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## Report - General Assembly

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The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA) of NVDA was held in the hybrid style in Hat Yai, Thailand and online in 2022 Jun. 02-05 (+ additionally Jun. 16).

34 representatives from 20 member NGOs in 17 countries/ area actively participated!

On Day 1 (Pre GA), Member NGOs shared the highlights of the present situations, coming projects plans and further strategies.

On Day 2, [Annual Activities/ Financial Reports 2021](#) (←Click here to download the full version!) were discussed and approved.

On Day 3 and 4, Annual Activities/ Budget Plans 2022-23 were approved that includes;

- \* Supporting organic farming of IDPs in Myanmar
- \* 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary special events in 3 sub regions
- \* New version of Asian Volunteers Voice

Thus, Members of the Executive Committee (EC) till the 2024 GA were elected as follows.

EC Position	NGO (Country)	Representative
President	NICE (Japan)	KAIZAWA Shinichiro
General Secretary	GIVE (Myanmar)	Thazin AUNG
Treasurer	MCE (Mongolia)	Enkhbaatar MYAGMARJAV
Vice President	DALAA (Thailand)	Alex BECHETOILLE

### < Some highlights of NVDA 2021 >

- 😊 The member NGOs organized 245 projects (-46% from 2020) with 2,195 volunteers (+11% from 2020 mostly by national/ online workcamps)
- 😊 Asia Online Summit was successfully organized in Nov. with 302 participants in 26 countries.
- 😊 Asian Volunteers Voice on SDGs (online) were organized with 266 participants in 26 countries.
- 😊 The financial balance was +4,370 USD though Membership fee was exempted to all members.

We appreciate to the wonderful hosting by DALAA as well as great contributions of the EC members from 2020 GA (VPV-Thu, VIN-Bhupi/ Dinesh and GREAT-Ismi besides ongoing NICE-Kai and GIVE-Thazin) and all the participants!





# Report - World Peace Action Night

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Written by KAIZAWA Shinichiro, NICE (President of NVDA)

Though tons of news about the war in Ukraine are reported every day, how the animals are suffered is rarely known. Thousands of pets left behind. They were not allowed to get on the trains, so the family (owners) had to leave them in the station. Or the family was killed by the war.

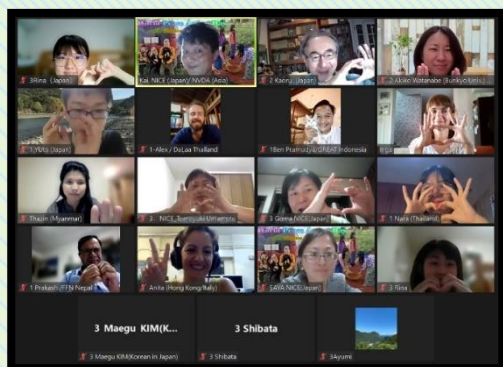
Since February 2022 around 30 abandoned puppies were under my fostering



And so many serious peace issues in the world are neglected, including Myanmar. Over 100,000 (one third of Population) have become IDPs (Internal Displaced People) from Kayah state who are struggled by the very hard life conditions mentally, physically and economically...



This online event was fruitfully organized on the Jul. 18th by NICE (Japan), GIVE (Myanmar) and Union Forum (Ukraine) with the support of NVDA and other IVS networks such as ALLIANCE and CCIVS. 27 participants from 10 countries actively joined including the leaders of NVDA members such as Alex (DALAA Thailand), Prakash (FFN Nepal) and Printer (GV4GF Sri Lanka).



Inga, Executive Director of Union Forum, shared her great initiatives to save the animals including to host 30 dogs in her house. The most of animals have been adopted through the partner NGOs in Europe, but there are still many who don't have places to go and Inga is faced on serious lack of the fund to transport the donated food and other live stocks, etc. from Poland.

"Why you save the animals, not human being? How can you answer if someone criticize you like this?" asked by Ben, who is also running a NGO in Indonesia saving cats and other animals. "We also support refugees. And animals are also important part of our families. They totally depend on human, so caring them is our responsibility. Nobody else help them who really need us", Inga said.



