-26L-MK	Maki	Nagano	04/04	12/13	21 periods	CULT	16
NICE-26L-TT	Tateya	Nagano	04/04	11/01	15 periods	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-26L-GS	Gose	Nara	05/16	10/03	12 periods	AGRI, ENVI	2,15
NICE-26L-OI	Oi	Tokushima	05/16	10/03	12 periods	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-26L-IK	Ikata	Ehime	05/16	10/03	12 periods	AGRI	2
NICE-26L-KR	Kurogi	Fukuoka	05/16	11/01	9 periods	AGRI, ENVI	2,15

* Code: Blue = Workcamp type (there is no case for 2026 at this moment.) 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)

* 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-26L-ST05	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	04/04	06/28	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST06	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	04/04	09/20	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST07	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	04/04	12/13	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST08	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	04/04	27/03/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST09	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	06/27	09/20	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST10	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	06/27	12/13	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST11	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	06/27	27/03/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST12	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	06/27	27/05/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST13	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	09/19	12/13	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST14	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	09/19	27/03/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST15	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	09/19	27/05/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST16	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	09/19	27/08/22	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST17	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	12/12	27/03/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST18	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	12/12	27/05/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST19	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	12/12	27/08/22	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-ST20	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	12/12	27/11/14	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	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 project location, 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	36,000 JPY (199 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for MTV (30-182 days participation) and 72,000 JPY (398 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb.14) for LTV (over 182 days participation) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
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)			
									

