



Global Voluntary Service to Stop Climate Change (SCC) 2019

- Call for Special Volunteers to 3 months workcamps in 4 Asian countries

(1, 2 months participation is possible) -



Carbon reduction /offset work

Common actions

Leading short term workcamps

**Fund raising
Crowd funding**

Jul. 04 to Sep. 25

Indonesia/ Cambodia

Mangrove reforestation

Sep. 01 to Nov. 20

India/ Japan

Convert to renewable energy

< 3 special Attractions! >

- 1. Specialized on climate change**
- 2. Rare, Long term Workcamp**
- 3. Cheaper fee than normal LMTVs**

Final deadline is one month before the starting of your participation, but the recruitment will be stopped when it is full.

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1. Background of the project

1-1. Situation of Climate Change

It has been so far recognized as one of the most crucial global problems and many people and organizations have been working hard to overcome the situation, but the global carbon emission keeps increasing (21 billion tons in 1990 to 34 billion in 2015 while our planet can absorb only 10 billion in its nature) and the damage is getting more and more serious on landscape, forests and biodiversity, food production and water supply, human security and so on.

We need much further efforts and collaboration among different countries, stakeholders, organizations and people to prevent increase of global temperature within 1.5 degrees. Innovative, epoch-making actions and cooperation are needed to have breakthrough to protect our planet for the future, one of which can be international voluntary service.

1-2. International voluntary service (IVS) and SCC Organizers

IVS was started in France in 1920 and in 2016, 5,111 projects were done by the IVS NGOs in 90 countries with 30,266 volunteers and over a million of local people on environment/ culture/ development/ education and social welfare. 1,091 projects (25% of total) worked for environment such as tree plantation, maintenance of forests, making solar panels, organic farming, etc.

NICE is an IVS NGO based in Japan, founded in 1990 and in 2018, it organized 429 projects for 2 days to 1 year and exchanged 4,109 volunteers. 48% of the projects worked on environment. NICE is founder of NVDA and was President for 15 years.

NVDA (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia) is an Asian network of IVS NGOs, founded in 1997. It has 30 Member NGOs in 22 countries which organized 1,701 projects in 2017 and exchanged 12,483 volunteers. 20% of the projects worked on environment.

1-3. Strength and potentials of IVS to stop climate change

IVS has been creating unique and valuable impact to prevent climate change, not only by the work to plant/ grow trees and other carbon reducing actions, but also by spreading collective low carbon life, networking different people and organizations, raising awareness among local people and world youth and promoting further actions.

1-4. SCC projects to stop climate change

To dramatically increase the impact for carbon reduction as well as strengthen volunteerism and management of NGOs, we started the SCC project, with sponsorship of the UPS Foundation, NLAPO and Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation. After the great success in 2016, we have been continuing and developing the SCC project mainly by our self-efforts (besides grant from NLAPO and Fund of NICE) and collaboration since it is huge work and takes some time to get real impact.

< Brief results of SCC 2018 >

- ☺ Involving **131** international volunteers from 15 countries, **33** local volunteers and hundreds of local people in 7 countries.
- ☺ Reduced **160.5 tons of CO2** by planting **10,231** trees, seeded **10,969** mangroves, produced **635** kg of bamboo charcoal.
- ☺ Many other various impact was created (raising awareness, friendship and networking, personal development).



