

Organized 306 workcamps/ hosted & sent 1,951 volunteers in 2023
(6,953 workcamps/ 86,982 volunteers in 34 years since 1990)

NICE Projects for 2025

(Mainly, Projects starting in Jan.-Jun.)



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NICE (Never-ending International workCamps Exchange)

< Organizing various types of Workcamps & International Voluntary Service Projects >

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1. What is NICE!?

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- 😊 **IVS (International Voluntary Service) NGO based in Japan**
- 😊 **Organizing various types of workcamps toward Colorful & Healthy World**
- 😊 **Organized 6,539 workcamps & exchanged 84,561 volunteers in 33 years**
- 😊 **Working on Environment/ Development/ Culture/ Education/ Human Rights**
- 😊 **Partnership with 162 IVS NGOs in 89 countries & 115 Local partners in Japan**

1-1) Brief History

NICE was **founded on the 1990 Feb. 4th** by the unknown 7 youth who had joined IVS projects abroad with the strong initiative of KAIZAWA Shinichiro (Kai) who joined the international workcamp in Poland during his one year break from the university.

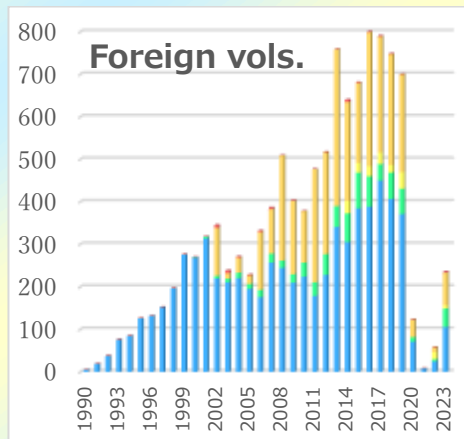
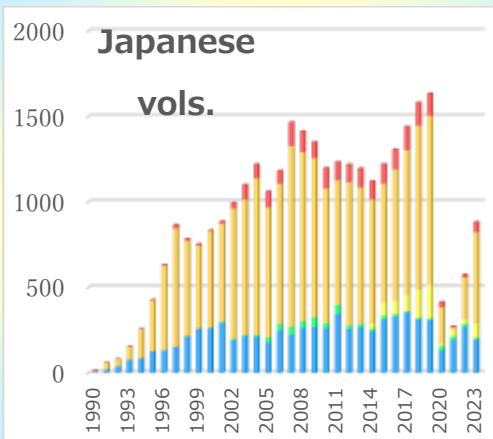
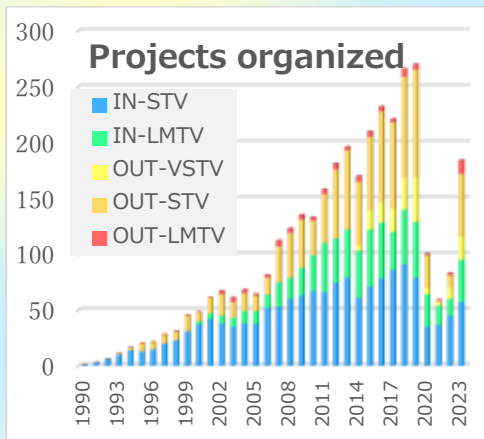
In 1990 Sep., the first international workcamp of NICE was held at the foot of the Mt. Fuji in Japan.



< Some of the major achievements >

Created new types of workcamps in Japan	1993: Weekend workcamps, 2000: LMTV projects, 2002: Group workcamps, 2009: Volunteering Year, 2011: Tohoku earthquake recovery, 2013: Family workcamps, 2014 Online workcamps, 2021 Online workcamps, etc.
Started workcamps /IVS in Asia where there was no IVS	Together with local NGOs, 1993: Indonesia, 1994: Philippines, 1995: Thailand+, 1996: China, 1998: Cambodia, 2000: Mongolia/ Vietnam, 2002: Fiji, 2004 Malaysia+, 2007: Taiwan, 2009 HK, 2012: Myanmar/ Sri Lanka+ +: The branches of SCI had workcamps earlier within their networks.
Created various themes of Global Common Actions	1998: Greening Asia (forests), 1999: World Peace Project, 2003: Eco Sponges (fresh water), 2008 World Tanabata (climate change), 2015 Walk with Nepal (disaster relief), 2016 Stop Climate Change (climate change)
Active involvement in and contribution to IVS networks	* ALLIANCE (European network): Joining TM (1991-), Affiliated (1996-) * CCIVS (Global network): Affiliated (1992-), EC member (1995-2016), Presidency (2004-07) * SCI (INGO): Exchanging vols. (1994-) * NVDA (Asian network): <u>Initiated the foundation</u> (1997), EC member (1997-2018, 2020-), Presidency (1997-2007, 2010-14, 2020-) * Initiated to create Global Meeting of IVS networks (2006-), <u>Global LMTV Meetings</u> (2010-), Global Statistics (2013-), What is our IVS? (2017-19)
Hosted big meetings/ innovative projects / Advocacy	2001/ 2015: General Assembly of NVDA, 2002: IVS class in Univ, 2004: Stop Child Abuse, 2006: Notebook Action, 2009: National LTVs with Agricultural Ministry, 2011: World Summit of Forest Actions, 2012: Gap Year Network, 2014 Asian Voluntary Service, 2016 NICE's modified SDGs/ Local SDGs, 2017 Carbon offset, 2017/ 2021 Asian IVS Summit, 2020 Eco Tree Action





Thanks to the great solidarity and collaboration with members, volunteers and partners, the numbers of Projects and Volunteers were increased till 2019, then dramatically decreased due to restrictions of movement & gathering by COVID-19 as well as most of IVS NGOs in the world.

During COVID-19 period, NICE kept national workcamps, created online/ donation projects and downsized the structure (moving the office, decreasing the paid staff) to overcome the challenges!
In 2023, Outgoing vols. reached 678 and Incoming placement finally restarted from 2022 Oct.!

1-2) Aims and Goals

Achieve a Healthy & Colorful World!

We believe, **health can be a key, one of the most important values** toward the post-modern civilization. We mean not only physical health of human bodies, but **also mental, ecological, cultural, economic and communal health!** Many people seem afraid that a low carbon society may bring us inconvenient, uncomfortable and unhappy life, but if we put more value on "health", it may not!



To protect/ create a colorful world is another important goal. This means, **Diverse ecologies, cultures and personalities are harmoniously coexisted and glittered.** Potential of each actor can be more brought out with various standards!

1) Improve the social & environmental situation by direct actions!



2) Empower NPOs/ local communities and raise awareness & actions!



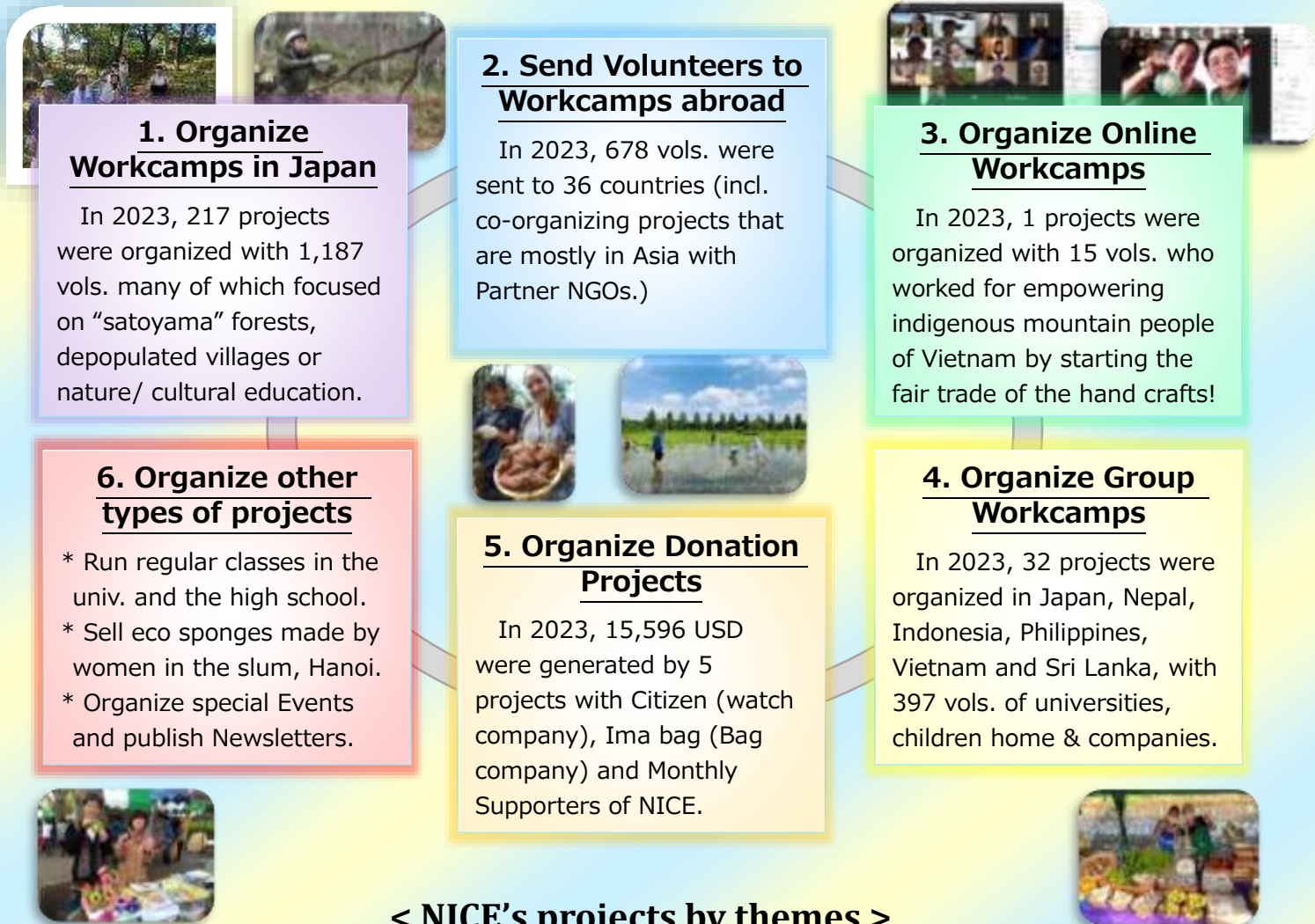
3) Promote global friendship/ cooperation and personal growth!



1-3) Activities - Organizing various types of workcamps on 6 themes!

To achieve the above aims, NICE mainly organizes the following types of Projects.

- * In each of them, there are **VSTV** (1-6 days), **STV** (7-29 days), **MTV** (30-182 days), **LTV** (183 days-).
- * Workcamps are “**Group living types of voluntary service**”.
- * Some projects (especially MTV & LTV) are **not workcamps, but individual** voluntary service.
- * In each of them, **many local people are actively participating** in the various ways.



< NICE’s projects by themes >



1-4) Structure

- Run by many active members voluntarily!



As of 2024 Nov., there are
9 EC (Executive Committee) members
2 Auditors
1,090 Full + Associate members
Over 300 Active members
18 family members
17,543 Supporting members
8 full + 4 part time paid staff members
16 Registered Activity team
4 Regional Workcamp Center

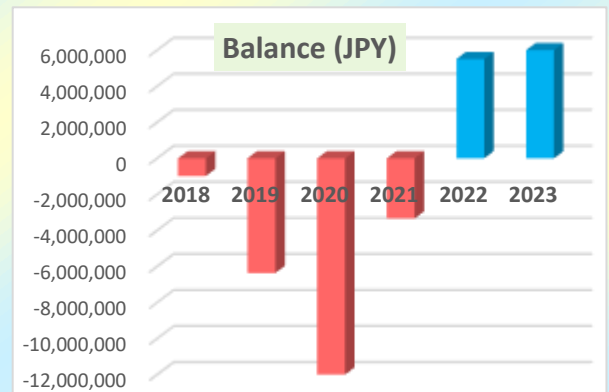


1-5) Finance

- Severely damaged by COVID-19, but gradually recovered!

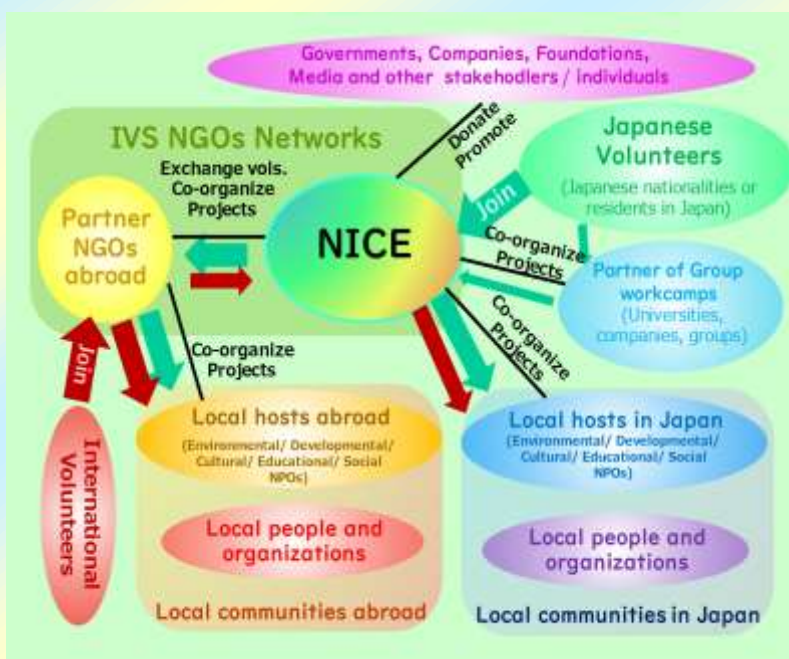
< Settlement of Account in 2023 >

Income: 326,455 USD		Expense: 286,285 USD	
Membership fee	58%	IVS projects cost	30%
Participation fee	0%	Other projects cost	0%
Grants	4%	Staff cost	56%
Donation	5%	Other operation cost	4%
Fund raising	24%	Network & Promotion	9%
Others	9%	Others	0%
Total Balance: plus 40,170 USD			



1-6) External Relations

- One of the largest networks in IVS movement!