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NICE-26L-YC01	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	04/04	06/28	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-26L-YC02	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	04/04	09/20	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-26L-YC03	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	04/04	12/13	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-26L-YC04	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	06/27	09/20	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-26L-YC05	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	06/27	12/13	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-26L-YC06	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	09/19	12/13	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.</p> <p>*Outcome of this project: In 2025, 5 international vols. greatly contributed to their farming and other activities as well as the mental empowerment of the host!</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will work for 30-40 hours a week with 1-2 days off mainly to 1) do organic farming such as growing vegetables for their own use, assisting the manage wine grapes, maintaining the land and tools, taking care of chicken, etc. sometimes with the members of HEPP and short term volunteers. or 2) help the neighboring farm work, 3) help to prepare and run the local events and promote HEPP through SNS, 4) 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 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	36,000 JPY (199 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for MTV (30-182 days participation) and 72,000 JPY (398 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb.14) for LTV (over 182 days participation) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
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-26L-AI05	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	04/04	06/28	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI06	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	04/04	09/20	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI07	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	04/04	12/13	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI08	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	04/04	27/03/07	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI09	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	06/27	09/20	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI10	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	06/27	12/13	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI11	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	06/27	27/03/07	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI12	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	06/27	27/05/30	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI13	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	09/19	12/13	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI14	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	09/19	27/03/07	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI15	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	09/19	27/05/30	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI16	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	09/19	27/08/22	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI17	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	12/12	27/03/07	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI18	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	12/12	27/05/30	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI19	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	12/12	27/08/22	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-26L-AI20	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	12/12	27/11/14	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	36,000 JPY (199 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for MTV (30-182 days participation) and 72,000 JPY (398 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb.14) for LTV (over 182 days participation) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
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-26L-TB	Tabito	Fukushima	Japan	06/27	09/20	AGRI, ENVI	3	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) Supporting kids activities (Supporting alternative school and nature camp activities etc.) 2) Environmental improvement in activity fields and local areas(DIY, cutting grass, farming etc.) 3) Supporting kid's nature camp from end of July to Aug..(ex. Playing with kids, organizing events for kids 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 airport is Haneda or Narita. Before go to project site, volunteers need to join On Arrival (in Yokohama from Jun. 27-28), after project need to join Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama from Sep. 19-20). Volunteers need to arrive at airport by 08:00 on the starting day of seminar and can leave there after 15:00 on the ending day of seminar.								
9. Requirement	Good Japanese(conversation speaking level), Anyone who also has an attitude of concern for the local people and children!,								
10. Participation fee	36,000 JPY (199 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese (Require Good Japanese level)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26L-Gle2	Glocal Intern in Yokohama 2	Kanagawa	Japan	04/04	09/20	CULT	2	18	99
NICE-26L-Gle1	Glocal Intern in Yokohama 1	Kanagawa	Japan	04/04	03/28	CULT	2	18	99
NICE-26L-Gle3	Glocal Intern in Yokohama 3	Kanagawa	Japan	07/11	09/20	CULT	2	18	99
NICE-26L-Gle4	Glocal Intern in Yokohama 4	Kanagawa	Japan	09/19	03/28	CULT	2	18	99
NICE-26L-Gle5	Glocal Intern in Yokohama 5	Kanagawa	Japan	01/09	03/28	CULT	2	18	99
1. Summary	Special LMTV project helping the work of International Voluntary Service NGO and joining/ assisting the IVS projects to achieve a colorful & healthy world!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDGs 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions) organized by NICE itself for the first time. NICE has hosted AVS (Asian Voluntary Service) program in 2023 Aug.-Sep. and 2025 Feb.-Mar. where the volunteers from Asia has greatly contributed to help the international workcamps and some office work including organizing the promotional events. So, we would like to develop this by opening a door to all over the world!								
3. Work	Volunteers will help the work of NICE headquarter such as 1) Public Relations (Creating short movies of workcamps and spread through SNS and mass media, etc.), 2) Organizing or assisting promotion events and weekend workcamps, 3) Joining the international workcamps in Japan as a volunteer or if possible, camp leader, 4) Assisting the training seminars of NICE volunteers, etc.								
4. Accommodation	NICE House with its headquarter. Shared room with a Japanese volunteer of the same sex will be provided (and sometimes with several vols. when there are seminars, etc.). Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. House is located in a few min. walk distance from the nearest subway station, equips all basic facilities and has a nice garden with many fruit trees! When the volunteers join the workcamps, accommodations and meals will be same as other volunteers.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of various voluntary work, NGO management in Japan, etc.								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese culture, home stay, etc.								
7. Location	South part of Yokohama city surrounded by many houses and some green area. City center of Yokohama and Kamakura are quite near (30 min. by train) and it takes 1-1.5 hours to Tokyo by trains.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). It will take about 3 hours from NRT/ 1.5 hours from HND by train. Volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in this place, so 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! Good Japanese speaking and writing skill. High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language and to work hard with enjoying the simple and collective life. Respect for the local culture and way of the local organization. High interests in the management of International Voluntary Service NGO. Open mind, good manner and flexibility.								
10. Participation fee	36,000 JPY (200 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) for MTV (30-182 days participation) and 72,000 JPY (400 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) for LTV (over 182 days participation) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English and Japanese								
12. Other	We can open the place for international volunteers ONLY IF we already have a Japanese volunteer of the same sex in the same period.								
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NICE-26L-GK01	Gokayama	Toyama	Japan	04/04	06/28	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-GK02	Gokayama	Toyama	Japan	04/04	09/20	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-GK03	Gokayama	Toyama	Japan	04/04	12/13	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-GK04	Gokayama	Toyama	Japan	06/27	09/20	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-GK05	Gokayama	Toyama	Japan	06/27	12/13	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-GK06	Gokayama	Toyama	Japan	09/19	12/13	AGRI	2	18	99
1. Summary	New LMTV project! 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 is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with a local group "Transition Village Gokayama" from 2025. "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/Maintaining thatched grass (mountain areas) for repairing traditional roofs, 2. Farming some traditional vegetables and 3. Doing work for 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								
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	From Tokyo, it takes 4.5 hours by Shinkansen and bus, or 6 hours by highway night bus to the project location. 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	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 (200 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) for MTV (30-182 days participation) and 72,000 JPY (400 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd) for LTV (over 182 days participation) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. 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. Follow the Instagram(@houbikisou) to see the volunteers' daily activities.								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26L-AZ	Azumino	Nagano	Japan	08/08	09/20	DISA, ART	2	18	99
1. Summary	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	<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 2025, 2 MTVs and 3 STVs from 3 countries greatly contributed to cut the glasses, friendly exchange with the challenged people and assist the activities/ events!</p>								
3. Work	Volunteer will 1) Prepare, assist and finalize the daily work of the members for their weaving, pottery, drawing, etc., 2) Support for the art event (Open day) conducted by mentally challenged adults together with community members and artists, 3) Maintain the vegetable and herb garden as well as the building of WHITE CANVAS and 4) Possibly support the exhibitions or selling the art products depending on the period of the volunteer's stay. Day off is usually 2 days a week.								
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, excursion with the members, home stay in the staff house, 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 (Aug. 08-09), so firstly should arrive at KIX (Osaka airport) by 08:00 on Aug. 8th. They need to join Evaluation seminar in Yokohama (Sep. 19-20) and can leave Tokyo airport (NRT or HND) from 20:00 on Sep. 20th.								
9. Requirement	Two volunteers need to be same gender, to speak a good level of English and a beginner level of Japanese and to actively 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	36,000 JPY (199 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Website of White Canvas https://npowhitecanvas.wixsite.com/love/services-9 You can also see some photos of activities with 2 MTVs in 2025 at https://www.instagram.com/reel/DRo12bAExLQ/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==								
