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## IVS STARTING STORIES - A HISTORY OF IVP

BY RITA WARLEIGH

*"None of us knew how to run an organisation  
but we were keen"*

IVP began in Sydney in 1988 as Service Civil International, Australia. The International Coordinator of Service Civil International (SCI) wrote a letter to six people in Australia who had workcamp experience, suggesting that they start a branch in Australia. I received one of these letters having attended a 1987 workcamp in Italy.

The SCI philosophy inspired me greatly, so I organised our first meeting at a Café in Sydney. Apart from myself, two people attended: Chris Dunstan who went to workcamps in Russia and Eastern Europe in 1987, and Vern Cork who had been to workcamps in the late 70's followed by long-term volunteering with SCI Bangladesh and had then acted as the Australian point of contact for SCI. At this historic meeting, the three of us agreed to create SCI Australia.



We decided that Service Civil International, Australia would be non-hierarchical, use consensus decision-making, and follow the principles of non-violence. We committed to learning cooperation and peace-building within the organisation as well as externally in the work we carried out and we committed to creating a space for Aboriginal people in our organisation and in our lives.

Do you want to know more how Chris and Rita organized their very first workcamp and the IVP's growth and expansion? view their stories [here](#) and don't forget to visit IVP website to learn more about their projects and stories [here](#)



## MEMBERS'S NEWS



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### STOP CLIMATE CHANGE CAMPAIGN - TREE PLANTATION

BY VOLUNTEERS INITIATIVE NEPAL (VIN)

Volunteers Initiative Nepal (VIN) conducted a week long tree plantation program from 7th July, where 2500 plants were distributed and planted under Stop Climate Change Campaign. It was done through local women's group in Bhadaure, Thulachhap, and Taluwa of Okhaldhunga district which supports VIN's Environment Conservation Project. The plant distributed were 1,000 Chiuri, 300 Bay leaf (Tej Patta), 200 Mulberry (Kimbu), and 1000 Badahar.



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### CELEBRATING WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

BY GIVE MYANMAR

In order to give awareness of eco-system degradation in Inle Lake, GIVE Myanmar hosted two-days environment training for local community at Community Development Centre where the participants learn about the importance of eco-system and understand how to maintain the environment. After the training, the local community and GIVE Myanmar staffs planted 300 trees along the street in Le Pyin Taung village, Southern Shan State on the 5th June (World Environment Day)



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### WE DON'T GIVE UP ON IVS BY NICE JAPAN

Outgoing placement has been slowly restarted from July and around 10 vols. have been placed to Europe and Thailand. NICE also actively keeps organizing national workcamps and LMTVs mostly on the forest maintenance, education and revival of depopulated villages.

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### NGO TRAINEESHIP SEASON 10

BY CSDS VIETNAM

NGO Traineeship is a non-governmental internship program organized by the Center for Sustainable Development Studies (CSDS) with the sponsorship of Irish Aid aiming to connect NGOs with young people who desire to work or experience at NGOs field. Not only an experienced program, NGO Traineeship also creates an environment for young people to find their suitable career paths and open potential career opportunities in the future. From July 1 to July 22, the NGO Traineeship season 10 organized 36 online and offline foundation training sessions during 3 weeks for 20 youth who will become the interns in different NGOs in Vietnam for 5 months starting from this August.



# ASIAN VOLUNTEERS VOICE VOL.07

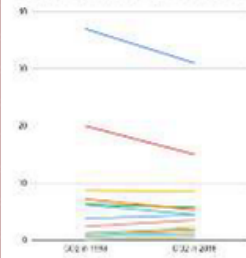
By KAIZAWA Shinichiro

Asian Volunteers Voice (AVV) Vol.07 was organized on the July 7th focusing on SDGs 13 (Climate Action) with 35 participants from 12 countries, the second biggest number of AVVs! The event started with a quiz related to SDGs 13.