As of 2024 Nov., there are,
110 partner NGOs in 70 countries
Over 2,000 local hosts in the world
59 local hosts in 32 pref. of Japan
19 Partners of Group workcamps

And NICE is currently;

- 😊 **President of NVDA** (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia)
- 😊 **Full member of CCIVS** (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service)
- 😊 **Ex. Associate member of ALLIANCE** of European Voluntary Service Organisations
- 😊 **Partner of SCI** (Service Civil International)

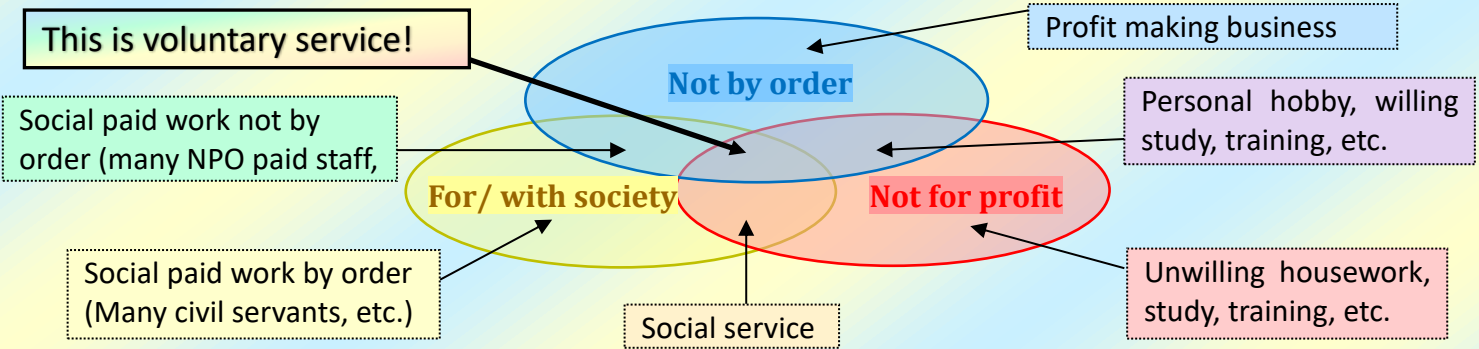


2. Types & Definitions of NICE Projects

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2-1) What is voluntary service? - Just our way of understanding

* Actions mentioned here are just examples and not always apply to the case.



2-2) What are workcamps? - Category in voluntary service

	Group type	Individual type
Living there together	Workcamps!	
Going to/ from home		

* Workcamp is a group living type of voluntary service project

2-3) Categories of (I)VS projects by length & sizes of groups

Length \ Number of vols.	Workcamp = group type (more than 2 vols.)		Individual type (1 or 2 vols.)	
	Very Short Term (Less than a week)	VSTW	(all together) VSTV	VSTI
Short Term (1 week-1 month)	STW	(all together) STV	STI	
Middle Term (1-6 months)	MTW	(together) LMTV	(together) LMTI	MTI
Long Term (over 6 months)	LTW	LMTV	LMTI	LMI

- * As most of VSTW are done in the weekends, it is often called "Weekend Workcamps" (even for the ones organized on Mon.-Fri.). Some NGOs call them as "Mini Workcamps".
- * LTV and MTV are usually called together (here as "LMTV" while some organizations call "MLTV").
- * Most of IVS NGOs rarely organize VSTI and STI while many of LMTV are individual type (LMTI).

2-4) Other ways of Categories

International (open globally)
Regional (e.g. only for Asian)
Trilateral (3 countries)
Bilateral (2 countries)
National
Local

- * Even if vols are from 2-3 countries after all, if it was open globally, it can be still called "International".
- * In the wider definition, Regional/ Trilateral/ Bilateral ones can be also called "International".

Environmental
Developmental
Cultural
Educational
Social (Human Rights)

* There are many ways to categorize differently in each NGO and many projects are multi thematic.

Group workcamps (organized for the specific groups such as schools, companies and community clubs)
Other (Non Group) Workcamps (Volunteers are recruited individually)

* Some NGOs call above mentioned "Bilateral workcamps" as "Group workcamps".

2-5) More info. about IVS movement

< What is our IVS? >

This paper was produced by a Global Task Force gathering 6 IVS networks with the strong initiative of NICE and the sponsorship of Japan Foundation in 2017-19.

The main contents are;

- * IVS's Definition/ Universal Charter/ Statistics and Impact/ Quality standard
- * IVS and other similar concepts/ Questions to judge the nature and value
- * Recommendation for Improvement and development/ Goals of IVS

You can download the whole paper [here](#) (and also [Annex](#), [Informal paper](#))



< Global statistics of IVS >

The first version was made in 2015 (for the figures of 2013) for the first time of IVS history since 1920 by the collaboration of 6 IVS networks with the strong initiative of NICE and its President. Here is some data from the third version finalized in 2024 for the [figures of 2023](#) ([Annex](#)).

[Number of Projects organized]

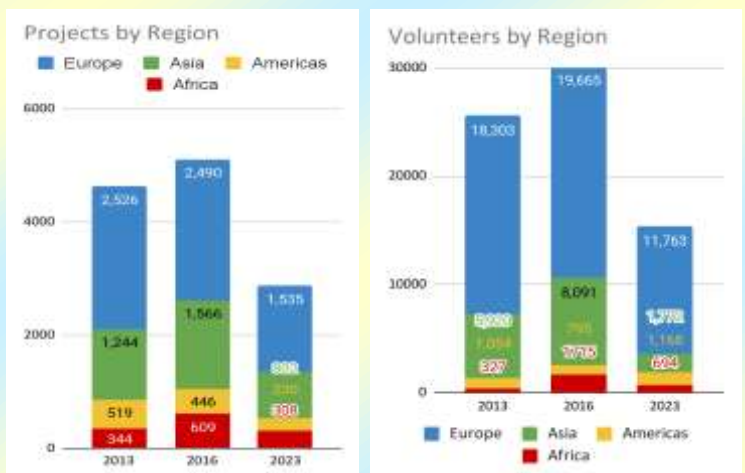
	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Total	111	1,840	535	389	2,875
Africa	48	97	96	67	308
Americas	0	78	64	88	230
Asia	48	471	164	119	802
Europe	15	1,194	211	115	1,535
Cultural	25%	31%	22%	18%	29%
Developmental	39%	21%	7%	16%	19%
Educational	7%	12%	4%	1%	10%
Environmental	14%	22%	30%	46%	24%
Human Rights	10%	4%	5%	7%	4%
Others	5%	11%	32%	12%	14%

< Country's ranking in 2023 >

	Projects	Total Vols	Outgoing	National
1	Vietnam 310	Germany 3870	Italy	Germany
2	Belgium 273	France 1578	Mexico	France
3	Iceland 270	Italy 1207	Germany	Morocco
4	Germany 236	Mexico 1052	France	Spain
5	France 179	Japan 1033	Japan	Japan

[Number of Volunteers from]

	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Total	766	9,554	1,301	3,874	15,495
Africa	424	192	38	40	694
Americas	74	1,005	28	61	1,168
Asia	232	1,400	173	81	1,886
Europe	36	6,957	1,062	3,692	11,747



< History of IVS >

The first IVS (International Voluntary Service) project as “International workcamp” was started in France in 1920 by SCI (Service Civil International). Here are some sentences from their website;

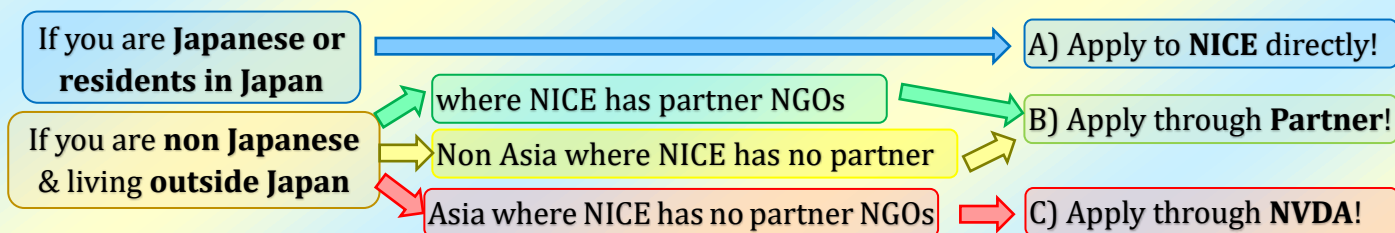
SCI was founded by Pierre Cérésolle, a Swiss engineer, who established a peace and humanitarian movement in the aftermath of World War I in 1920, thereby laying down the foundations of SCI. Cérésolle organised the first international workcamp (voluntary project) on the former battlefield of Verdun (France) in 1920 in order to reconstruct the war damaged village Esnes-en-Argonne. Amongst the participants were three Germans and Cérésolle wanted the workcamp to be a symbol of reconciliation between France and Germany. The volunteers build up temporary homes for the villagers and cleared the farmland.

For more info., see [their website](#).

3. Participation Process and Fee

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3-1) Participation Process - How can I join NICE projects in Japan!?



* For Non Asia where NICE has no partner, you may apply through the partner of neighboring country.

* For A), contact to in@nice1.gr.jp (Mami) and for C), contact to secretariat.nvda@gmail.com.

< How can I know if my residential country has NICE's partner NGOs!?! >

You can check the websites of [NVDA](#), [CCIVS](#), [ALLIANCE](#) and [SCI](#) since NICE has partnership with most of Member NGOs/ branches of those 4 IVS networks. Or you can also inquire us (in@nice1.gr.jp)!

Step 1: Send your application and pay the inscription fee

You need to fill in **Online application form** (for C, it is an Excel file) and **pay the inscription fee to your sending NGO** that will be used for their management and **does NOT go to NICE/ Local host!**

Step 2: Have an Interview (ONLY for some projects as written on the descriptions)

If you apply for the project which requires a **special point such as speaking GOOD Japanese**, you will need to have a **zoom interview with the NICE office and/ or the local host**. The details such as the date and the time will be arranged with you after having received your application.

Step 3: Receive Acceptance or Refusal

NICE will inform your sending NGO by e-mail usually within **3 working days for VSTV and STV/ 2-3 weeks for LMTV**. If accepted, Acceptance Letter and NICE Volunteers' Guide will be also sent.

Acceptance letter contains the invitation link to the **Facebook Group of your participating project** and to the **Confirmation Form** mainly to inform your flights and travelling plans.

Step 4: Book the flights as soon as being accepted

Don't wait for the Information Sheets, otherwise you may miss economical flights! Usually, if you **arrive at Japan by the day before and leave Japan from the day after, it should be fine**.

For VSTV, STV and LMTW in Japan, you will usually meet at Accommodation or train station/ bus stop nearby, **in the afternoon of the first day** and can leave there **around the noon of the last day**. Some projects are located far from the airports and it takes a quite long time to reach Meeting point.

We **write concrete latest arrival/ earliest departure time and dates at/ from the major airports** (based on the faster way by using the bullet trains, etc.) in each project description.

For LMTI in Japan, you usually need to join On Arrival Seminar and Evaluation Seminar in Yokohama (for the projects in the eastern Japan) or Osaka (for those in the western Japan), so should **fly to Tokyo (HND or NRT) or Osaka (KIX)** as specified in the project description!

This is just for **your minimum stay** while most of vols. stay for some days-weeks more before/ after the projects (we recommend "after" since you may get more info. about nice spots and even travel mates/ home stay host (Japanese vols.) during your project! **Don't expect much time for sightseeing during Projects**. If you want it, make your schedule to do it before/ after the project!

Step 5: Apply for visa (**Only those who will need**)

70 nationalities are exempted to get visa within 3-6 months stay! So, only those who are from other countries or those who will stay for a longer time will need to get visa (NICE will send the invitation letters for your application). See more details on Page 11, 3-3) Visa to join NICE Projects in Japan. The regulations are changeable, so **check the updated info!**



Step 6: Submit the Confirmation form

All volunteers need to fill in and submit online Confirmation form (linked from the Acceptance letter) **as soon as the flights are booked, by 31 days before Project start at latest.**



Step 7: Pay the NICE Volunteers Fee

All volunteers need to pay this fee beforehand (9,000 JPY for VSTV/ STV, 18,000 JPY per month for LMTV) **by 31 days before** Project start. See more details in 3-5) NICE Volunteers.

- * Only if you have special difficulties, it can be paid by cash in the project or the On Arrival Training.
- * This is actually not only the money matter, but you will get rights as “NICE Volunteers”!



Step 8: Receive the Information Sheets

Usually **by 4 weeks before** Project start, NICE will send the “**Information Sheets**” (details about the project such as Area, Background, Work, Schedule, Accommodation, What to bring, Meeting point, How to get there and Emergent contact) to you through your sending NGOs.



Step 9: Do other preparation

Do any other necessary preparation such as;

- * Volunteers insurance NICE will provide can cover only limited cases and amount of money DURING your project in Japan, so we request **all volunteers to prepare their own Travel insurance.**
- * You can **communicate with your project leaders, other volunteers and possibly, ex. volunteers on the Facebook Group of your project** (or in some cases, also by FB messengers, LINE, mails, etc.).
- * Why not to try to **learn Japanese cultures and language** (even basic words) beforehand that can be useful to understand what you will see and exchange with whom you will meet!
- * **Pre-Departure Training** may be organized physically or online by your sending NGO.



Step 10: Join the On Arrival Seminar (**Only for LMTV especially LMTI**)

Most of Volunteers for LMTI (Long and Mid Term volunteers, Individual type) and some of LMTV (Workcamp type) need to join it in Tokyo/ Yokohama or Osaka (depending on Project location) **for 2 days right before Project start.** See more details in 6-1) On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars.



Step 11: Join the project!

You will stay and work with other volunteers and the local hosts. **Have a fruitful stay!**

- * Most of LMTI and some of LMTW vols. need to join the **Evaluation Seminar** in Tokyo/ Yokohama or Osaka which takes place together with On Arrival Seminar **for 2 days right after Project end.**



Step 12: Follow up!

You are very welcomed to keep connected and involved with NICE and your project forever!

- * **Help the future volunteers** joining the same project by giving advices on the FB group, etc. where you can also enjoy to **see how your project will be developed** by the pictures, comments, etc.
- * **Become a “Project Supporter”** with valuable donation that will help your project and NICE.
- * Connect your project host with the **similar type of NGO in your country** for possible collaboration!
- * **Organize “Japan Volunteering Night”** with other ex. volunteers of NICE projects from your country where you can enjoy meeting them and contribute to the promotion of your sending NGOs/ NICE!