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NICE-26L-MK01	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/04	05/17	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK02	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/04	06/28	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK03	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/04	08/09	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK04	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/04	09/20	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK05	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/04	11/01	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK06	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/04	12/13	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK07	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/16	06/28	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK08	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/16	08/09	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK09	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/16	09/20	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK10	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/16	11/01	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK11	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/16	12/13	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK12	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/27	08/09	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK13	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/27	09/20	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK14	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/27	11/01	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK15	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/27	12/13	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK16	Maki	Nagano	Japan	08/08	09/20	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK17	Maki	Nagano	Japan	08/08	11/01	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK18	Maki	Nagano	Japan	08/08	12/13	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK19	Maki	Nagano	Japan	09/19	11/01	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK20	Maki	Nagano	Japan	09/19	12/13	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-MK21	Maki	Nagano	Japan	10/31	12/13	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 grow animals and vegetables in an 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 project: In 2025, we had 20 STVs for 4 short term workcamps and 3 LMTVs from 9 countries 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, reconstructing the neighboring traditional house owned by the ex. inhabitant and destroyed by snow, help 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 (06:00-18:00 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 to the project location. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival (in Yokohama for MK01-06, 12-15, 19-20 and Osaka for MK07-11, 16-18, 21) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for MK02, 04, 06, 07, 09, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21 and Osaka for MK01, 03, 05, 08, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19), 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	36,000 JPY (199 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for MTV (30-182 days participation) and 72,000 JPY (398 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb.14) for LTV (over 182 days participation) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
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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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26L-TT01	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	04/04	05/17	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT02	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	04/04	06/28	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT03	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	04/04	08/09	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT04	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	04/04	09/20	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT05	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	04/04	11/01	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT06	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	05/16	06/28	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT07	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	05/16	08/09	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT08	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	05/16	09/20	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT09	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	05/16	11/01	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT10	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	06/27	08/09	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT11	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	06/27	09/20	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT12	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	06/27	11/01	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT13	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	08/08	09/20	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT14	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	08/08	11/01	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-26L-TT15	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	09/19	11/01	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 project: In 2025, 4 mid term volunteer for 1-2 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 (06:00-18:00 with some brakes) and hard. It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!								
4. Accommodation	Shared room (female and male are separated), 5 min. walk from the farm. Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the community people. 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 to the project location. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival (in Yokohama for TT01-05, 10-12, 15 and Osaka for TT06-09, 13, 14) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for TT02, 04, 06, 08, 11, 13 and Osaka for TT01, 03, 05, 07, 09, 10, 12, 14, 15), 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	36,000 JPY (199 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for MTV (30-182 days participation) and 72,000 JPY (398 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb.14) for LTV (over 182 days participation) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
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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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26L-GS05	Gose	Nara	Japan	05/16	08/09	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	60
NICE-26L-GS06	Gose	Nara	Japan	05/16	11/01	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	60
NICE-26L-GS07	Gose	Nara	Japan	05/16	27/01/24	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	60
NICE-26L-GS08	Gose	Nara	Japan	05/16	27/04/18	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	60
NICE-26L-GS09	Gose	Nara	Japan	08/08	11/01	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	60
NICE-26L-GS10	Gose	Nara	Japan	08/08	27/01/24	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	60
NICE-26L-GS11	Gose	Nara	Japan	08/08	27/04/18	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	60
NICE-26L-GS12	Gose	Nara	Japan	08/08	27/07/11	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	60
NICE-26L-GS13	Gose	Nara	Japan	10/31	27/01/24	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	60
NICE-26L-GS14	Gose	Nara	Japan	10/31	27/04/18	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	60
NICE-26L-GS15	Gose	Nara	Japan	10/31	27/07/11	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	60
NICE-26L-GS16	Gose	Nara	Japan	10/31	27/10/03	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	60
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). It takes 2 hours by train to the project location. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so volunteers are advised to arrive at KIX one day before the starting date for on-arrival Seminar 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	36,000 JPY (199 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for MTV (30-182 days participation) and 72,000 JPY (398 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb.14) for LTV (over 182 days participation) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
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-26L-OI05	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	05/16	08/09	AGRI, MANU	5	18	70
NICE-26L-OI06	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	05/16	11/01	AGRI, MANU	5	18	70
NICE-26L-OI07	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	05/16	27/01/24	AGRI, MANU	5	18	70
NICE-26L-OI08	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	05/16	27/04/18	AGRI, MANU	5	18	70
NICE-26L-OI09	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	08/08	11/01	AGRI, MANU	5	18	70
NICE-26L-OI10	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	08/08	27/01/24	AGRI, MANU	5	18	70
NICE-26L-OI11	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	08/08	27/04/18	AGRI, MANU	5	18	70
NICE-26L-OI12	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	08/08	27/07/11	AGRI, MANU	5	18	70
NICE-26L-OI13	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	10/31	27/01/24	AGRI, MANU	5	18	70
NICE-26L-OI14	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	10/31	27/04/18	AGRI, MANU	5	18	70
NICE-26L-OI15	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	10/31	27/07/11	AGRI, MANU	5	18	70
NICE-26L-OI16	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	10/31	27/10/03	AGRI, MANU	5	18	70
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>Also, Sudachi, an essential ingredient in Japanese cuisine, is now facing a serious risk of disappearing due to the aging of its producers. This project involves working in sudachi farming to help revitalize the local production area, while also promoting international exchange with the few children living in the region and giving them opportunities to experience different cultures.</p> <p>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>We aim to restore and beautify the old, charming village scenery together with volunteers, and make it a place where many people will want to visit.</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/Oct], 3) Plantings Sudachi in new fields to maintain the declining sudachi production due to the aging farmer's population[Mar/Apr], 4)organize and hold a "Language Café" once a week, where local children and adults can enjoy cultural and language exchange with people from around the world, 5) Cleaning of vacant houses, support for carrying out furniture, and help repair vacant houses</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./Joining Local festival								
7. Location	Oi-cho, Anan city, Tokushima pref.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX). it takes 3 hours by highway bus to the project location. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so volunteers are advised to arrive at KIX one day before the starting date for on-arrival Seminar 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	36,000 JPY (199 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for MTV (30-182 days participation) and 72,000 JPY (398 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb.14) for LTV (over 182 days participation) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
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. Follow the Oi Workcamp Instagram(@ooi_workcamp) to see the volunteers' daily activities.								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26L-IK05	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	05/16	08/09	AGRI	2	18	50
NICE-26L-IK06	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	05/16	11/01	AGRI	2	18	50
NICE-26L-IK07	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	05/16	27/01/24	AGRI	2	18	50
NICE-26L-IK08	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	05/16	27/04/18	AGRI	2	18	50
NICE-26L-IK09	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	08/08	11/01	AGRI	2	18	50
NICE-26L-IK10	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	08/08	27/01/24	AGRI	2	18	50
NICE-26L-IK11	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	08/08	27/04/18	AGRI	2	18	50
NICE-26L-IK12	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	08/08	27/07/11	AGRI	2	18	50
NICE-26L-IK13	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	10/31	27/01/24	AGRI	2	18	50
NICE-26L-IK14	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	10/31	27/04/18	AGRI	2	18	50
NICE-26L-IK15	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	10/31	27/07/11	AGRI	2	18	50
NICE-26L-IK16	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	10/31	27/10/03	AGRI	2	18	50