(Inga: the left)

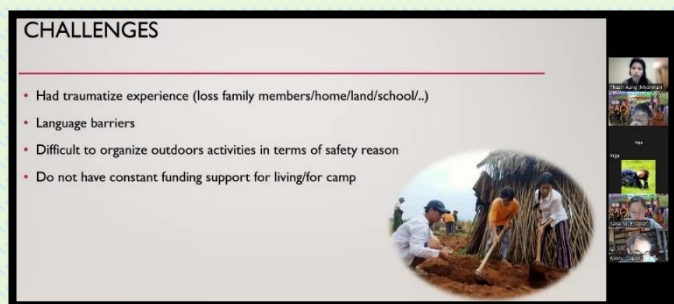
Thazin, Executive Director of GIVE and also General Secretary of NVDA, shared the plan to empower IDPs by buying the land and let them practice organic farming and create the farmers fair market that could improve their life quality, income generation and skills development. To have a pilot project of 4,000 m2 land with 5 farmers, 5,000 USD of donations are needed.



"What if IDPs could come back their home? Who will maintain the land?" asked by Akiko, Uni. Professor in Japan. "Unfortunately, they may not be able to go back in 1-2 years on which they need more stable and healthy life. Thus, their home land was destroyed and IDP camp is not far, so even if they could go back, they'd keep coming to our project farm" answered by Thazin.

I as the facilitator closed the event with introducing the call for [the donation](#) (←Click here for donation page!) at from where 10 persons have donated 74,200 JPY (550 USD) till now.

You are very welcomed to support any of Ukraine/ Myanmar projects from 300 JPY (2.2 USD) and share this to your friends by SNS, etc.!

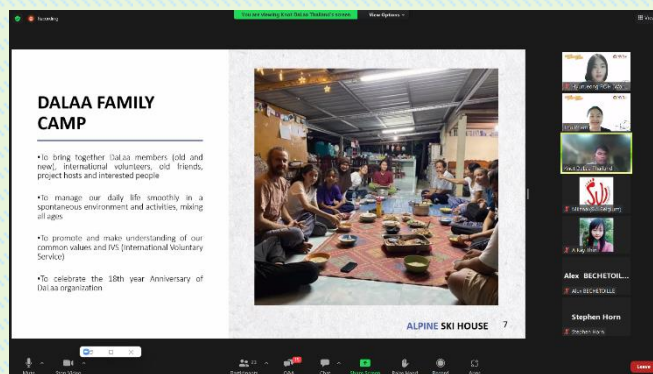
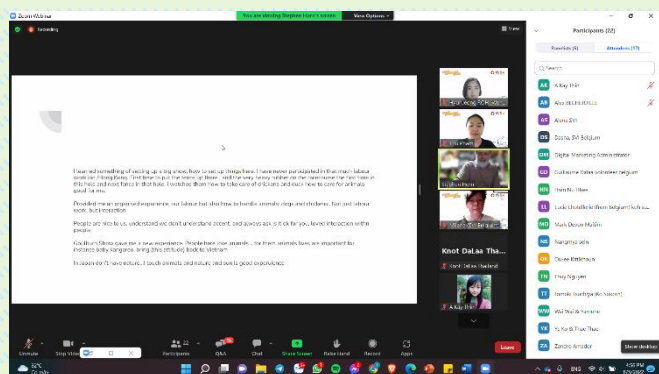


## Report - Asian Volunteers Voice

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Written by Pham Thi Thu (Coordinator of Asian Volunteers Voice)

It was held on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> with 43 registrations to join the event and in total we had 17 attendees and 5 organizers and guest speakers.



We had amazing support from SVI Belgium to sponsor the ZOOM account to host the meeting and will keep continuing for the next AVV.

The meeting was colorful and dynamic with the sharing and inspiring of the formal volunteers and informative introduction of the hosting projects. We got attention and interest of future volunteers who would like to join projects in both Thailand and Australia, thus, there were a lots of questions raised by the attendees to have a better understanding on IVS as well as the projects.





### What's going on in our network ?

#### Volunteers Initiative Nepal (VIN) Teachers Empowering Teachers

Volunteers Initiative Nepal (VIN), and the non-profit organisation Inspiring Teachers, are working together in Kathmandu to fulfil the promise of teaching this summer. At present, 72 teachers in the Kathmandu valley, from 9 schools, are collaborating with pairs of qualified Fellows from classrooms in the UK and US to help improve learning in low-resource contexts.

For three intensive weeks, teachers in Nepal are guided through cycles of workshops, observations and coaching, with knowledge on the science of learning, lesson design and peer coaching being shared via interactive Saturday workshops.



