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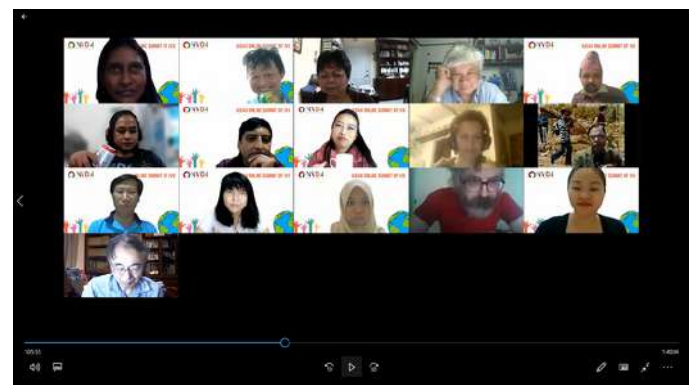
ASIAN ONLINE SUMMIT OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE VOL.01

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Asian Online Summit of International Voluntary Service Vol. 1 - Overcoming Pandemic Age toward 2030 was successfully organized in Nov. 11-13 by NVDA and NICE (Member NGO in Japan) with sponsorship of Japan Foundation. We got 475 registrations from 130 persons of 58 organizations in 24 countries (all continents!). We from the heart appreciate to the great collaboration of all the coordinators, speakers, guests and participants.

There were 12 sessions organized with diversified topics open for members, sister networks, distinguish guests and public audience.

(GMT+8)	Nov. 11 Thu	Nov. 12 Fri	Nov. 13 Sat
14:00-15:30	1. Innovative practices during / post COVID-19	5. Stress Management with the external specialist	9. NVDA 2030 Goals - What is UR idea 4 visions & actions?
16:10-17:10	2. How to develop National Voluntary projects	6. How to develop Online International Workcamps	10. How to develop Crowd Funding/ Project Supporter
17:50-18:50	3. Common Action on Home Gardening - Grow together!	7. Common Action on Eco Cooking - Eat together!	11. Partnership to promote Global Education/Citizenship
19:30-21:00	4. Asian Volunteers Voice 9 focusing on SDGs 11	8. Asian IVS Fair - Exhibition of Colorful projects!	12. NVDA's 24th + IVS's 101st Anniversary - Special party!
	Open to NVDA members only	Open to also Sister Networks	Open to also Guests Open to everybody!



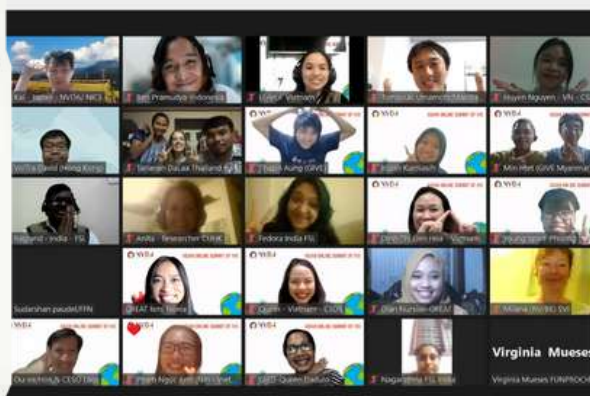
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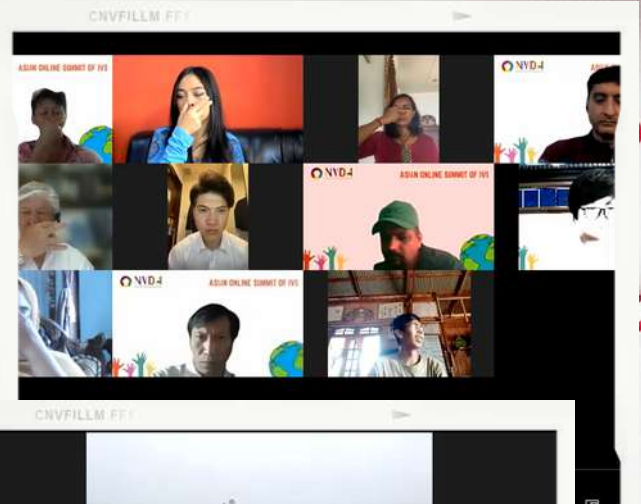
Stress Management: Ms. Tika from Malaysia, the specialist of Yoga/ Mindfulness, conducted a good lesson with a bit excuse! "NGO staff often have the syndrome of the "good people" and more taking care of other people than themselves. Changing the world starts by changing ourselves." "I would have liked more examples of things to manage work-related stress. However, the presenter and participants were really nice and passionate."



How to organize online workcamps: Nam, one of the coordinators, broadcasted the project of Fisher Village (boat slum in Hanoi) and the woman leader showed her amazing skills to make eco sponges! Nowadays, a lot of online programs are organized by many NGOs, but online "workcamps" contributing to the local projects are very few. "I was greatly inspired and want to make it in my country!" "I enjoyed seeing the workcamp site in Vietnam. It reminded me of my workcamp experience."



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUMMIT



NVDA 2030 Goals: The participants confirmed the needs and values to create the goals for 1) Social Change (the world we want, then our actions & impact to contribute even a small part), 2) IVS NGOs Empowerment and 3) NVDA (as Network) Development. Then, each of them actively listed and discussed on the social/ organizational challenges such as "Rapid increase of child abuse", "Limited access to medical service", "Lack of human resources", "How to find reliable local partners".