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!!).
4. Accommodation	Shared room 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 project location. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so volunteers are advised to arrive at KIX one day before the starting date for on-arrival Seminar 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	36,000 JPY (199 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for MTV (30-182 days participation) and 72,000 JPY (398 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb.14) for LTV (over 182 days participation) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.
11. Language	Japanese and English
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.

Picture (Area)	Picture (Work)	Picture (Accommodation)
		

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26L-KR01	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/16	06/28	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-KR02	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/16	08/09	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-KR03	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/16	09/20	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-KR04	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/16	11/01	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-KR05	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/27	08/09	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-KR06	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/27	09/20	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-KR07	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/27	11/01	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-KR08	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	08/08	09/20	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-26L-KR09	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	08/08	11/01	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,								
7. Location	Southern part of the Fukuoka prefecture. The Yame city is 482.53 km ² . There are so many tee trees and terraced paddy fields.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Fukuoka. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival (in Yokohama for KR05-07 and Osaka for KR01-04, 08-09) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for KR01, 03, 06, 08, 09 and Osaka for KR02, 04, 05, 07), 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	36,000 JPY (199 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for MTV (30-182 days participation) and 72,000 JPY (398 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb.14) for LTV (over 182 days participation) 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 staff/ camp leaders, visa invitation cost, publications, etc. 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	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama or Osaka. The activity								
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7. Projects outside Japan (STV)

