

Organized 126 workcamps/ hosted & sent 684 volunteers in 2021
(6,340 workcamps/ 83,030 volunteers in 32 years since 1990)

NICE Projects for 2023

(Projects starting in Jan.-Jun.)



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NICE (Never-ending International workCamps Exchange)

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

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1. What is NICE!?

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- 😊 **IVS (International Voluntary Service) NGO based in Japan**
- 😊 **Organizing various types of workcamps toward Colorful & Healthy World**
- 😊 **Organized 6,340 workcamps & exchanged 83,030 volunteers in 32 years**
- 😊 **Working on Environment/ Development/ Culture/ Education/ Human Rights**
- 😊 **Partnership with 162 IVS NGOs in 89 countries & 115 Local partners in Japan**

1-1) Brief History

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

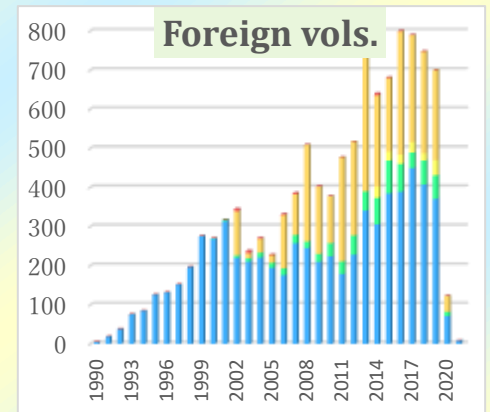
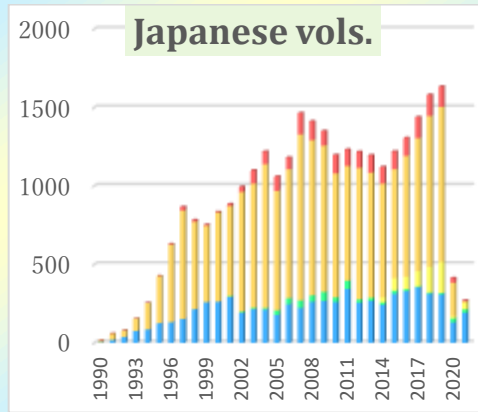
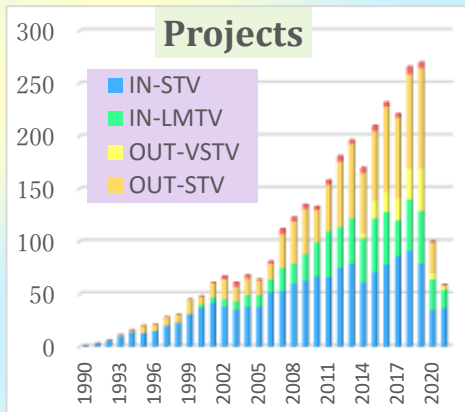
In 1990 Sep., the first international workcamp of NICE was held at the foot of the Mt. Fuji in Japan.



< Some of the major achievements >

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





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

During COVID-19 period, NICE kept national workcamps, created online/ donation projects and downsized the structure (moving the office, decreasing the paid staff) to overcome the challenges!
In 2022, Outgoing vols. reached 291 and Incoming placement finally restarted from Oct.!

1-2) Aims and Goals

Achieve a Healthy & Colorful World!

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



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

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



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



3) Promote global friendship/ cooperation and personal growth!



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

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

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

1. Organize Workcamps in Japan

In 2021, 121 projects were organized with 626 vols. many of which focused on "satoyama" forests, depopulated villages or nature/ cultural education.

2. Send Volunteers to Workcamps abroad

In 2021, 10 vols. were sent to 5 countries (and over 220 vols. in 2022!).

We also co-organize bilateral workcamps mostly in Asia with Partner NGOs.

3. Organize Online Workcamps

In 2021, 3 projects were organized with 54 vols. who worked for empowering slum women/ mangrove reforestation in Vietnam, Cambodia and Indonesia.

6. Organize other types of projects

- * Run regular classes in the univ. and the high school.
- * Sell eco sponges made by women in the slum, Hanoi.
- * Organize special Events and publish Newsletters.

5. Organize Donation Projects

In 2021, 42,465 USD were generated by 12 projects with MUFG (bank), Citizen (watch company) and Monthly Supporters campaign for NICE.

4. Organize Group Workcamps

In 2021, 7 projects were organized in Japan with 171 vols. of 6 universities and 1 company. In 2022, both sending and hosting groups internationally were revived!

< NICE's projects by themes >



1-4) Structure

- Run by many active members voluntarily!



As of 2022 Jul., there are

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

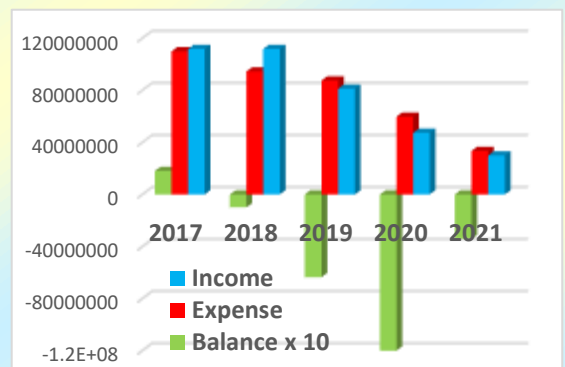


1-5) Finance

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

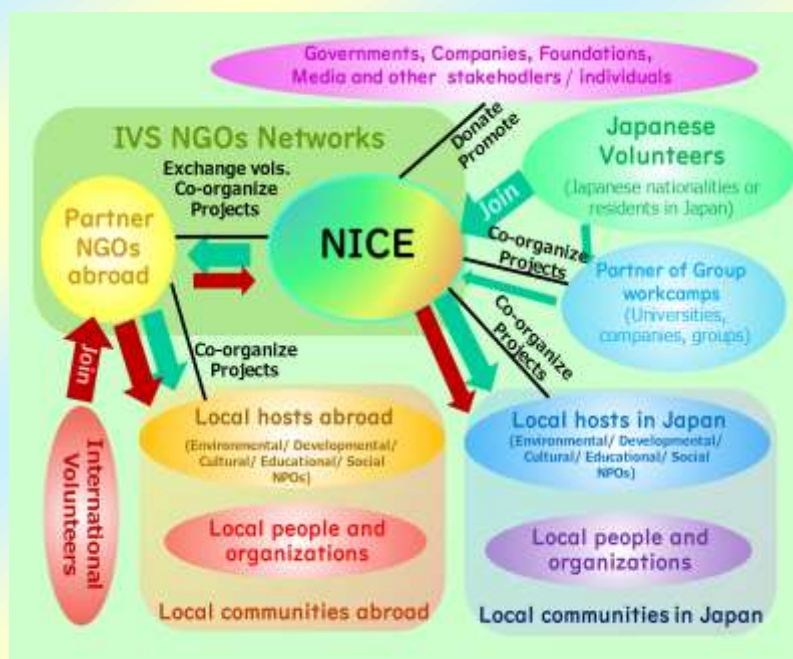
< Settlement of Account in 2021 >

Income: 245,671 USD		Expense: 273,518 USD	
Membership fee	27%	IVS projects cost	13%
Participation fee	0%	Other projects cost	0%
Grants	40%	Staff cost	71%
Donation	22%	Other operation cost	2%
Fund raising	7%	Network & Promotion	3%
Others	3%	Others	11%
Total Balance: minus 27,848 USD			



1-6) External Relations

- One of the largest networks in IVS movement!



As of 2022 Jul., there are,

- 162 partner NGOs in 89 countries**
- Over 5,000 local hosts in the world**
- 123 local hosts in Japan**
- 19 Partners of Group workcamps**

And NICE is currently;

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

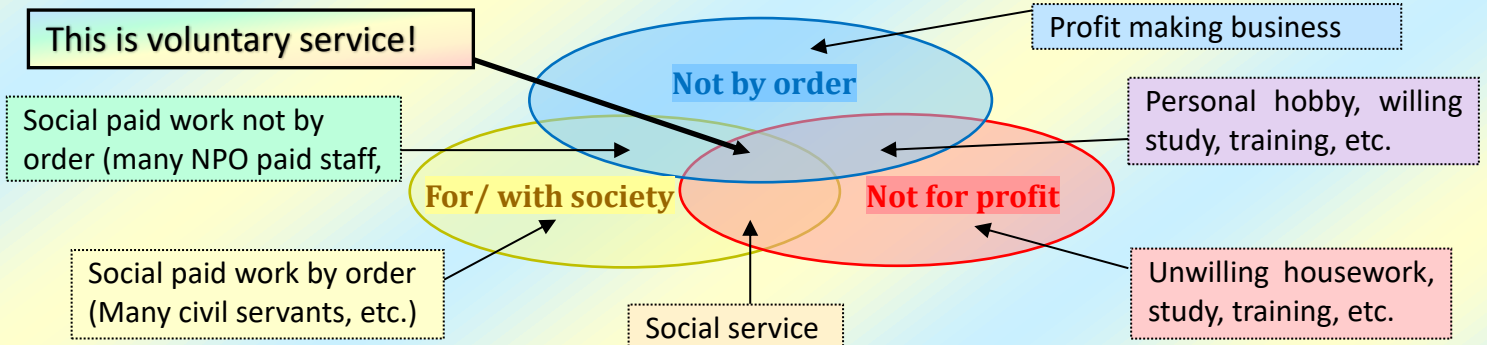


2. Types & Definitions of NICE Projects

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

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



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

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

* Workcamp is a group living type of voluntary service project

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

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

* As most of VSTW are done in the weekends, it is often called “Weekend Workcamps” (even for the ones organized on Mon.-Fri.). Some NGOs call them as “Mini Workcamps”.

* LTV and MTV are usually called together (here as “LMTV” while some organizations call “MLTV”).

* Most of IVS NGOs rarely organize VSTI and STI while **many of LMTV are individual type** (LMTI).

2-4) Other ways of Categories

International (open globally)	Regional (e.g. only for Asian)	Trilateral (3 countries)	Bilateral (2 countries)	National	Local
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* Even if vols are from 2-3 countries after all, if it was open globally, it can be still called “International”.

* In the wider definition, Regional/ Trilateral/ Bilateral ones can be also called “International”.

Environmental	Developmental	Cultural	Educational	Social (Human Rights)
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* There are many ways to categorize differently in each NGO and many projects are multi thematic.

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

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

* Some NGOs call above mentioned “Bilateral workcamps” as “Group workcamps”.

2-5) More info. about IVS movement

< What is our IVS? >

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

The main contents are;

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

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

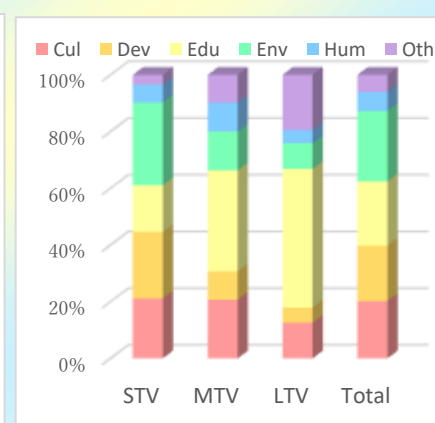
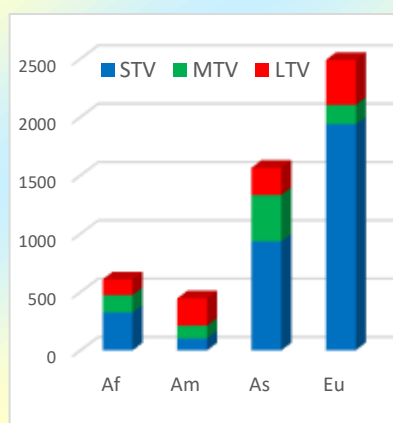


< Global statistics of IVS >

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

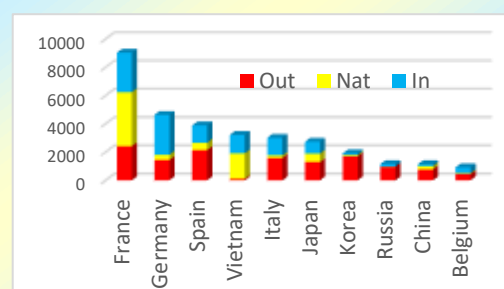
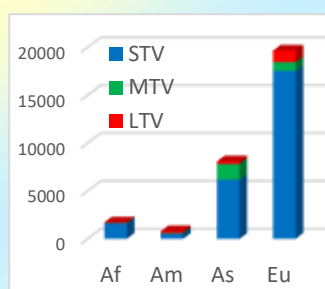
[Number of Projects organized]

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



[Number of Volunteers from]

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



< History of IVS >

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

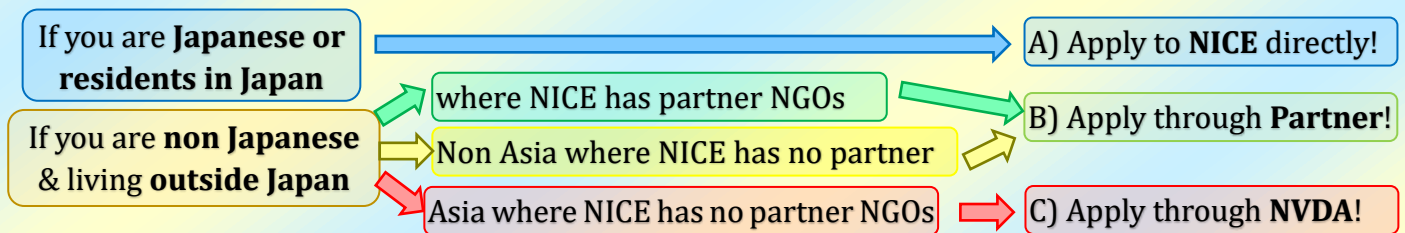
SCI was founded by Pierre Cérésolle, a Swiss engineer, who established a peace and humanitarian movement in the aftermath of World War I in 1920, thereby laying down the foundations of SCI. Cérésolle organised the first international workcamp (voluntary project) on the former battlefield of Verdun (France)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

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

3. Participation Process and Fee

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



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

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

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

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

Step 1: Send your application and pay the inscription fee

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

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

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

Step 3: Receive Acceptance or Refusal

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

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

Step 4: Book the flights as soon as being accepted

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Step 6: Submit the Confirmation form

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



Step 7: Pay the NICE Volunteers Fee

All volunteers need to pay this fee beforehand (6,000 JPY for VSTV/ STV, 12,000 JPY per month for LMTV) **by 31 days before** Project start. See more details in 3-5) NICE Volunteers.

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



Step 8: Receive the Information Sheets

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



Step 9: Do other preparation

Do any other necessary preparation such as;

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



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

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



Step 11: Join the project!

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

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



Step 12: Follow up!

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

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

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

The workcamp will be very enjoyable!

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

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

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

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

you are **very welcomed** 😊

1) High motivation for voluntary work!

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



2) Respect and follow the rules & cultures!

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



6) Adapt and enjoy simple and local life!

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



3) Open minded to make friends!

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



5) Have good physical and mental health!

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



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

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



3-3) Visa to join NICE projects in Japan

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

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

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

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

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

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

Working Holiday Visa (only for Category A)

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

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

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

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

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

Visa for the voluntary service (for Category C)

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

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

3-4) Financial management of NICE Projects & Exchange



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

Fee 2: NICE volunteers fee (6,000 JPY for VSTV/ STV and 12,000 JPY per month for LMTV)
This is used for the management of your project and NICE, **does NOT go to Local host.**

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

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

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

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

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

1. You can have better preparation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Many IVS NGOs are financed by vols.

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

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

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

3-5) NICE Volunteers - Fee and Benefits

< How much should I pay? >

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

LMTV (over 31 days): **12,000 JPY per month for 1st-3rd month** and **6,000 JPY from 4th month**

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

< What this fee is used for? >

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

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

Human cost
Training for leaders
and work of Incoming
placement officer

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

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

< How should it be paid? >

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

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

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

3. Insert the data and make the payment!

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

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

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

2. Put the amount how much you will pay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

< Benefits to become "NICE Volunteers"! >

Join FB group of your project!

* Communicate with other new/ ex. vols.

* See Project progress

One night free stay @ NICE house

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

Possibility of free home stay in Japan

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

Get a Certificate of your participation!

This can be issued by NICE electrically upon your request.

Receive Newsletters & NICE Project lists

NICE may send you 1-2 times a year.

Join NICE gathering in your country!

It may be organized if NICE staff have visit.

Organize/ join Japan IVS Nights, etc.!

with your Sending NGOs & other ex. vols.

Create actions with NICE/ Local host!

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

4. VSTV - Very Short Term workcamps

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- * VTSV is a voluntary service project which duration is for less than a week (**1-6 days**).
- * Most projects are **Workcamps** types (VSTW) and Individual volunteering type (VSTI) are rare.
- * Most projects open to international vols. are for **4-6 days** while most projects targeting national vols. are for **1-3 days** and usually held in the weekends as they are called "**Weekend Workcamps**".
- * Some more projects starting in 2023 Jul.-Dec. may be added and announced in 2023 Mar.



Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23V-0223A	Mogami 1	Yamagata	Japan	02/23	02/27	AGRI	4	18	99
1. Summary	Middle of the Tohoku! Snow clearing in depopulated, ageing areas!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Mogami no Shoen (MS) since 2021. Accepting farmers deepen their understanding of agriculture and rural areas through "farming experience" and accept volunteers to overcome the challenges of a declining population due to a falling birthrate and an ageing population. The aim is also to create various connections and exchanges between urban and rural areas through the experience of rural life and the dissemination of information from farming and mountain village areas. The representative of MS has been farming in a snowy spring village for 40 years. He has been living on a variety of crops, "rice", "vegetables", "wild vegetables", "kikurage mushrooms" and forests, with a focus on "cage free eggs". He is working energetically to do something about the depopulation of the area, and is planned 10 projects for five to seven days in 2022, as well as medium- and long-term projects. The volunteers are expected to revitalize the area.								
3. Work	1) Snow removal: Clearing snow six poultry houses owned by the MS (including the surrounding area), as well as clearing snow from roads and in local area. 2) Taking care of the chickens in the free-range poultry farms.								
4. Accommodation	The house where the representative's grandparents used to live has been renovated and is being used as a accommodation for volunteers. Self cooking with a focus on locally grown produce and cage free eggs.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge about revitalization of the region, life in rural villages, cage free poultry.								
6. Other activities	It's up to COVID-19, but there's community interaction, doburoku making (unrefined sake), rice cake pounding! Hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Mogami Town in Yamagata Prefecture is a town of abundant rivers and springs. The Mitsuzawa district, located to the south of the town, is a nature-rich area surrounded by abundant spring water and forests and blessed with fresh, cool air. There are some hot springs in this town.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 4-5 hours by bullet train and local train or 9 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Yamagata pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Feb. 22 and can leave there after 12:00 on Feb. 28.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers should be prepared to work hard outside in good and bad weather. Volunteers who are positive and cheerful about everything. Volunteers interested in working in rural areas.								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English and Japanese								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23V-0317B	Mogami 2	Yamagata	Japan	03/17	03/21	AGRI	4	18	99
1. Summary	Middle of the Tohoku! Snow clearing in depopulated, ageing areas!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Mogami no Shoen (MS) since 2021. Accepting farmers deepen their understanding of agriculture and rural areas through "farming experience" and accept volunteers to overcome the challenges of a declining population due to a falling birthrate and an ageing population. The aim is also to create various connections and exchanges between urban and rural areas through the experience of rural life and the dissemination of information from farming and mountain village areas. The representative of MS has been farming in a snowy spring village for 40 years. He has been living on a variety of crops, "rice", "vegetables", "wild vegetables", "kikurage mushrooms" and forests, with a focus on "cage free eggs". He is working energetically to do something about the depopulation of the area, and is planned 10 projects for five to seven days in 2022, as well as medium- and long-term projects. The volunteers are expected to revitalize the area.								
3. Work	1) Taking care for chickens in free-range farms. 2) Preparing vegetable fields for spring. 3) Snow removal work if snow remains. If there is a lot of snow, removal work in six poultry houses owned by the host organisation (including the surrounding area), on roads and in local area.								
4. Accommodation	The house where the representative's grandparents used to live has been renovated and is being used as a accommodation for volunteers. Self cooking with a focus on locally grown produce and cage free eggs.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge about revitalization of the region, life in rural villages, cage free poultry.								
6. Other activities	It's up to COVID-19, but there's community interaction, doburoku making (unrefined sake), rice cake pounding! Hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Mogami Town in Yamagata Prefecture is a town of abundant rivers and springs. The Mitsuzawa district, located to the south of the town, is a nature-rich area surrounded by abundant spring water and forests and blessed with fresh, cool air. There are some hot springs in this town.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 4-5 hours by bullet train and local train or 9 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Yamagata pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Mar. 16 and can leave there after 12:00 on Mar. 22.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers should be prepared to work hard outside in good and bad weather. Volunteers who are positive and cheerful about everything. Volunteers interested in working in rural areas.								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English and Japanese								
12. Other	None								

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

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23V-0429A	Mogami 3	Yamagata	Japan	04/29	05/03	AGRI	4	18	99
NICE-23V-0503A	Mogami 4	Yamagata	Japan	05/03	05/07	AGRI	4	18	99
NICE-23V-0623A	Mogami 5	Yamagata	Japan	06/23	06/27	AGRI	4	18	99
NICE-23V-0916A	Mogami 8	Yamagata	Japan	09/16	09/20	AGRI	4	18	99
1. Summary	Helping rice and kikurage cultivation and free-range poultry farms in the spring-fed Mogami!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Mogami no Shoen (MS) since 2021. Accepting farmers deepen their understanding of agriculture and rural areas through "farming experience" and accept volunteers to overcome the challenges of a declining population due to a falling birthrate and an ageing population. The aim is also to create various connections and exchanges between urban and rural areas through the experience of rural life and the dissemination of information from farming and mountain village areas. The representative of MS has been farming in a snowy spring village for 40 years. He has been living on a variety of crops, "rice", "vegetables", "wild vegetables", "kikurage mushrooms" and forests, with a focus on "cage free eggs". He is working energetically to do something about the depopulation of the area, and is planned 10 projects for five to seven days in 2022, as well as medium- and long-term projects. The volunteers are expected to revitalize the area.</p>								
3. Work	1) Helping to maintain the fields, grow kikurage and herbs, etc. 2) Taking care for chickens in free-range farms, etc.								
4. Accommodation	The house where the representative's grandparents used to live has been renovated and is being used as a accommodation for volunteers. Self cooking with a focus on locally grown produce and cage free eggs.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge about revitalization of the region, life in rural villages, cage free poultry.								
6. Other activities	It's up to COVID-19, but there's community interaction, doburoku making (unrefined sake), rice cake pounding! Hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Mogami Town in Yamagata Prefecture is a town of abundant rivers and springs. The Mitsuzawa district, located to the south of the town, is a nature-rich area surrounded by abundant spring water and forests and blessed with fresh, cool air. There are some hot springs in this town.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 4-5 hours by bullet train and local train or 9 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Yamagata pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on the day before and can leave there on the day after or later.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers who are positive and cheerful about everything. Volunteers interested in working in rural areas.								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English and Japanese								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

5. STV - Short Term Workcamps

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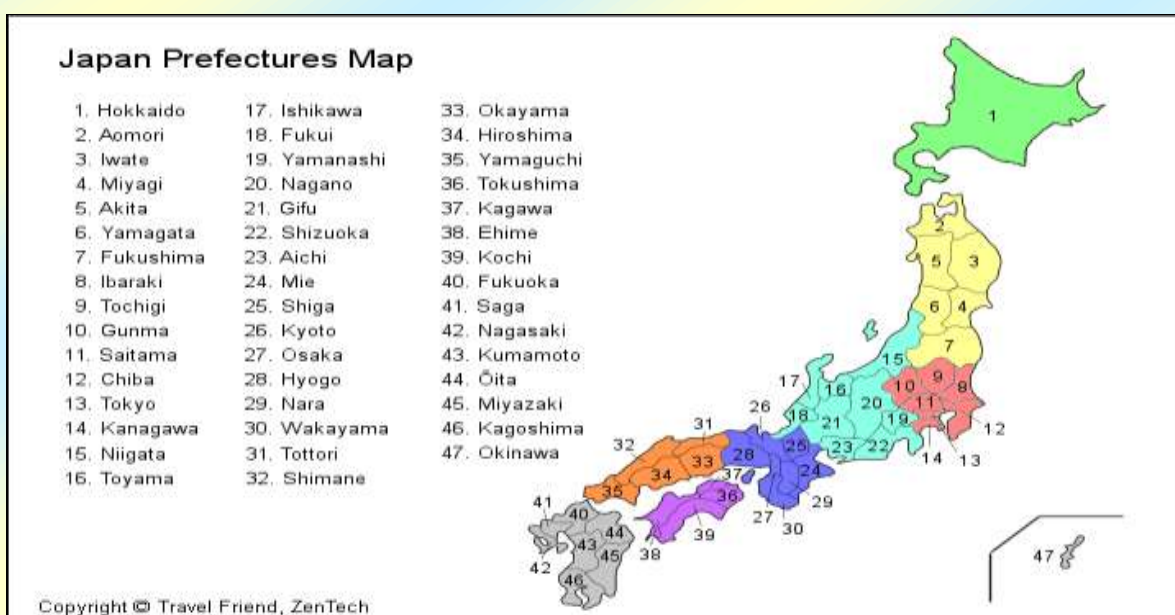
- * STV is a voluntary service project which duration is from 1 week to 1 month (**7-31 days**).
- * Most projects are **Workcamps** types (STW) while Individual volunteering type (STI) are rare.
- * More projects starting in 2023 Jul.-Dec. will be added and announced in 2023 Mar.

5-1) Summery List of Projects

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Code	Project name	Location	Country	Start	End	Theme	SDGs
NICE-23S-0115A	Maki 1	Nagano	Japan	01/15	01/21	HERI, MANU, SOCI	10,11
NICE-23S-0116A	Ohara 1	Fukui	Japan	01/16	01/29	MANU, HERI	11
NICE-23S-0130A	Ohara 2	Fukui	Japan	01/30	02/12	MANU, HERI	11
NICE-23S-0205A	Maki 2	Nagano	Japan	02/05	02/11	HERI, MANU, SOCI	10,11
NICE-23S-0206A	Ozuchi 1	Ishikawa	Japan	02/06	02/12	MANU, HERI	11
NICE-23S-0213A	Ohara 3	Fukui	Japan	02/13	02/26	MANU, ARCH	2,11
NICE-23S-0224B	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	02/24	03/10	AGRI	2
NICE-23S-0224A	Yunodake 1	Fukushima	Japan	02/24	03/10	ENVI	15
NICE-23S-0312A	Okawa 1	Kochi	Japan	03/12	03/19	ENVI, KIDS	4,15
NICE-23S-0313A	Akame 1	Mie	Japan	03/13	03/24	ENVI	15
NICE-23S-0314A	Ozuchi 2	Ishikawa	Japan	03/14	03/27	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-23S-0320A	Tabito 1	Fukushima	Japan	03/20	03/28	ENVI, KIDS	4,15
NICE-23S-0321A	Kamojima 1	Tokushima	Japan	03/21	03/31	KIDS	4
NICE-23S-0428A	Shirakami 1	Aomori	Japan	04/28	05/04	ENVI	13,15
NICE-23S-0617A	Shirakami 2	Aomori	Japan	06/17	06/26	ENVI	13,15
NICE-23S-0621A	Maki 3	Nagano	Japan	06/21	07/02	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	2,10
NICE-23S-0729A	Mogami 6	Yamagata	Japan	07/29	08/04	HERI, AGRI	2,11
NICE-23S-0730A	Shirakami 3	Aomori	Japan	07/30	08/07	KIDS	4
NICE-23S-0805A	Mogami 7	Yamagata	Japan	08/05	08/11	HERI, AGRI	2,11
NICE-23S-0825A	Maki & Tateya 4	Nagano	Japan	08/25	08/31	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	2,10
NICE-23S-1018A	Maki & Tateya 5	Nagano	Japan	10/18	10/27	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	2,10



< Projects outside Japan >

Click each Project name to jump into the detailed description!

Code	Project name	Location	Country	Start	End	Theme	SDGs
NICE-23S-0103A	Higurakgoda 1	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	01/03	01/12	SOCI, MANU	1
NICE-23S-0117A	GSS 1	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	01/17	01/26	AGRI, ENVI	2
NICE-23S-0131A	Galgamuwa 1	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	01/31	02/09	AGRI, EDU	2,4
NICE-23S-0205B	YCK 1	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/05	02/18	REFU, EDU, KIDS	4,10
NICE-23S-0206B	CSD 1	Kampot	Cambodia	02/06	02/18	EDU, AGRI	4
NICE-23S-0208A	Citarum 1	Bandung	Indonesia	02/08	02/21	ENVI, EDUC	4,6
NICE-23S-0209A	Vang Vieng 1	Vang Vieng	Laos	02/09	02/22	CONS, KIDS	4,11
NICE-23S-0212A	Street smarties 1	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/12	02/25	SOCI, KIDS	10
NICE-23S-0213B	TFC 1	Kampot	Cambodia	02/13	02/25	ENVI	13,14
NICE-23S-0219A	Mumiang Island 1	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/19	03/04	SOCI, KIDS	4,10
NICE-23S-0220A	CSD 2	Kampot	Cambodia	02/20	03/04	EDU, AGRI	4
NICE-23S-0221A	Higurakgoda 2	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	02/21	03/02	ENVI, AGRI	2,15
NICE-23S-0222B	Noraneko 1	Central Java	Indonesia	02/22	03/07	ENVI	15
NICE-23S-0226A	Street smarties 2	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/26	03/11	SOCI, KIDS	10
NICE-23S-0227A	TFC 2	Kampot	Cambodia	02/27	03/11	ENVI	13,14
NICE-23S-0305C	Mumiang Island 2	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/05	03/18	SOCI, KIDS	4,10
NICE-23S-0306A	School 1	Ulaanbaatar	Mongolia	03/06	03/19	EDU	4
NICE-23S-0307A	GSS 2	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	03/07	03/16	AGRI, ENVI	2
NICE-23S-0308A	Pekalongan 1	Central Java	Indonesia	03/08	03/21	ENVI	13,14
NICE-23S-0313B	CSD 3	Kampot	Cambodia	03/13	03/25	EDU, AGRI	4
NICE-23S-0313C	TFC 3	Kampot	Cambodia	03/13	03/25	ENVI	13,14
NICE-23S-0321B	Galgamuwa 2	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	03/21	03/30	AGRI, EDU	2,4
NICE-23S-0424A	CSD 4	Kampot	Cambodia	04/24	05/06	EDU, AGRI	4
NICE-23S-0424B	TFC 4	Kampot	Cambodia	04/24	05/06	ENVI	13,14
NICE-23S-0428B	G. Mongolia	Buhug	Mongolia	04/28	05/11	ENVI	13,15
NICE-23S-0430A	GSS 3	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	04/30	05/06	AGRI, ENVI	2
NICE-23S-0516A	Higurakgoda 3	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	05/16	05/25	SOCI, MANU	1
NICE-23S-0530A	GSS 4	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	05/30	06/08	AGRI, ENVI	2
NICE-23S-0613A	Higurakgoda 4	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	06/13	06/22	ENVI, AGRI	2,15
NICE-23S-0809A	Vang Vieng 2	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/09	08/22	CONS, KIDS	4,11

* Applications for **Cambodia**/ **Indonesia**/ **Mongolia** should be sent not to NICE, but **CYA**/ **GREAT**/ **MCE** while those for the projects in **Sri Lanka**, **Malaysia** and **Laos** should be sent to NICE.

AGRI: Agriculture

ANIM: Work with animals

ARCH: Archaeology

ART: Artistic

CONS: Construction

CULT: Cultural

DISA: Disabled ("Challenged")

EDU: Teaching, Awareness

ELDE: Work with Elderly

ENVI: Environmental

FEST: Festival

KIDS: Work with Kids

LEAD: Project leading

MANU: Manual

REFU: Work with refugees

RENO: Renovation

SOCI: Social

SPORT: Sports

STUD: Study, Research

FAM: targeting Family

TEEN: targeting Teenagers

* **SDGs**: 1-2 Most relevant goals of SDGs for each project (16 applies to all the projects, so has not been specified).