3-2) Qualification - Who can join NICE projects!?

The workcamp will be very enjoyable!

But if you are **only interested** in having a holiday/ tourism

And **not motivated** for the aims, voluntary work and exchange with others in collective, simple (but healthy!) life,

better not to join our projects & travel on your own.

If your motivation is to **create a colorful and healthy community & world through the collaboration** with the local people and volunteers,

you are **very welcomed** 😊

1) High motivation for voluntary work!

- 😊 Special skills or physical strength are not necessary unless specifically stated.
- 😊 Need to be interested in the backgrounds, needs, plans & ambitions of work



2) Respect and follow the rules & cultures!

- 😊 Be responsible and keep the rules of NICE & Host.
- 😊 Have a good manner to the hosting communities.
- 😊 Respect the cultures & personalities of others.



6) Adapt and enjoy simple and local life!

- 😊 Lower carbon, healthier, less internet & cooperative.
- 😊 E.g., Be ready to eat rice 3 times a day in Japan.
- 😊 Share tasks of group life for cooking, cleaning, etc.



3) Open minded to make friends!

- 😊 Try to speak English in the group and Japanese words with local people.
- 😊 Moreover, open attitude to communicate, exchange and smile is important.



5) Have good physical and mental health!

- 😊 However, physically/mentally disadvantaged persons can be accepted/welcomed in some cases.
- 😊 Need to negotiate with Local host in each case.



4) Aged 18 or over (no maximum age)!

- 😊 Minimum age is 18 besides family or teen workcamps (age 15-17)
- 😊 Younger vols. can be accepted in some cases also in the "adult" workcamps.



3-3) Visa to join NICE projects in Japan

Check the updated info. at [this site](#) and [this site](#) of MOFA, Japanese embassies and any others. It will depend which category your nationality belongs to among the following A, B or C.

A: 26 Countries/ areas which has Working Holiday visa/ Visa exemption agreement with Japan

Asia-Pacific	Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan
Europe	Austria, Czech, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Lithuania, Netherland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, UK
Americas	Argentina, Canada, Chile

B: 44 Countries/ areas which has Visa exemption agreement with Japan

Asia-Pacific	Brunei, Indonesia, Israel, Macao, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, UAE
Europe	Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, North Macedonia, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey
Africa	Lesotho, Mauritius, Tunisia
Americas	Bahamas, Barbados, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Suriname, Uruguay, USA

C: Countries which has no Visa exemption agreement with Japan): All the others

Working Holiday Visa (only for Category A)

This allows you to stay in Japan **up to 1 year**, so suitable for LMTVs! It also allows you to have paid jobs, so you may combine them (we don't introduce any though) and our projects for your stay.

* For more details (Age limit, other conditions and procedure), check [this page](#).

Visa exemption for short term stay (for Category A and B)

Since 2022 Oct., [visa exemption](#) is revived **up to 90 days stay in Japan as tourists** besides the following exceptions. Thus, you may get **another 90 days permission to stay by going to neighboring countries** (e.g., Korea, Taiwan) for over 10 days as some vols. have done though NICE does not guarantee your success.

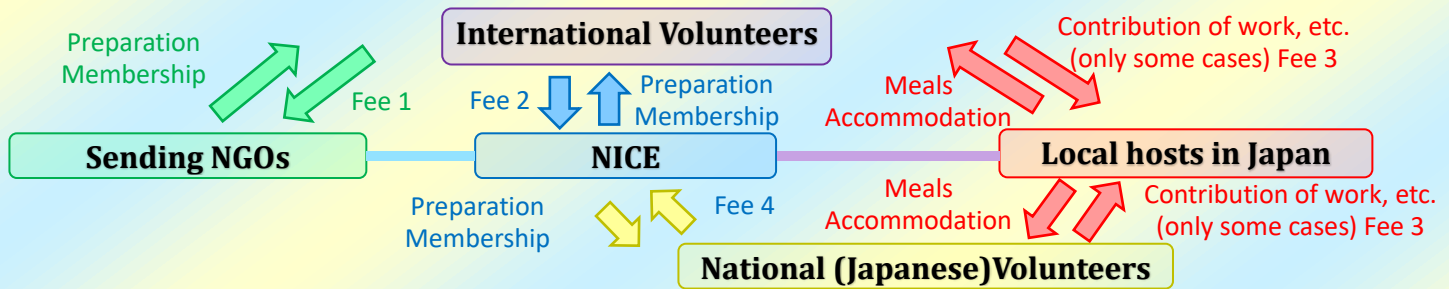
- * **Austria, Germany, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Switzerland, UK:** Up to **6 months** with extension process at the end of the first 3 months stay.
- * **Indonesia/ Thailand:** Up to **15 days**, only for those who have registered ICAO-compliant ePassport
- * **Malaysia/ Serbia/ UAE:** Only for those who have registered ICAO-compliant ePassport
- * **Hong Kong/ Macao:** Only for holders of Special Administrative Region (SAR) passport
- * **Barbados/ Turkey/ Lesotho:** Only for holders of MRP or ePassport with ICAO standards.

Visa for the voluntary service (for Category C)

With this visa, you usually can stay in Japan **up to 90 days while those from some countries be allowed to stay only for the period you will have applied with your participating projects**). This depends on the policies of each embassy, so check it at your Japanese embassy.

You and NICE need to prepare some documents for visa applications and the process may take a few weeks or even months. But **don't worry**, most of the volunteers in the past (with proper preparation) could successfully get visa!

3-4) Financial management of NICE Projects & Exchange



Fee 1: Inscription fee the volunteers pay to their sending NGOs (Amount depends on each NGO)
This is used for the management of Sending NGOs, **does NOT go to neither NICE nor Local host.**

Fee 2: NICE volunteers fee (9,000 JPY for VSTV/ STV and 18,000 JPY per month for LMTV)
This is used for the management of your project and NICE, **does NOT go to Local host.**

Fee 3: Additional fee ONLY for some projects (Amount depends on each project)
This is quite exceptional and mentioned in the project description where Local host cannot provide Meals and Accommodation by free by special circumstances (mostly, Family/ Teenage workcamps).

Fee 4: NICE Special Membership fee (19,000-49,000 JPY for VSTV-LTV for the first time)
This is paid by National (usually Japanese) vols. and used for the management of project and NICE.

* The above chart explains **only the financial** (monetary or materialistic) **aspects** and we believe, all stakeholders are **strongly connected & collaborated for the common goals and values** above all!

* As you can see, **Meals & Accommodation are provided by free by Local hosts** (unless they charge Fee 3 exceptionally) with appreciation to your contribution to work together voluntarily, so **don't complain like "I've paid XXX, but what's this food and house"** and let's appreciate each other!

< Why do I have to apply through my sending NGOs? >

1. You can have better preparation

with them that have more common language and cultures as you in the same country.

They have years of experiences, know-hows and other resources to send volunteers abroad

For example, they could possibly introduce ex. vols. in NICE projects from your country and/ organize your Pre-Departure Seminar.

2. They (and NICE) can act as a bridge

in case you and Local hosts cannot solve any issues well bilaterally during the project (though this is quite rarely happened.)

It is also helpful for NICE/ Local hosts to have them as the coordination/ promotion bodies and focal points rather than being connected with each volunteer individually only.

3. IVS NGOs are sustained by (ex.) vols!

Most of staff/ active members of IVS NGOs have joined IVS/ workcamps first, then got passionate and motivated to develop and promote IVS in/ from their countries.

You can be also benefitted to meet many great ex. vols. and do meaningful/ exciting activities!

4. Many IVS NGOs are financed by vols.

For the freedom and financial health/stability, many IVS NGOs choose to be supported by the volunteers, rather than the external big funds.

It is also reasonable that NGOs are financed by the people living in the same countries since they have common economic & social base. (#)

#: You may wonder then why "NICE Volunteers" fee is charged, but it is only a small part of NICE's finance for the diversification of income resources. By the way, most of IVS NGOs in the "South" greatly depend on the fee income from international volunteers due to their special circumstances.

3-5) NICE Volunteers - Fee and Benefits

< How much should I pay? >

VSTV (1-6 days) and STV (7-29 days): **9,000 JPY** (55 EUR by XE rate on 2023 Nov. 18)

LMTV (over 29 days): **18,000 JPY per month for 1st-3rd month and 6,000 JPY from 4th month**

* This is charged for every time of participation even from the repeaters of the same project/ year.

< What this fee is used for? >

Preparation/ coordination of your project (only as its small part) such as;

Transportation
of Staff/ Camp leaders
before/ during/ after
the project

Human cost
Training for leaders
and work of Incoming
placement officer

[for LMTI]
Accommodation and
meals of On Arrival/
Evaluation Seminars

[for Vols. who need]
Visa cost such as EMS
mailing, registration
certificate, etc.

< How should it be paid? >

A. by Credit Card (VISA or Master Card): No additional charge!

1. Click the following link: https://www.nice1.gr.jp/en/card_overseas/

2. Choose the right amount (if there is no choice for your amount, you can combine some bottoms).

3. Insert the data and make the payment!

* You don't have to pay the commission in this option, that is paid only by NICE as the receiver.

B. by PayPal: Easier to get refund in case of early cancellation!

1. Click the following link: https://PayPal.me/niceworkcamp?locale.x=ja_JP

2. Put the amount how much you will pay.

3. Sign in to your account with your e-mail address and password.

4. Choose how to pay. You can choose the credit card which you want to use.

* The commission for Senders (around 5%) should be additionally paid by Senders.

* All volunteers needs to pay the fee **by 31 days before Project start** at latest.

If they are accepted later than that, they need to pay **within 7 days from the acceptance.**

* Only if you have special difficulties, it can be paid by cash in the project or the On Arrival Training that should be communicated and agreed between NICE and Volunteers (or their Sending NGOs).

[Cancellation policy] (But unless you have a PayPal account, it will be quite complicated to refund.)

If NICE is informed of cancellation	NICE will refund
By 31 days before Project start	50% of Paid amount minus Commission of Card/ PayPal
Later than 31 days before Project start	Nothing

< Benefits to become "NICE Volunteers"! >

Join FB group of your project!

* Communicate with other new/ ex. vols.

* See Project progress

One night free stay @ NICE house

in Yokohama before or after your project if there is any space!

Possibility of free home stay in Japan

NICE has members almost all over Japan, so maybe found!?

Get a Certificate of your participation!

This can be issued by NICE electrically upon your request.

Receive Newsletters & NICE Project lists

NICE may send you 1-2 times a year.

Join NICE gathering in your country!

It may be organized if NICE staff have visit.

Organize/ join Japan IVS Nights, etc.!

with your Sending NGOs & other ex, vols.

Create actions with NICE/ Local host!

E.g., Connecting farms, schools of 2 countries.

4. VSTV - Very Short Term workcamps (in Japan)

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- * VTSV is a voluntary service project which duration is for less than a week (1-6 days).
- * Most projects are **Workcamps** types (VSTW) and Individual volunteering type (VSTI) are rare.
- * Most projects open to international vols. are for **4-6 days** while most projects targeting national vols. are for **1-3 days** and usually held in the weekends as they are called “**Weekend Workcamps**”.




4-1) Summery List of Projects




Click each Project name to jump into the detailed description!




Code	Project name	Location	Start	End	Theme	SDGs
NICE-25V-0103A	Shirakami 1	Aomori	01/03	01/06	CHIL	4
NICE-25V-0109A	Oi 1	Tokushima	01/09	01/14	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0114A	Maki 1	Nagano	01/14	01/18	CULT, MANU, SOCI	10,11
NICE-25V-0116A	Oi 2	Tokushima	01/16	01/21	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0123A	Oi 3	Tokushima	01/23	01/28	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0130A	Oi 4	Tokushima	01/30	02/04	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0203A	Maki 2	Nagano	02/03	02/08	CULT, MANU, SOCI	10,11
NICE-25V-0206A	Oi 5	Tokushima	02/06	02/11	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0213A	Oi 6	Tokushima	02/13	02/18	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0220A	Oi 7	Tokushima	02/20	02/25	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0227A	Oi 8	Tokushima	02/27	03/04	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0306A	Oi 9	Tokushima	03/06	03/11	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0313A	Oi 10	Tokushima	03/13	03/18	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0320B	Oi 11	Tokushima	03/20	03/25	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0327A	Oi 12	Tokushima	03/27	04/01	AGRI, MANU	2,11
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NICE-25V-0417A	Oi 15	Tokushima	04/17	04/22	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0424A	Oi 16	Tokushima	04/24	04/29	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0501A	Oi 17	Tokushima	05/01	05/06	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0508A	Oi 18	Tokushima	05/08	05/13	AGRI, MANU	2,11
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NICE-25V-0522A	Oi 20	Tokushima	05/22	05/27	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0529A	Oi 21	Tokushima	05/29	06/03	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0605B	Oi 22	Tokushima	06/05	06/10	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0612A	Oi 23	Tokushima	06/12	06/17	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0619A	Oi 24	Tokushima	06/19	06/24	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0626A	Oi 25	Tokushima	06/26	07/01	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0703A	Oi 26	Tokushima	07/03	07/08	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0710A	Oi 27	Tokushima	07/10	07/15	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0717A	Oi 28	Tokushima	07/17	07/22	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0724A	Oi 29	Tokushima	07/24	07/29	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0731A	Oi 30	Tokushima	07/31	08/05	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0807A	Oi 31	Tokushima	08/07	08/12	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0814A	Oi 32	Tokushima	08/14	08/19	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0821B	Oi 33	Tokushima	08/21	08/26	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25V-0821A	Maki & Tateya 4	Nagano	08/21	08/24	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10




