



NEWSLETTER

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STAND WITH UKRAINE BY NICE JAPAN



After making a statement on the website about the war in Ukraine (only in Japanese) on the Mar. 7th, we got donations of about 1,680 USD from 17 donors to support the people in Ukraine. And we also organized a special weekend workcamp on the Mar. 26th-27th.

We first joined the fundraising action in Tokyo by "Stand with Ukraine Japan" that was created by the strong initiative of Sasha, our ex. LMTV from Ukraine. We worked with the activists from Japan, Ukraine, Russia and Belarus and got warm support from children to elders.

In the evening, we organized a hybrid event at Zoom and NICE house in Yokohama with 27 participants incl. a girl aged 13 and an ex. vol. who joined the workcamp in Ukraine 15 years ago.

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Ms. Anastasia, a project coordinator of Alternative-V (our partner NGO in Ukraine) shared the situations of and thoughts to the war that deeply impressed all of us



MEMBERS'S NEWS



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PROBLEM MANAGEMENT PLUS (PM+) TRAINING COURSE

BY VOLUNTEERS INITIATIVE NEPAL (VIN)

VIN organized seven days Problem Management Plus (PM+) training course from the 27th of March 2022 to the 4th of April 2022 in Kathmandu. The training took place in the VIN headquarter office, Nayabazaar Kathmandu. There were altogether 21 participants. The main goal of this training was to share good practices, adapt PM+ when solving the issues of each country, create a framework for PM+ implementation, and learn how to pass the PM+ skillset onto youth and colleagues.

VIN conducted various engaging activities for the participants, such as yoga, sessions on understanding adversity, and problem identification consequences of adversity-stress, depression, anxiety, and stress management activity. Participants learned about the strategies and techniques for PM+. The outcome of the training course was amazing. Everyone enthusiastically participated in the discussion and took part in every activity conducted by VIN. We had participants from Vietnam, the Philippines, Nepal, and Lithuania. It is an Erasmus+ funded project.



VISIT US



LOCAL AGRICULTURE WORKCAMP

BY GIVE MYANMAR

From 29th March to 8th April, GIVE hosted Agricultural Workcamp where the participants learnt eco-friendly way of making organic fertilizers and pesticides and volunteered in local fields of work such as planting rice paddy, peanuts and tomatoes, digging garlies and making farmland. Through this workcamp, the participants know systematic ways of farming and gain friendship among workcamp members and with local community.



VISIT US

ASIAN VOLUNTEERS VOICE VOL.10

By KAIZAWA Shinichiro



Asian Volunteers Voice (AVV) Vol. 10 was organized on the Jan. 20th focusing on SDGs 15 (Life on Land) with 24 participants from 10 countries (India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherland, Spain and Sri Lanka).

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

- Mr. Enkhbaatar MYAGMARJAV, Founding Executive Director of MCE (Mongolian workCamps Exchange)
- Mr. TSUKAMOTO Tatsuya, Founding President of TCC (Tochigi Conservation Corp)

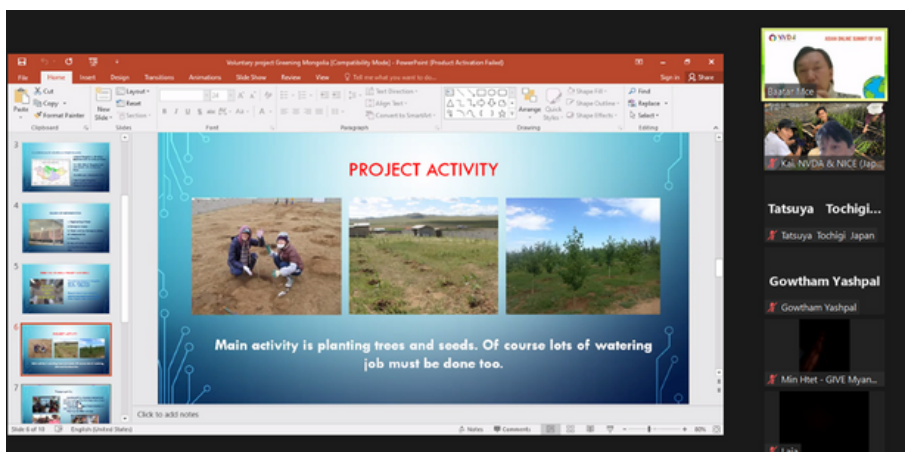


◀ Greening Mongolia ▶

Before 1990, the forests are covered 10% of Mongolian land, but only 7% today. It's caused by cutting trees without any controls, forest fire and global warming. And it takes a hundred or more years to grow trees in Mongolia. Volunteers have been planting thousands of trees in the workcamps since 2002, as a part of Greening Asia campaign.

◀ Satoyama Conservation in Japan ▶

Tochigi Conservation Corps was founded in 2009 and works on forest preservation for bio-diversity. Thus, TCC utilizes forests as a social place with social welfare, education, etc. In 2017, TCC got the first prize in the big award for inclusive societies in Japan. Volunteers do manual work such as weeding, cutting undesirable trees/ bamboos and also help outdoor activities with kids.



The feedbacks from the participants were very positive and it was really a nice time also for me not only because of the wonderful projects and discussions on SDGs 15, but also they are the ones who have actively developed NVDA and IVS movement in Asia with me since 2000😊

IVS IMPACT STORIES

By GIED Philippines

Livingstone Christian Academy (LCA), September 2021. LCA is the first local host project to receive our longterm volunteers in September 2021 after temporary closure of our projects in March 2020 until August 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The presence of our longterm volunteers provided great atmosphere and pre-pandemic feels like vibes for LCA. Although the school observed the online classess for this school yeaR, the students are happy to note that foreign volunteers are back in their school and interact with them almost everyday for foreign language lesson, culture and arts appreciation, etc.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The 17th General Assembly of NVDA will be held hybrid in Thailand & via Zoom from the 2nd to the 5th June. Due to the situations of long lasting pandemic and also the new possibilities of using online tools, we will have it in the hybrid stile this time and are looking forward to meeting all the member NGOs! The General Assembly is annual meeting of the NVDA that aims:

- Evaluate the IVS movement in Asia, the members activities and NVDA itself for year of 2021-22
- Create the common revival actions and cooperation for the year of 2022-23
- Empower the IVS movement and its key players by sharing and strengthening the solidarity