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

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

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

7-1) Summery List of Projects

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

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

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

< Placement of the following workcamps is dealt by NICE >

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

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

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

7-2) Detailed Project Description

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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26Y-0426D	Vang Vieng 3	Vang Vieng	Laos	04/26	05/05	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0426E	Vang Vieng 3B	Vang Vieng	Laos	04/26	04/30	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0426F	Vang Vieng 3C	Vang Vieng	Laos	05/01	05/05	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
1. Summary	Assisting/ joining the English class and club activities of the very friendly local children and teen and working for building Youth Center in a small village with rich nature!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Phoudindaeng Youth Center (PYC) since 2009. PYC's main projects are running a school bus, teaching English in extracurricular classes, supporting the construction of a community center and establishing a library. Considering the increasing demands of villagers, PYC was officially established in 2007 which has played important roles for personal growth, life-long education and formation of leadership skills. PYC also keeps money little by little from the volunteers fee and sponsors the teachers' salary in the elementary school of the mountain connecting the children of 3 races (Lao, Mon and Khum) since the government neglect the school as well as youth employment from low income families, but more funds are needed (to buy a new van, etc.). In 2025, 3 workcamps were successfully organized with 15 vols. from Japan, Vietnam and Czech in addition to some local vols. It had been open only to Asian, but from 2025, it is open to all over the world!								
3. Work	Volunteers will do physical work in the morning such as construction/ maintenance of Youth Center and small gardening at Center (mostly planting flowers and trees for shade), and assist/ join English teaching class and club activities of traditional dance as well as playing with them (maybe organizing something!) in the afternoon as the after school activities.								
4. Accommodation	Phoudindaeng Youth Center. Sleeping on the floor dormitory bed (Sleeping bag is necessary), female and male are separated. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. There are local markets near the village. Sometime dinner will be Vangvieng town.								
5. Study theme	The future plan of international workcamps in Laos and the youth center								
6. Other activities	Going to the market, Basi Ceremony, Performance, Party, Optional excursion in the weekend to be organized and financed by the volunteers themselves (e.g., trekking, blue lagoon), etc.								
7. Location	Van Vieng is a famous tourist spot, but the workcamp is located in the rural agricultural village in Van Vieng district in the north part, surrounded by the river and mountains.								
8. Terminal	Vientiane. Volunteers need to arrive by 08:00 on the first day and can leave there after 18:00 on the last day. They can go to Van Vieng by the public bus that takes 4-5 hours, possibly together with other volunteers!								
9. Requirement	High motivation to exchange with the children, work physically and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization! Adaptable to the simple conditions.								
10. Participation fee	240 USD (190 USD for 5 days) to be paid on your arrivals								
11. Language	English (Lao is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp//files/user/reports/LaosSayaka2023.pdf								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26Y-0802A	Golden Age 9	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/02	08/08	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0809A	Golden Age 10	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/09	08/15	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0816A	Golden Age 11	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/16	08/22	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0823A	Golden Age 12	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/23	08/29	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0830A	Golden Age 13	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/30	09/05	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0906A	Golden Age 14	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	09/06	09/12	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0913A	Golden Age 15	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	09/13	09/19	ELDE	4	18	99
NICE-26Y-0920A	Golden Age 16	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	09/20	09/26	ELDE	4	18	99
1. Summary	Working in the nursing home to have a precious time with the elders.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) since 2019 in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006. Bernice Home was found by a lady by the name of Bernice. She started this home for senior citizens who need quality home care services to seniors with limited mobility or dementia and hence social interaction. She started this home in 2000 and the second home in 2018. The founder belief "life shouldn't end when you are old, it should be full of happy memories regardless of the age. The founder wants to keep the seniors active and engaged through physical, mental and social activities, all in the comfort of their home. The workcamp was revived in 2023 and in 2024-15, 13 international volunteers did great work!								
3. Work	Volunteers will help in arranging extra activities for the senior citizens, such as art, craft, painting, gardening, storytelling, music and movement activities. Other than that, volunteers could help the nursing care helpers to cook and take part in daily cleaning routines. Some of the days, bring the senior citizens for an evening walk if weather permits. Otherwise lots of, indoor activities could be conduct.								
4. Accommodation	Home stay in the house of MOVE President (Siva san) or if the room is available, a room of Golden Age. Male and female will be mixed. The breakfast will be bought at the food stalls, very near to the house (walking distance). The dinner too (or they can also cook at home by themselves if they prefer). Lunch will be provided at Home. Workcampers will be able to try various of local food. Sleeping bag is necessary. They need to keep a good manner not to disturb the family life.								
5. Study theme	Situation of elderly home in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of Bernice Home								
6. Other activities	Visit around Kuala Lumpur city. Wednesday afternoon will be free. The volunteers joining more than 1 unit (week) can have free days in the weekend.								
7. Location	The home is located in Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur. https://goo.gl/maps/84vfEaSMEaBL2b4x8								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at the nearest train station and need to arrive at the airport by 14:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after 11:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Bring along your expertise, such as singing, dancing, arts and craft and most important your caring heart to engage with these old people.								
10. Participation fee	750 MYR (155 EUR by the rate on 2025 Nov. 3rd). If vols. join more than 1 unit (week), 450 MYR+ 50 MYR x Days meaning 1,100 MYR (227 EUR) for 2 units, 1,450 MYR (300 EUR) for 3 units, etc. 10% discount for the repeaters of MOVE workcamps or those from less expensive countries. Transportation cost for the work is not included. For the vols. joining more than one unit, the accommodation in the Saturday night and the meals from Saturday lunch to Sunday lunch are included unless they stay/ eat outside.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	There are 8 units of one week workcamp in 2026 Feb.-Mar. (2/1-7, 2/8-14, 2/15-21, 2/22-28, 3/1-7, 3/8-14, 3/15-21 and 3/22-28) and 2026 Aug.-Sep. (8/2-8, 8/9-15, 8/16-22, 8/23-29, 8/30-9/5, 9/6-12, 9/13-19 and 9/20-26), so you are welcomed to join one up to 8 units!								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26Y-0802B	YCK 4	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/02	08/15	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