4-2) Detailed Project Description




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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25V-0103A	Shirakami 1	Aomori	Japan	01/03	01/06	CHIL	4	18	99
1. Summary	Five days spent supporting children's camps in the wilderness of the Winter World Natural Heritage Site!								
2. Background	Shirakami Nature School (SNS) since 2006. Shirakami Mountains is one of Japanese valuable preserved natural forests consisting primarily of beech trees, registered as a World Natural Heritage in 1993. SNS has a summer vacation program for children aged 7-12. Children will play and live in the nature to grow their independence, cultivate sensitivity and learn group cooperation. This is also good opportunity for children to learn about international culture through communication with international volunteers. This is the first time to do workcamp during the winter holidays. The aim is to provide children with an insight into life in a snow country through skiing and snow play in the rich natural mountains of the World Heritage Site Shirakami Sanchi. This workcamp also aims to develop children's international outlook and sensitivity through exchanges with foreign volunteers. Volunteers need to be ready to spend 24 hours with kids during kids camp except some free times.								
3. Work	Supporting winter children's nature camp, which takes place from Jan. 03-06. Volunteers support various activities (skiing classes, snowshoe trekking, woodworking wreath making, snow shoveling, etc.) while living together with the children, as well as preparing and cleaning up for the reception. Volunteers are also responsible for the safety of the children, providing behind the scenes support, helping to make the activities fun and exciting for the children, and acting as a bridge between foreigners and children! Work might be changed due to weather condition, we need to be flexible!								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in school dormitory. Sleeping bag is needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Shirakami-Sanchi World Heritage, and skills of conservation forests in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Enjoy snow in Aomori, hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Volunteers will work in Ajigasawa town in Aomori prefecture. Aomori is located on the northernmost tip of Honshu Island. Shirakami Mountains located in southwest and the Mutsu-bay nestles between the eastern Shimokita and western Tsugaru Peninsulas.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours by bullet train and local train or 10 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Aomori pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Jan. 02 and can leave there after 22:00 on Jan. 07. It is better to book flight on or after Jan. 08.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers who can teach skiing. It is winter(snow) season in Aomori. Volunteers should be prepared to work hard outside. Volunteers need to have high motivation for snow activities.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									




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NICE-25V-0109A	Oi 1	Tokushima	Japan	01/09	01/14	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0116A	Oi 2	Tokushima	Japan	01/16	01/21	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0123A	Oi 3	Tokushima	Japan	01/23	01/28	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0130A	Oi 4	Tokushima	Japan	01/30	02/04	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0206A	Oi 5	Tokushima	Japan	02/06	02/11	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0213A	Oi 6	Tokushima	Japan	02/13	02/18	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0220A	Oi 7	Tokushima	Japan	02/20	02/25	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
1. Summary	Supporting a village next to Kakurin-ji temple with agriculture and revitalization of the community!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with the local group since 2019. This village has been welcoming "Ohenro (pilgrims)" who visit 88 temples in Shikoku since long time ago. The pilgrims walk through this village before visiting "Kakurin-ji temple"; the 20th temple out of 88 temples of the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage. However, there are problems which should be solved such as aging and depopulation of the community these days, and locals haven't been able to find solutions for those problems. On the other hand, since more and more people from overseas visit for the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage locals are trying to find new ways for "omotenashi (hospitality)". Volunteers who have been working on the project have come up with ideas for the reuse of vacant and abandoned land. Local host Oi have finally decided that they can freely renovate and modify the vacant houses. Moreover, the site is in a good location, with mountains, a river and fields. It is up to the volunteers from now on to decide how to develop the project. The aim is for the volunteer members to clean up the abandoned houses and village landscape and transform it into a village that people will want to visit to take photos, as it used to be a village where people came and went since ancient times.								
3. Work	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Support for agricultural activities to revitalize the Sudachi production area. 2) International cultural exchange activities with the few children in the community. 3) Cleaning vacant houses, moving furniture, trimming overgrown cedar and cypress branches in abandoned forests, and picking up plastic waste from rivers and seas. 4)Activities to support English signage at various locations for foreign pilgrims. 5) Maintenance of areas for the Asagimadara butterfly and firefly habitats. etc. 								
4. Accommodation	Home staying at local farmhouses. All meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NOT necessary.								
5. Study theme	Finding ways for sustainability of a depopulated village, Pass down the "osettaï" culture to the next generation, Helping senior citizens to host foreigners								
6. Other activities	Visiting Kakurin-ji temple.								
7. Location	Oi-cho, Anan city, Tokushima pref.								
8. Terminal	The nearest int'l airport is Kansai (Osaka). From Osaka to the meeting point in Tokushima, it takes 3 hours by highway bus. Volunteers are recommended to arrive at Japan one or more days before the workcamp starts and leave Japan one or more days after the end. Volunteers need to . Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point at 14:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 2.5 hours) and can leave project site around 13:00 on last day.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Video about Kakurin-ji temple https://youtu.be/V2vX51k4ASM								
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NICE-25V-0114A	Maki 1	Nagano	Japan	01/14	01/18	CULT, MANU, SOCI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Clearing snow to protect the cultural heritage in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way. Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. The life is very hard with deep snow during the winter, so the members usually live in the other farm at the foot of the mountain and only sometimes come to Maki to clear the snow in these years. However, the water mill hut, that had been constructed just several years ago by a lot of work and donations, was destroyed in 2022 due to too much snow, they feel the needs to clear the snow more regularly, that's why the winter workcamp here has been revived since 15 years ago!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2024, 2 vols. worked together with the community people and greatly contributed to protect the houses from the heavy snow. One of them (from Czech) joined this also in 2023 Jan. and her return has also mentally empowered the commuynity!</p>								
3. Work	The volunteers will mainly clear the snow on the roofs and the surroundings of the old, traditional houses. They will also carry the things from the town to Maki and join the house work such as cooking, washing, clearing, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard! It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	It is located in the beautiful places near "Japanese Northern Alps". Maki is in about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 5 hours by express bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo by the end of Jan. 13 and can leave there from the beginning of Jan. 19.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to have high motivation and patience to keep the same hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place and to respect the way of the local host. No special skills nor experiences are needed. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ .								
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1. Summary	Clearing snow to protect the cultural heritage in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way. Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. The life is very hard with deep snow during the winter, so the members usually live in the other farm at the foot of the mountain and only sometimes come to Maki to clear the snow in these years. However, the water mill hut, that had been constructed just several years ago by a lot of work and donations, was destroyed in 2022 due to too much snow, they feel the needs to clear the snow more regularly, that's why the winter workcamp here has been revived since 15 years ago!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2024, 2 vols. worked together with the community people and greatly contributed to protect the houses from the heavy snow. One of them (from Czech) joined this also in 2023 Jan. and her return has also mentally empowered the commuynity!</p>								
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3. Work	1)Planting Sudachi seedlings to maintain the declining Sudachi production area. 2)Supporting the harvesting and shipping during the peak season of Sudachi. 3)International exchange with the few local children. 4)Cleaning vacant houses, removing furniture, trimming abandoned forest cedar and cypress trees, and picking up plastic waste from rivers and oceans.								
4. Accommodation	Home staying at local farmhouses. All meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NOT necessary.								
5. Study theme	Finding ways for sustainability of a depopulated village, Pass down the "osetta" culture to the next generation, Helping senior citizens to host foreigners								
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NICE-25V-0515A	Oi 19	Tokushima	Japan	05/15	05/20	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
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NICE-25V-0605B	Oi 22	Tokushima	Japan	06/05	06/10	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0612A	Oi 23	Tokushima	Japan	06/12	06/17	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0619A	Oi 24	Tokushima	Japan	06/19	06/24	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0626A	Oi 25	Tokushima	Japan	06/26	07/01	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0703A	Oi 26	Tokushima	Japan	07/03	07/08	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0710A	Oi 27	Tokushima	Japan	07/10	07/15	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0717A	Oi 28	Tokushima	Japan	07/17	07/22	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0724A	Oi 29	Tokushima	Japan	07/24	07/29	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
1. Summary	Supporting a village next to Kakurin-ji temple with agriculture and revitalization of the community!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with the local group since 2019. This village has been welcoming "Ohenro (pilgrims)" who visit 88 temples in Shikoku since long time ago. The pilgrims walk through this village before visiting "Kakurin-ji temple"; the 20th temple out of 88 temples of the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage. However, there are problems which should be solved such as aging and depopulation of the community these days, and locals haven't been able to find solutions for those problems. On the other hand, since more and more people from overseas visit for the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage locals are trying to find new ways for "omotenashi (hospitality)". Volunteers who have been working on the project have come up with ideas for the reuse of vacant and abandoned land. Local host Oi have finally decided that they can freely renovate and modify the vacant houses. Moreover, the site is in a good location, with mountains, a river and fields. It is up to the volunteers from now on to decide how to develop the project. The aim is for the volunteer members to clean up the abandoned houses and village landscape and transform it into a village that people will want to visit to take photos, as it used to be a village where people came and went since ancient times.								
3. Work	1) Support for agricultural activities to revitalize the Sudachi production area. 2) International cultural exchange activities with the few children in the community. 3) Cleaning vacant houses, moving furniture, trimming overgrown cedar and cypress branches in abandoned forests, and picking up plastic waste from rivers and seas. 4) Activities to support English signage at various locations for foreign pilgrims. 5) Maintenance of areas for the Asagimadara butterfly and firefly habitats. etc.								
4. Accommodation	Home staying at local farmhouses. All meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NOT necessary.								
5. Study theme	Finding ways for sustainability of a depopulated village, Pass down the "osettai" culture to the next generation, Helping senior citizens to host foreigners								
6. Other activities	Visiting Kakurin-ji temple.								
7. Location	Oi-cho, Anan city, Tokushima pref.								
8. Terminal	The nearest int'l airport is Kansai (Osaka). From Osaka to the meeting point in Tokushima, it takes 3 hours by highway bus. Volunteers are recommended to arrive at Japan one or more days before the workcamp starts and leave Japan one or more days after the end. Volunteers need to . Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point at 14:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 2.5 hours) and can leave project site around 13:00 on last day.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Video about Kakurin-ji temple https://youtu.be/V2vX51k4ASM								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25V-0731A	Oi 30	Tokushima	Japan	07/31	08/05	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0807A	Oi 31	Tokushima	Japan	08/07	08/12	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0814A	Oi 32	Tokushima	Japan	08/14	08/19	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
NICE-25V-0821B	Oi 33	Tokushima	Japan	08/21	08/26	AGRI, MANU	10	18	99
1. Summary	Supporting a village next to Kakurin-ji temple with agriculture and revitalization of the community!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with the local group since 2019. This village has been welcoming "Ohenro (pilgrims)" who visit 88 temples in Shikoku since long time ago. The pilgrims walk through this village before visiting "Kakurin-ji temple"; the 20th temple out of 88 temples of the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage. However, there are problems which should be solved such as aging and depopulation of the community these days, and locals haven't been able to find solutions for those problems. On the other hand, since more and more people from overseas visit for the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage locals are trying to find new ways for "omotenashi (hospitality)". Volunteers who have been working on the project have come up with ideas for the reuse of vacant and abandoned land. Local host Oi have finally decided that they can freely renovate and modify the vacant houses. Moreover, the site is in a good location, with mountains, a river and fields. It is up to the volunteers from now on to decide how to develop the project. The aim is for the volunteer members to clean up the abandoned houses and village landscape and transform it into a village that people will want to visit to take photos, as it used to be a village where people came and went since ancient times.</p>								
3. Work	<p>1)Supporting the harvesting and shipping during the peak season of Shikimi (Illicium anisatum) 2)Supporting the harvesting and shipping during the peak season of Sudachi. 3)International exchange with the few local children. 4)Cleaning vacant houses, removing furniture, trimming abandoned forest cedar and cypress trees, and picking up plastic waste from rivers and oceans.</p>								
4. Accommodation	Home staying at local farmhouses. All meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NOT necessary.								
5. Study theme	Finding ways for sustainability of a depopulated village, Pass down the "osettai" culture to the next generation, Helping senior citizens to host foreigners								
6. Other activities	Visiting Kakurin-ji temple.								
7. Location	Oi-cho, Anan city, Tokushima pref.								
8. Terminal	The nearest int'l airport is Kansai (Osaka). From Osaka to the meeting point in Tokushima, it takes 3 hours by highway bus. Volunteers are recommended to arrive at Japan one or more days before the workcamp starts and leave Japan one or more days after the end. Volunteers need to . Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point at 14:00 on 1st day (then, take a local train to the campsite about 2.5 hours) and can leave project site around 13:00 on last day.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	Video about Kakurin-ji temple https://youtu.be/V2vX5Ik4ASM								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25V-0821A	Maki & Tateya 4	Nagano	Japan	08/21	08/24	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	10	6	99
1. Summary	Family workcamp! Organic farming and nature life in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way. Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. Over 10 people were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more! Tateya is located on the hilly (less than Maki, but still a bit isolated) area where 30-40 members live and mainly do rice farming as well as growing cows and chicken.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will help their organic farm by weeding in the rice and vegetable fields, planting vegetables, taking care of goats and chicken and also renovate the trails and the traditional house, help their house works such as cooking, washing, carrying the stuffs from the down village. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard. Kids may sometimes be separated to plan in the nature with care of some adults.								
4. Accommodation	Maki: Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the volunteers' house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, toilets and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. Tateya: Building for volunteers and a few members, 5 min. walk from the farm. Meals will be usually cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.								
5. Study theme	2030 goals of Kyodo Gakusha and children's growth in each country								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Both are located in the beautiful places near "Japanese Northern Alps". Maki is in about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization. Tateya is surrounded by the farms and 40 min. walk from the train station.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HNH). From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 5 hours by express bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo by the end of Aug. 20 and can leave there from the beginning of Aug. 25.								
9. Requirement	Only families (no age limit for the children!) can join this program. Up to 3 persons (1-2 kids) per family. Parents volunteers need to be physically strong and flexible to respect the way of the local host. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Child is exempted to pay this, but need to pay 4,000 JPY per child for the meals instead (this can be paid on the arrivals).								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ .								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

5. STV - Short Term Workcamps (in Japan)

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- * STV is a voluntary service project which duration is from 1 week to 1 month (7-29 days).
- * Most projects are **Workcamps** types (STW) while Individual volunteering type (STI) are rare.

5-1) Summery List of Projects

Click each Project name to jump into the detailed description!