2. General information of the project

a) Dates	2019 Jul. 4th to Sep. 25th for 3 months (84 days) for Projects in Cambodia and Indonesia 2019 Sep. 1st to Nov. 20th for 3 months (81 days) for Projects in India and Japan * 1 and 2 months participation are open (see the dates in each project description)
b) Place	4 projects in 4 counties (choose one of them!) that will be hosted by the following NGOs; 1. Cambodia: CYA (Cambodian Youth Action): Sophat e-mail 2. Indonesia: GREAT (Gerakan Kerelawanan Internasional): Ismi e-mail 3. India: RUCHI (Rural Centre for Human Interests): Dharamvir e-mail 4. Japan: NICE (Never-ending International workCamps Exchange): Yasu e-mail
c) Common Aims	1. Improving the global environmental situations and reducing carbon emission 2. Promoting global friendship and solidarity and networking NGOs and volunteers 3. Personal development of volunteers and local people and empowering NGOs
d) Participants	20 Special Volunteers (5 in each period including the local leader) who should be; 1. Aged 18 or more (no maximum limit!) with good physical and mental health. 2. Fully motivated, active, flexible, adaptable, responsible, cooperative and constructive. 3. Able to sufficiently speak in English that is the common language during the project. (Local language skill is not necessary, but useful, so welcomed to try to learn during your stay!) 4. Experience of joining IVS projects for environment or LMTV: Not compulsory! 5. Experience on Workcamp leading, Carbon offset or Crown funding: Not compulsory!
e) Programs	A) Voluntary work: Varies in each project based on the local needs and plans. Working hours also depend on each project, but there is at least one free day/ a week. The work will include; + Plant trees or do other carbon reduction work, organize World Tanabata Action + Conduct Impact research/ Carbon off set/ Crowd Funding + Join to coordinate international short term and/ or weekend workcamps B) Other activities: Study programs, discussions, excursions, visits, exchange parties, sports, etc. can be organized either by the vols. themselves or the local hosts. C) Collective life: Usually, simple community conditions of meals with cooking by themselves by turns and of accommodations such as community halls, youth centers.
f) Finance	As well as normal IVS - LMTV (Long and Mid Term Voluntary service) projects, * Travel cost should be paid by the volunteers themselves. * Participation fee (See each description) should be paid by the volunteers on the arrivals.
g) Application procedure	It is same as normal LMTV exchange. Vols. need to apply to each hosting NGO through the members/ partners of ALLIANCE/ CCIWS/ NVDA in their residential/ original countries.

< General attraction of LMTV projects (compared with travelling, study, internship) >

1) Action for change!

You wouldn't change the world/ save a village a lot, but still creates, even little by little, positive and valuable impact

2) Real life and growth!

You will experience local life and culture and grow various skills of work, life, communication, problem solving, etc. which you never get by

3) Friends and drama!

You will strongly and widely exchange with local people and can become their precious friends. There will be a lot of touching or funny,

< Special attraction of SCC (compared with normal LMTV projects) >

1) Specialized for CC!

The project deeply focuses on carbon reduction and you can create real, concrete impact. If you have special motivation to learn from/ contribute to stop climate change, this is a place!

2) Rare, Workcamp style!

Most of LMTV are individual type (1-2 vols.), but this is a collective type, so you can help and exchange with other volunteers so much. You'll coordinate short term workcamps, so can develop organizing skills!

3) Less financial barrier!

The fee is less than normal LMTV projects (and no fee for the project in Japan!). Thus, you will be linked with all SCC vols., NGOs and networks and get certificate of Green Volunteer.

3. Detailed description of Special Projects

3-1. Cambodia

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
CYA-SCC1	TFC	Kampot province	Cambodia	07/04	09/25	ENVI	5	16	99
CYA-SCC2	TFC	Kampot province	Cambodia	07/04	08/31	ENVI	5	16	99
CYA-SCC3	TFC	Kampot province	Cambodia	07/04	08/03	ENVI	5	16	99
CYA-SCC4	TFC	Kampot province	Cambodia	08/01	09/25	ENVI	5	16	99
CYA-SCC5	TFC	Kampot province	Cambodia	08/01	08/31	ENVI	5	16	99
CYA-SCC6	TFC	Kampot province	Cambodia	08/26	09/25	ENVI	5	16	99

Summary

Save the mangrove forest, start carbon offset and empowering eco-tourism!