NICE-26Y-0802C	YCK 4B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/02	08/08	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
NICE-26Y-0802D	YCK 4C	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/09	08/15	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
1. Summary	The rare international workcamp in Asia working with refugees! Let's have a precious time with the children:)								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) since 2018 in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006. Yayasan Chow Kit (YCK) was founded in 2011 to run the school providing education, cultural workshops, leisure activities and lunch to the children aged 6-18 who are not allowed to go to public schools due to the lack of citizenship. Many of them are refugees or immigrants from Myanmar, Indonesia, etc. while others have different backgrounds in their families such as poverty, drug addiction, child abuse, prostitution, etc. YCK operate in partnership with Ministry of Women and Child Welfare and got new rooms on the 3rd to 5th floors of the big building in 2025. The workcamps have been successful and in 2025, 59 vols. from Japan, Italy, Hong Kong and Spain joined 6 workcamps with creating great impact! You may wonder if the volunteering for short term can be useful for their education and even worry if they feel too sad and tired to repeat hi and bye. But children have got greatly motivated to study by having international big sisters/ brothers as one of their role models and felt happiness and encouragement by having reliable adult friends since they had been terribly neglected. Volunteers will be spilt into some small groups and assist the teachers for their classes of smaller children in the morning. In the afternoon, they can play and organize cultural activities with the children in the big room all together (e.g., dancing, games). Or sometimes, joined the workshops (music, sports, etc.) organized for the children by other volunteer group. Volunteers may sometimes have occasions to have no activities (e.g., national holidays), but alternative work such as supporting homeless people may be organized.								
3. Work	Volunteers will stay in 2-3 rooms of the school (female and male are separated) and have simple breakfast to be provided by MOVE, school lunch and dinner in the outside restaurant. Sleeping bag is necessary (mat is also recommended since the floor is hard). No AC and simple condition, but safe water is provided and local style bath/ fridge are available.								
4. Accommodation	Refugees and other disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of YCK								
5. Study theme	Sightseeing around Kuala Lumpur city (café, night market, China town, shopping malls, etc.)								
6. Other activities	in the evenings (but need to come back by 21:00!), optional trip in the weekend to be organized and financed by the volunteers themselves.								
7. Location	The school is located in Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur (with the guard man for 24 hours!).								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at KL Sentral at 16:00 and need to arrive at the airport (KUL) by 14:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after 11:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Very high motivation and responsibility to work with the disadvantaged kids and to respect local culture/ way. Adaptable to the simple conditions such as hot climate without using AC in the night and sleeping on the hard floor. Good manner to keep the places clean and proper, sensitive behaviors especially to the children (the guidance will be done by YCK).								
10. Participation fee	1,100 MYR (237 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for 14 days, 850 MYR (184 EUR) for 9 days including the weekend and 750 MYR (162 EUR) to be paid on your arrivals. 10% less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps or those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The local camp leader will be a lady who was a student of YCK before! There might be also a co-leader from Japan. 1st week vols. (Aug. 02-08) can extend their stay till Aug. 10 and 2nd week vols. (Aug. 09-15) can start their stay from Aug. 07 if they want to join free days activities in the weekend. The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/reports/YckAyaka2023.pdf								
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NICE-26Y-0809B	Vang Vieng 4	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/09	08/22	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0809C	Vang Vieng 4B	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/09	08/17	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0809D	Vang Vieng 4C	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/14	08/17	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0809E	Vang Vieng 4D	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/14	08/22	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
1. Summary	Assisting/ joining the English class and club activities of the very friendly local children and teen and working for building Youth Center in a small village with rich nature!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Phoudindaeng Youth Center (PYC) since 2009. PYC's main projects are running a school bus, teaching English in extracurricular classes, supporting the construction of a community center and establishing a library. Considering the increasing demands of villagers, PYC was officially established in 2007 which has played important roles for personal growth, life-long education and formation of leadership skills. PYC also keeps money little by little from the volunteers fee and sponsors the teachers' salary in the elementary school of the mountain connecting the children of 3 races (Lao, Mon and Khum) since the government neglect the school as well as youth employment from low income families, but more funds are needed (to buy a new van, etc.). In 2025, 3 workcamps were successfully organized with 15 vols. from Japan, Vietnam and Czech in addition to some local vols. It had been open only to Asian, but from 2025, it is open to all over the world!								
3. Work	Volunteers will do physical work in the morning such as construction/ maintenance of Youth Center and small gardening at Center (mostly planting flowers and trees for shade), and assist/ join English teaching class and club activities of traditional dance as well as playing with them (maybe organizing something!) in the afternoon as the after school activities.								
4. Accommodation	Phoudindaeng Youth Center. Sleeping on the floor dormitory bed (Sleeping bag is necessary), female and male are separated. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. There are local markets near the village. Sometime dinner will be Vangvieng town.								
5. Study theme	The future plan of international workcamps in Laos and the youth center								
6. Other activities	Going to the market, Basi Ceremony, Performance, Party, Optional excursion in the weekend to be organized and financed by the volunteers themselves (e.g., trekking, blue lagoon), etc.								
7. Location	Van Vieng is a famous tourist spot, but the workcamp is located in the rural agricultural village in Van Vieng district in the north part, surrounded by the river and mountains.								
8. Terminal	Vientiane. Volunteers need to arrive by 08:00 on the first day and can leave there after 18:00 on the last day. They can go to Van Vieng by the public bus that takes 4-5 hours, possibly together with other volunteers!								
9. Requirement	High motivation to exchange with the children, work physically and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization! Adaptable to the simple conditions.								
10. Participation fee	280 USD (230 USD for 9 days, 180 USD for 4 days) to be paid on your arrivals								
11. Language	English (Lao is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/reports/LaosSayaka2023.pdf								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26Y-0823B	YCK 5	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/23	09/05	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
NICE-26Y-0823C	YCK 5B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/23	08/29	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