#### NICE Never-ending International workCamps Exchange- Japan

One year ago in August 2021, NICE slowly restarted outgoing placement for a total of 10 volunteers in that year. Until now In 2022, 216 volunteers have been either sent or placed to 24 countries. It is still far less than before-COVID era, but gradually recovered. Thus, the group workcamp from UK will be hosted in Japan this August for the first time of incoming placement since April 2020. We are planning to open the places of our workcamps and LMTVs to all the partners in the world within several weeks!





## A Members News

### SMILE India Situational Management And Inter Learning Establishment society

Our all projects are going on and we are ready to host volunteers from our partners. Our members were also active during COVID peak period to help local communities. Our projects are already listed on E-vet and Plato . Exciting Work-camp during (1-30th Sep) for underprivileged children welfare and yoga learning waiting for motivated volunteers.

We are also having long term projects where we need volunteers as well . We would be happy to share our project details if any of our partners are interested. [www.smilengo.org](http://www.smilengo.org).



### HJA Laos -Huam Jai Asasamak Association



HJA has local volunteers (long-term) & virtual exchange volunteers programs between Lao and Hong Kong students (short-term) with VolTra Hong Kong.

HJA has various small project activities, see HJA Facebook page: (2) huamjai asasamak association - Search Results | Facebook I am also in charge of my other volunteer organisation CESO Laos, which is going to partner with YEP Cambodia to launch the "YOUTH OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP & FACILITATION" program & UN Volunteer to develop a new platform to celebrate and organise the International Volunteer's Day in December 2022. - Both HJA/CESO Laos is going to partner with IYC Malaysia on the new exchange volunteer program - under discussion on the development of initiative for start-up the partnership.



## A Members News



### DaLaa Thailand - International Volunteers for Social development Association

DaLaa is back to organise many activities. Only our staff team is still reduced to 2 people but we hope to increase soon. We organised the NVDA G.A which was a first experience for us and a successful event. We started to build a beautiful clay house at our Voluntary Service Center to be used as a sleeping room for the volunteers.

Over 60 people have been involved already. In July, we had a bilateral camp with a French scout group to repair a clay house in "the garden of tranquillity".

In August, we organised a preparation for 7 Thai volunteers who will be going for 13 months in Germany with both our partners SCI and IJGD in the frame of Weltwaert program. And currently in August, our teaching English workcamp welcomes 10 international volunteers from Europe and Asia. It's the first time since the pandemic we can have so many international volunteers.

### Vision Youth Action VYA Taiwan

We didn't host volunteer since 2020 due to the Covid-19 and quarantine policy in Taiwan. The community project is open for local youth only. But in turn of sending/exchange volunteers abroad, we worked together with the government for volunteer leadership training from 2021-2022.







## A Members News



### Global Initiative for Exchange & Development - GIED Philippines

July 7th Marks 7th year anniversary of GIED. On this day we had a Christian ceremony for re-opening of our GIED Office and short party with our local volunteers and University interns.



志願行者  
DreamWalker

### DreamWalker China DWC

In China, we cannot run any activities because of the zero covid policy so traveling restrictions are a problem. Even with local partners, we had to cancel three previous Workcamper due to covid despite all the preparations. So do expect us to be very quiet at this time. Anyway, all the best for NVDA.



G R E A T  
GERAKAN KERELAWANAN INTERNASIONAL

### GREAT Indonesia Gerakan Kerelawanan Internasional

We are working with the Erasmus+ program. We have to organise activities that were postponed during the pandemic and some local activities by our members in a few cities. There can be possible virtual workcamps but it is still in the planning process.

## IVS Impact Stories - from Hong Kong & India

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### Hong Kong (VT)

Our team transformed the workcamp experience into a hybrid learning experience via our mobile App – “Glocal Action” and different kind of interactive workshops. We curated many unique and highly engaging learning journey for our participants with lots of good feedbacks/ Instagram followers increased over 300% (from 6,000 to 25,000+) in 6 months since we revamped in Oct 2020, we can proudly claim that our social media performance is at the top-tier among the Hong Kong charities./ We also developed different local projects and local journey to encourage users to explore the city and local community more.



### India (FSL)

All through the year the vaccination camp was carried out in coordination with the local health authorities. 24 campaigns has been organised in 2 Village Panchayats and 7000 people and students has been vaccinated.



## Upcoming Events

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### NVDA Special Summit & Workcamp with the 25th Anniversary!

These special events will be organized in 2022 Oct. 15-18 (Thailand) & Nov. 02-06 (Japan). See [the call for the participants](#) that was already sent to all NVDA members. And anybody in the world are very welcomed to join our Special Workcamp!



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