Code	Project name	Location	Start	End	Theme	SDGs
NICE-25S-0212A	Ozuchi 1	Ishikawa	02/12	02/18	CULT, MANU	11
NICE-25S-0223A	Erabu 1	Kagoshima	02/23	03/16	AGRI	2
NICE-25S-0224A	Ikata	Ehime	02/24	03/09	AGRI	2
NICE-25S-0306A	Shiiba	Miyazaki	03/06	03/12	AGRI, MANU	11,15
NICE-25S-0307A	Ozuchi 2	Ishikawa	03/07	03/13	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25S-0310A	Akame 1	Mie	03/10	03/20	ENVI	4,15
NICE-25S-0323A	Kamojima 1	Tokushima	03/23	03/30	CHIL	4
NICE-25S-0325A	Gose 1	Nara	03/25	04/03	AGRI, ENVI	2,15
NICE-25S-0428A	Shirakami 2	Aomori	04/28	05/04	ENVI	13,15
NICE-25S-0602A	Maki 3	Nagano	06/02	06/15	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-25S-0613A	Shirakami 3	Aomori	06/13	06/23	ENVI, FEST	13,15
NICE-25S-0614A	Tanabe	Wakayama	06/14	06/24	AGRI, CULT	2,11
NICE-25S-0727A	Shiki	Saitama	07/27	08/09	EDUC	4
NICE-25S-0730A	Shirakami 4	Aomori	07/30	08/07	CHIL	4
NICE-25S-0811A	Akame 2	Mie	08/11	08/21	ENVI, EDUC	4,15
NICE-25S-0905A	Kamimamakuchi	Ishikawa	09/05	09/16	MANU, AGRI	2,11
NICE-25S-1020A	Maki & Tateya 5	Nagano	10/20	11/02	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10

AGRI: Agriculture

ANIM: Work with animals

ARCH: Archaeology

ART: Artistic

CONS: Construction

CULT: Cultural

DISA: Disabled ("Challenged")

EDU: Teaching, Awareness

ELDE: Work with Elderly

ENVI: Environmental

FEST: Festival

CHIL: Work with Kids

LEAD: Project leading

MANU: Manual

REFU: Work with refugees

RENO: Renovation

SOCI: Social

SPORT: Sports

STUD: Study, Research

FAM: targeting Family

TEEN: targeting Teenagers

* **SDGs:** 1-2 Most relevant goals of SDGs for each project (16 applies to all the projects, so has not been specified).

1. Poverty 2. Hunger 3. Health 4. Education 5. Gender 6. Water 7. Energy 8. Work 9. Infrastructure 10. Inequality 11. Cities 12. Consumption 13. Climate change 14. Oceans 15. Forests 16. Justice 17. Partnership




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5-2) Detailed Project Description




