TUBURAN Workcamp 2025 Information Sheet

CODE	GIEDWC 002	
Project Title	Tuburan Coffee Farm Eco-Cultural Camp	
Partner Sending Organizations & Country	Never-ending International workCamps Exchange (NICE), Japan ALLIANCE, NVDA	
Host Partner Coordinating Organization	Global Initiative for Exchange and Development Inc. (GIED)- PHILIPPINES	
Local Partner Institution/Host Organization and Location	Local Government of Tuburan Barangay Cogon, Tuburan, Cebu, Philippines	
Project Dates	March 17-28, 2025 (12 days) or March 17-22, 2025 (6 days)	
No. of People	14 International Participants	
Type of Project	Agriculture, Community/Education, Culture	
Participation Fees	12 Days: Euro 280 6 Days: Euro 200 Include: Roundtrip local transportation from Cebu City to campsite	
Contents	Details	
Project brief	Tuburan sits on Cebu Island's west side, facing the Tanoñ Strait, about 89 kilometers northwest of Cebu City. It has a varied landscape with coastlines, plains, and hills, known for its beauty with beaches, rivers, and springs. Molobolo Spring is a favorite spot for swimming. Other attractions include Alegria Beach and Malingin Falls.	
	Tuburan is also known as the coffee capital of Cebu, boasts Tuburan Coffee Farm, the first coffee plantations in the municipality established in 2012. At that time, the then-mayor procured 30,000 coffee saplings from Tagum City, Davao del Norte, and provided training to local farmers on coffee cultivation. This initiative aimed to promote coffee farming as a more sustainable and lucrative livelihood for upland communities, offering an alternative to activities like charcoal production and firewood gathering, which have contributed significantly to deforestation.	
	Over the years, various government agencies have supported the development of coffee farming in Tuburan, culminating in its recognition as the coffee capital of Cebu. Presently, Tuburan Coffee sources beans from over 3,000 hectares of coffee small holdings spread across 29 barangays (villages), benefiting more than 2,000 farmers in the process.	

Project Aims	The camp aims to provide a comprehensive learning journey in cultivation and processing of local coffee farms. That includes understanding coffee varieties, cultivation practices, pest management, harvesting techniques, coffee quality evaluation/cupping, market exploration, sustainable farming methods, community involvement, and ongoing learning for success and growth in the industry and as an individual.
	Learning and understanding the differences in processing and production of coffee farms and Filipino works and farming culture.

Host organization / Local Partner Institution (LPI)	The Municipality of Tuburan is a local government unit located in the province of Cebu, Philippines. It is situated on the western coast of Cebu Island and is approximately 89 kilometers away from Cebu City, the provincial capital. Tuburan is divided into 54 barangays (villages) and is known for its scenic beaches, natural springs, and historical landmarks. The town's economy is primarily based on agriculture, with rice, corn, and coconut being among the main crops grown in the area. Fishing and aquaculture also contribute to the local economy. The local government of Tuburan is responsible for providing essential services to its residents, including healthcare, education, infrastructure development, and environmental management. Overall, the Municipality of Tuburan offers a blend of natural beauty, cultural heritage, and economic opportunities for its residents and visitors alike.	
Location	Barangay Cogon, Tuburan Cebu, Philippines	
Meeting Time and Place Hostel Options Before and After the camp	 Meet-up at GIED office 10:00 AM by 11:00 AM travel from Cebu City to Tuburan, Cebu. B. For participants who cannot join on time he/she may proceed to Cebu City North Bus Terminal and take the public bus from Cebu City to Tuburan, Cebu. Meeting point will be at the LGU-Tuburan Municipal Office 	
	For international participants arriving earlier/a day or few days before the meet up date or who wants to stay longer after the camp, you may stay at YMCA hostel, located across the GIED office. Rate per person is from Php 450-900 depending on type of accommodation. Reach out to the GIED Workcamp Coordinator via whatsapp to check availability or request for reservation of the room/s at least one week before the official start of the Workcamp.	
Food	Food will be prepared by everyone. The participants are encouraged to assist in the preparations of the meals. Filipino food would be mostly served during breakfast, lunch and dinner.	

Accommodation	The participants will be mainly accommodated at the coffee farm facility and LGU- Tuburan's mini-hostel on selected days. It is built of concrete materials and with basic facilities. Personal sleeping bags/blankets and pillows are needed.
Other facilities in Accommodation & working place	 The location has nice natural places for organizing outdoor activities like sports and fun games with kids and young people. Limited WIFI connection is available in the community, mobile data and internet connection are widely accessible in the town proper selected areas. Volunteers may access wifi facilities mostly in the town proper onlyThe mobile phone number of the local coordinator will be provided for more convenience.
Leisure activities and cultural visit	Going around the local village Nature lovers have many options to do like; nature walk, hiking, swimming in cold springs, river and visit to churches

Any request to bring? (International Volunteer)	For Participants: Sleeping bags, toiletries, toilet paper, personal medicines, comfortable light clothes, swimwear, aqua shoes/sleepers, working gloves, comfort food, small flag of country, etc. Optional: May bring local snacks/food, souvenir, etc. for sharing to participants/locals May donate agricultural tools, 2 nd hand clothes, shoes, toys, educational supplies, art/educ materials, sports equipment if you like give to local children/youth	
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Date (M/D)	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
03/10 Mon	10:00 AM Meeting point in GIED Office 11:00 AM Departure to Tuburan	13:00 PM Arrival in LGU Tuburan Welcome and Orientation Activity	Acquaintance activity with participants
03/11 Tue	Tuburan Coffee Farm Orientation/Interaction with Farmers	Local Community Tour and work preparations	Interaction with local community

03/12 Wed	Farm Activity- Clean-up Drive	Farm Activity- Cutting and Bagging	Team-Bldg. Activity	
03/13 Thu	Public High School Visit Intercultural activities	Public High School Visit Intercultural activities	Sleepover with the Farmer's House	
03/14 Fri	Farm Activity-Coffee planting	Preparations for International Cultural activity	International Cultural night	
03/15 Sat	FRE	FREE TIME Excursion Activities		
	Moving to Airport/ Departure for the first 6 days vols.			
03/16 Sun	Town Community Visit	Filipino Sports/Games Activity	Interaction with local community	
03/17Mon	Farm Activity- Clean-up Drive	Farm Activity- Cutting and Bagging	Preparation for School Visit	
03/18 Tue	Public Elementary School Visit Intercultural activities	Public Elementary School Visit Intercultural activities	Team-Bldg. Activity	
03/19 Wed	Farm Activity-Coffee and Bamboo planting	Farm Activity-Coffee and Bamboo planting	Team-Building Activity	
03/20 Thu	Farm Activity- Clean-up Drive	Preparations for farewell activity	Farewell activity with local community	
03/21 Fri	Evaluation/Cleaning	Departure at 13:00 (or any earlier time)		

NOTE: Activity schedule may change without prior notice. We request the participants to have an open mind and enjoy the experience in the community.