	1998	2018	OS		1998	2018	OS
A	37	31	02/11	I	0.5	2.4	10/08
B	20	15	03/14	J	1.2	2	12/18
C	8.7	8.6	05/12	K	0.8	1.7	OK
D	6.3	5.7	06/13	L	0.9	1.2	OK
E	7.2	5.3	05/14	M	0.5	1	OK
F	6.2	4.5	05/14	N	0.2	0.7	OK
G	3.8	4.4	08/22	O	0.2	0.6	OK
H	2.4	3.5	08/27	P	0.1	0.4	OK

CO2 per capita (tons) from 1998 to 2018

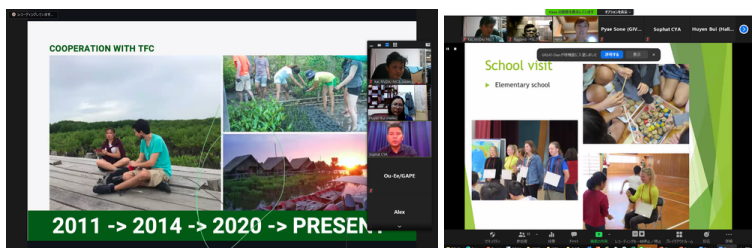


Cambodia	France
Hong Kong	India
Indonesia	Italy
Japan	Myanmar
Nepal	Philippines
Qatar	Sri Lanka
Thailand	USA
Vietnam	World

- \* 1998/2018 shows green gas emission (tons) per person in 1998/2018.
- \* OS shows the earth overshoot day of 2020 (Month/Date).
- \* Each of 16 countries (incl. 12 participating countries in the event) are one of A-P.

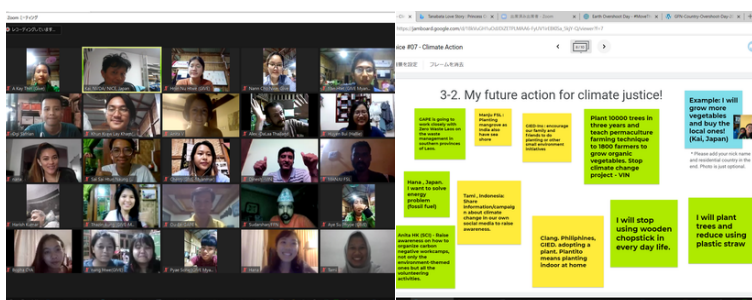
Then, 3 special projects were presented by the following speakers and active Q&A/ discussions followed with the participants:

- Mr. Sophat Sorn (Founding President of CVA) for mangrove reforestation
- Ms. KURACHI Hana (2019 project leader, Member of NICE) for bamboo charcoals
- Ms. Dian Nursiwi (Director of GREAT) and Mr. Ogi Safrian (Area Manager of GREAT) for mangrove plantation



All of them have been co-organized since 2016 as a part of SCC (Global Voluntary Service to Stop Climate Change) together with NVDA and NICE, that has reduced over 500 tons of CO2 emissions.

Lastly, World Tanabata Action (WTA) was conducted by the facilitator, KAIZAWA Shinichiro (President of NVDA/ Founder of WTA), that is the biggest common action in IVS history with over 21,000 people in 27 countries joined and 820,000 trees planted for the climate justice. Participants wrote their actions to stop climate change on the jamboard. The event ended with a happy mood in the romantic Tanabata night!



# IVS IMPACT STORIES

By VYA Taiwan

In the project of Wuchi, we focused on the old street renovation. In order to collect ideas from villagers on the plan of the renovated space, we had a consensus meeting with villagers. Volunteers made a few architectural models to present and get the feedback from locals. Our local host organization will conduct the project based on the results of the consensus meeting.

Although it is only a 4 days program, but it is still a fruitful program. Volunteers learned how to make architectural models which is a totally new experience to them. More importantly, they learned that it takes a lot efforts to meet the consensus of all stakeholders. This kind of community dialogue is the basis of civil democracy.



Villagers can express their ideas more clearly with the models and exchange different ideas. They are happy that those young students can come to their community and bring joy to them.

To our local host organization, they found that it is a very good way to train their staff. One of their staff conquered her fear of public speaking. The others feel more proud of their organization by the feedback of the participants.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☆ Asian Volunteers Voice Vol. 08: 2021 Sep. 3rd
- ☆ Asian Volunteers Voice Vol. 09: 2021 Nov. 5th
- ☆ Asian Volunteers Voice Vol. 10: 2022 Jan. 7th
- ☆ Asian Volunteers Voice Vol. 11: 2022 Mar. 4th

\* All of the above events will be held in 19:30-21:00 of GMT+8.

\* The focusing goals of SDGs will be defined soon according to the coordination of the presenting projects.