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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0212A	Ozuchi 1	Ishikawa	Japan	02/12	02/18	CULT, MANU	6	16	99
1. Summary	Revive the countryside and beautiful village by maintenance of the fields. You can enjoy very beautiful nature and traditional Japanese culture!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Shizentaiken Ozuchi Mura (SOM) since 2013. There were 140 inhabitants with 20 houses in 1916, but This village had become abandoned and one of the former villagers (Founder of SOM) was maintaining the terraced rice fields alone from his home in the town. 10 houses are still remained and the area was designated as Nation's Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings. SOM tries to improve this situation by young voluntary power.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Vols. have been greatly contributing to maintain the fields and the forest path, to organize the culture exchange events for local children and to exchange ideas for improvement regional development. But such workcamps working together, the founder of SOM has got so empowered that he started living there again with his old mother since 2018! Please see the presentation made by the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2017e2 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Main work is removing snow and clean up the traditional renovated house. And also discuss and plan events to promote the attractions of this village! We possibly also support agriculture and do some other work for the community. Work may be changed due to weather and snow conditions, so flexible attitude is necessary.								
4. Accommodation	Renovated house (traditional house!). Simple shower room. Clean toilet. Winter Sleeping bag is needed! Cooked by volunteers. Wi-Fi and internet are fine. There is a cat.								
5. Study theme	Best practice to revive depopulated areas in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Snow trekking, enjoy Japanese hot spring, enjoy drum baths under the stars.								
7. Location	The southwest part of Ishikawa prefecture. Ozuchi village is far from 30 minute from Kaga-onsen station. And surrounded by mountains, you can enjoy rich nature.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Komatsu for domestic and Osaka (KIX), Nagoya (NGO) or Tokyo (HND/ NRT) for international flights. It takes 4 hours by express train from Osaka or Nagoya and 5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by highway night bus from Tokyo. Vols. need to arrive at Japan by the end of Feb. 11. On last day, you can leave campsite around noon.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work hard, simple life in the isolated mountain area and respect to the local								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0223A	Erabu 1	Kagoshima	Japan	02/23	03/16	AGRI	7	18	99
1. Summary	Working in the flower farms of the southern island. Vols. need to speak very good Japanese!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with a group of farmers since 1995. The project has been held mostly in March and this is the 3rd time to be held in the summer since 2019. The project started by the links with the President of NICE who had a farm stay here in his student days. The island has rich, beautiful sub tropical nature with corral leaf on the beach without being polluted by the tourism. As the location is isolated and very far from the cities, they can hardly get the paid workers to help their farm work, so vols. help it to protect their industry and life! Thus, the volunteers can learn a lot from the natural and local life, by that many of them become a big fan of the island!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Workcamps have greatly contributed to the farmers (not to waste the flowers due to lack of working power) in 2023 by 3 workcamps with 10 vols.!</p>								
3. Work	The volunteers will be spilt into 3 farms (without change in the whole period) and mainly help to harvest the flowers and other farm work such as selection and rapping of flowers. Farm work will be 6 days a week usually around 08:00-18:00 (sometimes, even longer) with lunch break in 12:00-13:30. There will be some pocket money to be used for meals (besides the lunch on the working days) and a part of the travel cost to the island.								
4. Accommodation	Local house rent for the volunteers with some sleeping rooms, bath, kitchen, toilet, etc. Meals will be cooked by the volunteers themselves besides the lunch on the working days that will be provided by each farm.								
5. Study theme	Local SDGs (2030 goals) of Erabu								
6. Other activities	Excursion on the island (limestone cave, etc.) on the free days, welcome/ farewell parties, swimming in the beach, sea turtle (or if lucky, also whale!) watching, etc.								
7. Location	Okino erabu island. It originally belonged to Ryukyu kingdom of Okinawa islands which deeply effects the culture. It had been once occupied by the USA after the World War II, but returned back to Japan in 1953. Birth rate is one of the highest in Japan since people help each other like a big family:)								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Naha. The ferry runs every day (Naha 07:00 - Wadamari 14:10, Wadamari 12:00 - Naha 19:00. 5,760 JPY for one way). Vols. need to arrive at Naha by the end of Feb. 23 and can leave there after the beginning of Mar. 17.								
9. Requirement	Good Japanese (no problem for the daily and work conversation). Respect to the culture and farm life and high motivation to work hard. You don't need much power, but patience to keep (and positive attitude to enjoy!) the same work								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese only. Info. sheets will be made in Japanese only.								
12. Other	We can open the place for international volunteers ONLY IF we already have a Japanese volunteer or resident in the same period.								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0224A	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	02/24	03/09	AGRI	8	18	30
1. Summary	Let's support mandarin farming in edge of peninsula!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGS15 (Life on Land), organized together with Kikuya Community Group (KCG), formed by the local young people to think of the future of their small village, since 2008. Ikata is famous for its main industry of mandarins farming, but has been facing depopulation, lack of workers and aging society since most of young people leave the town. So, the number of abandoned mandarin farms is increasing and the town is losing its tradition, life, custom and scenery. KCG strongly hopes to host vols. to work together to revitalize the town and farms. The activity Blog: http://blog.goo.ne.jp/kikuya2009 *you can also visit elementary schools and some exchange culture activity if there are requests.								
3. Work	Volunteers will help mandarin farming (main work!! Harvesting, taking care of trees, cutting grass etc., it depend on season! Especially, Nov. to April. is hard!!), support local youth club (If you have chance), and create new activities to revitalize the town.								
4. Accommodation	Share room (male and female are separated) at the volunteer's house. It is traditional Japanese style house. Volunteers cook by themselves.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers have opportunities learning organic mandarin farming.								
6. Other activities	Joining the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	In the edge of Sata Peninsula, surrounded by the sea, so fishing is also famous. There are only 30 houses in this community. The climate is relatively warm though it can be cold in winter.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Matsuyama for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. It takes 2.5 hours by bus from Matsuyama to the meeting point. Vols. need to arrive at KIX by the end of Feb. 23.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to learn/ speak basic Japanese and to work hard. Respect for the local cultures and way of the local organization. Interests in agriculture. Be ready that work is for quite a long and hard.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Basic Japanese								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0306A	Shiiba	Miyazaki	Japan	03/06	03/12	AGRI, MANU	8	18	99
1. Summary	Restore a campsite and make it where people interact and connect with nature. You can enjoy very beautiful nature and traditional Japanese culture!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 11 (sustainable cities and communities) and SDGs 15 (Life on land), organized together with a local organization "Takumashii Mirai". They live in Shiiba village, is faces serious aging society and depopulation, but it has very beautiful scenery, traditional agriculture, and traditional culture, and is one of the three most unexplored areas in Japan. They are trying restoring a campsite and renovating an old house into a share house to promote the "Self-Sufficiency 2.0" lifestyle project it is people creat their own lives. They also try to create an free space in the share house where villagers, new residents and visitors can interact with each other. They need volunteer power and ideas!								
3. Work	1. Restoration of damaged forest trails (remove trees, repair stairs, etc.) 2. Make firewood for Goemon bath and Sauna (chopping firewood, stacking firewood, etc.). 3. Reconstruction of camp fields (cutting grass and removing stones, etc.) They hope that volunteers will connect deeply with nature through this activities.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will sleep in a log cabin in the campsite, BASE CAMP shiiba. Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the members by turns in a main cabin with café lounge and wood stove. Sleeping bag is not necessary. Each cabin has bedding and heater, refrigerator, kitchen, shower, and toilet.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of history and traditional culture of Shiiba village. Finding ways for sustainability of a depopulated village.								
6. Other activities	Exchange party with villagers, Goemon bath, Sauna, Fire, skiing etc.								
7. Location	Shiiba village is located in the central Kyushu mountains, northwest of Miyazaki Prefecture. The population is 2,300, and about 96% of the land area is covered with forests.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Fukuoka, but Miyazaki or Kumamoto airports are the nearest domestic airports, so you can also come via Tokyo or Osaka. We recommend that you arrive at those airports by the morning of 5th March. as it will take at least a day by bus and train from the nearest Miyazaki or Kumamoto airports. Overnight stay before or after the program is possible.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work hard, simple life in the isolated mountain area and respect to the local culture.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	follow @basecamp418 instagram to see the activities of local host)								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0325A	Ozuchi 2	Ishikawa	Japan	03/07	03/13	AGRI, MANU	6	16	99
1. Summary	Revive the countryside and beautiful village by maintenance of the fields. You can enjoy very beautiful nature and traditional Japanese culture!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Shizentaiken Ozuchi Mura (SOM) since 2013. There were 140 inhabitants with 20 houses in 1916, but This village had become abandoned and one of the former villagers (Founder of SOM) was maintaining the terraced rice fields alone from his home in the town. 10 houses are still remained and the area was designated as Nation's Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings. SOM tries to improve this situation by young voluntary power.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Vols. have been greatly contributing to maintain the fields and the forest path, to organize the culture exchange events for local children and to exchange ideas for improvement regional development. But such workcamps working together, the founder of SOM has got so empowered that he started living there again with his old mother since 2018! Please see the presentation made by the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2017e2 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Main work is farming, forest road maintenance and clean up the traditional renovated house. And also discuss and plan events to promote the attractions of this village! We possibly also support agriculture and do some other work for the community. Work may be changed due to weather and snow conditions, so flexible attitude is necessary.								
4. Accommodation	Renovated house (traditional house!). Simple shower room. Clean toilet. Winter Sleeping bag is needed! Cooked by volunteers. Wi-Fi and internet are fine. There is a cat.								
5. Study theme	Best practice to revive depopulated areas in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Enjoy Japanese hot spring, enjoy drum baths under the stars.								
7. Location	The southwest part of Ishikawa prefecture. Ozuchi village is far from 30 minute from Kaga-onsen station. And surrounded by mountains, you can enjoy rich nature.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Komatsu for domestic and Osaka (KIX), Nagoya (NGO) or Tokyo (HND/ NRT) for international flights. It takes 4 hours by express train from Osaka or Nagoya and 5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by highway night bus from Tokyo. Vols. need to arrive at Japan by the end of Mar. 6 .On last day, you can leave campsite around noon.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work hard, simple life in the isolated mountain area and respect to the local								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0310A	Akame 1	Mie	Japan	03/10	03/20	ENVI	6	18	99
1. Summary	Working in SATOYAMA forest !								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with "Akame no SATOYAMA wo Sodateru kai", a local environmental organization for conservation of SATOYAMA forest working in Nabari city, since 1999. Because this area is relatively close to the big cities between Osaka and Nagoya, there were plans to build a golf field and a disposal center. However, the local people stopped those plans by collecting donations and buying the land to keep beautiful nature. SATOYAMA needs to be maintained by humans for its biodiversity and water adjustment function. Our ancestors had protected and utilized the forest in an ecological and sustainable way, which has been neglected by modernization at many places in Japan.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Over the last 20 years, 30 ha of SATOYAMA forest has been maintained by the previous volunteers. Please see the presentation of the camp leader for the IVS contest in Japan; https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/w55 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!).</p>								
3. Work	Activities related to conservation of satoyama and agriculture using satoyama. Clearing undergrowth and tending thickets, transporting hodagaki woods for growing safe shiitake mushrooms in Fukushima, and maintaining walking trails. Also help with looking after cage free chickens, processing adult chickens and mushroom cultivation. Some work with saws and machinery, sometimes even in the rain. Having fun attitude to hard work is important! Volunteers sometimes work with mentally/physically challenged people who work at the same place.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in a regular Japanese house. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NO need. Depends on the amount of work and consideration for the environment, volunteers may take a shower once every two days.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of conservation work in SATOYAMA forest.								
6. Other activities	Hiking etc.								
7. Location	Workcamp is held in Kami-mitani area, Nabari city, Mie prefecture, about 60 km from Osaka. There are famous falls nearby that many hikers visit.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX) or Nagoya (NGO). To the meeting point, it takes 2-3 hours by train from the both airports. Vols. need to arrive at KIX or NGO by 06:00 on Mar. 10 and can leave there after 18:00 on last day.								
9. Requirement	Strong motivation and physical strength are highly needed.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0323A	Kamojima 1	Tokushima	Japan	03/23	03/30	CHIL	6	18	99
1. Summary	Let's make the opportunity to touch different cultures for local kids and supporting center's staff!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education), organized together with Kamojima Children Center (KCC. In Japanese, Kamojima Jido-kan) since 2019. Kmojima center is located in Yoshinogawa city named after Yoshino river that is the longest river in Shikoku island. The river used to flood often and make rich soil a long time ago but now it flows calmly. The center is a place where local children from 0 to 18 years old enjoy learning and playing together for free. KCC would like to give children a various experiences regardless of their financial situations. KCC have children with a wide range of ages, KCC support them to help each other regardless of ages or experiences in order to grow up. KCC hope more people to get to know about us, Kamojima Jido-kan!								
3. Work	1. Support the operation of the child center and create events. (this is the most bussiest season there.) 2. Provide some opportunities for children that they can experience international culture. 3. Support local partners' activities, such as gardening activities.								
4. Accommodation	Sharing house. Meals will be cooked by volunteers. Sleeping bag is needed.								
5. Study theme	Help children learning and gaining their experiences through teamwork. Experience international exchange while working with children.								
6. Other activities	Exchange with local people								
7. Location	Kamojima, Yoshinogawa-city, Tokushima pref.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokushima for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. Vols. need to arrive at KIX by 6AM of the first day. From KIX to Tokushima, it takes 5 hours by train and bus. Vols. can leave the project site after cleaning up accomodation on the last day. There is also a flight from Tokyo (HND) to Tokushima that takes 1.5 hours.								
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed. Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with Japanese local people, have fun with kids!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	follow @shinrix instagram to learn more Tokushima daily volunteer activites								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0325A	Gose 1	Nara	JAPAN	03/25	04/03	AGRI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Farming on an organic farm with a great view!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGS15 (Life on Land). This project is co-organized with "Sugiura Farm" that engages in organic farming for pursuing food safety and an environmental-friendly society. The owner of this farm is Mr. Sugiura, who was the only a man taking care of 2 hectares of farmland abandoned by local people until 2022. The local farmaers became too old to keep working on the farm. Mr. Sugiura cultivates, harvests crops, even makes fertilizer and processes the harvest into products. He is working not only for crops, but also for conserving the environment and the beautiful scenery of living fields in the countryside of Japan.								
3. Work	Supporting in crop production through pesticide-free and environmentally friendly agriculture. Vols. will also cut grass on abandoned fields and restore farmland. Vols may also perform other farm work such as spreading compost on fields and harvesting!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers stay at an old Japanese house next to the local host's. Volunteers cook by themselves by turn. Smoking is not allowed. The has a cat.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of organic farming.								
6. Other activities	Hot spring, temples and shrines. Short trip to main city in Nara.								
7. Location	It is located in Gose city, Nara pref. which is about 50 km southeast of Osaka.								
8. Terminal	Using Kansai International Airport (KIX) is convenient for the access to the project site. From KIX to project site about 2 hours by train.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language, to work hard with simple mountain life in a remote area. Respect for the local culture and way of the local organization. Interests in agriculture.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee needs to be paid in advance either by Paypal or through your sending NGO if they collect it in addition to their own inscription fee. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	follow @gambafarm instagram to learn more about the host								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0428A	Shirakami 2	Aomori	Japan	04/28	05/04	ENVI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Preserving the beautiful beech forests and enjoy your stay in beautiful rural area where is famous for tasty sea foods!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG13 (Climate Action) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Shirakami Mountains Preservation Society (SMPS), since 2006. The Shirakami Mountains is one of Japanese valuable preserved natural forests consisting primarily of beech trees, registered as a World Natural Heritage in 1993. SMPS aims to preserve the natural beauty of the Shirakami Mountains by nurturing seedlings of beech trees, planting them, training mountain guide, etc. SMPS hosts tree-planting ceremony every June for preserving beech forests and promoting the value. They also preserve the forests near the Mutsu-bay, famous as production of scallops. Due to climate change, the sea water temperature increased abnormally in 2010, the most of scallops were dead, so SMPS started to preserve the forest there to let nutrient water flow to the ocean.								
3. Work	Work will be carried out in two locations, Ajigasawa and Hiranai. In Ajigasawa, volunteers will remove the snow fence of Shirakami Nature School, putting up a plastic greenhouse, chopping firewood, and digging and transport new saplings at the nursery. In Hiranai, work is carried out to remove dead saplings and replant new ones. The contents of work might be changed due to weather condition, so volunteers need to be flexible!								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in school dormitory. Sleeping bag is needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Shirakami-Sanchi World Heritage, and skills of conservation forests in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Enjoy rich nature around accommodation, taking a walk at morning, hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Volunteers will work in Ajigasawa town and Hiranai town in Aomori prefecture. Aomori is located on the northernmost tip of Honshu Island. Shirakami Mountains located in southwest and the Mutsu-bay nestles between the eastern Shimokita and western Tsugaru Peninsulas. This is the good season for cherry blossom-viewing there. In this workcamp, volunteers doesn't have chance to go to Shirakami-sanchi world heritage place.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours by bullet train and local train or 10 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Aomori pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Apr. 27 and can leave there after 22:00 on May 04. It is better to book flight on or after May 05.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers should be prepared to work hard outside in good and bad weather and have high motivation for work in the forests actively with local people.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	From Apr.27 to May 6 is special holidays season in Japan. Transportations and Hotels will high price								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0602A	Maki 3	Nagano	Japan	06/02	06/15	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	8	18	99
1. Summary	Organic farming and nature life in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way. Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. Over 10 people were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2024, we had 8 vols. from 6 countries who greatly contributed to the organic farming! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	we will help their organic farming (planting rice and vegetables, weeding in the vegetable fields, taking care of goats and chicken) and also carry the things from the town, renovate the trails, help their house work such as cooking, washing, clearing, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard! It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Maki is located in the beautiful place near "Japanese Northern Alps", at about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND). From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 5 hours by express bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo by the end of Jun. 01 and can leave there from the beginning of Jun. 16.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to have high motivation and patience to keep the hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place and to respect the way of the local host. No special skills nor experiences are needed. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ .								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0613A	Shirakami 3	Aomori	Japan	06/13	06/23	ENVI, FEST	5	18	99
1. Summary	Let's preserve the beautiful forests in the World Natural Heritage!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG13 (Climate Action) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with Shirakami Mountains Preservation Society (SMPS) since 2006. The Shirakami Mountains is one of Japanese valuable preserved natural forests consisting primarily of beech trees, registered as a World Natural Heritage in 1993. SMPS aims to preserve the natural beauty of the Shirakami Mountains by nurturing seedlings of beech trees, planting them, training mountain guide, etc. SMPS hosts tree-planting ceremony every June for preserving and promoting the value of it. They also preserve the forests near the Mutsu-bay, famous as production of scallops. Due to climate change, the sea water temperature increased abnormally and the most of scallops were dead. So SMPS started to preserve the forest there to let nutrient water flow to the ocean.								
3. Work	Assisting in the preparation (preparation of saplings and tools, setting up tents, etc.) and operation of tree planting festivals in two locations in Aomori Prefecture (Ajigasawa and Hiranai). On the day of the festival, many participants, local students to those from all over the country, will gather to plant trees. 1) Preparing a beech nursery and organize a tool shed. 2) Preparation and operation of the tree-planting festival in Hiranai on June 15. 3) Preparation and operation for the tree-planting festival of SMPS in Ajigasawa on June 22.								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in school dormitory. Sleeping bag is needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Shirakami-Sanchi World Heritage, and skills of conservation forests in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Enjoy rich nature around accommodation, taking a walk at morning, hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	Volunteers will work in Ajigasawa town and Hiranai town in Aomori prefecture. Aomori is located on the northernmost tip of Honshu Island. Shirakami Mountains located in southwest and the Mutsu-bay nestles between the eastern Shimokita and western Tsugaru Peninsulas.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours by bullet train and local train or 10 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Aomori pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Jun. 12 and can leave there after 22:00 on Jun. 23. It is better to book flight on or after June 24.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers should prepare to work hard outside in good and bad weather and have high motivation for work in the forests actively with local people.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0614A	Tanabe	Wakayama	Japan	06/14	06/24	AGRI, CULT	6	18	99
1. Summary	Let's preserve the traditional plum farming system with a 400-year history.								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with Akitsugawa Promotion Group (APG) since 2024. Tanabe City and Minabe Town in Wakayama Prefecture are Japan's largest Ume(plums) products-growing areas. The region features a unique plum cultivation agricultural system that has been recognized as a World Agricultural Heritage by FAO. This system utilizes nutrient-poor, gravelly, and unstable slopes, preserving firewood and charcoal forests while strategically planting plum orchards. For over 400 years, it has sustainably produced high-quality plums, maintained through various wisdom and innovations. However, the region is also suffering from an aging population and declining birth rate, and sustainable agriculture, particularly plum farming, is in danger due to a lack of manpower. An international workcamp was organized with the aim of spreading the plum and the region's attractions to volunteers from all over the world, and passing to the next generation.								
3. Work	Collecting plums that naturally fall from the tree onto the net. Harvesting and sorting of plums on trees by hand. Working to support plum processing operations. etc.								
4. Accommodation	Shared house in community center. Sleeping bag is not needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers have opportunities learning about "Minabe-Tanabe Ume system", which is a World Agricultural Heritage Site.								
6. Other activities	Homestay, discussion with local people, observation of charcoal making, making plum juice, etc.								
7. Location	Tanabe City is located in south-central Wakayama Prefecture. It is the second largest city in Wakayama Prefecture and the economic and industrial center of southern Wakayama. It is the junction of the Nakaheji and Oheji routes of the Kumano Kodo, and is known as 'Kuchikumano'. With an area of over 1,000 km ² , the city has the largest area of any city in the Kinki region.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX) . To the meeting point, it takes 2-3 hours by Express train from the airport. Vols. need to arrive at KIX by 07:00 on the first day and can leave the project site after noon on Jun 24.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers should prepare to work hard outside and have high motivation for work								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0727A	Shiki	Saitama	Japan	07/27	08/09	CHIL	3	18	99
1. Summary	International exchange programs for local children!								
2. Background	Organize with the "Shiki International Exchange Association". Last time was held in 2019. 2025, they restart this program. "Shiki International Exchange Association" is an organization in Shiki City, Saitama Prefecture, which aims to promote international exchange between foreigners and Japanese people. It connects foreigners who want to learn Japanese culture and language, and people who want to talk and socialize with foreigners. International workcamps are organized to provide international exchange Programmes for children during their summer holidays. In the last edition, 10 children's Programmes were held over a two weeks period.								
3. Work	Providing international exchange programs for local children. (Ex. Playing and singing in English, reeding books, making your country's foods, for local children etc.).								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in local coordinator's house(homestay). Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Volunteers need to bring own sleeping bag (and mattress if you want).								
5. Study theme	Sharing situation about Kids in your country								
6. Other activities	Summer festivals, hot spring, cultural learning about Japanese, and so on. Volunteers can also enjoy								
7. Location	Located in the southeastern part of Saitama Prefecture. Access to the city center is 30 minutes to Ikebukuro in Tokyo. It is also 15 minutes to Kawagoe which is famous for sightseeing.								
8. Terminal	The closest International airport is Haneda or Narita. From Haneda or Narita to the meeting point, it takes about 1.5-2 hours by train. You need to arrive at Haneda or Narita airport by 9:00 on the first day and can leave there after 17:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Likes to interact with children. Be able to follow Japanese culture and local rules.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	none								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0730A	Shirakami 4	Aomori	Japan	07/30	08/07	CHIL	5	18	99
1. Summary	Let's be a volunteer for nature kid summer camp in beautiful World Natural Heritage!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education), organized together with Shirakami Nature School (SNS) since 2006. Shirakami Mountains is one of Japanese valuable preserved natural forests consisting primarily of beech trees, registered as a World Natural Heritage in 1993. SNS has a summer vacation program for children aged 7-12 who will play and live in the nature to grow their independence, cultivate sensitivity, and learn group cooperation. This is also good opportunity for children to learn about international culture through communication with international volunteers. Volunteers need to be ready to spend 24 hours with kids during kids camp except some free times.								
3. Work	Supporting of children's nature camps, which take place from July 31 to Aug.7. Supporting various activities (farming/forestry experience, river play, BBQ, climbing, sports, etc.) while living together with the children, and preparing & cleaning up for the reception. Volunteers are also responsible for the safety of the children, providing behind-the-scenes support and encouragement for the children to enjoy their activities, and acting as a bridge between the children and foreigners. In addition, there is a possibility of doing environmental maintenance around the school. Work content may change depending on the weather, so a flexible attitude is important!								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in school dormitory. Volunteer take it in turns to sleep in tent to look after the children. Sleeping bag is needed! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Shirakami-Sanchi World Heritage, and skills of conservation forests in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Enjoy rich nature around accommodation, taking a walk at morning, hot spring, etc.								
7. Location	The Shirakami Mountains, located in the northern part of Honshu Island, is a huge mountainous area (130,000 hectares on the border between Aomori and Akita Prefectures).								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours by bullet train and local train or 10 hours by night bus and local train to the meeting point in Aomori pref. Vols. need to arrive at NRT or HND by 18:00 on Jul. 29 and can leave there after 22:00 on Aug. 07. It is better to book flight on or after Aug. 08.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers should love kids and speak/understand some Japanese language. Responsibilities, group cooperativeness and high motivation are necessary! Volunteers have experienced the activity with kids are welcome! Motivation letter is required.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English and basic Japanese								
12. Other	none								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0811A	Akame 2	Mie	Japan	08/11	08/21	ENVI, KIDS	6	18	99
1. Summary	Working in SATOYAMA forest and help organizing a kids' camp!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with "Akame no SATOYAMA wo Sodateru kai", a local environmental organization for conservation of SATOYAMA forest working in Nabari city since 1999. Because this area is relatively close to the big cities between Osaka and Nagoya, there were plans to build a golf field and a disposal center. However, the local people stopped those plans by collecting donations and buying the land. SATOYAMA needs to be maintained by humans for its biodiversity and water adjustment function. Our ancestors had protected and utilized the forest in an ecological and sustainable way, which has been neglected by modernization at many places in Japan.								
3. Work	1) Cutting down trees in the forest and carry them out so that SATOYAMA forest receives enough amount of sun light and will be kept in the healthy condition for biodiversity. You sometimes need to use blades and machineries under the supervision. 2) Supporting Kids camp. Work is quite hard from morning to evening. 3)Volunteers may take care of free-range raised chickens and slaughter old enough chickens for eating by themselves as well. Volunteers sometimes work with mentally/physically challenged people who work at the same place. Volunteers also will help organizing a 3-days summer kids' camp.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers will stay in a volunteer house. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NO need. Depends on the amount of work and consideration for the environment, volunteers may take a shower once every two days.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of conservation work in SATOYAMA forest.								
6. Other activities	Hiking, cultural exchange parties, etc.								
7. Location	Workcamp is held in Kami-mitani area, Nabari city, Mie prefecture, about 60 km from Osaka. There are famous falls nearby that many hikers visit.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is KIX (Osaka) or Nagoya (NGO). To the meeting point, it will take about 2-3 hours by train from the both airports above. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport by 10:00 on 1st day and can leave there after 19:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Strong motivation and physical strength are highly needed. Motivation letter is required.								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-0905A	Kamimamakuchi	Ishikawa	Japan	09/05	09/16	MANU,AGRI	10	18	99
1. Summary	Painting the long fences, restoration of work roads, planning and managing exchange events. You can make Kamimamakuchi village encourage!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with "Kamimamakuchi village" since 2013, and they tried starting new project with volunteer. Depopulation (especially of youth) is a serious problem here similarly in many other country sides. This village have only 20 families and very few young people. It is difficult to keep traditional culture and community work, so we aim to help keeping this landscape/cultures and telling local village's attraction by young power!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: Volunteer had painted fence about 1km! And organizing candle night festival, cultural party! Local people really welcome to coming the new people! Please see the long term goal of this project as "Local SDGs" at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-wp2-188758763 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!).</p>								
3. Work	Main works are (1) Drawing on the fences that are near mountain, (2) Agriculture: harvesting rice, (3) Supporting the events with local people, and do some other work for the community.								
4. Accommodation	The community center in the village. There are clean kitchen and toilet. Volunteers take a shower in the kindly local people's houses. Please bring sleeping bag! Volunteers prepare the meals by themselves. Wi-Fi is not available.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers get knowledge about actions for developing local village. Also, the basic knowledge of the Japanese language and local culture.								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties with local people, trekking and hot spring etc.								
7. Location	Ishikawa prefecture is almost middle of Japan. Campsite is very small village located in South part of Ishikawa prefecture. There are rice fields, historical shrine, and beautiful nature. (https://goo.gl/maps/JBr8Py5WowS2)								
8. Terminal	Meeting place is "Komatsu station". Nearest Domestic airport is "Komatsu". The closest International airport is Osaka (Kansai). It takes 4 hours by express train. From Tokyo (Narita/Haneda), 5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by night bus (you need to arrive by afternoon of the day before the first day). On last day, you can leave campsite around noon.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to work hard and seriously and enjoy simple countryside life. Need idea for local revitalization. Speaking Japanese language is welcomed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25S-1020A	Maki & Tateya 5	Nagano	Japan	10/20	11/02	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	8	18	99
1. Summary	Organic farming and nature life in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way. Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. Over 10 people were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more! Tateya is located on the hilly (less than Maki, but still a bit isolated) area where 30-40 members live and mainly do rice farming as well as growing cows and chicken.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2024, we had 6 vols. from 6 countries who greatly contributed to the organic farming! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will stay and work in Maki for some days and Tateya in other days. The work will be mainly helping organic agriculture (cutting thatch, harvesting/ threshing rice, selecting beans, taking care of goats, cows and chicken) and also carrying the things from the town to Maki, renovating the trails on the way, helping the house works especially cooking, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard!								
4. Accommodation	Maki: Volunteers will sleep in a few rooms of the volunteers' house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, toilets and a bath room! They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members in the main building (just 30 meters far). Meals will be cooked by together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. Tateya: Building for volunteers and a few members, 5 min. walk from the farm. Meals will be usually cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Both are located in the beautiful places near "Japanese Northern Alps". Maki is in about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization. Tateya is surrounded by the farms and 40 min. walk from the train station.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo (NRT or HNH). From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 5 hours by express bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo by the end of Oct. 19 and can leave there from the beginning of Nov. 03.								
9. Requirement	Volunteers need to have high motivation and patience to keep the hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place and to respect the way of the local host. No special skills nor experiences are needed. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	9,000 JPY (54 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ .								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