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

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5-2) Detailed Project Description




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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0115A	Maki 1	Nagano	Japan	01/15	01/21	HERI, MANU, SOCI	8	18	99
1. Summary	Clearing snow to protect the cultural heritage in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. The life is very hard with deep snow during the winter, so the members usually live in the other farm at the foot of the mountain and only sometimes come to Maki to clear the snow in these years.</p> <p>However, the water mill hut, that had been constructed just several years ago by a lot of work and donations, was destroyed in 2022 due to too much snow, they feel the needs to clear the snow more regularly, that's why the winter workcamp here has been revived since 15 years ago!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2021, for 3 short term workcamps, 15 vols. from 3 countries greatly contributed to their farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	The volunteers will mainly clear the snow on the roofs and the surroundings of the old, traditional houses. They will also carry the things from the town to Maki and join the house work such as cooking, washing, clearing, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard! It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the volunteers' house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, toilets and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Maki is located in the beautiful place near "Japanese Northern Alps", at about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or 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 Jan. 14 and can leave there from the beginning of Jan. 22.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to have high motivation and patience to keep the same hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place and to respect the way of the local host. No special skills nor experiences are needed. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ . Those who are not fully vaccinated for COVI-19 (booster) will need to have POR test on the arrival with paying the cost (2,500 JPY).								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0116A	Ohara 1	Fukui	Japan	01/16	01/29	MANU, HERI	4	18	99
1. Summary	Clearing snow to protect the cultural heritage in the mountain village of great nature and beautiful houses! Meaningful work, super clean water and Dinosaur museum are waiting!!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Ohara Eco Project (OEP) since 2009. There were 600 inhabitants in Ohara village with 90 houses 100 years ago, but now only 1 elder! OEP was founded by the local people in 2006 and has rehabilitated 7 houses of cultural heritage. They maintain and revive the trails and fields, organize the workcamps with NICE and run various eco tours, so got the best prize in the award of Creating Home Town by the national government in 2016! Ohara has one of the deepest snow in winter in Fukui pref. and without clearing snow, the valuable houses will be in high risks to be destroyed as sometimes happened in the past.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2022, 17 vols. from 7 families joined and made great contribution to have dried over sleeping mats, weed in the tea field (see the pictures), made natural clay for walls, cleaned the village road, etc. Please see the presentation made by the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e5-55193721 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly clear the snow on the roofs and the surroundings of the old, traditional houses. They may also do other community work such as chopping woods and trail maintenance as well as help to run the weekend workcamp and/ or the eco-tour.								
4. Accommodation	A few rooms of the traditional renovated house! Meals will be cooked by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. Simple shower facilities. 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 Katsuyama								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, Excursion on a free day including the famous Dinosaurs Museum (only if there is any volunteer who can drive a car well in snow)								
7. Location	200 km north east of Osaka. Katsuyama is an agricultural city and famous for dinosaurs discovery. Ohara village is located at 500 m a.s.l. and surrounded by the mountains with very rich nature (e.g., the spring water is drinkable and very tasty!).								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Komatsu for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. From Osaka/ Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 3/ 5 hours by the bullet train and 5/ 11 hours by bus. If Tokyo, vols. need to arrive at the airport in Narita or Haneda by 05:00 on Jan. 16 and can leave there after 23:00 on Jan. 29.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to have high motivation and patience to keep the same hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place and to respect the way of the local host. No special skills nor experiences are needed. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	International volunteers can be accepted ONLY in the period when there is any vol. who can speak Japanese fluently. Vols. can stay only in Ohara for the whole period (the local host will deliver the food every few day) unless there is a Japanese volunteer who can drive a car well in the deep snow.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0130A	Ohara 2	Fukui	Japan	01/30	02/12	MANU, HERI	4	18	99
1. Summary	Clearing snow to protect the cultural heritage in the mountain village of great nature and beautiful houses! Meaningful work, super clean water and Dinosaur museum are waiting!!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Ohara Eco Project (OEP) since 2009. There were 600 inhabitants in Ohara village with 90 houses 100 years ago, but now only 1 elder! OEP was founded by the local people in 2006 and has rehabilitated 7 houses of cultural heritage. They maintain and revive the trails and fields, organize the workcamps with NICE and run various eco tours, so got the best prize in the award of Creating Home Town by the national government in 2016! Ohara has one of the deepest snow in winter in Fukui pref. and without clearing snow, the valuable houses will be in high risks to be destroyed as sometimes happened in the past.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2022, 17 vols. from 7 families joined and made great contribution to have dried over sleeping mats, weed in the tea field (see the pictures), made natural clay for walls, cleaned the village road, etc. Please see the presentation made by the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e5-55193721 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly clear the snow on the roofs and the surroundings of the old, traditional houses. They may also do other community work such as chopping woods and trail maintenance as well as help to run the weekend workcamp and/ or the eco-tour.								
4. Accommodation	A few rooms of the traditional renovated house! Meals will be cooked by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. Simple shower facilities. 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 Katsuyama								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, Excursion on a free day including the famous Dinosaurs Museum (only if there is any volunteer who can drive a car well in snow)								
7. Location	200 km north east of Osaka. Katsuyama is an agricultural city and famous for dinosaurs discovery. Ohara village is located at 500 m a.s.l. and surrounded by the mountains with very rich nature (e.g., the spring water is drinkable and very tasty!).								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Komatsu for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. From Osaka/ Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 3/ 5 hours by the bullet train and 5/ 11 hours by bus. If Tokyo, vols. need to arrive at the airport in Narita or Haneda by 05:00 on Jan. 30 and can leave there after 23:00 on Feb. 12.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to have high motivation and patience to keep the same hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place and to respect the way of the local host. No special skills nor experiences are needed. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	International volunteers can be accepted ONLY in the period when there is any vol. who can speak Japanese fluently. Vols. can stay only in Ohara for the whole period (the local host will deliver the food every few day) unless there is a Japanese volunteer who can drive a car well in the deep snow.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0205A	Maki 2	Nagano	Japan	02/05	02/11	HERI, MANU, SOCI	8	18	99
1. Summary	Clearing snow to protect the cultural heritage in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. The life is very hard with deep snow during the winter, so the members usually live in the other farm at the foot of the mountain and only sometimes come to Maki to clear the snow in these years.</p> <p>However, the water mill hut, that had been constructed just several years ago by a lot of work and donations, was destroyed in 2022 due to too much snow, they feel the needs to clear the snow more regularly, that's why the winter workcamp here has been revived since 15 years ago!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2021, for 3 short term workcamps, 15 vols. from 3 countries greatly contributed to their farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	The volunteers will mainly clear the snow on the roofs and the surroundings of the old, traditional houses. They will also carry the things from the town to Maki and join the house work such as cooking, washing, clearing, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard! It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the volunteers' house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, toilets and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Maki is located in the beautiful place near "Japanese Northern Alps", at about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or 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 Feb. 04 and can leave there from the beginning of Feb. 12.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to have high motivation and patience to keep the same hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place and to respect the way of the local host. No special skills nor experiences are needed. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ . Those who are not fully vaccinated for COVI-19 (booster) will need to have POR test on the arrival with paying the cost (2,500 JPY).								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0206A	Ozuchi 1	Ishikawa	Japan	02/06	02/12	ENVI, CULT	6	16	99
1. Summary	Revive the countryside and beautiful village by maintenance of the fields. You can enjoy very beautiful nature and traditional Japanese culture!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Shizentaiken Ozuchi Mura (SOM) since 2013. There were 140 inhabitants with 20 houses in 1916, but This village had become abandoned and one of the former villagers (Founder of SOM) was maintaining the terraced rice fields alone from his home in the town. 10 houses are still remained and the area was designated as Nation's Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings. SOM tries to improve this situation by young voluntary power.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Vols. have been greatly contributing to maintain the fields and the forest path, to organize the culture exchange events for local children and to exchange ideas for improvement regional development. But such workcamps working together, the founder of SOM has got so empowered that he started living there again with his old mother since 2018! Please see the presentation made by the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2017e2 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Main work is removing snow and clean up the traditional renovated house. And also discuss and plan events to promote the attractions of this village! We possibly also support agriculture and do some other work for the community. Work may be changed due to weather and snow conditions, so flexible attitude is necessary.								
4. Accommodation	Renovated house (traditional house!). Simple shower room. Clean toilet. Winter Sleeping bag is needed! Cooked by volunteers. Wi-Fi and internet are fine. There is a cat.								
5. Study theme	Best practice to revive depopulated areas in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Snow trekking, enjoy Japanese hot spring, enjoy drum baths under the stars.								
7. Location	The southwest part of Ishikawa prefecture. Ozuchi village is far from 30 minute from Kaga-onsen station. And surrounded by mountains, you can enjoy rich nature.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Komatsu for domestic and Osaka (KIX), Nagoya (NGO) or Tokyo (HND/ NRT) for international flights. It takes 4 hours by express train from Osaka or Nagoya and 5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by highway night bus from Tokyo. Vols. need to arrive at Japan by the end of Feb. 05 and can leave Japan from the midnight of Feb. 12.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work hard, simple life in the isolated mountain area and respect to the local								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0213A	Ohara 3	Fukui	Japan	02/13	02/26	MANU, ARCH	4	18	99
1. Summary	Clearing snow to protect the cultural heritage in the mountain village of great nature and beautiful houses! Meaningful work, super clean water and Dinosaur museum are waiting!!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Ohara Eco Project (OEP) since 2009. There were 600 inhabitants in Ohara village with 90 houses 100 years ago, but now only 1 elder! OEP was founded by the local people in 2006 and has rehabilitated 7 houses of cultural heritage. They maintain and revive the trails and fields, organize the workcamps with NICE and run various eco tours, so got the best prize in the award of Creating Home Town by the national government in 2016! Ohara has one of the deepest snow in winter in Fukui pref. and without clearing snow, the valuable houses will be in high risks to be destroyed as sometimes happened in the past.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2022, 17 vols. from 7 families joined and made great contribution to have dried over sleeping mats, weed in the tea field (see the pictures), made natural clay for walls, cleaned the village road, etc. Please see the presentation made by the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e5-55193721 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly clear the snow on the roofs and the surroundings of the old, traditional houses. They may also do other community work such as chopping woods and trail maintenance as well as help to run the weekend workcamp and/ or the eco-tour.								
4. Accommodation	A few rooms of the traditional renovated house! Meals will be cooked by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. Simple shower facilities. 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 Katsuyama								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, Excursion on a free day including the famous Dinosaurs Museum (only if there is any volunteer who can drive a car well in snow)								
7. Location	200 km north east of Osaka. Katsuyama is an agricultural city and famous for dinosaurs discovery. Ohara village is located at 500 m a.s.l. and surrounded by the mountains with very rich nature (e.g., the spring water is drinkable and very tasty!).								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Komatsu for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. From Osaka/ Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 3/ 5 hours by the bullet train and 5/ 11 hours by bus. If Tokyo, vols. need to arrive at the airport in Narita or Haneda by 05:00 on Feb. 13 and can leave there after 23:00 on Feb. 26.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to have high motivation and patience to keep the same hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place and to respect the way of the local host. No special skills nor experiences are needed. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	International volunteers can be accepted ONLY in the period when there is any vol. who can speak Japanese fluently. Vols. can stay only in Ohara for the whole period (the local host will deliver the food every few day) unless there is a Japanese volunteer who can drive a car well in the deep snow.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0224B	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	02/24	03/10	ENVI, AGRI	11	18	30
1. Summary	Let's support mandarin farming in edge of peninsula!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGS15 (Life on Land), organized together with Kikuya Community Group (KCG), formed by the local young people to think of the future of their small village, since 2008. Ikata is famous for its main industry of mandarins farming, but has been facing depopulation, lack of workers and aging society since most of young people leave the town. So, the number of abandoned mandarin farms is increasing and the town is losing its tradition, life, custom and scenery. KCG strongly hopes to host vols. to work together to animate the town and revive the farms. The activity Blog: http://blog.goo.ne.jp/kikuya2009</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: As this project has continued over 10 years, international vols. not only worked at farm but also visited local elementary school and introduced their culture as a international education.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will help mandarin farming (It is the main work!! Harvesting, taking care of trees, cutting grass etc., it depend on season! Especially, Nov. to April. is hard!!), support local youth club (If you have chance), and create new activities to animate the town.								
4. Accommodation	Share room (male and female are separated) at the volunteer's house. It is traditional Japanese style house. Volunteers cook by themselves.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers have opportunities learning organic mandarin farming.								
6. Other activities	Joining the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	In the edge of Sata Peninsula, surrounded by the sea, so fishing is also famous. There are only 30 houses in this community. The climate is relatively warm though it can be cold in winter.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Matsuyama for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. It takes 2.5 hours by bus from Matsuyama to the meeting point. Vols. need to arrive at KIX by the end of Feb. 23 and can leave there from the midnight of Mar. 10.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to learn/ speak Japanese and to work hard. Respect for the local cultures and way of the local organization. Interests in agriculture. Be ready that work is for quite a long and hard.								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Some Japanese (Those who can manage to speak basic daily conversation)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0224A	Yunodake 1	Fukushima	Japan	02/24	03/10	ENVI	6	18	99
1. Summary	Let's enjoy rich nature in Iwaki! Maintain forest around Mt. Yunodake area!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Iwaki no Mori ni Shitashimukai (IMS) since 2016. IMS started on October 3, 2001, at Mt. Yunodake in Iwaki city. IMS is an NPO that maintaining forests and organizing activities there for kids. They aim to revive local woods by the hand of citizens, and they hope the forests are used by citizens safely and freely. There are 4 groups in IMS, such as maintaining forests group, agriculture group, wood handicraft group, planning for kids group, and volunteers join there works during the workcamp. Also, volunteers infuse with energy by working with IMS, which faces the aging of the members.								
3. Work	1) Maintain forest (cutting trees, weeding etc.). 2) Maintain footpath we call Yunodake nature walking course. IMS organizes the nature activities there.								
4. Accommodation	A facility which it used to be training center for forestry workers. Shared room by gender. Meal is cooked by volunteer by turn. All basic facilities are provided.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of nature, maintaining forests and agriculture. Bring some info. about environmental situation in your country.								
6. Other activities	Communicating with member of IMS and local university students. Wood handicraft.								
7. Location	It is located Iwaki city (south part and near shore) in Fukushima pre.. Iwaki-city is most huge land and highest population number in Fukushima.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 3 hours by bus to the meeting point. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 07:00 of Feb. 24 and can leave there after 19:00 on Mar. 10.								
9. Requirement	Interest to protect nature and to exchange with people.								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Website of IMS: http://iwaki-mori.jimdo.com/ (only Japanese)								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0312A	Okawa 1	Kochi	Japan	03/12	03/19	ENVI,KIDS	8	18	99
1. Summary	Activating the village with the smallest population in Shikoku by environmental conservation activities and education !								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with a local NPO, Bizan Daigaku(B.D) since 2022. Okawa Village, the village with the smallest population in Japan, is located in the middle of Shikoku and is surrounded by 1000m class mountains. At the center of the village is a dam that was completed 47 years ago, and the former village has sunk to the bottom of the dam.</p> <p>There are 400 inhabitants who counted 4000 at the peak. There are currently 25 children in the village.</p> <p>This work camp is a Yoshino River water system work camp that works in Okawa Village, which is the upper stream of the clear Yoshino River, and also in Tokushima City, which is the most downstream. Volunteers are expected to contribute ideas and practices on how to revitalize a small, depopulated village through the work camp, which has just started.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp; the first workcamp on March 2022 has done successfully. Volunteers did mainly conservation activities for the forest, cutting and carrying the woods. And they joined the workshop how to promote the village specialties with local people.</p>								
3. Work	<p>*Maintenance and management work and cleanup activities for forests, cherry blossoms and azaleas in village forests</p> <p>*Interaction with village children and learning support activities.</p> <p>*Activities to support the resolution of local issues in Okawa Village proposed by villagers.</p> <p>*Participating in activities in Tokushima City, an area down the Yoshino River that originates from the village. Volunteer will move to Tokushima city for a few days.</p>								
4. Accommodation	Outdoor Learning Center. All meals will be cooked by vols by turns. Sleeping bag is NOT necessary.								
5. Study theme	You can learn about the depopulation problem in Japan and think about how to activate such a place.								
6. Other activities	Welcome party with local people								
7. Location	Okawa-village, Kochi pref.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokushima for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. Vols. need to arrive at KIX by the end of Mar. 11 since the highway bus from KIX to Tokushima leaves early morning. It takes 3 hours by bus and necessary to get on the train 3 hours to get to the meeting point. They can leave KIX after the midnight of Mar. 19.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with Japanese local people, have fun with kids!								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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NICE-23S-0313A	Akame 1	Mie	Japan	03/13	03/24	ENVI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Working in SATOYAMA forest !								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with "Akame no SATOYAMA wo Sodateru kai", a local environmental organization for conservation of SATOYAMA forest working in Nabari city, since 1999. Because this area is relatively close to the big cities between Osaka and Nagoya, there were plans to build a golf field and a disposal center. However, the local people stopped those plans by collecting donations and buying the land. SATOYAMA needs to be maintained by humans for its biodiversity and water adjustment function. Our ancestors had protected and utilized the forest in an ecological and sustainable way, which has been neglected by modernization at many places in Japan.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Over the last 20 years, 30 ha of SATOYAMA forest has been maintained by the previous volunteers. Please see the presentation of the camp leader for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/w55 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!).</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will cut down trees in the forest and carry them out so that SATOYAMA forest receives enough amount of sun light and will be kept in the healthy condition for biodiversity. You sometimes need to use blades and machineries under the supervision. Work is quite hard from morning to evening even if it's not so heavy rain. Volunteers may take care of free-range raised chickens and slaughter old enough chickens for eating by themselves as well. You sometimes work with mentally/physically challenged people who work at the same place.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in a regular Japanese house. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NO need. Depends on the amount of work and consideration for the environment, volunteers may take a shower once every two days. Water might be only cold.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of conservation work in SATOYAMA forest.								
6. Other activities	Hiking, opportunity communicate with local people, etc.								
7. Location	Workcamp is held in Kami-mitani area, Nabari city, Mie prefecture, about 60 km from Osaka. There are famous falls nearby that many hikers visit.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX) or Nagoya (NGO). To the meeting point, it takes 2-3 hours by train from the both airports. Vols. need to arrive at KIX or NGO by 10:00 on Mar. 13 and can leave there after 14:00 on Mar. 24.								
9. Requirement	Strong motivation and physical strength are highly needed.								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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NICE-23S-0314A	Ozuchi 2	Ishikawa	Japan	03/14	03/27	AGRI, ENVI	6	16	99
1. Summary	Revive the countryside and beautiful village by maintenance of the fields. You can enjoy very beautiful nature and traditional Japanese culture!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Shizentaiken Ozuchi Mura (SOM) since 2013. There were 140 inhabitants with 20 houses in 1916, but This village had become abandoned and one of the former villagers (Founder of SOM) was maintaining the terraced rice fields alone from his home in the town. 10 houses are still remained and the area was designated as Nation's Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings. SOM tries to improve this situation by young voluntary power.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Vols. have been greatly contributing to maintain the fields and the forest path, to organize the culture exchange events for local children and to exchange ideas for improvement regional development. But such workcamps working together, the founder of SOM has got so empowered that he started living there again with his old mother since 2018! Please see the presentation made by the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2017e2 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Main work is farming, forest road maintenance and clean up the traditional renovated house. And also discuss and plan events to promote the attractions of this village! We possibly also support agriculture and do some other work for the community. Work may be changed due to weather and snow conditions, so flexible attitude is necessary.								
4. Accommodation	Renovated house (traditional house!). Simple shower room. Clean toilet. Winter Sleeping bag is needed! Cooked by volunteers. Wi-Fi and internet are fine. There is a cat.								
5. Study theme	Best practice to revive depopulated areas in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Enjoy Japanese hot spring, enjoy drum baths under the stars.								
7. Location	The southwest part of Ishikawa prefecture. Ozuchi village is far from 30 minute from Kaga-onsen station. And surrounded by mountains, you can enjoy rich nature.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Komatsu for domestic and Osaka (KIX), Nagoya (NGO) or Tokyo (HND/ NRT) for international flights. It takes 4 hours by express train from Osaka or Nagoya and 5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by highway night bus from Tokyo. Vols. need to arrive at Japan by the end of Mar. 13 and can leave Japan from the midnight of Mar. 27.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work hard, simple life in the isolated mountain area and respect to the local								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23SS-0320A	Tabito 1	Fukushima	Japan	03/20	03/28	ENVI, KIDS	5	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. TSRC was planned a short-term workcamp in 2021, but it was cancelled because of COVID-19. In 2022, 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) 3/20-23: Preparation for the of kid's camps in the summer. Specifically, farm work in the village (soil preparation, sowing seeds, etc.) and environmental maintenance in Tabito. 2) 3/24-28: Move to "Yunodake" which one of workcamp places in Iwaki city to support the running of 3 days kid's nature camp.								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in Tabito Workcamp Village. Sleeping bag is needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Bath is rented at a nearby inn.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge about revitalization of the region, life in rural villages.								
6. Other activities	Enjoy rich nature around accommodation, hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Iwaki city is located in the southern part of Hamadori (near seashore), Fukushima prefecture. It is the second most populous city in the Tohoku region. Tabito Village was merged with Iwaki City in 1966. The Tabito area is located in the southern part of the city and is steep, mountainous and undulating throughout.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 3 hours by bus to the meeting point. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 07:00 of Mar. 20 and can leave there after 19:00 on Mar. 28.								
9. Requirement	Anyone who also has an attitude of concern for the local people and children!								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0321A	Kamojima 1	Tokushima	Japan	03/21	03/31	KIDS	8	18	99
1. Summary	Let's make the opportunity to touch different cultures for local kids and supporting center's staff!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education), organized together with Kamojima Children Center (Kamojima Jido-kan) since 2019. Center is located in Yoshinogawa city named after Yoshino river that is the longest river in Shikoku island. The river used to flood often and make rich soil a long time ago but now it flows calmly. Center is a place where local children from 0 to 18 years old enjoy learning together and they can spend time for free. We would like to give children a various experiences regardless of their financial situations. We have children with a wide range of ages, we support them to help each other regardless of ages or experiences in order to grow up. We hope more people to get to know about us, Kamojima Jido-kan!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp; The communication with local kids directly was very limited because of COVID-19 on 2020. However, volunteers and local organization made some ideas to play with them through the online and thought how they manage the workcamp. It will be a kind of new style of workcamp.</p>								
3. Work	1. Support the operation of the child center and create event. (this is the most busiest season there.) 2. Provide some opportunities for children that they can touch international culture.								
4. Accommodation	Sharing apartment building. Meals will be cooked by volunteers. Sleeping bag is not necessary.								
5. Study theme	Help children learning and gaining their experiences through teamwork. Experience international exchange while working with children.								
6. Other activities	Exchange with local people								
7. Location	Kamojima, Yoshinogawa-city, Tokushima pref.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokushima for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. Vols. need to arrive at KIX by the end of Mar. 20 since the highway bus from KIX to Tokushima leaves early morning. It takes 3 hours by bus. They can leave KIX after the midnight of Mar. 31. There is also a flight from Tokyo (HND) to Tokushima that takes 1.5 hours.								
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed. Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with Japanese local people, have fun with kids!								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Video introducing online activity at Komojima jido-kan(Japanese only); https://youtu.be/QrnY6uNfkaQ								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0428A	Shirakami 1	Aomori	Japan	04/28	05/04	ENVI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Preserving the beautiful beech forests and enjoy your stay in beautiful rural area where is famous for tasty sea foods!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG13 (Climate Action) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Shirakami Mountains Preservation Society (SMPS), since 2006. The Shirakami Mountains is one of Japanese valuable preserved natural forests consisting primarily of beech trees, registered as a World Natural Heritage in 1993. SMPS aims to preserve the natural beauty of the Shirakami Mountains by nurturing seedlings of beech trees, planting them, training mountain guide, etc. SMPS hosts tree-planting ceremony every June for preserving beech forests and promoting the value. They also preserve the forests near the Mutsu-bay, famous as production of scallops. Due to climate change, the sea water temperature increased abnormally in 2010, the most of scallops were dead, so SMPS started to preserve the forest there to let nutrient water flow to the ocean.								
3. Work	Volunteers will do some preparations for the tree planting ceremonies in June. such as 1) Transplanting the seedlings, 2) Seeding for growing nursery trees, 3) Arranging the environment for seeding beds, 4) Building greenhouse, removing snow fences, Work might be changed due to weather condition, we need to be flexible!								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in school dormitory. Sleeping bag is needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Shirakami-Sanchi World Heritage, and skills of conservation forests in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Enjoy 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.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours by bullet train and local train or 10 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Aomori pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Apr. 27 and can leave there after 22:00 on May 04.								
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	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0617A	Shirakami 2	Aomori	Japan	06/17	06/26	ENVI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Let's preserve the beautiful forests in the World Natural Heritage!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG13 (Climate Action) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Shirakami Mountains Preservation Society (SMPS) since 2006. The Shirakami Mountains is one of Japanese valuable preserved natural forests consisting primarily of beech trees, registered as a World Natural Heritage in 1993. SMPS aims to preserve the natural beauty of the Shirakami Mountains by nurturing seedlings of beech trees, planting them, training mountain guide, etc. SMPS hosts tree-planting ceremony every June for preserving and promoting the value of it. They also preserve the forests near the Mutsu-bay, famous as production of scallops. Due to climate change, the sea water temperature increased abnormally and the most of scallops were dead. So SMPS started to preserve the forest there to let nutrient water flow to the ocean.								
3. Work	Volunteers will do various types of nature conservation works such as 1) Maintain beech nursery and organization of tool shed and 2) Helping the tree planting ceremonies(twice) including preparation such as carrying the plants and tools, organizing event, and cleanup after the event. 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.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours by bullet train and local train or 10 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Aomori pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Jun. 16 and can leave there after 22:00 on Jun. 26.								
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	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0621A	Maki 3	Nagano	Japan	06/21	07/02	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	8	18	99
1. Summary	Organic farming and nature life in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. Over 10 people incl. 2 families were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2021, for 3 short term workcamps, 15 vols. from 3 countries greatly contributed to their farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	We will help their organic farming (planting rice and vegetables, weeding in the vegetable fields, taking care of goats and chicken) and also carry the things from the town, renovate the trails, help their house work such as cooking, washing, clearing, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard! It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the volunteers' house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, toilets and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Maki is located in the beautiful place near "Japanese Northern Alps", at about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or 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 Jun. 20 and can leave there from the beginning of Jul. 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	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ . Those who are not fully vaccinated for COVI-19 (booster) will need to have POR test on the arrival with paying the cost (2,500 JPY).								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23V-0729A	Mogami 6	Yamagata	Japan	07/29	08/04	AGRI	4	18	99
1. Summary	Helping rice and kikurage cultivation and free-range poultry farms in the spring-fed Mogami!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Mogami no Shoen (MS) since 2021. Accepting farmers deepen their understanding of agriculture and rural areas through "farming experience" and accept volunteers to overcome the challenges of a declining population due to a falling birthrate and an ageing population. The aim is also to create various connections and exchanges between urban and rural areas through the experience of rural life and the dissemination of information from farming and mountain village areas. The representative of MS has been farming in a snowy spring village for 40 years. He has been living on a variety of crops, "rice", "vegetables", "wild vegetables", "kikurage mushrooms" and forests, with a focus on "cage free eggs".</p> <p>He is working energetically to do something about the depopulation of the area, and is planned 10 projects for five to seven days in 2022, as well as medium- and long-term projects. The volunteers are expected to revitalize the area.</p>								