NICE-26Y-0823D	YCK 5C	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	08/30	09/05	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
1. Summary	The rare international workcamp in Asia working with refugees! Let's have a precious time with the children:)								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) since 2018 in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006. Yayasan Chow Kit (YCK) was founded in 2011 to run the school providing education, cultural workshops, leisure activities and lunch to the children aged 6-18 who are not allowed to go to public schools due to the lack of citizenship. Many of them are refugees or immigrants from Myanmar, Indonesia, etc. while others have different backgrounds in their families such as poverty, drug addiction, child abuse, prostitution, etc. YCK operate in partnership with Ministry of Women and Child Welfare and got new rooms on the 3rd to 5th floors of the big building in 2025. The workcamps have been successful and in 2025, 59 vols. from Japan, Italy, Hong Kong and Spain joined 6 workcamps with creating great impact! You may wonder if the volunteering for short term can be useful for their education and even worry if they feel too sad and tired to repeat hi and bye. But children have got greatly motivated to study by having international big sisters/ brothers as one of their role models and felt happiness and encouragement by having reliable adult friends since they had been terribly neglected. Volunteers will be spilt into some small groups and assist the teachers for their classes of smaller children in the morning. In the afternoon, they can play and organize cultural activities with the children in the big room all together (e.g., dancing, games). Or sometimes, joined the workshops (music, sports, etc.) organized for the children by other volunteer group. Volunteers may sometimes have occasions to have no activities (e.g., national holidays), but alternative work such as supporting homeless people may be organized.								
3. Work	Volunteers will stay in 2-3 rooms of the school (female and male are separated) and have simple breakfast to be provided by MOVE, school lunch and dinner in the outside restaurant. Sleeping bag is necessary (mat is also recommended since the floor is hard). No AC and simple condition, but safe water is provided and local style bath/ fridge are available.								
4. Accommodation	Refugees and other disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of YCK								
5. Study theme	Sightseeing around Kuala Lumpur city (café, night market, China town, shopping malls, etc.)								
6. Other activities	in the evenings (but need to come back by 21:00!), optional trip in the weekend to be organized and financed by the volunteers themselves.								
7. Location	The school is located in Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur (with the guard man for 24 hours!).								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at KL Sentral at 16:00 and need to arrive at the airport (KUL) by 14:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after 11:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Very high motivation and responsibility to work with the disadvantaged kids and to respect local culture/ way. Adaptable to the simple conditions such as hot climate without using AC in the night and sleeping on the hard floor. Good manner to keep the places clean and proper, sensitive behaviors especially to the children (the guidance will be done by YCK).								
10. Participation fee	1,100 MYR (237 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for 14 days, 850 MYR (184 EUR) for 9 days including the weekend and 750 MYR (162 EUR) to be paid on your arrivals. 10% less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps or those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The local camp leader will be a lady who was a student of YCK before! There might be also a co-leader from Japan. 1st week vols. (Aug. 23-29) can extend their stay till Aug. 31 and 2nd week vols. (Aug. 30-Sep. 05) can start their stay from Aug. 28 if they want to join free days activities in the weekend. The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/reports/YckAyaka2023.pdf								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26Y-0823E	Ulu Tiram 2	Johor	Malaysia	08/23	09/05	CULT, AGRI	16	18	99
NICE-26Y-0823F	Ulu Tiram 2B	Johor	Malaysia	08/23	08/29	CULT, AGRI	16	18	99
1. Summary	Pilot project to experience local cultures and rural life of Malaysia (not typical workcamp, but rather learning and exchange program) near Johor!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) for the first time (!) in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006. One of the members (camp leaders) of MOVE has initiated to create this project by his own network with aiming at 1) Increase understanding of customs and culture between international vols. and the community, 2) Build friendship and cooperation networks between the two youth communities, 3) Assist in the development of the village community through innovative and beneficial activities and 4) Provide vols. with valuable experiences of <u>Malaysian life and culture, particularly in Kampung Sungai Tiram.</u>								
3. Work	Volunteers will do various activities such as 1) Introduction sessions with selected host families, 2) Batik Canting Workshop, 3) Rubber tapping and stingless bee honey activities, 4) Livestock and agriculture activities, 5) Community service projects (landscaping and mural painting) and 6) Village activities (traditional cooking, chicken slaughtering, fishing, and Hari Raya feast celebration with the villagers)								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in village people residents. One house will be occupied with two volunteers.								
5. Study theme	Traditional culture and rural life in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the area								
6. Other activities	Visits to eco-tourism sites within Mukim Sungai Tiram (Boat Tour, ATV Ride, Mussel raft visit), Closing ceremony with cultural night and experience-sharing session								
7. Location	The Kampung Sungai Tiram community is Ulu Tiram, Johor (southern Malaysia)								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at KL Sentral at 10:30 and need to arrive at the airport (KUL) by 08:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after 20:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to join the activities and to respect local culture/ way.								
10. Participation fee	1,100 MYR (237 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for 14 days, 850 MYR (184 EUR) for 9 days including the weekend and 750 MYR (162 EUR) to be paid on your arrivals. 10% less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps or those from less expensive countries. Transportation cost to/ from the village needs to be paid by the vols. additionally (not included in the fee).								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The local camp leader will be a man who has initiated this project creation! 7 days vols. can extend their stay for 2 more days if they want to join free days activities in the weekend. The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/reports/YckAyaka2023.pdf								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26Y-0906B	Vang Vieng 5	Vang Vieng	Laos	09/06	09/19	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0906C	Vang Vieng 5B	Vang Vieng	Laos	09/06	09/14	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0906D	Vang Vieng 5C	Vang Vieng	Laos	09/11	09/14	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
NICE-26Y-0906E	Vang Vieng 5D	Vang Vieng	Laos	09/11	09/19	CONS, EDUC	15	18	99
1. Summary	Assisting/ joining the English class and club activities of the very friendly local children and teen and working for building Youth Center in a small village with rich nature!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Phoudindaeng Youth Center (PYC) since 2009. PYC's main projects are running a school bus, teaching English in extracurricular classes, supporting the construction of a community center and establishing a library. Considering the increasing demands of villagers, PYC was officially established in 2007 which has played important roles for personal growth, life-long education and formation of leadership skills. PYC also keeps money little by little from the volunteers fee and sponsors the teachers' salary in the elementary school of the mountain connecting the children of 3 races (Lao, Mon and Khum) since the government neglect the school as well as youth employment from low income families, but more funds are needed (to buy a new van, etc.). In 2025, 3 workcamps were successfully organized with 15 vols. from Japan, Vietnam and Czech in addition to some local vols. It had been open only to Asian, but from 2025, it is open to all over the world!								