24th anniversary of NVDA: It was a very casual, relaxing & fun party! The party was started with cheers (beer/ tea) and jumped into the exciting quiz with reviewing the IVS/ NVDA history. Then, each of the participant shared the dramatic memory for 1 min. with sharing the pic. Finally, they created the ideas for the future of the world after 100 years! "The anniversary was just nice!!! Thank you very much for your hard work especially the EC team!"

SANITARY PAD MAKING TRAINING BY VIN NEPAL

Volunteers Initiative Nepal (VIN) organized a week long sanitary pad making training under our Women Empowerment Program. The training was concluded on November 2021. Women from Okhaldhunga Community were provided training to make reusable sanitary pads from local materials. All their products were displayed during the closing event of the training. We had a total of 16 participants for the training. The trainer thoroughly trained them putting major focus on tiniest details and clean finishing. The participants can now take the initiative to make pads and sell around their own communities. They are encouraged to form groups and work together to produce in a large number. These products can then be sold in larger town and cities. The possibilities are infinite. This training will not only polish them with an added skill but also provide an opportunity to enhance their financial standing. It gives them a sense of self-worth and independence. We observed that the participants were very keen on learning new designs and techniques. Even if a single participant takes this opportunity and starts a small business. Nevertheless, we do hope that each of our participant is able to fully benefit from the training. VIN wishes them the very best!



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ONLINE WEBINAR SERIES BY CSDS VIETNAM

CSDS has broadcasted the online webinar series called "Chuyen Lang Chuyen Nuoc" with different topics towards different youth organizations who are working closely with the local communities in order to provide them insights of skillfull and experience guest speakers from diversed fields in NGOs and private sectors so that they will not be able to apply well in their local projects but also build a greater network that bring more benefits for the local communities in Vietnam. The topics have been discussed are: Building and operating social projects, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic; Sponsorship for community project groups; Integrating gender in social activities/projects; communication for social projects;

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IVS IMPACT STORIES

By Dalaa - Thailand

Koh Sukorn VSWC 10-13 December 2020

In our long term places, it has been a while without outsider volunteer involvement. In Koh Sukorn we kept our support for community planting rice last August and collecting in December 2020 with our Thai volunteers. We want to support the collective way of planting organic rice that is going on at this place. It must have been all over the world the rules when the hard work of field harvesting or house construction that villagers bring their strength together to have the work done. This is solidarity.



Yodrak organic farm, July-August 2020

Our 2 only LTV who stayed with DaLaa during the pandemic have been joining a new project of green market with our very nice hosts at Yodrak organic farm. They have been learning so many skills especially about planting, food processing and sustainability. Their vision and relation to food has been totally transformed. They left with the determination to responsible consumers and plant where ever they can all kind of plants.



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT



A very Merry Xmas! and a happy New Year. Let's hope it's a good one without any fear. And so happy Xmas. For black and for white. For yellow and red ones. Let's stop all the fight... This is a part of lyrics of Happy Christmas" by John Lennon. No matter which religions you believe, the message should be relevant for all. We tend to feel so different from each other, but actually, 99.9% of DNA is same among all human race, that is one of the most internally close species according to the biologist. So, let's forget to mind the tiny differences in the negative ways while respecting the diversities in the positive ways!

The long lasting global COVID-19 disaster keeps causing serious crisis in many places including us International Voluntary Service NGOs, their local hosts, members and partners. It is amazing that none of Member NGOs has closed down though many of us have lost most of our income and financial assets in these 2 years. Some have created new types of the projects based on the new social needs. Some have been greatly supported by the donations of their ex. members/ volunteers. Some have lost all the paid staff, but still keep their NGOs only in the voluntary base with doing other jobs. We have been convinced again that as long as we keep our souls and loves to our beautiful "children" strongly, the organizations may not die.

But not a few of us may be unable to keep this way for a longer time. As a network, we NVDA tried our best to create any power to sustain our movement even little by little and appreciate to all of your great collaborations. Yet, we need more "hugs" to warm each other in this special "blizzard" and develop the common projects together. We hope to make 2022 the greatest year of our revival with you!

Best wishes,

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UPCOMING EVENTS



2021 Dec. 21 (Tue) NVDA's Christmas cafe

Just jump into the open and casual space for the staff/ active members of NVDA member NGOs. mainly to collect the ideas for the NVDA activities 2022! Thus, why not to celebrate our "survival" in 2021 in spite of the long lasting freezing winter 😊 Please prepare a photo showing one of you best achievement or happiness this year to share!

2022 Jan. 07 (Fri) Asian Volunteers Voice Vol. 10

Asian Volunteers Voice (AVV) on SDGs and NGO Empowerment has gathered 242 participants from 24 countries and presented 20 IVS projects by 17 NGOs in 12 countries. This time, we will focus on SDG 15 (Life on Land) and the wonderful projects including "Greening Mongolia" will be presented.

Resister [here!](#)

Time: 19:30-21:00 (GMT+8)

2022 Mar. 04 (Fri) Asian Volunteers Voice Vol. 11

This time, we will focus on SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption & Production) and the wonderful projects including one from the Philippines" will be presented.

Resister [here!](#)

* Zoom link: To be informed all the registered participants a few days before.

* Time: 19:30-21:00 (GMT+8)