3. Work	1) Helping to maintain the fields, grow kikurage and herbs, etc. 2) Taking care for chickens in free-range farms, etc.								
4. Accommodation	The house where the representative's grandparents used to live has been renovated and is being used as a accommodation for volunteers. Self cooking with a focus on locally grown produce and cage free eggs.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge about revitalization of the region, life in rural villages, cage free poultry.								
6. Other activities	It's up to COVID-19, but there's community interaction, doburoku making (unrefined sake), rice cake pounding! Hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Mogami Town in Yamagata Prefecture is a town of abundant rivers and springs. The Mitsuzawa district, located to the south of the town, is a nature-rich area surrounded by abundant spring water and forests and blessed with fresh, cool air. There are some hot springs in this town.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 4-5 hours by bullet train and local train or 9 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Yamagata pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Jul. 28 and can leave there after 12:00 on Aug. 05.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers who are positive and cheerful about everything. Volunteers interested in working in rural areas.								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English and Japanese								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0730A	Shirakami 3	Aomori	Japan	07/30	08/07	KIDS	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. Children will play and live in the nature to grow their independence, cultivate sensitivity, and learn group cooperation. This is also good opportunity for children to learn about international culture through communication with international volunteers. Volunteers need to be ready to spend 24 hours with children during kids camp except some free times.								
3. Work	Volunteers will help out and live together with children all the time in the summer program, such as helping some activities in nature (playing at river and sea, BBQ, trekking in mountain, experience of forestry and agriculture etc.), and showing your culture, performance. Volunteers also help some other needed works such as forest maintenance and cleaning. The contents of work will be changed due to weather, so please be flexible!								
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.								
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	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English and basic Japanese								
12. Other	none								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23V-0805A	Mogami 7	Yamagata	Japan	08/05	08/11	AGRI	4	18	99
1. Summary	Helping rice and kikurage cultivation and free-range poultry farms in the spring-fed Mogami!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Mogami no Shoen (MS) since 2021. Accepting farmers deepen their understanding of agriculture and rural areas through "farming experience" and accept volunteers to overcome the challenges of a declining population due to a falling birthrate and an ageing population. The aim is also to create various connections and exchanges between urban and rural areas through the experience of rural life and the dissemination of information from farming and mountain village areas. The representative of MS has been farming in a snowy spring village for 40 years. He has been living on a variety of crops, "rice", "vegetables", "wild vegetables", "kikurage mushrooms" and forests, with a focus on "cage free eggs".</p> <p>He is working energetically to do something about the depopulation of the area, and is planned 10 projects for five to seven days in 2022, as well as medium- and long-term projects. The volunteers are expected to revitalize the area.</p>								
3. Work	1) Helping to maintain the fields, grow kikurage and herbs, etc. 2) Taking care for chickens in free-range farms, etc.								
4. Accommodation	The house where the representative's grandparents used to live has been renovated and is being used as a accommodation for volunteers. Self cooking with a focus on locally grown produce and cage free eggs.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge about revitalization of the region, life in rural villages, cage free poultry.								
6. Other activities	It's up to COVID-19, but there's community interaction, doburoku making (unrefined sake), rice cake pounding! Hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Mogami Town in Yamagata Prefecture is a town of abundant rivers and springs. The Mitsuzawa district, located to the south of the town, is a nature-rich area surrounded by abundant spring water and forests and blessed with fresh, cool air. There are some hot springs in this town.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 4-5 hours by bullet train and local train or 9 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Yamagata pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Aug. 04 and can leave there after 12:00 on Aug. 12.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers who are positive and cheerful about everything. Volunteers interested in working in rural areas.								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English and Japanese								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0825A	Maki & Tateya 4	Nagano	Japan	08/25	08/31	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	8	6	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>Family workcamp! This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. Over 10 people incl. 2 families were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more!</p> <p>Tateya is located on the hilly (less than Maki, but still a bit isolated) area where 30-40 members live and mainly do rice farming as well as growing cows and chicken.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2021, for 3 short term workcamps, 15 vols. from 3 countries greatly contributed to their 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 (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard. Kids may sometimes be separated to plan in the nature with care of some adults.								
4. Accommodation	<p>Maki: Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the volunteers' house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, toilets and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.</p> <p>Tateya: Building for volunteers and a few members, 5 min. walk from the farm. Meals will be usually cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.</p>								
5. Study theme	2030 goals of Kyodo Gakusha and children's growth in each country								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Both are located in the beautiful places near "Japanese Northern Alps". Maki is in about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization. Tateya is surrounded by the farms and 40 min. walk from the train station.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HNH). From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 5 hours by express bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo by the end of Aug. 24 and can leave there from the beginning of Sep. 01.								
9. Requirement	Only families (Children should be 6-12 years old) can join this program. Basically, 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	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) per adult and 10,000 JPY (76 USD by the same rate) per child of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ . Those who are not fully vaccinated for COVI-19 (booster) will need to have POR test on the arrival with paying the cost (2,500 JPY).								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-1018A	Maki & Tateya 5	Nagano	Japan	10/18	10/27	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	8	18	99
1. Summary	Organic farming and nature life in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. Over 10 people incl. 2 families were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more!</p> <p>Tateya is located on the hilly (less than Maki, but still a bit isolated) area where 30-40 members live and mainly do rice farming as well as growing cows and chicken.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2021, for 3 short term workcamps, 15 vols. from 3 countries greatly contributed to their 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 stay and work in Maki for some days and Tateya in other days. The work will be mainly helping organic agriculture (cutting thatch, harvesting/ threshing rice, selecting beans, taking care of goats, cows and chicken) and also carrying the things from the town to Maki, renovating the trails on the way, helping the house works especially cooking, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard!								
4. Accommodation	<p>Maki: Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the volunteers' house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, toilets and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.</p> <p>Tateya: Building for volunteers and a few members, 5 min. walk from the farm. Meals will be usually cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.</p>								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Both are located in the beautiful places near "Japanese Northern Alps". Maki is in about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization. Tateya is surrounded by the farms and 40 min. walk from the train station.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HNH). From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 5 hours by express bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo by the end of Oct. 17 and can leave there from the beginning of Oct. 28.								
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	6,000 JPY (45 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 22nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ . Those who are not fully vaccinated for COVI-19 (booster) will need to have POR test on the arrival with paying the cost (2,500 JPY).								
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NICE-23S-0103A	Higurakgoda 1	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	01/03	01/12	SOCI, MANU	10	18	99
1. Summary	Helping to make bags by the low income family and assist the life of the farmers! Back to 1,100 years ago to explore the ancient civilization.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 1 (No poverty) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 in this place!). Project area is a based on paddy farming. There are two paddy farming seasons in here and when there are no paddy fields works, most of farmers are working as unskilled labors. Project area is belonging to dry zone so they experienced the harshness of the life. Very few people were moving to outside of the village and others are stay around the village. Partner organization has been working since 2002 in various sector. Working with volunteers will make positive changes on their lives and way of their thinking, we expected. After covid pandemic community are trying to reestablish their agricultural work and other livelihoods. Not only pandemic, but also economic crisis impacted every sector in Sri Lanka. These sectors are trying to reestablish their own work but they need external assistances to continue their work. We are going to help domestic level livelihoods running by villagers. While visiting community, volunteers can experience real life of Sri Lanka and experience the nature of the local life. Community can get awareness about lifestyle of developed countries that they cannot experienced in their local lives.								
3. Work	First four days we are working at the one place that is our main work, helping to livelihood activities. We are going to help making bags run by local family. Second four days, we are moving around the village to meet community to do our next part of the projects. During this week you can meet a family, youth/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village school etc. In short, 1. Help family to make bags 2. Cultural exchange programs with villagers including youths. 3. Activities with children 4. Work and assist to self-help group member's activities								
4. Accommodation	Village house with a host family, located close to nice paddy fields. There is electricity and mobile phones are working. But no internet or WiFi. You can't use toilet papers here. Because of toilet papers will block the drainage lines. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying. At the night you can see lots of bright stars at the sky.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Higu and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km2).								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Jan. 02 and can leave there after 20:00 of Jan. 12. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	225/ 185 USD for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 01/03-01/08. Please write this period on the application form if you want to join only for 6 days.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0117A	GSS 1	Galaha	Sri Lanka	01/17	01/26	AGRI, ENVI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Help to rebuild of Organic Farming Training Center that was stopped by the COVID-19.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 in this place!).The local partner Gami Seva Sevana – GSS - (Shelter for villagers) are established as a integrated organic farm in 1977 with the financial support from some international donation agencies. Eight years ago, all the funds are terminated suddenly then most of the activities are collapsed. After that another group had taken the responsibility to development the collapsed project. Again, its management has change and all the activities stopped by new management. Covid pandemic hit very badly and workers have to stay at home. It was big hit to farm work and all the activities have to stopped. Now GSS is monitored and administrated by Retied Bishop and he started dairy and vegetable projects again. Volunteers assist to GSS to rehabilitate and rebuild the farm while establishing plant nursery, a vegetable plots and other work for future development.								
3. Work	Basically project consists with two parts. First four days we are work in a plant nursery/vegetable garden and second four days we are moving around villages to meet the community and going to work with them. Farm work are like making different kind of composts systems, making beds, planting seeds and plants, fill composts to bags, planting plants and seed in bags, are main among the work at the farm. In short, 1. Establishing the nursery with 5,000 plants, 2. Assist the other farming activities at farm 3. Working at vegetable garden 4. Support to village children society's work 5. Support to GSS members home garden activities. 6. Assisting to village children's English class are the main								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay at a training center located inside the farm. Electricity, cold/hot water, beds, pillows, and toilets with commodes are available so you can use toilet papers. Internet facility is poor but can manage to check your email etc. Main mobile connection such as Dialog and Mobitel are working. Cloths have wash by hand and can hang outside to dry.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of GSS and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Visit village temple, Excursion, Environmental Education, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	A mountainous area and elevation is 1,100 m a.s.l., 130km from Colombo. Environment is cool, windy and low humid. Used for tea plantation by the British people until late 19th century. After that, they abandoned the area because all the planters moved back to UK. Still some plantations can be seen and still as majority, south Indian Tamil people are living here. Agriculture, dairy farming and the tea plantation are the main incomes of the community.								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Jan. 16 and can leave there after 20:00 of Jan. 26. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	225/ 185 USD for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 01/17-01/22. Please write this period on the application form if you want to join only for 6 days.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0131A	Galgamuwa 1	Galgamuwa	Sri Lanka	01/31	02/09	AGRI, EDUC	10	18	99
1. Summary	Help to harvest for villagers!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 4 (Quality Education), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (first time in this place!). This village was rather secluded and weren't visited by outsiders, nor the villagers travelled out of the village for many years. Electricity was supplied to this area 15 years ago, but villagers used solar power before that because lots of outsiders, locals and foreigners visited this village to establish domestic solar power plants. And this village was chosen by the companies to run trials, how supply-demand was met etc. Some people even came here to do researches and studies. After finishing their projects everyone left. People returned to their normal life. We got an opportunity to visit this village and share our experiences and memories with them. Then chairman of the village development society asked us to visit village with volunteers while paying special attention on harvesting work and activities with youths and village school.								
3. Work	Basically project consists with two parts. First four days we are supporting to corn harvesting work and second four days we are moving around villages to meet the community, school and youths. At the community you can work with a family, groups of women's or other kind of group such as farmers associations etc., children and youths while sharing your knowledge and experiences. In short, 1. Help farmers to harvest corn 2. Meet and activities with students at village school 3. Activities with youth 4. Support home garden activities.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers are going to stay at a village house with limited facilities. Electricity, cleaned drinking water, beds, pillows, and toilets without commodes are available. Internet facility is poor but can manage to check your email etc. Main mobile connection such as Dialog and Mobitel are working. Cloths can be wash by hand and can hang outside to dry.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of GSS and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Visit village temple, Excursion, Environmental Education, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	very rural area and belongs to dry zone, 191km from Colombo. People mainly depend on agriculture and other seasonal crops. Many lakes can be seen here. Since this place holds a history of civilization running back to several centuries, the Iginimitiya lake, build several centuries ago, had been renovated in 1985 by loan from JICA. This area is based on many historic stories and was the part of the Kurunegala Kingdom. First a temple is built by king and then the population expanded gradually in this area based upon temple. Still ruins are remained as evidence of our ancient prosperity.								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Jan. 30 and can leave there after 20:00 of Feb. 09. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	225/ 185 USD for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 01/31-02/05. Please write this period on the application form if you want to join only for 6 days.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0205B	YCK 1	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/05	02/18	REFU, EDU, KIDS	17	18	50
1. Summary	The rare (only?) 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, but stopped activities for some years and NICE restarted co-organizing since 2017! Yayasan Chow Kit (YCK) is a non-profit organization that caters to the needs of children in and around Chow Kit. They run two drop-in centers in Chow Kit and one safe home for children who are in need of temporary guardianship. YCK operate in partnership with Ministry of Women and Child Welfare. YCK developed out of Nur Salam and was incorporated in 2011. The past workcamps since 2018 Sep. have been successful, so have decided to be revived after 3 years stop due to the COVID-19!								
3. Work	Volunteers will help in guiding student in studies, setting a better environment to enhance a better learning environment. Be ready to provide attentive care from 09:00 to 15:00 on Monday to Friday. It is also important to have nice exchange with several children sleeping in the school building! Some group activities will be arranged by the school and teachers.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in the school where several children and one staff will also stay together. Meal will be provided. Sleeping bag is necessary.								
5. Study theme	Situation of refugees and other disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of YCK								
6. Other activities	Visitation to the other community school around, local sports, visit around Kuala Lumpur city, and the cultural heritage of Malaysia, cultural exchange events.								
7. Location	The school is located in Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur. It is located in the city, so you can sometimes enjoy café, night market, etc. in the evening (but not till too late!).								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at the nearest train station and need to arrive at the airport by 14:00 on Feb. 05 (or 06:00 on Feb. 11) and can leave there after 12:00 on Feb. 18 (or 22:00 on Feb. 12).								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work with the kids and to respect local culture/ way. Experience of similar type of service is welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	1,000 MYR (226 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 24) for 14 days and 700 MYR (158 USD) for 8 days to be paid on your arrivals. 150 MYR less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps and those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	8 days participation is possible only in 02/05-02/12 and 02/11-02/18. Please write the period to join on the form. Vols. might have 2 days trip on 02/11-02/12, so if 8 days vols. want to join it and the flight schedule does not fit, they can join from 02/10 or till 02/13. The Local SDGs made by the project leader (background/ past actions/ future actions/ 2030 Goals); https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/LS-YCK%2019-%EF%BC%93.pdf								
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NICE-23S-0209A	Vang Vieng 1	Vang Vieng	Laos	02/09	02/22	CONS, KIDS	20	18	99
1. Summary	Construct a new community center in a small village of Laos! The black big is running around and the food is so tasty and unique!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Phoudindaeng Youth Center (PYC) since 2009. PYC was established by AVAN (network of individuals who has done voluntary service for one year in Japan) and KNCU to work for rural development in Van Vieng by running school bus and English classes, construction of the library and skill training. We aim that local youth can have sustainable life by their own responsibilities! PYC is run by Lao youth and the leader joined JAVS (Japan-ASEAN 3 months workcamp) in Japan in 2015!								
3. Work	Volunteers will 1) construct a new community center in the Phonsung village where we have been working since last year, 2) do cultural exchange/ environmental education activities with local youth in the village and Phoudindaeng Youth Center and 3) do some other work needed in the School/ the Center.								
4. Accommodation	Phonsung Youth Center. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.								
5. Study theme	The future plan of international workcamps in Laos and the youth center. Bring some info.!								
6. Other activities	Going to the Market, Basi Ceremony, Performance, Party, etc.								
7. Location	Agricultural village in Van Vieng district in the north part, surrounded by the river and mountains.								
8. Terminal	Vientiane. Volunteers need to arrive by 08:00 on the first day and can leave there after 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 work and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization!								
10. Participation fee	300 USD (150 USD for 7 days) to be paid on your arrivals								
11. Language	English (Lao is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	7 days participation is possible in 02/09-02/15 and 02/16-02/22. Please write this period on the application form if you want to join only for 7 days. The Local SDGs made by the project leader (background/ past actions/ future actions/ 2030 Goals); https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/IC-Van%20Vieng-17.pdf								
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NICE-23S-0212A	Street smarties 1	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/12	02/25	SOCI, KIDS	12	18	50
1. Summary	Let's try to empower the street children and their families even little by little.								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) for the first time in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006, but stopped activities for some years and NICE restarted co-organizing since 2017!</p> <p>Kebajikan Ar Riqab (Ar Riqab Charity Center, https://arriqabkl.business.site) is a NGO working for the street children, their families and other very poor people who are basically homeless on the street or have only one room. Most of them go to school, but do not have big achievements in education. This group is hardcore poor and depends on donors giving food. Most parents are drug abusers and ex-convicts or currently prisoners.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will work in 15:00-21:30, starting in the afternoon by distributing food to the poor at the community center, then move to the place where children gather where Volunteers will play or do activities for the children. Basically, volunteers are free in the morning and busy in the evening.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in a flat. No rooms are available, it is just an open area. Attached toilet and shower and small pantry room that is owned by the host. Be ready to have very basic conditions where volunteers can experience how the homeless living in a small room with many people. Sleeping bag is needed.								
5. Study theme	Situation of disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of Ar Riqab								
6. Other activities	Visit around Kuala Lumpur and the cultural heritage of Malaysia, cultural exchange events.								
7. Location	Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur. It is located in the city, so you can sometimes enjoy café, night market, etc. in the evening (but not till too late!).								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at the nearest train station and need to arrive at the airport by 14:00 on Feb. 12 and can leave there after 12:00 on Feb. 25.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work with the kids and to respect local culture/ way. Experience of similar type of service is welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	1,000 MYR (226 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 24) for 14 days and 600 MYR (136 USD) for 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 150 MYR less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps and those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 02/12-02/17. Please write the period to join on the form if you want to join only for 6 days.								
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NICE-23S-0219A	Mumiang Island 1	Sabah	Malaysia	02/19	03/04	SOCI, KIDS	10	18	50
1. Summary	Let's try to empower the refugee children who have no citizenship even little by little.								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) for the first time in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006, but stopped activities for some years and NICE restarted co-organizing since 2017!</p> <p>Children without document is living there for many generations. These children and their families are called as boat people or river people. They belong to no land. They don't accept by any nearby country like Malaysia, Indonesia, Bangladesh or Philippines. They don't have identity card nor citizenship. They gathered in island and living there as community. They are Muslims. A NGO called Sandakan Community Care (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOAdLySDjhc) is teaching English to them as well as distributing the food and other live hood to the island people. They try to educate them by hoping one day things will change. Ms. Lat who founded this NGO in 2019 were grown up in Sandakan and is earning in this town by teaching English and using her income to run the school. There is no physical school in that island. Children are studying at boat jetty.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will join this NGO's activities to teach English and music as well as distributing food to their families on the island who have serious lack of income especially since fishing and selling the fish cannot be done as actively as before due to the restrictions by COVID-19. Volunteers are welcomed to propose any creative activities such as a sports event!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in a few houses of the village (home stay). They are close to each other, so vols. can often gather for the meetings and free time. Be ready to have very basic conditions, but also nice exchange with the people! Sleeping bag is needed.								
5. Study theme	Situation of disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of Sandakan Community Care								
6. Other activities	Visit around the area and on the free day to the city, cultural exchange events.								
7. Location	Mumiang Island in Sabah. 30 min. by boat from Sandakan, the second commercial city in Sabah state of Borneo island.								
8. Terminal	Sandakan - Volunteers need to arrive at the airport by 14:00 on Feb. 19 and can leave there after 11:00 on Mar. 04.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work with the kids and to respect local culture/ way. Experience of similar type of service is welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	1,050 MYR (237 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 24) for 14 days and 650 MYR (147 USD) for 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 150 MYR less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps and those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 02/19-02/24. Please write the period to join on the form if you want to join only for 6 days. Media coverage for the NGO - https://borneobulletin.com.bn/creating-a-better-future-for-sabahs-stateless-children/								
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NICE-23S-0221A	Higurakgoda 2	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	02/21	03/02	ENVI, AGRI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Establishment of a plant nursery. Enjoy real essence of Sri Lankan rural life!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2017 with this community). Project area is a based on paddy farming. There are two paddy farming seasons in here and when there are no paddy fields works, most of farmers are working as unskilled labors. Project area is belonging to dry zone so they experienced the harshness of the life. Very few people were moving to outside of the village and others are stay around the village. Partner organization has been working since 2002 in a various sector. Working with volunteers will make a kind of positive changes on their lives and way of their thinking, we expected. After covid pandemic community are trying to reestablish their agricultural work and other livelihoods. Not only pandemic, economic collapse also very badly hit every sector in Sri Lanka. To provide a support to community life we are going to establish a plant nursery. Every sector is trying to reestablish their own work but they need external assistances to continue their work. While visiting community, volunteers can experience real life of Sri Lanka and experience the nature of the local life. Community is aware on life on developed countries and their lifestyle, that they cannot experienced in their local lives.</p>								
3. Work	<p>Basically our projects consists with two parts. First four days we are working at the one place that is our main work, establish a nursery. Clean the land, mix the soil and composts, making bags, fill soil, plant the seeds, watering are among the work that is for both income generation and protecting the bees, the other insects and the whole forests (25% of trees will be cinnamon). Second four days, we are moving around the village to meet community and meet a family, youth/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village school etc. (Cultural exchange with villagers including youths, Activities with children and work and assist to self-help group member's activities).</p>								
4. Accommodation	<p>Village house with a host family near the nice paddy fields. Meals will be provided, but you need to help preparation and washing dishes. Sleeping bag is necessary. There is electricity and mobile phones are working, but no WiFi. You can't use toilet papers here and have to wash your clothes by hand. In the night, you can see lots of bright stars.</p>								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the community and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km2).								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Feb. 20 and can leave there after 20:00 of Mar. 02. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	225/ 185 USD for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 02/21-02/26. Please write this period on the application form if you want to join only for 6 days.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0226A	Street smarties 2	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/26	03/11	SOCI, KIDS	12	18	50
1. Summary	Let's try to empower the street children and their families even little by little.								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) for the first time in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006, but stopped activities for some years and NICE restarted co-organizing since 2017!</p> <p>Kebajikan Ar Riqab (Ar Riqab Charity Center, https://arriqabkl.business.site) is a NGO working for the street children, their families and other very poor people who are basically homeless on the street or have only one room. Most of them go to school, but do not have big achievements in education. This group is hardcore poor and depends on donors giving food. Most parents are drug abusers and ex-convicts or currently prisoners.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will work in 15:00-21:30, starting in the afternoon by distributing food to the poor at the community center, then move to the place where children gather where Volunteers will play or do activities for the children. Basically, volunteers are free in the morning and busy in the evening.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in a flat. No rooms are available, it is just an open area. Attached toilet and shower and small pantry room that is owned by the host. Be ready to have very basic conditions where volunteers can experience how the homeless living in a small room with many people. Sleeping bag is needed.								
5. Study theme	Situation of disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of Ar Riqab								
6. Other activities	Visit around Kuala Lumpur and the cultural heritage of Malaysia, cultural exchange events.								
7. Location	Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur. It is located in the city, so you can sometimes enjoy café, night market, etc. in the evening (but not till too late!).								
8. Terminal	Kuala Lumpur - Volunteers will meet at the nearest train station and need to arrive at the airport by 14:00 on Feb. 26 and can leave there after 12:00 on Mar. 11.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work with the kids and to respect local culture/ way. Experience of similar type of service is welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	1,000 MYR (226 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 24) for 14 days and 600 MYR (136 USD) for 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 150 MYR less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps and those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 02/26-03/03. Please write the period to join on the form if you want to join only for 6 days.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0305C	Mumiang Island 2	Sabah	Malaysia	03/05	03/18	SOCI, KIDS	10	18	50
1. Summary	Let's try to empower the refugee children who have no citizenship even little by little.								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized with Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange (MOVE) for the first time in this place. MOVE is a workcamp NGO founded in 2006, but stopped activities for some years and NICE restarted co-organizing since 2017!</p> <p>Children without document is living there for many generations. These children and their families are called as boat people or river people. The belong to no land. They don't accept by any nearby country like Malaysia, Indonesia , Bangladesh or Philippines. They don't have identity card nor citizenship. They gathered in island and living there as community. They are Muslims. A NGO called Sandakan Community Care (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOAdLySDjhc) is teaching English to them as well as distributing the food and other live hood to the island people. They try to educate them by hoping one day things will change. Ms. Lat who founded this NGO in 2019 were grown up in Sandakan and is earning in this town by teaching English and using her income to run the school. There is no physical school in that island. Children are studying at boat jetty.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will join this NGO's activities to teach English and music as well as distributing food to their families on the island who have serious lack of income especially since fishing and selling the fish cannot be done as actively as before due to the restrictions by COVID-19. Volunteers are welcomed to propose any creative activities such as a sports event!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in a few houses of the village (home stay). They are close to each other, so vols. can often gather for the meetings and free time. Be ready to have very basic conditions, but also nice exchange with the people! Sleeping bag is needed.								
5. Study theme	Situation of disadvantaged children in each country. Local SDGs (2030 goals) of Sandakan Community Care								
6. Other activities	Visit around the area and on the free day to the city, cultural exchange events.								
7. Location	Mumiang Island in Sabah. 30 min. by boat from Sandakan, the second commercial city in Sabah state of Borneo island.								
8. Terminal	Sandakan - Volunteers need to arrive at the airport by 14:00 on Mar. 05 and can leave there after 11:00 on Mar. 18.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work with the kids and to respect local culture/ way. Experience of similar type of service is welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	1,050 MYR (237 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 24) for 14 days and 650 MYR (147 USD) for 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 150 MYR less for repeaters of MOVE workcamps and those from less expensive countries.								
11. Language	English (Malay is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 03/05-03/10. Please write the period to join on the form if you want to join only for 6 days. Media coverage for the NGO - https://borneobulletin.com.bn/creating-a-better-future-for-sabahs-stateless-children/								
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 <p>of Filipino and Indonesian migrants.</p>		 <p>We teach them a little bit of English, how to read, how to write, how to count.</p>							