6. LMTV - Long and Mid Term Projects (in Japan)

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- * LMTV is a voluntary service project which duration is over 1 month (**30 or more days**) that can be separately called MTV for 1-6 months (30-182 days) and LTV over 6 months (183 or more days).
- * Many projects are **Individual** volunteering type (**LMTI**) while some are **Workcamps** type (**LMTW**).

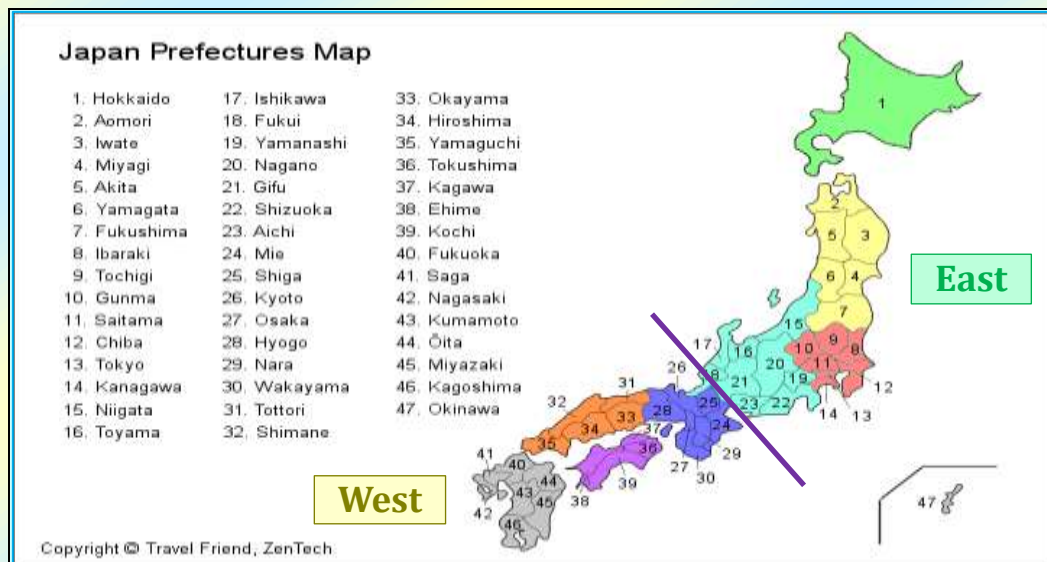
6-1) On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars

Volunteers of LMTI (individual type) usually need to join both On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars unless there are special circumstances and exceptionally agreed by NICE. Vols. for LMTW (workcamp type) can usually have Arrival Orientation and Evaluation Meeting in the project sites.

The places and dates of the seminars are divided depending on your project location (with some exceptions) and usually organized in the weekend for 2 days every 12 weeks in each region;

- 😊 Join “**East**” for Projects in the eastern part of Japan (**Prefecture no. 1-23** of the map below) usually at NICE house/ office in Yokohama (Kanagawa), but sometimes other places around Tokyo.
- 😊 Join “**West**” for Projects in the western part of Japan (**Prefecture no. 24-47** of the map below) usually at NICE House West in Tondabayashi (Osaka), but sometimes other places around Osaka.
- 😊 Some projects which periods are limited have cross over (East Seminar for Western projects and vice versa) for On Arrival and/ or Evaluation Seminar to give more chance of flexible length. For 2025, this applies to Maki, Tateya and Kurogi.

Area	2025				2026				
East	Feb. 08-09	May 03-04	Jul. 26-27	Nov. 16-17	Jan. 10-11	Apr. 04-05	Jun. 27-28	Sep. 19-20	Dec. 13-14
West	Mar. 22-23	Jun. 14-15	Sep. 06-07	Nov. 29-30	Feb. 21-22	May 16-17	Aug. 08-09	Oct. 31-Nov. 01	



* The meals and accommodation during the seminars are included in your NICE Volunteers Fee. Other cost such as drinking, sweet, transportation to/ from the place need to be paid by the vols.

* By mixing two seminars in the same places and time together, we expect that the ones joining Evaluation can advise and support the last minutes preparation of the ones for On Arrival! Thus, we also mix them with Pre Departure and After Coming Back Seminars of Japanese vols. for Projects in Japan/ the world for both short and long terms, so you can enjoy exchange with them!

* The typical schedule is as follows (but can be changed each time). The details will be sent together with the Info. sheets by 28 days before the project start.

Day 1		Day 2	
12:00-13:00	Orientation with Lunch	08:00-09:00	Cooking, Breakfast
13:00-16:00	Voluntary work (Gardening, etc.)	09:00-09:50	Workshop 2 (Expectation & fear)
16:00-18:00	Workshop 1 (Testimony, Safety, etc.)	10:00-10:50	Workshop 3 (Problem solving)
18:00-20:00	Cooking, Dinner, Shower, Cleaning	11:00-11:50	Workshop 4 (Impact goals)
20:00-22:00	Discussion and Exchange party	12:00-12:30	Evaluation, Cleaning

6-2) Summery List of Projects

Click each Project name to jump into the detailed description!

Code	Project name	Location	Start	End	Period	Theme	SDGs
NICE-25L-HK	Hakodate	Hokkaido	05/03	10/19	3 periods	SOCI, AGRI	2,10
NICE-25L-ST	Shintoku	Hokkaido	02/08	26/09/20	16 periods	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2,10
NICE-25L-YC	Yoichi	Hokkaido	02/08	26/09/20	16 periods	ENVI, MANU	11,15
NICE-25L-AI	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	02/08	26/09/20	16 periods	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	4,10
NICE-25L-MK	Maki	Nagano	03/22	11/30	21 periods	CULT	16
NICE-25L-TT	Tateya	Nagano	03/22	10/19	15 periods	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-25L-AK	Akame	Mie	03/22	26/11/01	16 periods	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2,10
NICE-25L-GS	Gose	Nara	03/22	26/11/01	16 periods	ENVI, EDUC	4,15
NICE-25L-OI	Oi	Tokushima	03/22	26/11/01	16 periods	AGRI, ENVI	2,15
NICE-25L-SH	Shinmachi	Tokushima	03/22	26/11/01	16 periods	AGRI, MANU	2,11
NICE-25L-IK	Ikata	Ehime	03/22	26/11/01	16 periods	EDUC, MANU	4,11
NICE-25L-KR	Kurogi	Fukuoka	04/16	11/30	20 periods	AGRI	2

* Location: **Green letters** = Projects in East, **Yellow letters** = Projects in West

* Start/ End: **Green** = Start/ End with the Seminars in Yokohama. **Yellow** = Start/ End with the Seminars in Osaka.
Yellow green = Mix (Yokohama or Osaka depending on the period)

< How to count the fee >

Days	Period (M/D)	Months	Fee (JPY)	In EUR #
44	03/22-05/04, 05/03-06/15, 06/14-07/27, 07/26-09/07, 09/06-10/19, 10/18-11/30	2	36,000	220
86	02/08-05/04, 05/03-07/27, 07/26-10/19, 10/18-26/01/11, 03/22-06/15, 06/14-09/07, 09/06-11/30, 11/29-26/02/22	3	54,000	330
128	03/22-07/27, 05/03-09/07, 06/14-10/19, 07/26-11/30	5	72,000	440
170	02/08-07/27, 05/03-10/19, 07/26-26/01/11, 10/18-26/04/05, 03/22-09/07, 06/14-11/30, 09/06-26/02/22, 11/29-26/05/17	6	81,000	495
212	03/22-10/19, 05/03-11/30	8	99,000	605
254	02/08-10/19, 05/03-26/01/11, 07/26-26/04/05, 10/18-26/06/28, 03/22-11/30, 06/14-26/02/22, 09/06-26/05/17, 11/29-26/08/09	9	108,000	660
338	02/08-26/01/11, 05/03-26/04/05, 07/26-26/06/28, 10/18-26/09/20, 03/22-26/02/22, 06/14-26/05/17, 09/06-26/08/09, 11/29-26/11/01	12	135,000	825

Fee should be paid in JPY. "In EUR" is calculated by the rate of 24/11/11 and could be changed by the exchange rate.