Background

At Trapeang Sangke Fishing Community, CYA works to transform a local fishing community to an eco-tourism site by making bridges for tourist to explore the area inside mangrove forest, planting mangroves to protect the sea level rise for the villages and saving fish in the fish production season and participate with local people in collecting and planting mangroves seeds since 2012.

Now, this community is getting more popular among local tourists and also international volunteers to join our workcamp here. CYA's volunteers plant about 1000 mangroves every year and seedling mangroves seeds about 10,000 mangroves seeds on its nursery every year.

In 2016 during the SCC project, During their stay, there was a protest from the villagers because a large corporation had destroyed and removed some mangroves near the village. It was heart-breaking for the volunteers and the local villagers, but they have never given up! In the next morning, they planted around 500 mangroves trees altogether!



The volunteers will do some of the following work (mainly 1,2 and 3);

1. Collecting mangroves seeds in the forests along the sea by having 30-40 min. boat trip
2. Seedling in its nursery at TFC by sticking the seeds into the pot with mud
3. Planting mangroves inside the protected area of the community by having 30-40 min. boat trip
4. Other work at TFC (e.g., constructing the path and the resting area in the mangrove forest, fixing the water tank) or at the village nearby (e.g., education, eco sponge workshop, etc.)

* In Cambodia, we normally work 6 - 7 hours per day but inside community/countryside it's depending on their schedule. So we would like to ask volunteers to be flexible according to the local schedule.

Work





< Results in 2018 >






SCC (Global Voluntary Service to Stop Climate Change) 2018 project in Jul. 04 - Sep. 25;



1. **Planted 3,772 mangroves** which would **reduce 3,772 kg of CO²** approximately.
2. **Nursed 9,027 seedlings of mangrove trees.**
3. Hosted a group of volunteers from Citizen company in Japan as their CSR project.

* It was conducted by the local leader and 48 volunteers from 6 countries (25 Japanese, 14 local, etc.).

	<p>< Plan for 2019 > Our goals are planting 4,000 and nursing 10,000 seedlings of mangrove trees with 50 vols. There will be the short term international workcamps in Jul. 03-16, Jul. 20-31, Aug. 03-15, Aug. 19-31 and bilateral workcamps with Japan in Jul. 12-16, Aug. 10-14 and Sep. 04-23.</p>
<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>Type of building: Bangalow of the community * Sleeping: () Single room (x) Sharing with other vols. () Sharing with locals * Meals: () Cooked by vols. () Cooked by vols. & locals (x) Cooked by locals * How and how long to go to work: The accommodation and working place is the same but you may need to go by boat sometimes and it will take about 20 minutes * Smoking: () Totally impossible (x) Only outside building () OK also inside * Internet access: No, volunteer must buy their own SIM card * Any other points:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
<p>Study theme</p>	<p>Workshops on Carbon reduction research and offset, Fund Raising and Project coordination</p>
<p>Other activities</p>	<p>A visit to the village memorial site, and parties can be arranged! Thus, there will be many international workcamps in this place during your stay where you can enjoy exchange with them with joining the coordination!</p>
<p>Location</p>	<p>It is located along the sea string therefore most of the time it's windy. The community consist of Moslim and Buddhism groups but they are living and working together in harmony. The local people are mostly fisherman, but now also able to earn some money by organizing guiding tour for the eco-tourists and providing their food and accommodation.</p>
<p>Terminal</p>	<p>* Nearest international airport: Phnom Penh international Airport * Transportation from the capital or other major city: The most convenient and cheap way to get there is by bus and it will cost about 8 USD one way.</p>
<p>Requirement</p>	<p>* Need high motivation, able to self-motivate, not easy to give up to volunteering * Preferable skills/ experience: Not specially, but it'd be great if you can help the community with online booking or others promotional things of their eco-tourism.</p>
<p>Participation fee</p>	<p>300 USD per month (full participation will be counted as 3 months.) * All personal expenses, visa, and other food and beverages beyond those provided should be covered by volunteers</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English (Khmer language is not necessary, but welcomed to learn and speak to locals!)</p>
<p>Other</p>	<p>* Additional attractions; Bokor National Park, KEP beach, and islands * Training and special care; On arrival training: 3 days Special care during Project: CYA coordinator will visit once a month and check by phone once a week * Evaluation meeting: CYA will organize a middle and final evaluation with both volunteers and local host to see the progress and it's effective of the program..</p>