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0307A	GSS 2	Galaha	Sri Lanka	03/07	03/16	AGRI, ENVI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Help to rebuild of Organic Farming Training Center that was stopped by the COVID-19.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 in this place!). The local partner Gami Seva Sevana – GSS - (Shelter for villagers) are established as a integrated organic farm in 1977 with the financial support from some international donation agencies. Eight years ago, all the funds are terminated suddenly then most of the activities are collapsed. After that another group had taken the responsibility to development the collapsed project. Again, its management has change and all the activities stopped by new management. Covid pandemic hit very badly and workers have to stay at home. It was big hit to farm work and all the activities have to stopped. Now GSS is monitored and administrated by Retied Bishop and he started dairy and vegetable projects again. Volunteers assist to GSS to rehabilitate and rebuild the farm while establishing plant nursery, a vegetable plots and other work for future development.								
3. Work	Basically project consists with two parts. First four days we are work in a plant nursery/vegetable garden and second four days we are moving around villages to meet the community and going to work with them. Farm work are like making different kind of composts systems, making beds, planting seeds and plants, fill composts to bags, planting plants and seed in bags, are main among the work at the farm. In short, 1. Establishing the nursery with 5,000 plants, 2. Assist the other farming activities at farm 3. Working at vegetable garden 4. Support to village children society's work 5. Support to GSS members home garden activities. 6. Assisting to village children's English class are the main								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay at a training center located inside the farm. Electricity, cold/hot water, beds, pillows, and toilets with commodes are available so you can use toilet papers. Internet facility is poor but can manage to check your email etc. Main mobile connection such as Dialog and Mobitel are working. Cloths have wash by hand and can hang outside to dry.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of GSS and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Visit village temple, Excursion, Environmental Education, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	A mountainous area and elevation is 1,100 m a.s.l., 130km from Colombo. Environment is cool, windy and low humid. Used for tea plantation by the British people until late 19th century. After that, they abandoned the area because all the planters moved back to UK. Still some plantations can be seen and still as majority, south Indian Tamil people are living here. Agriculture, dairy farming and the tea plantation are the main incomes of the community.								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Mar. 06 and can leave there after 20:00 of Mar. 16. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	225/ 185 USD for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 03/07-03/12. Please write this period on the application form if you want to join only for 6 days.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0321B	Galgamuwa 2	Galgamuwa	Sri Lanka	03/21	03/30	AGRI, EDUC	10	18	99
1. Summary	Help to harvest for villagers!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 4 (Quality Education), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (first time in this place!). This village was rather secluded and weren't visited by outsiders, nor the villagers travelled out of the village for many years. Electricity was supplied to this area 15 years ago, but villagers used solar power before that because lots of outsiders, locals and foreigners visited this village to establish domestic solar power plants. And this village was chosen by the companies to run trials, how supply-demand was met etc. Some people even came here to do researches and studies. After finishing their projects everyone left. People returned to their normal life. We got an opportunity to visit this village and share our experiences and memories with them. Then chairman of the village development society asked us to visit village with volunteers while paying special attention on harvesting work and activities with youths and village school.								
3. Work	Basically project consists with two parts. First four days we are supporting to corn harvesting work and second four days we are moving around villages to meet the community, school and youths. At the community you can work with a family, groups of women's or other kind of group such as farmers associations etc., children and youths while sharing your knowledge and experiences. In short, 1. Help farmers to harvest corn 2. Meet and activities with students at village school 3. Activities with youth 4. Support home garden activities.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers are going to stay at a village house with limited facilities. Electricity, cleaned drinking water, beds, pillows, and toilets without commodes are available. Internet facility is poor but can manage to check your email etc. Main mobile connection such as Dialog and Mobitel are working. Cloths can be wash by hand and can hang outside to dry.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of GSS and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Visit village temple, Excursion, Environmental Education, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	very rural area and belongs to dry zone, 191km from Colombo. People mainly depend on agriculture and other seasonal crops. Many lakes can be seen here. Since this place holds a history of civilization running back to several centuries, the Iginimitiya lake, build several centuries ago, had been renovated in 1985 by loan from JICA. This area is based on many historic stories and was the part of the Kurunegala Kingdom. First a temple is built by king and then the population expanded gradually in this area based upon temple. Still ruins are remained as evidence of our ancient prosperity.								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Mar. 20 and can leave there after 20:00 of Mar. 30. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	225/ 185 USD for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 03/21-03/26. Please write this period on the application form if you want to join only for 6 days.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0430A	GSS 3	Galaha	Sri Lanka	04/30	05/06	AGRI, ENVI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Help to rebuild of Organic Farming Training Center that was stopped by the COVID-19.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 in this place!). The local partner Gami Seva Sevana – GSS - (Shelter for villagers) are established as a integrated organic farm in 1977 with the financial support from some international donation agencies. Eight years ago, all the funds are terminated suddenly then most of the activities are collapsed. After that another group had taken the responsibility to development the collapsed project. Again, its management has change and all the activities stopped by new management. Covid pandemic hit very badly and workers have to stay at home. It was big hit to farm work and all the activities have to stopped. Now GSS is monitored and administrated by Retied Bishop and he started dairy and vegetable projects again. Volunteers assist to GSS to rehabilitate and rebuild the farm while establishing plant nursery, a vegetable plots and other work for future development.								
3. Work	Basically project consists with two parts. First four days we are work in a plant nursery/vegetable garden and second four days we are moving around villages to meet the community and going to work with them. Farm work are like making different kind of composts systems, making beds, planting seeds and plants, fill composts to bags, planting plants and seed in bags, are main among the work at the farm. In short, 1. Establishing the nursery with 5,000 plants, 2. Assist the other farming activities at farm 3. Working at vegetable garden 4. Support to village children society's work 5. Support to GSS members home garden activities. 6. Assisting to village children's English class are the main								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay at a training center located inside the farm. Electricity, cold/hot water, beds, pillows, and toilets with commodes are available so you can use toilet papers. Internet facility is poor but can manage to check your email etc. Main mobile connection such as Dialog and Mobitel are working. Cloths have wash by hand and can hang outside to dry.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of GSS and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Visit village temple, Excursion, Environmental Education, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	A mountainous area and elevation is 1,100 m a.s.l., 130km from Colombo. Environment is cool, windy and low humid. Used for tea plantation by the British people until late 19th century. After that, they abandoned the area because all the planters moved back to UK. Still some plantations can be seen and still as majority, south Indian Tamil people are living here. Agriculture, dairy farming and the tea plantation are the main incomes of the community.								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Apr. 29 and can leave there after 20:00 of May 06. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	195 USD to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0516A	Higurakgoda 3	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	05/16	05/25	SOCI, MANU	10	18	99
1. Summary	Helping to make bags by the low income family and assist the life of the farmers! Back to 1,100 years ago to explore the ancient civilization.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 1 (No poverty) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 in this place!). Project area is a based on paddy farming. There are two paddy farming seasons in here and when there are no paddy fields works, most of farmers are working as unskilled labors. Project area is belonging to dry zone so they experienced the harshness of the life. Very few people were moving to outside of the village and others are stay around the village. Partner organization has been working since 2002 in various sector. Working with volunteers will make positive changes on their lives and way of their thinking, we expected. After covid pandemic community are trying to reestablish their agricultural work and other livelihoods. Not only pandemic, but also economic crisis impacted every sector in Sri Lanka. These sectors are trying to reestablish their own work but they need external assistances to continue their work. We are going to help domestic level livelihoods running by villagers. While visiting community, volunteers can experience real life of Sri Lanka and experience the nature of the local life. Community can get awareness about lifestyle of developed countries that they cannot experienced in their local lives.								
3. Work	First four days we are working at the one place that is our main work, helping to livelihood activities. We are going to help making bags run by local family. Second four days, we are moving around the village to meet community to do our next part of the projects. During this week you can meet a family, youth/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village school etc. In short, 1. Help family to make bags 2. Cultural exchange programs with villagers including youths. 3. Activities with children 4. Work and assist to self-help group member's activities								
4. Accommodation	Village house with a host family, located close to nice paddy fields. There is electricity and mobile phones are working. But no internet or WiFi. You can't use toilet papers here. Because of toilet papers will block the drainage lines. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying. At the night you can see lots of bright stars at the sky.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Higu and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km2).								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of May 15 and can leave there after 20:00 of May 25. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	225/ 185 USD for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 05/16-05/21. Please write this period on the application form if you want to join only for 6 days.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0530A	GSS 4	Galaha	Sri Lanka	05/30	06/08	AGRI, ENVI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Help to rebuild of Organic Farming Training Center that was stopped by the COVID-19.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 in this place!).The local partner Gami Seva Sevana – GSS - (Shelter for villagers) are established as a integrated organic farm in 1977 with the financial support from some international donation agencies. Eight years ago, all the funds are terminated suddenly then most of the activities are collapsed. After that another group had taken the responsibility to development the collapsed project. Again, its management has change and all the activities stopped by new management. Covid pandemic hit very badly and workers have to stay at home. It was big hit to farm work and all the activities have to stopped. Now GSS is monitored and administrated by Retied Bishop and he started dairy and vegetable projects again. Volunteers assist to GSS to rehabilitate and rebuild the farm while establishing plant nursery, a vegetable plots and other work for future development.								
3. Work	Basically project consists with two parts. First four days we are work in a plant nursery/vegetable garden and second four days we are moving around villages to meet the community and going to work with them. Farm work are like making different kind of composts systems, making beds, planting seeds and plants, fill composts to bags, planting plants and seed in bags, are main among the work at the farm. In short, 1. Establishing the nursery with 5,000 plants, 2. Assist the other farming activities at farm 3. Working at vegetable garden 4. Support to village children society's work 5. Support to GSS members home garden activities. 6. Assisting to village children's English class are the main								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay at a training center located inside the farm. Electricity, cold/hot water, beds, pillows, and toilets with commodes are available so you can use toilet papers. Internet facility is poor but can manage to check your email etc. Main mobile connection such as Dialog and Mobitel are working. Cloths have wash by hand and can hang outside to dry.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of GSS and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Visit village temple, Excursion, Environmental Education, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	A mountainous area and elevation is 1,100 m a.s.l., 130km from Colombo. Environment is cool, windy and low humid. Used for tea plantation by the British people until late 19th century. After that, they abandoned the area because all the planters moved back to UK. Still some plantations can be seen and still as majority, south Indian Tamil people are living here. Agriculture, dairy farming and the tea plantation are the main incomes of the community.								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of May 29 and can leave there after 20:00 of Jun. 08. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	225/ 185 USD for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 05/30-06/04. Please write this period on the application form if you want to join only for 6 days.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0613A	Higurakgoda 4	Galgamuwa	Sri Lanka	06/13	06/22	ENVI, AGRI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Establishment of a plant nursery. Enjoy real essence of Sri Lankan rural life!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2017 with this community). Project area is a based on paddy farming. There are two paddy farming seasons in here and when there are no paddy fields works, most of farmers are working as unskilled labors. Project area is belonging to dry zone so they experienced the harshness of the life. Very few people were moving to outside of the village and others are stay around the village. Partner organization has been working since 2002 in a various sector. Working with volunteers will make a kind of positive changes on their lives and way of their thinking, we expected. After covid pandemic community are trying to reestablish their agricultural work and other livelihoods. Not only pandemic, economic collapse also very badly hit every sector in Sri Lanka. To provide a support to community life we are going to establish a plant nursery. Every sector is trying to reestablish their own work but they need external assistances to continue their work. While visiting community, volunteers can experience real life of Sri Lanka and experience the nature of the local life. Community is aware on life on developed countries and their lifestyle, that they cannot experienced in their local lives.</p>								
3. Work	<p>Basically our projects consists with two parts. First four days we are working at the one place that is our main work, establish a nursery. Clean the land, mix the soil and composts, making bags, fill soil, plant the seeds, watering are among the work that is for both income generation and protecting the bees, the other insects and the whole forests (25% of trees will be cinnamon). Second four days, we are moving around the village to meet community and meet a family, youth/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village school etc. (Cultural exchange with villagers including youths, Activities with children and work and assist to self-help group member's activities).</p>								
4. Accommodation	<p>Village house with a host family near the nice paddy fields. Meals will be provided, but you need to help preparation and washing dishes. Sleeping bag is necessary. There is electricity and mobile phones are working, but no WiFi. You can't use toilet papers here and have to wash your clothes by hand. In the night, you can see lots of bright stars.</p>								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the community and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km2).								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Jun. 12 and can leave there after 20:00 of Jun. 22. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	225/ 185 USD for 10/ 6 days to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	6 days participation is possible only in 06/13-06/18. Please write this period on the application form if you want to join only for 6 days.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23S-0809A	Vang Vieng 2	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/09	08/22	CONS, KIDS	20	18	99
1. Summary	Construct a new community center in a small village of Laos! The black big is running around and the food is so tasty and unique!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Phoudindaeng Youth Center (PYC) since 2009. PYC was established by AVAN (network of individuals who has done voluntary service for one year in Japan) and KNCU to work for rural development in Van Vieng by running school bus and English classes, construction of the library and skill training. We aim that local youth can have sustainable life by their own responsibilities! PYC is run by Lao youth and the leader joined JAVS (Japan-ASEAN 3 months workcamp) in Japan in 2015!								
3. Work	Volunteers will 1) construct a new community center in the Phonsung village where we have been working since last year, 2) do cultural exchange/ environmental education activities with local youth in the village and Phoudindaeng Youth Center and 3) do some other work needed in the School/ the Center.								
4. Accommodation	Phonsung Youth Center. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.								
5. Study theme	The future plan of international workcamps in Laos and the youth center. Bring some info.!								
6. Other activities	Going to the Market, Basi Ceremony, Performance, Party, etc.								
7. Location	Agricultural village in Van Vieng district in the north part, surrounded by the river and mountains.								
8. Terminal	Vientiane. Volunteers need to arrive by 08:00 on the first day and can leave there after 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 work and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization!								
10. Participation fee	300 USD (150 USD for 7 days) to be paid on your arrivals								
11. Language	English (Lao is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	7 days participation is possible in 08/09-08/15 and 08/16-08/22. Please write this period on the application form if you want to join only for 7 days. The Local SDGs made by the project leader (background/ past actions/ future actions/ 2030 Goals); https://www.nice1.gr.jp/files/user/IC-Van%20Vieng-17.pdf								
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6. LMTV - Long and Mid Term Projects

