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IVS STARTING STORIES - A HISTORY OF MCE

BY ENKHBAATAR. M

? When was MCE established?

Mongolian workCamps Exchange (MCE) was established on January 11th, 2001 by an individual who had participated in the 3rd Training & Networking Workcamp in Vietnam. So this year we should celebrate our 20th anniversary.

? How was it established? Did you have a specific memory/ inspiration for that?

Before establish MCE we already organized first International workcamp in Mongolia with my former organization which is called Mongolian Youth Federation. So I already had both experience for organizing workcamp and working at NGO. That is why it was not really difficult to start NGO especially for organizing IVS and workcamps. One specific memory while I founding new organization is my former boss supported all my ideas even tough new organization will take some of their works. So much appreciate for such attitude of my former boss.

? What is(are) your hope(s) for MCE going through the global pandemic

Now, we focus few type of project and few community continually. Last 2 years because of Covid-19 pandemic we had some time analyze what we have done last years and what could be our next aim linked to need of world and my homeland. In coming years our big part of work will be dedicated to support ambitious plan of Mongolian government to plant/grow 1 billion trees in 10 years. Planting a billion tree could be sounds fine. But let them grow makes this plan too ambitious.

? What was/is your dream with MCE? How did the initial inspiration draw your dream for MCE in the future?

We having such a hard time just same as most of our IVS organizations. Our hope is very simple we want to do what we like to do. We already dedicated big part of our life for IVS movement and we wish to continue more to reach into our next goal.

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LOCKDOWN GENERATION

BY VYA TAIWAN

In September, VYA Taiwan & the Youth Development Administration of the Ministry of Education of Taiwan launched a one-month [Lockdown Generation] series of online exchange activities which were held every Thursday evening. There were five events in which Taiwan's social innovation non-profit organizations and representatives of five Asian countries were invited to serve as international sharers; among them-NVDA member organizations were invited: Kai san from NICE Japan, Kim Yonghan from IWO Korea, Sophat Sorn from CYA Cambodia, and 2 Asian NPOs: Jarinya Krattikan from VSA Thailand, Sudam Jayasinghe from INSPIRE Sri Lanka.

The theme was to share the contingency measures taken by various organizations in response to different issues under the COVID-19 epidemic, the actual actions on the ground, and how to break through difficult situations.

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THE RAISING PEACE FESTIVAL

BY INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE

The Raising Peace festival was held from 16th to 26th of September. 37 events took place via Zoom over the 11 days. There were a variety of topics related to peace, such as disarmament, environment, women, militarisation, healing the past, youth, international diplomacy, cross-cultural understanding, arts, finding personal and community peace, non-violence, education, First Nations and a special session on Afghanistan. There were 100 different presenters and speakers and over 1000 people participated, mainly from Sydney but we also had people tuning in from Malaysia, Philippines, India, Africa and Europe and other places

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INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMP IN ISLAND

BY IWO KOREA

We have just finished a workcamp in September 26th in island and it turned out that 6 workcamps in islands ended up finally since may, 2021. although under the pandemic it was not easy to conduct the workcamp with international volunteers it went very well with productive result and impact. All the participants were required to get the COVID-19 test within 74 hours ahead of workcamp begin and only person got negative were permitted to attend the workcamp. During a workcamp, they got daily health check from the national health care center and wear the mask indoors and outdoors.

Totally 55 participants from 17 countries had contributed their energy and skills for the local community and island thankfully. Local people showed warm greetings and they were happy with the outcome of the workcamp in the end. They were eager to participate in the voluntary service because they won't be able to do that due to COVID-19 for 2 years so far. Therefore, the local government is considering closer cooperation next year in order to preserve the island's environment and get the attention from the society through workcamp.

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ECO TREE ACTION!

BY NICE JAPAN

Eco Tree Action! was started in 2020 Nov. by NICE, CYA Cambodia and Citizen company all of which were co-organizing group workcamps at TFC in 2017-19. In this new collaboration, every time the customer chooses to refuse the rapping box in buying their watch one mangrove seedling is planted at TFC. About 20,000 trees are planted for the donation till 2021 May!



MANGROVE FOR JAVA TO STOP CLIMATE CHANGE

BY GREAT INDONESIA

GREAT Indonesia was selected as one of NGO in Indonesia with impactful project "Mangrove For Java to Stop Climate Change" by Tadamon Community to joined Tadamon Crowdfunding academy collaborated with UNDP, Islamic Development Bank and Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development. As the result, GREAT launch fundraising campaign in kitabisa.com, an Indonesian fundraising platform, called "Selamatkan Pekalongan dari ancaman tenggelam or Prevent Pekalongan from Critical sinking".