3-2. Indonesia

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
GREAT-SCC1	Pekalongan	Central Java	Indonesia	07/04	09/25	ENVI	5	16	99
GREAT-SCC2	Pekalongan	Central Java	Indonesia	07/04	08/31	ENVI	5	16	99
GREAT-SCC3	Pekalongan	Central Java	Indonesia	07/04	08/03	ENVI	5	16	99
GREAT-SCC4	Pekalongan	Central Java	Indonesia	08/01	09/25	ENVI	5	16	99
GREAT-SCC5	Pekalongan	Central Java	Indonesia	08/01	08/31	ENVI	5	16	99
GREAT-SCC6	Pekalongan	Central Java	Indonesia	08/26	09/25	ENVI	5	16	99
Summary		Save the mangrove forest, start carbon offset and promote fundraising by mangrove products!							
Background	<p>Mangrove for Java is a project targeting endangers villages or area located in coastal cities and regencies in Java Island. This is a sustainable project organized by GREAT in cooperation with local fisher and farmer communities since 2015 to answering the needs of preserving the coastal side of Java Island. Java coastal area is one of the directed affected by global climate change among many of islands in the world. The project is preserving natural diversity and sea shore from the erosion because of significantly mangrove cutting in the 70's-80s along with strong waves from the ocean.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to support the local initiatives of local fisher and farmer communities in protecting the sea shore by planting and seedling mangroves.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>								
Work	<p>The volunteers will do some of the following work;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planting mangrove and other trees in beach, 2. Learning how to process Mangrove fruits into some products with added economic value 3. Sharing about environment education to local people and children 4. Visiting the schools and the universities for environment education, running a green campaign in city center <p>* Working days: 5 – 6 days per week. 30 – 40 hours per week. Video is here https://goo.gl/g7Po6l</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <p><Results in 2018></p> <p>SCC (Global Voluntary Service to Stop Climate Change) 2018 project in Jul. 04 - Sep. 25;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planted 5,456 mangroves that would reduce 5,456 kg of CO² approximately. 2. Nursed 1,942 seedlings of mangrove trees 3. Raised fund by selling syrup made by the mangrove fruits in the festival and the shop. <p>* It was conducted by 7 SCC LMTVs (4 Japanese, 2 local and 1 French for 1-3 months) and 38 short term volunteers from 6 countries (26 Japanese, 8 local, 1 French, 1 Italian, 1 Chinese and 1 Romanian).</p> <p>< Plan for 2019 ></p> <p>Our goals are planting 6,000 and nursing 2,000 seedlings of mangrove trees with 50 vols. There will be the short term international workcamps in Jul. 12-25, Aug. 02-15, Aug. 23-Sep. 05 and Sep. 13-26 (opening first 5 days participation) and bilateral workcamps with Japan in Aug. 11-14.</p>								