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

6-1) On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars

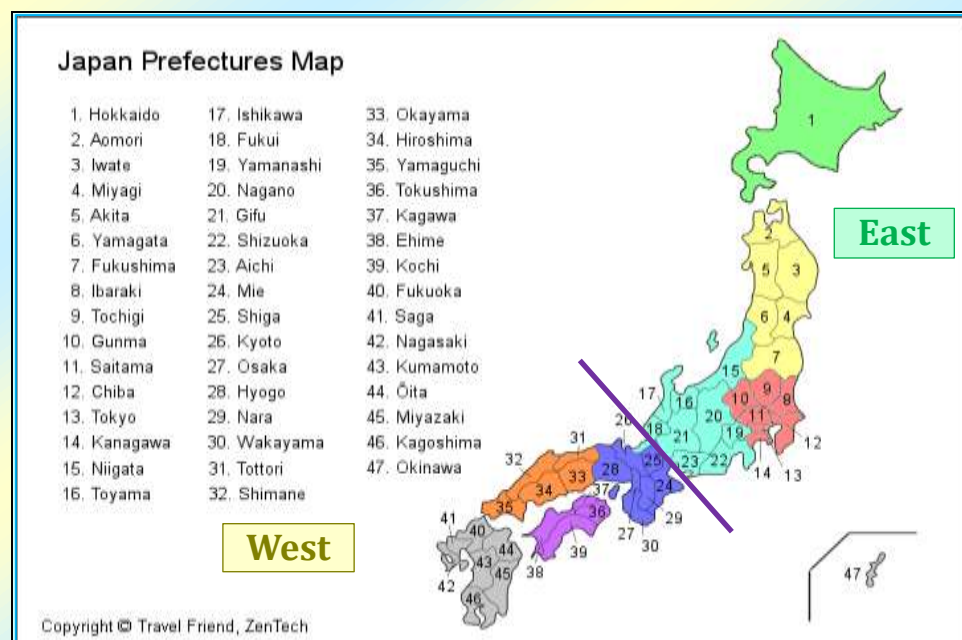
Volunteers of LMTI (individual type) usually need to join both On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars unless there are special circumstances and exceptionally agreed by NICE. Vols. for LMTW (workcamp type) can usually have Arrival Orientation and Evaluation Meeting in the project sites.

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

😊 Join “**East**” for Projects in the eastern part of Japan (**Prefecture no. 1-23** of the map below) usually at NICE house/ office in Yokohama (Kanagawa), but sometimes other places around Tokyo.

😊 Join “**West**” for Projects in the western part of Japan (**Prefecture no. 24-47** of the map below) usually at NICE House West in Tondabayashi (Osaka), but sometimes other places around Osaka.

Area	2023				2024			
East	Apr. 08-09	Jul. 01-02	Sep.23-24	Dec. 16-17	Mar. 09-10	Jun. 01-02	Aug. 24-25	Nov. 16-17
West	Feb. 25-26	May 20-21	Aug. 12-13	Nov. 04-05	Jan. 27-28	Apr. 20-21	Jul. 13-14	Oct. 05-06



- * 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	Country	Start	End	Period	Theme
NICE-23L-YC	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	04/08	09/24	3 periods	ENVI, AGRI
NICE-23L-MG	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	04/08	11/17	16 periods	AGRI, HERI
NICE-23L-AI	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	04/08	11/17	16 periods	EDUC, ENVI
NICE-23L-OH	Ohara	Fukui	Japan	01/16	02/26	-	MANU, HERI
NICE-23L-MK	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/08	12/25	6 periods	AGRI, MANU, SOCI
NICE-23L-TT	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	04/08	09/24	3 periods	AGRI, MANU, SOCI
NICE-23L-AK	Akame	Mie	Japan	02/25	10/06	16 periods	ENVI, AGRI
NICE-23L-TN	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	02/25	10/06	16 periods	ENVI, PEAC
NICE-23L-SH	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	02/25	10/06	16 periods	EDUC
NICE-23L-IK	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	02/25	10/06	16 periods	AGRI
NICE-23L-KR	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/08	11/05	6 periods	AGRI, ENVI
NICE-23L-0103A	Higu LM1	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	01/03	03/02	-	SOCI, MANU, ENVI
NICE-23L-0117A	GSS LM1	Galaha	Sri Lanka	01/17	03/16	-	AGRI, ENVI
NICE-23L-0430A	GSS LM2	Galaha	Sri Lanka	04/30	06/08	-	AGRI, ENVI
NICE-23L-0516A	Higu LM2	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	05/16	06/22	-	SOCI, MANU, ENVI

* 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.
Red letters = Month/Date of 2024.