This fundraising campaign aims to get fund to plant 20.000 mangroves and make some big guludan to protect Pekalongan from tidal flood caused by landsubside reaching 10-25 cm/years. Due to the high level of land subsidence and frequent tidal floods that hit Pekalongan, it is very crucial for us to take action now to safe Pekalongan by share the campaign information and donate. This campaign using 2 language, bahasa Indonesia and english.

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HYUNDAI JUMP SCHOOL PROGRAMME

BY VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE VIETNAM (VPV)

The Hyundai Jump School Programme is coordinated by Volunteers for Peace Vietnam in Hanoi, Vietnam starting in 2020 from 50 university students and increasing to 100 students in 2021. The programme focuses on educational equity for disadvantaged children from the suburb areas. With this aim, VPV and the university students in Hanoi have supported more than 500 disadvantaged children with daily tutoring and coaching. The season 02 started in September 2021 and will finish its term in June 2022.

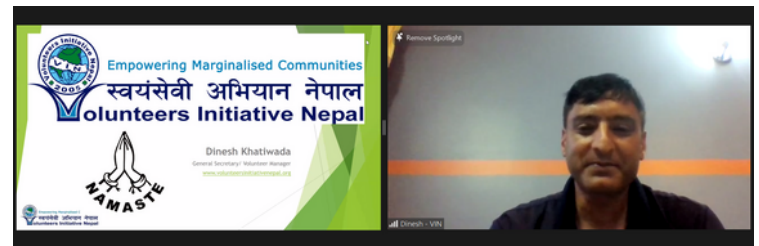
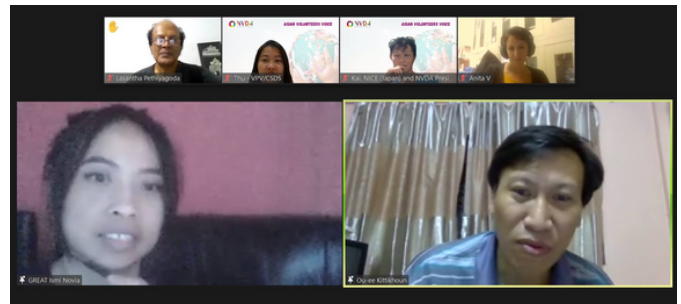
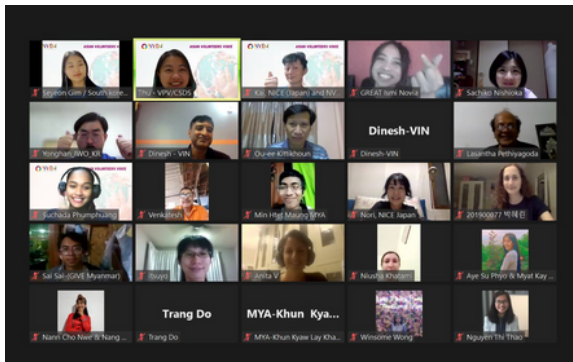
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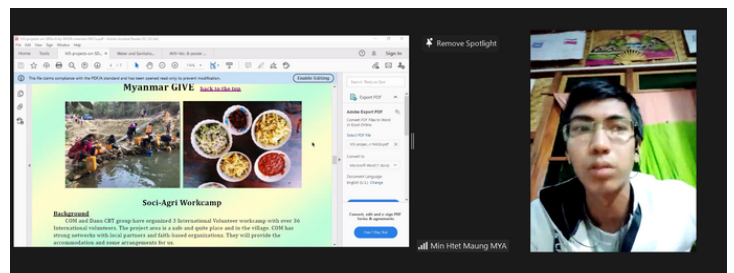
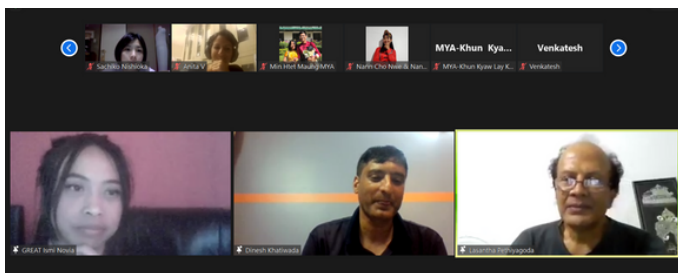
ASIAN VOLUNTEERS VOICE VOL.08