Accommodation	<p>Type of building: Office of host or home stay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sleeping: () Single room (x) Sharing with other vols. (x) Sharing with locals * Meals: () Cooked by vols. (x) Cooked by vols. & locals () Cooked by locals * How and how long to go to work: 30 minutes * Smoking: () Totally impossible (x) Only outside building () OK also inside * Internet access: NO Wifi. Volunteers must get local number to get connected to internet via their own smartphone or internet modem. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p>* Any other points: limited condition. Need sleeping bag. Indonesian traditional toilet with squad and manual flush system. Manual washing.</p>
Study theme	<p>Workshops on Carbon reduction research and offset, Fund Raising and Project coordination</p>
Other activities	<p>Exploring Pekalongan's culture as the city of Batik. Batik is Indonesian intangible heritage acknowledged by UNESCO since 2010 and nature for about 20 kms to the south to the mountain area with hidden waterfalls that known mostly by local people only and more. Aug. is the month for Indonesian independence festivals. Each neighborhood will have their own festival.</p>
Location	<p>Hot tropical weather (25-27 degree in the evening and 35-42 in the day time). Javanese and Muslim culture. Batik garment is the biggest industry that causes serious pollution to the river. Pekalongan is located 60 km away from Semarang airport. To get to know about pekalongan please see this link (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pekalongan_Regency)</p>
Terminal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Nearest international airport: Semarang Ahmad Yani International Airport. IATA Code: SRG * Transportation from the capital or other major city (mode, time, cost): From Jakarta Gambir station to Pekalongan Station: Train, 5 hrs, ± 20 USD From Jakarta Soekarno Hatta International Airport IATA Code CGK to Semarang (SRG): Flight 50 mins, ± 60 USD. Then Train from Semarang Poncol Station to Pekalongan station, 1 hr ± 5 USD
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Required: Strong motivation to have a different living style and to learn Bahasa Indonesia, able to communicate at least in interpersonal level, enjoying to work in team in diversity as well as alone, being ready to learn about carbon emission before the project and interest in environmental issue. * Welcomed (not necessary): Experience of planting trees, workcamps, LMTV and leading a workcamp
Participation fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IDR 4,000,000 for 1st month and IDR 3,700,000 for next months. * All personal expenses, visa, and other food and beverages beyond those provided should be covered by volunteers. * 60% participants fee is for During projects: accommodation, meals, local transportation for projects when applied, material, support peer volunteer system, GREAT T shirt, emergency responses, support visa extension. * 40% participation fees is for pre and post project preparation, meeting with stakeholders, management, GREAT membership & partnership global and regional networking, etc.
Language	<p>English (Indonesian language is not necessary, but welcomed to learn and speak to locals!)</p>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * On arrival training (place, length, etc.): Pekalongan, totally 4 days. * Special care during Project (if any. e.g., staff visit, local buddy, skype talk) Staff visit, peer volunteers, workcamps during some period, real time assistance with whatsapp. * Evaluation meeting (place, length, etc.): Pekalongan, totally 1 day.

3-3. India

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols	Min age	Max age
RUCHI-SCC1	Bandh	Himachal Pradesh state	India	09/01	11/20	ENVI	5	16	99
RUCHI-SCC2	Bandh	Himachal Pradesh state	India	09/01	10/25	ENVI	5	16	99
RUCHI-SCC3	Bandh	Himachal Pradesh state	India	09/01	09/30	ENVI	5	16	99
RUCHI-SCC4	Bandh	Himachal Pradesh state	India	09/26	11/20	ENVI	5	16	99
RUCHI-SCC5	Bandh	Himachal Pradesh state	India	09/26	10/25	ENVI	5	16	99
RUCHI-SCC6	Bandh	Himachal Pradesh state	India	10/21	11/20	ENVI	5	16	99

Summary

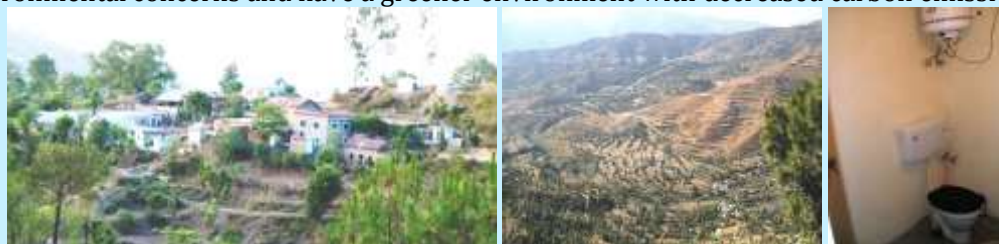
Save the forest and the water resource, start carbon offset and promoting organic farming!