* 3 periods in East: Apr. 08-Jul. 02 (12 weeks), Apr. 08-Sep. 24 (24 weeks) or Jul. 01-Sep. 12 (12 weeks)

6 periods in East: Apr. 08-Jul. 02 (12 weeks), Apr. 08-Sep. 24 (24 weeks), Apr. 08-Dec. 17 (36 weeks),
Jul. 01-Sep. 12 (12 weeks), Jul. 01-Dec. 17 (24 weeks) or Sep. 23-Dec. 17 (12 weeks)

16 periods in East: 12, 24, 36 or 48 weeks from Apr. 08, Jul. 01, Sep. 23 and Dec. 16.

16 periods in West: 12, 24, 36 or 48 weeks from Feb. 25, May 20, Aug. 12 and Nov. 04.

* 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-23L-YC01	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	04/08	07/02	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-YC02	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	04/08	09/24	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-YC03	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	07/01	09/24	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Working as a staff of the eco village in the beautiful Hokkaido. Let's create sustainability of our healthy lifestyle and community!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for 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>They restarted to welcome the international volunteers from 2022 summer and 2 vols. from UK did nice job for one month!</p> <p>*Outcome of this project: In 2022, 2 vols. from UK greatly contributed for one month to their farming and other activities as well as the mental empowerment of the host!</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will work for 40 hours a week with one day off mainly to 1) do organic farming which crops are eaten by the visitors and local people such as growing seedlings, seeding, weeding, thinning, harvesting, etc., 2) help the vineyard and food production of wine, vegetables and fruits, 3) take care of the domestic animals, 4) maintain the facilities to make comfortable environment for the visitors including cleaning and weeding, 5) cook the meals for the visitors and staff, 6) help to prepare and run the programs of HEPP, 7) help to construct the garden and the tiny houses and 8) help the farm nearby and local events.								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in the main house or a container house (male and female are separated). Cooking with the local and members by turn, vegetarian food is possible. There is limited wifi.								
5. Study theme	Theory and various practices of the sustainable living style								
6. Other activities	Joining the local festivals, exchange with local people, short trip (hot springs, famous places)								
7. Location	Located next to the city of Otaru, Yoichi is a place where one can fully enjoy Hokkaido tourism, from history and nature tourism to fruit fields and fresh seafood. There is the famous Nikka Whiskey factory.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is New Chitose (CTS) in Hokkaido from which it takes 2 hours to the project by train and bus. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport (NRT or HND) by 08:00 on Apr. 08 or Jul. 01 and can leave Tokyo airport after 18:00 on Jul. 02 or Sep. 24.								
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	12,000 JPY (90 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 23rd) per month till the 3rd month and 6,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English. The local host can speak English fluently. Japanese is also welcomed!								
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama. 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-23L-MG01	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	04/08	07/02	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG02	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	04/08	09/24	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG03	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	04/08	12/17	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG04	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	04/08	24/03/10	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG05	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	07/01	09/24	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG06	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	07/01	12/17	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG07	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	07/01	24/03/10	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG08	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	07/01	24/06/02	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG09	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	09/23	12/17	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG10	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	09/23	24/03/10	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG11	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	09/23	24/06/02	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG12	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	09/23	24/08/25	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG13	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	12/16	24/03/10	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG14	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	12/16	24/06/02	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG15	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	12/16	24/08/25	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MG16	Mogami	Yamagata	Japan	12/16	24/11/17	AGRI, HERI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Helping rice and kikurage cultivation and free-range poultry farms in the spring-fed Mogami!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGS11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Mogami no Shoen (MS) since 2021. Accepting farmers deepen their understanding of agriculture and rural areas through "farming experience" and accept volunteers to overcome the challenges of a declining population due to a falling birthrate and an ageing population. The aim is also to create various connections and exchanges between urban and rural areas through the experience of rural life and the dissemination of information from farming and mountain village areas. The representative of MS has been farming in a snowy spring village for 40 years. He has been living on a variety of crops, "rice", "vegetables", "wild vegetables", "kikurage mushrooms" and forests, with a focus on "cage free eggs". He is working energetically to do something about the depopulation of the area, and is planned 10 projects for five to seven days in 2022. The volunteers are expected to revitalize the area.								
3. Work	1) Helping to maintain the fields, grow kikurage and herbs, etc. 2) Taking care for chickens in free-range farms (watering, feeding, picking up eggs, etc.)								
4. Accommodation	The house where the representative's grandparents used to live has been renovated and is being used as a accommodation for volunteers. Self cooking with a focus on locally grown produce and cage free eggs.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge about revitalization of the region, life in rural villages, cage free poultry.								
6. Other activities	It's up to COVID-19, but there's community interaction, doburoku making(unrefined sake), rice cake pounding! Hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Mogami Town in Yamagata Prefecture is a town of abundant rivers and springs. The Mitsuzawa district, located to the south of the town, is a nature-rich area surrounded by abundant spring water and forests and blessed with fresh, cool air. There are some hot springs in this town.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 4-5 hours by bullet train and local train or 9 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Yamagata pref. Volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave Tokyo airport after 18:00 on the ending day.								
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Volunteers need to have some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation), high motivation to learn and speak Japanese language, respect to the local culture and way of the local organization, being positive and cheerful about everything and interested in working in the rural areas.								
10. Participation fee	12,000 JPY (90 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 23rd) per month till the 3rd month and 6,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese. Local host cannot speak English.								
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23L-AI01	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	04/08	07/02	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI02	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	04/08	09/24	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI03	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	04/08	12/17	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI04	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	04/08	24/03/10	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI05	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	07/01	09/24	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI06	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	07/01	12/17	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI07	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	07/01	24/03/10	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI08	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	07/01	24/06/02	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI09	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	09/23	12/17	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI10	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	09/23	24/03/10	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI11	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	09/23	24/06/02	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI12	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	09/23	24/08/25	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI13	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	12/16	24/03/10	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI14	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	12/16	24/06/02	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI15	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	12/16	24/08/25	EDUC, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-AI16	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	12/16	24/11/17	EDUC, ENVI	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 Hojoshu 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 Hojoshu is that it attends to children's interests. The aim to create a happy future with children, each and every one of whom is important. In their all projects, it is importance on approving and affirming children and fostering a sense of self-affirmation, which is the children's energy, through their connections with others.								
3. Work	Volunteers will [1] Learning support in Kodomo Shokudo(Children's cafeterias: It provides such children including those in the low income families with supper for free or at a low price.). Specifically, homework and subject learning is provided to about 15 primary and junior high school students. Volunteers also help with homework and crafts and make lunch and dinner together. [2]Supporting for nature activities (e.g. supporting children, preparing meals, preparing for hands-on learning, etc. It is not main work. It depend on season and timing.).								
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 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	Aizuwakamatsu city is called Samurai city. It is located in the eastern part of the Aizu region of Fukushima prefecture. It is the central city of Aizu region, surrounded by rich nature, including Mt. Bandai and Lake Inawashiro and blessed with natural scenery. The organization is located in an area with an atmosphere of Taisho era Romanticism. Winter season (Dec.-Mar.) is quite cold, so vols. need to bring warm cloths.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 5 hours by train and bus to the meeting point in Fukushima pref. Volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave Tokyo airport after 18:00 on the ending day.								
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Volunteers need to have some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation), respect to the local culture and way of the local organization, positive attitude to communicate with children, being Interested alternative school, children's social patriation and child poverty, high motivation to work hard, open mind, cooperation with others.								
10. Participation fee	12,000 JPY (90 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 23rd) per month till the 3rd month and 6,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese								
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama.								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23L-OH	Ohara	Fukui	Japan	01/16	02/26	MANU, HERI	4	18	99
1. Summary	Clearing snow to protect the cultural heritage in the mountain village of great nature and beautiful houses! Meaningful work, super clean water and Dinosaur museum are waiting!!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Ohara Eco Project (OEP) in cooperation since 2009. There were 600 inhabitants in Ohara village with 90 houses 100 years ago, but now only 1 elder! OEP was founded by the local people in 2006 and has rehabilitated 7 houses of cultural heritage. They maintain and revive the trails and fields, organize the workcamps with NICE and run various eco tours, so got the best prize in the award of Creating Home Town by the national government in 2016! Ohara has one of the deepest snow in winter in Fukui pref. and without clearing snow, the valuable houses will be in high risks to be destroyed as sometimes happened in the past.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2022, 17 vols. from 7 families joined and made great contribution to have dried over sleeping mats, weed in the tea field (see the pictures), made natural clay for walls, cleaned the village road, etc. Please see the presentation made by the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e5-56593721 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly clear the snow on the roofs and the surroundings of the old, traditional houses. They may also do other community work such as chopping woods and trail maintenance as well as help to run the weekend workcamp and/ or the eco-tour.								
4. Accommodation	A few rooms of the traditional renovated house! Meals will be cooked by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. Simple shower facilities. Clean toilets. You can see how the village looks like at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzGZvho8fVQ Wifi is not provided (mobile signal is reachable).								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of Katsuyama								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, Excursion on a free day including the famous Dinosaurs Museum (only if there is any volunteer who can drive a car well in snow)								
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 (NRT or HND) by 05:00 on Jan. 16 and can leave there after 23:00 on Feb. 26.								
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Volunteers need to have high motivation and patience to keep the same hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place and to respect the way of the local host. No special skills nor experiences are needed.								
10. Participation fee	18,000 yen (136 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 23rd) of 1.5 months "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	International volunteers can be accepted ONLY in the period when there is any vol. who can speak Japanese fluently. Vols. can stay only in Ohara for the whole period (the local host will deliver the food every few day) unless there is a Japanese volunteer who can drive a car well in the deep snow. The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama.								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23L-MK01	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/08	07/02	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MK02	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/08	09/24	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MK03	Maki	Nagano	Japan	04/08	12/17	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MK04	Maki	Nagano	Japan	07/01	09/24	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MK05	Maki	Nagano	Japan	07/01	12/17	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-MK06	Maki	Nagano	Japan	09/23	12/17	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's preserve way of traditional Japanese life in mountain area!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. Over 10 people incl. 2 families were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more!</p> <p>*Outcome of this project: In each of 2020 and 2021, one volunteer stayed for 6 months and greatly contributed to their farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers mainly work for organic agriculture (cultivation, seeding, weeding, harvesting, taking care of goats, cows and chicken, making their feeds) and also carrying the things from the town to Maki, renovating the houses and trails on the way, constructing a hut, helping the house works especially cooking, etc. It's important and necessary to actively join the daily meeting and actively share the collective life. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard. It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will live in the main house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, kitchen, toilets and a bath room! Single room can be provided. They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members. Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. There is limited wifi.								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Maki is located in the beautiful place near "Japanese Northern Alps", at about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours to the project by train and bus. 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) 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	12,000 JPY (90 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 23rd) per month till the 3rd month and 6,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese and English (a few of the local host can speak basic English)								
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama. The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ . Those who are not fully vaccinated for COVI-19 (booster) will need to have POR test on the arrival with paying the cost (2,500 JPY).								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23L-TT01	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	04/08	07/02	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-23L-TT02	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	04/08	09/24	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-23L-TT03	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	07/01	09/24	AGRI, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Organic farming in the wonderful community with challenged people and beautiful nature. Feel and appreciate the values of food and life!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2015, a cooperative community where about people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who wants to learn farming, just want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Tokyo, Nagano and Hokkaido and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way with utilizing bacterium and charcoal. Tateya Farm has 40 members and NICE started LMTV projects here since 2014. NICE also organizes workcamps and LMTV projects in Maki and Shintoku farms of Kyodo Gakusha.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2020, 6 vols. from Japan greatly contributed to harvest rice which was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! There was also nice exchange between Community people and vols. through Yoga and Mindfulness. Please see the presentation of the camp leader for the IVS contest in Japan https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e4-54764427 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will help their organic farm (harvesting/ threshing rice, planting vegetables, taking care of animals, etc.) and their house work especially cooking. Volunteers will also carry the things in the mountain to the Maki farm and harvest rice there. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard. It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in the building for the volunteers and a few members, 5 min. walk from the farm. Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the community people by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. There is limited Wifi.								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Otari village is a small village located in the region of stunning natural beauty in the northern part of Nagano Prefecture, Japan. It is beautiful village near "Japanese Northern Alps". It takes 40-50 min. by foot from Minami-Otari, the nearest train station.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours to the project by train and bus. 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 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	12,000 JPY (90 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 23rd) per month till the 3rd month and 6,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama. Those who are not fully vaccinated for COVI-19 (booster) will need to have POR test on the arrival with paying the cost (2,500 JPY).								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23L-AK01	Akame	Mie	Japan	02/25	05/21	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK02	Akame	Mie	Japan	02/25	08/13	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK03	Akame	Mie	Japan	02/25	11/05	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK04	Akame	Mie	Japan	02/25	24/01/28	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK05	Akame	Mie	Japan	05/20	08/13	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK06	Akame	Mie	Japan	05/20	11/05	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK07	Akame	Mie	Japan	05/20	24/01/28	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK08	Akame	Mie	Japan	05/20	24/04/21	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK09	Akame	Mie	Japan	08/12	11/05	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK10	Akame	Mie	Japan	08/12	24/01/28	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK11	Akame	Mie	Japan	08/12	24/04/21	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK12	Akame	Mie	Japan	08/12	24/07/14	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK13	Akame	Mie	Japan	11/04	24/01/28	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK14	Akame	Mie	Japan	11/04	24/04/21	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK15	Akame	Mie	Japan	11/04	24/07/14	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-AK16	Akame	Mie	Japan	11/04	24/10/06	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
1. Summary	Let's conserve SATOYAMA and sustainable life in mountain area!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with a local environmental Non-profit organization (NPO) Akame no SATOYAMA wo Sodateru Kai (ASSK) since 1999. Since this area is close from big cities Osaka and Nagoya, there were plans to build a golf field and an incinerator, but local people stopped those plans by the movement called National Trust. They founded the group in 1996 to collect donations to buy and protect lands, to accept people who want to enjoy nature, to maintain forests, to create a pond for dragonflies, to host national corps meeting, etc. SATOYAMA needs to be maintained by humans for its biodiversity and water adjustment function. Our ancestors had protected and utilized the forest in ecological and sustainable way, which was neglected by modernization. We will try to revive it by global voluntary power!!								
3. Work	Volunteers will do various types of activities such as 1) forest conservation (cutting trees, branches and maintaining the footpaths, etc.), 2) agricultural work (taking care of the chickens raised by the free range farming, slaughtering too old chickens (#), harvesting and packaging mushrooms, etc.) and 3) organizing some environmental events (e.g., to collect edible wild plants, nature observation) in the mountains. #: It's hard for ASSK to keep feeding too old chickens since they don't bear the eggs anymore and feeding is quite costly. Most chicken farms ask the special company to just kill and "throw away" as if they are rubbish with paying 15 yen per chicken, but ASSK does not support this and eats by themselves with deeply appreciating to their value of life.								
4. Accommodation	Small traditional house, on the premises of ASSK. Volunteers will cook the meals by themselves.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of conserving SATOYAMA and solving the environmental issues.								
6. Other activities	Many opportunities to learn the local wisdom. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	Kami-mitani area of Nabari city, 60 km from Osaka. There are famous falls nearby many hikers visit.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX) or Nagoya (NGO). To the meeting point, it takes 2-3 hours by train from the both airports. However, vols. need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so firstly should arrive at KIX by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day.								
9. Requirement	Some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation). High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language and work hard with simple mountain life in a remote area without colleagues. Respect for the local culture and way of the local organization. Interests in environment issues. Open mind and flexibility.								
10. Participation fee	12,000 JPY (90 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 23rd) per month till the 3rd month and 6,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese and English. The daily communication will be done by mixing simple English and Japanese.								
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23L-TN01	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	02/25	05/21	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN02	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	02/25	08/13	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN03	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	02/25	11/05	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN04	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	02/25	24/01/28	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN05	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	05/20	08/13	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN06	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	05/20	11/05	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN07	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	05/20	24/01/28	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN08	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	05/20	24/04/21	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN09	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	08/12	11/05	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN10	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	08/12	24/01/28	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN11	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	08/12	24/04/21	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN12	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	08/12	24/07/14	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN13	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	11/04	24/01/28	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN14	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	11/04	24/04/21	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN15	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	11/04	24/07/14	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
NICE-23L-TN16	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	11/04	24/10/06	ENVI, PEAC	4	18	99
1. Summary	Let's revitalize the community by utilizing "NICE House West" and also help the work of International Voluntary Service NGO to achieve a colorful & healthy world!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), self-organized by NICE for the first time. In 2011-13, the old couple (Kuroda san) kindly rent a traditional house in their land by free to NICE for it office in Osaka, through the connection of the environmental group in this city with which NICE has been co-organizing workcamps to protect satoyama forests since 1999. A staff and a few LTVs lived there to do the daily work and also to maintain the bamboo forest next to the house. Then, the office was moved to Osaka city and the husband passed away, but this year, the wife decided to donate it to NICE to be used as its office again with expectation to create space for local people incl. elders to gather and enjoy exchange. Therefore, NICE decided to recruit long term residents. Together with NICE, let's work on activities to liven up the community with free and colorful ideas.								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly 1) help the work of NICE in the western part of Japan, 2) maintain the bamboo forest next to the house as well as the satoyama forests where NICE often organizes weekend/ short term workcamps, 3) renovate the house and organize various types of gathering for the local people (e.g., just chatting with tea, taking care of small kids to support the parents, organizing international culture/ language classes). Examples of 1) are Public Relations (Creating short movies of workcamps and spread through SNS and mass media, Organizing promotion events, etc.). Organizing the projects (weekend workcamps, etc.), Coordinating the workcamps in the western part of Japan as a camp leader together with NICE and the local hosts, Hosting the training seminars of NICE volunteers, etc.								
4. Accommodation	Several rooms of NICE House West. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of conservation work in a forest, management of Non-Profitable Organization in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese culture, home stay, etc.								
7. Location	Tondabayashi city is located in Osaka prefecture, 60km south of Osaka city. The house is surrounded by many old houses and a bamboo forest.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX). It will take about 1.5 hours by train to the accommodation. On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars will be most likely held in this project place, so vols. should arrive at KIX by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day.								
9. Requirement	Good English or Japanese speaking skill (can have daily conversation well). High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language and to work hard with enjoying the simple and collective life. Respect for the local culture and way of the local organization. High interests in environment and community issues as well as the management of International Voluntary Service NGO. Open mind and flexibility.								
10. Participation fee	12,000 JPY (90 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 23rd) per month till the 3rd month and 6,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English and Japanese								
12. Other	We can open the place for international volunteers ONLY IF we already have a Japanese volunteer or resident in the same period.								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23L-SH01	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	02/25	05/21	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH02	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	02/25	08/13	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH03	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	02/25	11/05	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH04	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	02/25	24/01/28	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH05	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	05/20	08/13	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH06	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	05/20	11/05	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH07	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	05/20	24/01/28	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH08	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	05/20	24/04/21	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH09	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	08/12	11/05	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH10	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	08/12	24/01/28	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH11	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	08/12	24/04/21	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH12	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	08/12	24/07/14	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH13	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	11/04	24/01/28	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH14	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	11/04	24/04/21	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH15	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	11/04	24/07/14	EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-23L-SH16	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	11/04	24/10/06	EDUC	2	18	99
1. Summary	Creating the opportunity of international exchange for local children !								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 4 (Quality Education), organized together with a local NPO, Bizan Daigaku (B.D) since 2019. They organize short term workcamps with NICE from 2013 and have many types of projects, one of the projects started visiting a primary school/ kindergarten this year in Tokushima city. There is a kind of problem that the children who live in countryside face to have few opportunity to communicate with foreign people compared with city because of the lack of number of foreigners. They want to change the situation and activate both of children and the situation of education for cultural exchange through having such a local activities with volunteers.								
3. Work	Visiting the local primary school and kindergarten and communicating with local students . Volunteer will prepare for some activities and lesson for children. For example, helping their homework, discuss about some game which is related with cultural exchange for them. Joining in some kind of local events which BD organizes.								
4. Accommodation	Single room in local apartment house. Shower room in each rooms. Sometimes volunteers need to share 1 room. Volunteers need to prepare for breakfast by themselves. Lunch and dinner are usually cooked by themselves, sometimes provided from the local.								
5. Study theme	Volunteer have opportunities to communicate with local people, to join local events a lot.								
6. Other activities	Awa Odori Festival on August, Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese culture, etc. Join the local events etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	Tokushima City, capital of Tokushima Prefecture, has a population of about 260,000. The city is in northern Tokushima Prefecture where the Yoshino River and its tributaries create a delta.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokushima for domestic. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so firstly should arrive at Osaka airport (KIX) by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day. It takes 3 hours from Osaka to Tokushima by bus.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language. Respect for the local cultures and way of the local organization. It's also better if volunteer have experience of taking care of children.								
10. Participation fee	12,000 JPY (90 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 23rd) per month till the 3rd month and 6,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English and Japanese. A few locals can speak English. When volunteers communicate with children, mainly language is Japanese.								
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23L-IK01	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	02/25	05/21	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK02	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	02/25	08/13	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK03	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	02/25	11/05	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK04	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	02/25	24/01/28	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK05	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	05/20	08/13	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK06	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	05/20	11/05	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK07	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	05/20	24/01/28	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK08	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	05/20	24/04/21	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK09	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	08/12	11/05	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK10	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	08/12	24/01/28	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK11	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	08/12	24/04/21	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK12	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	08/12	24/07/14	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK13	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	11/04	24/01/28	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK14	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	11/04	24/04/21	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK15	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	11/04	24/07/14	AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-23L-IK16	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	11/04	24/10/06	AGRI	2	18	30
1. Summary	Let's support mandarin farming in edge of peninsula!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), organized together with Kikuya Community Group (KCG) since 2008, formed by the local young people to think of the future of their small village. Ikata is famous for its main industry of mandarins farming, but has been facing depopulation, lack of workers and aging society since most of young people leave the town. So, the number of abandoned mandarin farms is increasing and the town is losing its tradition, life, custom and scenery. KCG strongly hopes to host vols. to work together to animate the town and revive the farms.								
3. Work	Volunteers will help mandarin farming (It is the main work!! Harvesting, taking care of trees, cutting grass etc., it depend on season! Especially, Nov. to April. is hard!!), support local youth club (If you have chance) and create new activities to animate the town.								
4. Accommodation	Shared room (male and female are separated) at the volunteer's house. It is traditional Japanese style house. Volunteers will cook by themselves.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will have opportunities learning organic mandarin farming.								
6. Other activities	Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	In the edge of Sata Peninsula, surrounded by the sea, so fishing is also famous. There are only 30 houses in this community. The climate is relatively warm though it can be cold in winter.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Matsuyama for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. It takes 2.5 hours by bus from Matsuyama to the meeting point. However, vols. need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so firstly should arrive at KIX by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day.								
9. Requirement	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	12,000 JPY (90 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 23rd) per month till the 3rd month and 6,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese and English (a few of the local host can speak basic English)								
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									