3. Work	Volunteers will do physical work in the morning such as construction/ maintenance of Youth Center and small gardening at Center (mostly planting flowers and trees for shade), and assist/ join English teaching class and club activities of traditional dance as well as playing with them (maybe organizing something!) in the afternoon as the after school activities.								
4. Accommodation	Phoudindaeng Youth Center. Sleeping on the floor dormitory bed (Sleeping bag is necessary), female and male are separated. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. There are local markets near the village. Sometime dinner will be Vangvieng town.								
5. Study theme	The future plan of international workcamps in Laos and the youth center								
6. Other activities	Going to the market, Basi Ceremony, Performance, Party, Optional excursion in the weekend to be organized and financed by the volunteers themselves (e.g., trekking, blue lagoon), etc.								
7. Location	Van Vieng is a famous tourist spot, but the workcamp is located in the rural agricultural village in Van Vieng district in the north part, surrounded by the river and mountains.								
8. Terminal	Vientiane. Volunteers need to arrive by 08:00 on the first day and can leave there after 18:00 on the last day. They can go to Van Vieng by the public bus that takes 4-5 hours, possibly together with other volunteers!								
9. Requirement	High motivation to exchange with the children, work physically and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization! Adaptable to the simple conditions.								
10. Participation fee	280 USD (230 USD for 9 days, 180 USD for 4 days) to be paid on your arrivals								
11. Language	English (Lao is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/reports/LaosSayaka2023.pdf								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-26Y-0913B	YCK 6	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	09/13	09/26	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
NICE-26Y-0913C	YCK 6B	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	09/13	09/19	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
NICE-26Y-0913D	YCK 6C	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	09/20	09/26	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	11	18	99
1. Summary	The rare international workcamp in Asia working with refugees! Let's have a precious time with the children:)								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) since 2018 in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006. Yayasan Chow Kit (YCK) was founded in 2011 to run the school providing education, cultural workshops, leisure activities and lunch to the children aged 6-18 who are not allowed to go to public schools due to the lack of citizenship. Many of them are refugees or immigrants from Myanmar, Indonesia, etc. while others have different backgrounds in their families such as poverty, drug addiction, child abuse, prostitution, etc. YCK operate in partnership with Ministry of Women and Child Welfare and got new rooms on the 3rd to 5th floors of the big building in 2025. The workcamps have been successful and in 2025, 59 vols. from Japan, Italy, Hong Kong and Spain joined 6 workcamps with creating great impact! You may wonder if the volunteering for short term can be useful for their education and even worry if they feel too sad and tired to repeat hi and bye. But children have got greatly motivated to study by having international big sisters/ brothers as one of their role models and felt happiness and encouragement by having reliable adult friends since they had been terribly neglected.								
3. Work	Volunteers will be spilt into some small groups and assist the teachers for their classes of smaller children in the morning. In the afternoon, they can play and organize cultural activities with the children in the big room all together (e.g., dancing, games). Or sometimes, joined the workshops (music, sports, etc.) organized for the children by other volunteer group. Volunteers may sometimes have occasions to have no activities (e.g., national holidays), but alternative work such as supporting homeless people may be organized.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in 2-3 rooms of the school (female and male are separated) and have simple breakfast to be provided by MOVE, school lunch and dinner in the outside restaurant. Sleeping bag is necessary (mat is also recommended since the floor is hard). No AC and simple condition, but safe water is provided and local style bath/ fridge are available.								
5. Study theme	Refugees and other disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of YCK								
6. Other activities	Sightseeing around Kuala Lumpur city (café, night market, China town, shopping malls, etc.) in the evenings (but need to come back by 21:00!), optional trip in the weekend to be organized and financed by the volunteers themselves.								
7. Location	The school is located in Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur (with the guard man for 24 hours!).								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at KL Sentral at 16:00 and need to arrive at the airport (KUL) by 14:00 on the first day and can leave the airport after 11:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Very high motivation and responsibility to work with the disadvantaged kids and to respect local culture/ way. Adaptable to the simple conditions such as hot climate without using AC in the night and sleeping on the hard floor. Good manner to keep the places clean and proper, sensitive behaviors especially to the children (the guidance will be done by YCK).								
10. Participation fee	1,100 MYR (237 EUR by the rate on 2026 Feb. 14) for 14 days, 850 MYR (184 EUR) for 9 days including the weekend and 750 MYR (162 EUR) to be paid on your arrivals. 10% less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps or those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The local camp leader will be a lady who was a student of YCK before! There might be also a co-leader from Japan. 1st week vols. (Sep. 13-19) can extend their stay till Sep. 21 and 2nd week vols. (Sep. 20-26) can start their stay from Sep. 18 if they want to join free days activities in the weekend. The Local SDGs made by the project leader (in Japanese, but you can see the pictures!) https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/reports/YckAyaka2023.pdf								
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8. NICE's Visions & Actions on SDGs

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



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

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

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

< **Aims to make Local SDGs** >

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Work to achieve the (modified) SDGs

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

NICE's modified SDGs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

→ (Add) **'all' before "arms".**

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

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

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

Example of Local SDGs

Local SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)

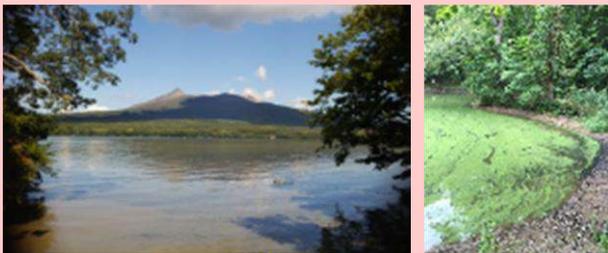
Onuma (Hokkaido), Japan

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

Background situations

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



Goals in 2030

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

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

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



As partial contribution in whole change!

Past actions & impact

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



New actions & impact

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

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

Personal actions!

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