Background

This is a rural mountain area and agriculture is the main industry. The area is calm, peaceful and experiences severe winter. They need warm water for all purpose round the year. Fuelwood and conventional electricity power are the major sources of energy. Off late, due to deforestation and land degradation, population pressure, unrestricted grazing by animals and indifferent attitude of people towards their environmental sanitation, they feel the pinch of climate change. Some recognize the changes and consequences but the majority fail to understand and correlate it to their life style. Since they still stick to the traditions and follow the old farming practices their income levels are going down.

Changes in climatic conditions affect their farming and living conditions adversely. The green cover in mountains balances the environment and controls the climate in the whole country. The natural resources are depleting; fuel wood is sparingly available now for cooking and heating. It is high time that people think of alternative sources of energy. The project is organized by RUCHI in collaboration with Him Urja of state government and local village groups. RUCHI has 35 years experience in such community projects and the local village groups have also been participating in environmental projects.



The aim of the project is to try out and promote renewable sources of energy. In the first phase, we would like to establish demonstration units at RUCHI and make use of idle solar energy resource. There is ample sun light round the year except for few rainy days during monsoon and winter. We propose to make RUCHI complex totally a solar energy complex in due course. Therefore, we propose to do following under the project during 2019: 1. Establish solar panels for lighting on roofs and roadside and 2. Establish solar water heaters post solar lighting. After successful demonstration of solar energy at RUCHI we propose to promote the technology to rural communities where conventional electricity power is getting unaffordable. The project is expected to have better informed community on environmental concerns and have a greener environment with decreased carbon emission.



Work

- Volunteers will undertake following activities (1. is the main, changed according to weather):
- 1. Assisting the work for the solar energy** (e.g., Identify ideal site on roadside for putting up solar lights, install solar panels on roofs and streets, monitor power consumption and production patterns).
 - 2. Planting fast growing trees with soil binding capabilities across the roadside and in RUCHI campus.** The area is prone to land slide and soil erosions.
 - 3. Tending to fruit trees** (Guava, Mango and Amla with onion and ginger) **in RUCHI farm.** The work may relate to mulching, removing weeds, pruning and preparing organic compost.
- * Volunteers will work 5 days a week and minimum 5 hours per day.