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NICE-23L-KR01	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/08	07/02	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-KR02	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/08	09/24	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-KR03	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/20	08/13	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-KR04	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/20	11/05	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-KR05	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	07/01	09/24	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-23L-KR06	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	08/12	11/05	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).								
4. Accommodation	Egao no mori center (It was Kasahara-higashi elementary school until 2004). Volunteers cook by themselves. There may be some pocket money to support additional cost by the group (e.g.. Transportation and meals outside on free days) in some cases.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of how to conserve SATOYAMA, taking care of forest, organic farming.								
6. Other activities	Other activities Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	Southern part of the Fukuoka prefecture. The Yame city is 482.53 km2. There are so many tee trees and terraced paddy fields.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Fukuoka airport. However, vols. need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama (KR01, KR02 and KR05)/ Osaka (KR03, KR04 and KR06), so firstly should arrive at NRT or HND (KR01, KR02 and KR05)/ KIX (KR03, KR04 and KR06) by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave there after 18:00 on the ending day.								
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Volunteers need to have high motivation to learn and speak Japanese language, respect to the local culture and way of the local organization, high motivation to work hard and interests in environment issues and local development.								
10. Participation fee	12,000 JPY (90 USD by the rate on 2022 Dec. 23rd) per month till the 3rd month and 6,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese and English (the local host can speak some English), but Japanese speaker is in priority.								
12. Other	The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama (KR01, KR02 and KR05) and Osaka (KR03, KR04 and KR06). The activity Blog: http://egaonomori.exblog.jp/								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23L-0103A	Higu LM1	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	01/03	03/02	SOCI, MANU, ENVI	2	20	99
1. Summary	Helping to make bags by the low income family and assist to live hood of the farmers! Back to 1,100 years ago to explore the ancient civilization.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 1 (No poverty) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 in this place!). Sri Lanka Human Recourses Development Foundation (SLHRDF) is a local NGO conducting lots of awareness programs on Gender equality, skills and leadership development programs, HIV/AIDS prevention program etc. since 2002. After covid pandemic community are trying to reestablish their agricultural work and other livelihoods. Not only pandemic, but also economic crisis impacted every sector in Sri Lanka. These sectors are trying to reestablish their own work but they need external assistances to continue their work. We are going to help domestic level livelihoods running by villagers as well as establish a plant nursery for their income generation and bio diversity. There will be short term workcamps in the first and last 10 days of your stay where you are expected to support the projects and the volunteers while it could be also a good opportunity to be integrated into the community and rap up your contribution!								
3. Work	1. Help to make bags run by local family. 2. Establish a nursery (clean the land, mix the soil and composts, make bags, fill soil, plant the seeds, watering, etc.). Thus, in the last 4 days of each short term workcamps, volunteers will move around the village to meet community and meet a family, youth/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village school etc. (Cultural exchange programs with villagers including youths, Activities with children and Work and assist to self-help group member's activities.)								
4. Accommodation	Village house with a host family, located close to nice paddy fields. There is electricity and mobile phones are working. But no internet or WiFi. You can't use toilet papers here. Because of toilet papers will block the drainage lines. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying. At the night you can see lots of bright stars at the sky.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Higu and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km2).								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Jan. 02 and can leave there after 20:00 of Mar. 02. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	715 USD to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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NICE-23L-0117A	GSS LM1	Galaha	Sri Lanka	01/17	03/16	AGRI, ENVI	3	20	99
1. Summary	Help to rebuild of Organic Farming Training Center that was stopped by the COVID-19.								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 in this place!). The local partner Gami Seva Sevana – GSS - (Shelter for villagers) are established as a integrated organic farm in 1977 with the financial support from some international donation agencies. Eight years ago, all the funds are terminated suddenly then most of the activities are collapsed. After that another group had taken the responsibility to development the collapsed project. Again, its management has change and all the activities stopped by new management. Covid pandemic hit very badly and workers have to stay at home. It was big hit to farm work and all the activities have to stopped. Now GSS is monitored and administrated by Retied Bishop and he started dairy and vegetable projects again. Volunteers assist to GSS to rehabilitate and rebuild the farm while establishing plant nursery, a vegetable plots and other work for future development.</p>								
3. Work	<p>a. Working at the vegetable plots. b. Planting seeds and plants c. Making compost pits and piles d. Harvest the vegetable crops e. Sharing knowledge and experiences among local farmers f. Keeping records about work and harvest g. Assisting office work when needed. Thus, in the last 4 days of each short term workcamps, volunteers will move around the village to meet community and assist the other farming activities at farm/ work at vegetable garden/ support to village children society's work and GSS members home garden activities/ assist village children's English class.</p>								
4. Accommodation	<p>Volunteers will stay at a training center located inside the farm. Electricity, cold/hot water, beds, pillows, and toilets with commodes are available so you can use toilet papers. Internet facility is poor but can manage to check your email etc. Main mobile connection such as Dialog and Mobitel are working. Cloths have wash by hand and can hang outside to dry.</p>								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of GSS and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Visit village temple, Excursion, Environmental Education, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	<p>A mountainous area and elevation is 1,100 m a.s.l., 130km from Colombo. Environment is cool, windy and low humid. Used for tea plantation by the British people until late 19th century. After that, they abandoned the area because all the planters moved back to UK. Still some plantations can be seen and still as majority, south Indian Tamil people are living here. Agriculture, dairy farming and the tea plantation are the main incomes of the community.</p>								
8. Terminal	<p>Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Jan. 16 and can leave there after 20:00 of Mar. 16. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.</p>								
9. Requirement	<p>High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.</p>								
10. Participation fee	<p>715 USD to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.</p>								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-23L-0430A	GSS LM2	Galaha	Sri Lanka	04/30	06/08	AGRI, ENVI	3	20	99
1. Summary	Help to rebuild of Organic Farming Training Center that was stopped by the COVID-19.								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 in this place!). The local partner Gami Seva Sevana – GSS - (Shelter for villagers) are established as a integrated organic farm in 1977 with the financial support from some international donation agencies. Eight years ago, all the funds are terminated suddenly then most of the activities are collapsed. After that another group had taken the responsibility to development the collapsed project. Again, its management has change and all the activities stopped by new management. Covid pandemic hit very badly and workers have to stay at home. It was big hit to farm work and all the activities have to stopped. Now GSS is monitored and administrated by Retied Bishop and he started dairy and vegetable projects again. Volunteers assist to GSS to rehabilitate and rebuild the farm while establishing plant nursery, a vegetable plots and other work for future development.</p>								
3. Work	<p>a. Working at the vegetable plots. b. Planting seeds and plants c. Making compost pits and piles d. Harvest the vegetable crops e. Sharing knowledge and experiences among local farmers f. Keeping records about work and harvest g. Assisting office work when needed. Thus, in the last 4 days of each short term workcamps, volunteers will move around the village to meet community and assist the other farming activities at farm/ work at vegetable garden/ support to village children society's work and GSS members home garden activities/ assist village children's English class.</p>								
4. Accommodation	<p>Volunteers will stay at a training center located inside the farm. Electricity, cold/hot water, beds, pillows, and toilets with commodes are available so you can use toilet papers. Internet facility is poor but can manage to check your email etc. Main mobile connection such as Dialog and Mobitel are working. Cloths have wash by hand and can hang outside to dry.</p>								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of GSS and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Visit village temple, Excursion, Environmental Education, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	<p>A mountainous area and elevation is 1,100 m a.s.l., 130km from Colombo. Environment is cool, windy and low humid. Used for tea plantation by the British people until late 19th century. After that, they abandoned the area because all the planters moved back to UK. Still some plantations can be seen and still as majority, south Indian Tamil people are living here. Agriculture, dairy farming and the tea plantation are the main incomes of the community.</p>								
8. Terminal	<p>Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of Apr. 29 and can leave there after 20:00 of Jun. 08. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.</p>								
9. Requirement	<p>High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.</p>								
10. Participation fee	<p>525 USD to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.</p>								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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NICE-23L-0516A	Higu LM2	Higurakgoda	Sri Lanka	05/16	06/22	SOCI, MANU, ENVI	2	20	99
1. Summary	Helping to make bags by the low income family and assist to live hood of the farmers! Back to 1,100 years ago to explore the ancient civilization.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 1 (No poverty) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized with Green Volunteers for Green Future (GV4GF) since 2012 (since 2020 in this place!). Sri Lanka Human Recourses Development Foundation (SLHRDF) is a local NGO conducting lots of awareness programs on Gender equality, skills and leadership development programs, HIV/AIDS prevention program etc. since 2002. After covid pandemic community are trying to reestablish their agricultural work and other livelihoods. Not only pandemic, but also economic crisis impacted every sector in Sri Lanka. These sectors are trying to reestablish their own work but they need external assistances to continue their work. We are going to help domestic level livelihoods running by villagers as well as establish a plant nursery for their income generation and bio diversity. There will be short term workcamps in the first and last 10 days of your stay where you are expected to support the projects and the volunteers while it could be also a good opportunity to be integrated into the community and rap up your contribution!								
3. Work	1. Help to make bags run by local family. 2. Establish a nursery (clean the land, mix the soil and composts, make bags, fill soil, plant the seeds, watering, etc.). Thus, in the last 4 days of each short term workcamps, volunteers will move around the village to meet community and meet a family, youth/children society members and watch their activities, women's/farmers groups, visit village school etc. (Cultural exchange programs with villagers including youths, Activities with children and Work and assist to self-help group member's activities.)								
4. Accommodation	Village house with a host family, located close to nice paddy fields. There is electricity and mobile phones are working. But no internet or WiFi. You can't use toilet papers here. Because of toilet papers will block the drainage lines. You have to wash your cloths by hand and have to hang outside for drying. At the night you can see lots of bright stars at the sky.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of the family, Higu and Sri Lanka								
6. Other activities	Organizing cultural exchange events, Excursion, Environmental Education, Expeditions, Farewell party, etc.								
7. Location	Higurakgoda. 256km from Colombo, suburb of Polonnaruwa, the second ancient kingdom in Sri Lanka and declared as a world heritage site. Many people depend on paddy farming and it is low population density area for Sri Lanka (122 people/ km ²).								
8. Terminal	Colombo - Volunteers need to arrive at Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport by the end of May 15 and can leave there after 20:00 of Jun. 22. 9 hours by bus to the site. You will meet at the bus station in the morning on the first day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work while experiencing different type of life style, accept challenges, adopt to local environment, respect and accept local life and culture.								
10. Participation fee	505 USD to be paid on your arrivals. 20 USD less for repeaters of GV4GF workcamps and vols. from less expensive countries. There is optional service of 45 USD to pick up at the airport and one night stay in the guest house.								
11. Language	English (Sri Lankan is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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7. NICE's Visions & Actions on SDGs

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



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

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

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

< Aims to make Local SDGs >

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

< Where can we make the goals? >

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

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

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

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

3. Work to achieve the (modified) SDGs

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

NICE's modified SDGs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

→ (Add) **'all' before "arms".**

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

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

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

Example of Local SDGs

Local SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)

Onuma (Hokkaido), Japan

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

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

Background situations

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



Goals in 2030

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

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

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



As partial contribution in whole change!

Past actions & impact

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



New actions & impact

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

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

Personal actions!

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