By Ismi Novia

Asian Volunteers Voice (AVV) Vol.08 was organized on the Sept 10th focusing on SDG 6: Water and Sanitation. Attended by almost 30 participants online from across Asia, the #8AVV happened on Friday September 10, 2021. Two members presenting their projects: (1) Seyoung KIM (Ms) and Yonghan Kim from IWO/Better World Korea on Beach Cleaning project and Dinesh Khatiwada from VIN Nepal on Water and Sanitation that was pretty comprehensive with activities such as Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); Research; Waste management education and campaign; Rain water harvesting; Public and private toilet construction; as well as Micro Irrigation/water tank construction



With participants from all over Asia including south, east and south east; also the fact that many of them have volunteering experiences to different extends, the #8 AVV this time brought conversation not only about the projects presented and their impacts that support SDG 6, but also sharing from other Asia countries about their local reality of volunteering projects on the topic of water and sanitation. Even beyond that, the AVV brought dialogue among participants on the meaning of SDG itself to some realities in our life and NGOs. Such a forum to voice Asian volunteers! Let's come again next AVV. Moderated by Ismi Novia, NVDA Treasurer & GREAT Co-Founder.



IVS IMPACT STORIES

Volunteering in centre to escape from COVID-19, August 2020

By GIVE Myanmar

The COVID-19 wave hit Myanmar in March 2020 and there is no face to face international volunteer exchange since then until now. The remarkable changes are activities, workshops, trainings and everything related with international exchange, volunteering and movement transformed into virtual. Apart from countryside, the city activities and engagement also transformed into virtual approach.

The COVID-19 became calm in July and was possible to travel during that period. Therefore, GIVE recruited local volunteers to work in the centre. Thida Maung Maung is one of the volunteers who is recruited. She also joined three international volunteer workcamps in Phayartaung and Ywar Ngan. After workcamp, she also worked as a volunteer in Phayartaung for two months as well as a num. She learned about Inthar Cculture, Inle environmental protection, agriculture practises and rural life

Visit GIVE Myanmar for more updated information - [click here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



Happy 24th Anniversary of NVDA - 8th October!

It's 24th birthday of the NVDA on the 8th October, 2021. Let's celebrate and send your wishes [here](#)! May the network and its members always be strong, solidarity and active in contribution in the peace building and international voluntary service!

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Asian Online Summit of International Voluntary Service Vol. 1

The first Asian (Japan ASEAN) IVS Summit was organized in the Philippines, in 2017 October by NVDA, GIED and NICE with sponsorship of Asia Center of Japan Foundation, so this is the second one after 4 years like (v)Olympic games!

But this year, it is the first online summit to be conducted by Zoom (there is no fee!) while the open programs will be also broadcasted by Youtube and Facebook Live.

The official call will be launched soon on NVDA FB page and other places. We will welcome active participation from all of you, so keep it on your calendar!

DATE 2021 Nov. 11 (Thu) – Nov. 13 (Sat) for 3 days

PLACE Online by Zoom

- 5 open programs will be broadcasted by Youtube and/ or Facebook live.

AIMS In order to create a more peaceful, fair and sustainable Asia and the world;

- Support the communities and people who are suffered by the COVID-19
- Overcome the crisis of IVS NGOs by developing new types of the projects
- Promote the participation of people and collaboration with other stakeholders

PARTICIPANTS

- Coordinators (17 persons from 12 NGOs as mentioned below)
- Staff and active members of 29 NVDA Member NGOs
- Guests from Universities/ Companies/ Governments involved/ interested in IVS
- Youth and public in Asia and the world involved/ interested in IVS

ORGANIZERS

Organized by NVDA in cooperation with 29 member NGOs

PROGRAMME DETAILS

	Nov. 11 Thu	Nov. 12 Fri	Nov. 13 Sat
14:00-15:30	1. Innovative practices during/ post COVID-19	5. Stress Management	9. NVDA visions & actions toward 2030
16:10-17:10	2. How to develop National projects	6. How to develop Online projects	10. How to develop Donation projects
17:50-18:50	3. Common Action on Home Gardening	7. Common Action on Eco Cooking	11. Multi Stakeholder Networking
19:30-21:00	4. Asian Volunteers Voice Vol. 9 (SDGs 11)	8. Asian IVS projects Fair	12. 24+101 years anniversary

● Open to NVDA members only (Staff, EC, Active members, etc.)

● Open to NVDA members and other relevant stakeholders

● Open to Public (anybody in the world who are interested!)

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