	<p>< Results in 2018 > SCC (Global Voluntary Service to Stop Climate Change) 2018 project in Jul. 04 - Sep. 25; 4. Planted 1,000 pine trees that would reduce 150 tons of CO² approximately. * It was conducted by the local leader and 4 volunteers from Japan.</p> <p>< Plan for 2019 > The solar project is new, so it is difficult to set up the target goals of carbon reduction. Besides that, we may plant 1,000 pine trees as well as taking care of the fruit trees planted in SCC 2017. There will be the short term international workcamps in Sep. 01-07, Sep. 08-15, Sep. 16-21, Oct. 11-15 and Nov. 01-05.</p>
<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>Type of building: RUCHI Campus (Office building) * Sleeping: () Single room (x) Sharing with other vols. () Sharing with locals * Meals: () Cooked by vols. (x) Cooked by vols. & locals () Cooked by locals * How and how long to go to work: mostly working in the office complex but village visits may require travelling by public transport for 15 minutes to 60 minutes * Smoking: () Totally impossible (x) Only outside building () OK also inside * Internet access: personal Internet packs in mobiles is the best option as high speed broadband is not available in the local area. Hotspot can be made available during office hours.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
<p>Study theme</p>	<p>Workshops on Carbon reduction research and offset, Fund Raising and Project coordination</p>
<p>Other activities</p>	<p>To attend women group meetings to learn of their plight and culture, to visit schools to interact with children and to see other development works of RUCHI. During the holidays, they can go to Rock Garden in Chandigarh city and visit state capital of Shimla which still depicts British architecture. Some small treks are also available to those interested in trekking.</p>
<p>Location</p>	<p>Hilly rural area which land is sloppy and confined to small terraces. Land holdings are also small. Some get jobs on daily wage basis and work on road repairs and other construction works. There is no security threat and generally the place is calm and quite with a pleasant weather. Basically, this is a Hindu area, but they respect all religions and cultures. The largest industrial area of Baddi in this state is about 20 kms away. The people are God fearing and very hospitable to visitors.</p>
<p>Terminal</p>	<p>* Nearest international airport: New Delhi IGI airport * Transportation from the capital or other major city (mode, time, cost) Delhi to project: Train is the best option. It takes 4 hours to cover 280 kms. Cost: INR 950 Within state: Bus is the only option that takes 2 min. per km and the cost is INR 1.5 per km.</p>
<p>Requirement</p>	<p>No specialised skills except high motivation to contribute and help. Must be willing to respect and live with a different culture and under challenging circumstances. * Preferable skills/ experience/ motivation: Environment education background or past experience in plantation, forestry or water resource development etc.</p>
<p>Participation fee</p>	<p>* Fee to be paid in USD per month (if any): 300 USD * Other points (if any): This will include 3 vegetarian meals and shared accommodation * All personal expenses, visa, and other food and beverages beyond those provided should be covered by volunteers</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English (Hindi language is not necessary, but welcomed to learn and speak to locals!)</p>
<p>Other</p>	<p>* Additional attractions; The participation will be very beneficial for their academic and personal development. They will learn of innovative ways of soil and water conservation. * Training and special care; On arrival training (place, length, etc.): at RUCHI (host NGO) for 3 days One RUCHI staff will be working with volunteers and provide all needed support. * Evaluation meeting (place, length, etc.): Weekly meetings will be held for assessments of progress and resolve any issues. Final evaluation will be done at the end of project for a day.</p>

3-4. Japan

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-SCC1	Minamata	Kumamoto prefecture	Japan	09/01	11/20	ENVI	5	16	99
NICE-SCC2	Minamata	Kumamoto prefecture	Japan	09/01	10/25	ENVI	5	16	99
NICE-SCC3	Minamata	Kumamoto prefecture	Japan	09/01	09/30	ENVI	5	16	99
NICE-SCC4	Minamata	Kumamoto prefecture	Japan	09/26	11/20	ENVI	5	16	99
NICE-SCC5	Minamata	Kumamoto prefecture	Japan	09/26	10/25	ENVI	5	16	99
NICE-SCC6	Minamata	Kumamoto prefecture	Japan	10/21	11/20	ENVI	5	16	99

Summary

Save the forest and the water resource, start carbon offset and promoting organic farming!

Background

The pollution has been totally cleared away and it's completely safe now, but the image of Minamata is still "dirty" or "dangerous" and some people are discriminated in getting jobs or finding marriage partners. The first 10 years of workcamps since 1992 made a significant impact to create a forest on the reclaimed land which was built in the process of clearing the mercury from the bay. This forest bears new lives as a symbol of revival and is an important place to pray for the victims of Minamata Disease, as well as for the world to reflect on the effects of modern industrialization.

As well as many other parts of Japan, bamboo trees, that was originally brought from China by human being, have been severely spreading and damaging the other trees and eco-system.

There is also a new project to revitalize the marine environment. There is a lot of rubbish on the beaches, but when it's clean, there is a lot of sea food such as oysters and sea urchins. Rehabilitation of seaweed forests is taking place since a few years ago.



1. Trimming bamboo trees that can increase the whole amount to fix carbon in the forest.
2. Making bamboo charcoal from ones cut in the Work 1 and use it for BBQ, etc. instead of oil.
3. Other work such as harvesting paper mulberry trees, citrus fruits, onions, helping to run marine environmental education for middle school students and ocean life investigation.

* Working time will be normally 7-8 hours per day and 5 days a week.

Work




< Results in 2018 >

SCC (Global Voluntary Service to Stop Climate Change) 2018 project in Sep. 01 - Nov. 20;
Cut bamboo trees and made 635 kg bamboo charcoal from them that **reduced 1.270 kg of CO²**.

* It was conducted by 5 SCC LMTVs (2 Belgian, 1 local, 1 Mexican and 1 French for 1-3 months) and 15 short term volunteers from 6 countries (7 Hong Kong, 2 local, 2 Thailand, 2 Russia, etc.).

< Plan for 2019 >

Our goals are **carbon reduction of 1,500 kg** with 20 vols. There will be the short term international workcamps in Sep. 22- Oct. 05 and Oct. 23- Nov. 05.

<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>Type of building: Rental house (Man and Woman will sleep in the separate rooms). * Sleeping: () Single room (x) Sharing with other vols. () Sharing with locals * Meals: (x) Cooked by vols. () Cooked by vols. & locals () Cooked by locals * How and how long to go to work: 20minute to 40 minutes. It may be by public transport or by walking depending on situation * Smoking: () Totally impossible (x) Only outside building () OK also inside * ternet access: There is wifi in the accommodation.</p> 
<p>Study theme</p>	<p>Workshops on Carbon reduction research and offset, Crowd Funding and Project coordination</p>
<p>Other activities</p>	<p>* Study part: Discussion about Minamata, Disease with local people and experienced person, Visiting Minamata Disease Museum. * Free time activity: Excursion, exchange parties, sports, etc.</p>
<p>Location</p>	<p>The area is famous for huge public pollution of mercury happened over 60 years ago. It is located in southern Kumamoto prefecture of Kyushu island with a beautiful semi-closed sea and mountains with several villages, where traditional culture remains strongly. There are many mandarin farms and the local onions are said to be so sweet that you can eat them like an apple! It is a very hot and humid season (especially September)! Enjoy Japanese summer!</p>
<p>Terminal</p>	<p>* Nearest international airport: Kagoshima airport * Transportation: From Kagoshima city, 3 hours by local train (30min. By express train), From Kumamoto city, 2 hours local train(24min. by express train). From Tokyo to Kagoshima airport, 2 hours by airplane, and from Kagoshima airport to Minamata, 2 hours by airport bus.</p>
<p>Requirement</p>	<p>* Need high interest in environmental issues and their activities, big motivation to work hard, open mind, cooperation with others. * Preferable skills/ experience/ motivation: Environmental work, Carbon research, Crowd funding</p>
<p>Participation fee</p>	<p>No fee! * All personal expenses, visa, and other food and beverages beyond those provided should be covered by volunteers</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English (Japanese language is not necessary, but welcomed to learn and speak to locals!)</p>
<p>Other</p>	<p>* Additional attractions; The person in charge of organizing this program is a traditional Japanese paper maker, and his wife makes textiles (she grows her own organic cotton, hand spins it into thread, dyes it with natural plant dyes, and weaves it into cloth on a loom.) If anyone is interested, we are able to make time to experience any or all of these. * Training and special care; On arrival training (place, length, etc.): In the project site (for 2 days). There will be also a training program for general LMTVs in Tokushima in Shikoku island in Jun. 30 - Jul. 02, so you are welcomed to join it if you have a time and interest to see different place of Japan, meet other LMTVs in different projects and many NICE members/ staff! Special care during Project: Staff visit, planning to do have local buddy. * Evaluation meeting: In the project site (for 2 days)</p>

4. Contact for Inquiry

We are looking forward to working with you for this important and revolutionary project!

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< Some info. about IVS Carbon Offset >

A **carbon offset** is “a reduction in emissions of carbon dioxide or greenhouse gases made in order to compensate for or to offset an emission made elsewhere.” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbon_offset).

We are calling for participants of our very **first, historical carbon offset projects** from all over the world.

* In 2017-18, 23 participants contributed 260 EUR as the pilot practice and we will develop more this year, so join us!