* Theme

AGRI: Agriculture

ANIM: Work with animals

ARCH: Archaeology

ART: Artistic

CONS: Construction

CULT: Cultural

DISA: Disabled ("Challenged")

EDU: Teaching, Awareness

ELDE: Work with Elderly

ENVI: Environmental

FEST: Festival

KIDS: Work with Kids

LEAD: Project leading

MANU: Manual

REFU: Work with refugees

RENO: Renovation

SOCI: Social

SPORT: Sports




STUD: Study, Research

FAM: targeting Family




TEEN: targeting Teenagers

6-3) Detailed Project Description

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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25L-HK01	Hakodate	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	10/19	SOCI, AGRI	3	18	99
NICE-25L-HK02	Hakodate	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	07/27	SOCI, AGRI	3	18	99
NICE-25L-HK03	Hakodate	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	10/19	SOCI, AGRI	3	18	99
1. Summary	Workcamp type of LMTV! Let's empower the foreigners living in Japan and the citizen farm in the beautiful Hokkaido land with various tasty food!!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with HIF=Hokkaido International Foundation (since 2022 here). HIF was founded in 1984 and has developed various types of projects such as 1) Children's cafeteria to support economically disadvantaged children, 2) Events and seminars to promote SDGs and international cooperation, 3) Citizen farm, etc. in addition to 4) the international exchange programs such as homestay. Thus, the director has hosted the international workcamps from 2004 to 2019 in Onuma to protect the lake and to activate the local community. Many of the foreigners living in Japan are having various types of difficulties (isolation, poor access to the information and service, etc.). We believe, the inclusive society makes not only them, but also everybody happier! And the agriculture in Japan is facing to the serious crisis of the lack of working power (average age of the farmers is 68!). *Outcome of this project: 3 vols. joined the 6 months workcamp in 2022 that has greatly supported the family immigrated from Afghanistan.								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly 1) Support the life and the language of the foreign residents and students, 2) Do the agricultural work and also assist the families coming to the citizen farm run by HIF) and possibly 3) Search for the community challenges and the way to solve them as well as helping other projects of HIF, cleaning Onuma lake and assisting the local festivals.								
4. Accommodation	The house rent for the volunteers. Volunteers will share the rooms and cook the meals by turn (Vegetarian is possible if it's prepared by volunteer self). Wifi is available. No smoking.								
5. Study theme	Various opportunities to see, exchange and learn:)								
6. Other activities	One week off may be possible if the volunteers would like to enjoy going around Hokkaido (the period needs to be confirmed with the host).								
7. Location	Hakodate city is one of the most popular tourist spots in Hokkaido and Japan with the romantic night view, morning market to taste the sea food, historical sites such as Goryokaku. It is also the economic capital of the southern part of Hokkaido while it is also having a serious depopulation issue.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Hakodate for domestic and Sapporo (CTS) for international flights. Volunteers usually fly from Tokyo to Hakodate. They need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport (NRT or HND) by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave Tokyo airport after 18:00 on the ending day.								
9. Requirement	Strong motivation to work with the foreigners and in the farm. Respect to the local and international ways and cultures. Good level of English speaking skills as well as strong motivation to learn and speak Japanese language is needed. Skills of teaching Japanese and agriculture can be useful!								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (108 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 3rd) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).								
11. Language	English and Japanese. Some staff of HIF can speak good English.								
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama. Website of HIF: https://www.hif.or.jp/								
Picture (Area)			Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)			
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25L-ST01	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	02/08	05/04	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST02	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	02/08	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST03	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	02/08	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST04	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	02/08	26/01/11	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST05	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST06	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST07	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	26/01/11	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST08	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	26/04/05	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST09	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST10	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	26/01/11	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST11	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	26/04/05	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST12	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	26/06/28	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST13	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/01/11	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST14	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/04/05	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST15	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/06/28	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
NICE-25L-ST16	Shintoku	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/09/20	AGRI, ENVI, CONS	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's enjoy organic farming with various members in the cooperative community in the beautiful nature of Hokkaido! They got the best prize for the World contest of mountain cheese!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha (since 1998 here), a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Shintoku and grow animals and vegetables in an ecological, organic way.</p> <p>At Shintoku farm in Hokkaido, they grow cows, pigs, vegetables with utilizing bacterium and produce various types of milk products as well as running the cafe (soft cream and cakes are so yummy!) which is a popular spot for the local people and tourists. Their cheese got the best prize in the World contest for the mountain cheese! The project has been revived this year since 2019.</p> <p>*Outcome of this project: So many vols. have joined this community and greatly contributed both physically and mentally. There is even a case to marry one of the community members:) Please see the long term goal of this project as "Local SDGs" at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/n0-68540773 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will, together with the community members, mainly do 1) Agricultural work (planting, weeding, cultivating and harvesting of the organic vegetables, taking care of animals, cleaning the animal houses, etc.), 2) House work (cooking and cleanings) and possibly 3) Assisting the cheese production, running the cafeteria, handcrafts and textiles. Be ready to do what will be needed!								
4. Accommodation	Share the rooms in the facility which the community members live in. Cooking with the members by turn (Vegetarian is possible if it's prepared by volunteer self). Wifi is available.								
5. Study theme	Learn about organic farming, taking care of animals such as cows, chickens. Learn a group work with various types of people.								
6. Other activities	Monthly birthday parties. Sightseeing (hot springs, famous places in this area).								
7. Location	Shintoku town is an agricultural country side with big scale of nature and farms, at the foot of "Mt. Milk" and located in the center of Hokkaido island, near Obihiro and 120 km east of Sapporo. -20 degree in winter and 20 in summer.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Obihiro for domestic and Sapporo (CTS) for international flights. From CTS to the meeting point (Shintoku station), it takes 2 hours by express train. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport (NRT or HND) by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave Tokyo airport after 18:00 on the ending day.								

9. Requirement	Only female! Motivation letter is needed. Interest and motivation to work and live in this type of community. Respect to their life. Some levels of Japanese speaking skills as well as high motivation to learn and speak Japanese language is needed. Skills of agriculture or construction can be useful!	
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (108 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 3rd) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).	
11. Language	English and Japanese. Not many members can speak basic English (while the leader of the farm can speak very fluently!), so you will communicate with them in mixing simple English and Japanese.	
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama. Shintoku Farm website= https://www.kyodogakusha.org/ (only in Japanese)	
Picture (Area)	Picture (Work)	Picture (Accommodation)
		




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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25L-YC01	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	02/08	05/04	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC02	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	02/08	07/27	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC03	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	02/08	10/19	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC04	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	02/08	26/01/11	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC05	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	07/27	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC06	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	10/19	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC07	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	26/01/11	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC08	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	05/03	26/04/05	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC09	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	10/19	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC10	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	26/01/11	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC11	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	26/04/05	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC12	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	07/26	26/06/28	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC13	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/01/11	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC14	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/04/05	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC15	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/06/28	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
NICE-25L-YC16	Yoichi	Hokkaido	Japan	10/18	26/09/20	ENVI, MANU	1	18	99
1. Summary	Working as a staff of the eco village in the beautiful Hokkaido. Let's create sustainability of our healthy lifestyle and community!								

2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGS15 (Life on Land), organized together with Hokkaido Eco-village Promotion Project (HEPP) since 2015. They started to promote "sustainability of our lifestyle and community", to create better environmental and social model for next generation in Hokkaido since 2012. They want to produce necessities that are needed for our daily life (foods, energy, etc.) by themselves as much as they can, and want to share them to the local area. They provide various chances to learn comprehensive skill and knowledge about "sustainable development" by organizing training programs and events for the local adults and kids. They also aim at connecting urban area and rural area, producers and consumers and to contribute local revitalization. They restarted to welcome the international volunteers from 2022 summer and 2 vols. from UK did nice job for one month!</p> <p>*Outcome of this project: In 2024, 6 vols. from UK greatly contributed to their farming and other activities as well as the mental empowerment of the host!</p>
3. Work	<p>Volunteers will work for around 36 hours a week (08:00-11:00/ 13:30-16:30) with one day off mainly to 1) do organic farming such as growing seedlings, seeding, weeding, thinning, harvesting, etc. or clear the snow in the winter, 2) help the vineyard and food production of wine, vegetables and fruits, 3) help the farm nearby, 4) Help to prepare and run the local events and promote HEPP through SNS, 5) maintain the facilities to make comfortable environment for the visitors including maintenance of eco toilets and weeding, 5) cook the meals for the visitors and staff, etc.</p>
4. Accommodation	<p>Shared room in the main house or a container house (male and female are separated). Cooking with the local and members by turn, vegetarian food is possible. There is limited wifi.</p>
5. Study theme	<p>Theory and various practices of the sustainable living style</p>
6. Other activities	<p>Joining the local festivals, exchange with local people, short trip (hot springs, famous places)</p>
7. Location	<p>Located next to the city of Otaru, Yoichi is a place where one can fully enjoy Hokkaido tourism, from history and nature tourism to fruit fields and fresh seafood. There is the famous Nikka Whiskey factory.</p>
8. Terminal	<p>The nearest airport is New Chitose (CTS) in Hokkaido from which it takes 2 hours to the project by train and bus. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport (NRT or HND) by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave Tokyo airport after 18:00 on the ending day.</p>
9. Requirement	<p>Motivation letter is needed. Good level of speaking for the daily conversations of English or Japanese is needed. Skills of driving a car (valid in Japan), maintenance of the agricultural machines, experience of work in the tourism/ hotels are not needed, but useful! Having work experience is desirable. Strong physical health, open mind to actively exchange with others, good cooking skills, PC skills and loving team work/ collective life are also welcomed!</p>
10. Participation fee	<p>18,000 JPY (108 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 3rd) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).</p>
11. Language	<p>English. The local host can speak English fluently. Japanese is also welcomed!</p>
12. Other	<p>The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama. HEPP website=http://ecovillage.greenwebs.net/english.html</p>




Picture (Area)	Picture (Work)	Picture (Accommodation)
		

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NICE-25L-AI01	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	02/08	05/04	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI02	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	02/08	07/27	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI03	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	02/08	10/19	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI04	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	02/08	26/01/11	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI05	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	05/03	07/27	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI06	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	05/03	10/19	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI07	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	05/03	26/01/11	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI08	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	05/03	26/04/05	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI09	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	07/26	10/19	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI10	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	07/26	26/01/11	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI11	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	07/26	26/04/05	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI12	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	07/26	26/06/28	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI13	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	10/18	26/01/11	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI14	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	10/18	26/04/05	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI15	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	10/18	26/06/28	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AI16	Aizu Wakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	10/18	26/09/20	SOCI, CHIL, EDUC	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's create a place for learning together with children who have difficulties in life do to various circumstances!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 1 (no poverty) and SDGs 4 (Quality Education), organized together with a local NPO, Terakoya Hojoshya since 2008 that aims to create a diverse learning environment that places children at the center and aims to promote children's participation in society. Their mission is to support 'Children's participation in society' and create a happy future for children. A characteristic of the learning at Terakoya Hojosya is that it attends to children's interests. The aim to create a happy future with children, each and every one of whom is important. In their all projects, it is importance on approving and affirming children and fostering a sense of self-affirmation, which is the children's energy, through their connections with others.								
3. Work	1) Supporting children's activities at affiliated kindergartens. 2) Learning support and cooking assistance at the Kodomo shokudo(The place where kids can eat for free or at a low cost with other people.). Specifically, homework and subject learning is provided to about 15 primary and junior high school students. They also assist in cooking dinner together with the staff. 3) Supporting for nature activities for kids(playing outside, cooking meals, preparing activities, etc.). Especially on weekends and during long holidays.								
4. Accommodation	Shared rooms in accommodation owned by the organization. It is different place with activity place. Men and women separated room. Cooking by yourself. Staffs also stay at the facility. No wifi in the accommodation (but there is wifi in activity place).								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of alternative school, children's social participation, child poverty in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, castle, famous places here).								
7. Location	Aizu Wakamatsu city is called Samurai city. It is located in the eastern part of the Aizu region of Fukushima prefecture. It is the central city of Aizu region, surrounded by rich nature, including Mt. Bandai and Lake Inawashiro and blessed with natural scenery. The organization is located in an area with an atmosphere of Taisho era Romanticism. Winter season (Dec.-Mar.) is quite cold, so vols. need to bring warm cloths.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 5 hours by train and bus to the meeting point in Fukushima pref. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave Tokyo airport after 18:00 on the ending day.								




9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Volunteers need to have some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation), respect to the local culture and way of the local organization, positive attitude to communicate with children, being Interested alternative school, children's social patriation and child poverty, high motivation to work hard, open mind, cooperation with others.	
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (108 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 3rd) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).	
11. Language	Japanese	
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama.	
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NICE-25L-MK01	Maki	Nagano	Japan	03/22	05/04	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK02	Maki	Nagano	Japan	03/22	06/15	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK03	Maki	Nagano	Japan	03/22	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK04	Maki	Nagano	Japan	03/22	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK05	Maki	Nagano	Japan	03/22	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK06	Maki	Nagano	Japan	03/22	11/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK07	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/03	06/15	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK08	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/03	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK09	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/03	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK10	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/03	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK11	Maki	Nagano	Japan	05/03	11/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK12	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/14	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK13	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/14	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK14	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/14	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK15	Maki	Nagano	Japan	06/14	11/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK16	Maki	Nagano	Japan	07/26	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK17	Maki	Nagano	Japan	07/26	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK18	Maki	Nagano	Japan	07/26	11/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK19	Maki	Nagano	Japan	09/06	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK20	Maki	Nagano	Japan	09/06	11/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-MK21	Maki	Nagano	Japan	10/18	11/30	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's preserve way of traditional Japanese life in mountain area!								

2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha (since 2000 here), a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in an ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. Over 10 people incl. 2 families were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2023, we had 4 short term workcamps and 1 LMTV project with 13 vols. who greatly contributed to their protecting the houses, farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>	
3. Work	<p>Volunteers mainly work for organic agriculture (cultivation, seeding, weeding, harvesting, taking care of goats, cows and chicken, making their feeds) and also carrying the things from the town to Maki, renovating the houses and trails on the way, constructing a hut, helping the house works especially cooking, etc. It's important and necessary to actively join the daily meeting and actively share the collective life. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard. It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!</p>	
4. Accommodation	<p>Volunteers will live in the main house that is a very beautiful cultural heritage and equips the basic facilities such as water, electricity, kitchen, toilets and a bath room! Single room can be provided. They will have meals, meetings and social life with Kyodo Gakusha members. Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the members by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. There is no wifi.</p>	
5. Study theme	<p>Similar type of communities in each country and their networking</p>	
6. Other activities	<p>Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.</p>	
7. Location	<p>Maki is located in the beautiful place near "Japanese Northern Alps", at about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization.</p>	
8. Terminal	<p>The nearest airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours to the project by train and bus. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival (in Yokohama for MK07-11, 16-18, 21 and Osaka for MK01-06, 12-15, 19, 20) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for MK01, 03, 05, 08, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19 and Osaka for MK02, 04, 06, 07, 09, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21), so firstly should arrive at/ leave NRT or HND if the seminar is in Yokohama and KIX if it is in Osaka, by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave there after 18:00 on the ending day.</p>	
9. Requirement	<p>Motivation letter is needed! Volunteers need to have some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation) and high motivation and patience to keep hard, long and important work in the very isolated, natural place, to respect the way of the local host and to learn and speak Japanese language is needed. No special skills nor experiences are needed.</p>	
10. Participation fee	<p>18,000 JPY (108 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 3rd) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).</p>	
11. Language	<p>Japanese and English (a few of the local host can speak basic English)</p>	
12. Other	<p>The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama or Osaka. The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/.</p>	
Picture (Area)	Picture (Work)	Picture (Accommodation)
		




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NICE-25L-TT01	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	03/22	05/04	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT02	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	03/22	06/15	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT03	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	03/22	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT04	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	03/22	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT05	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	03/22	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT06	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	05/03	06/15	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT07	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	05/03	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT08	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	05/03	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT09	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	05/03	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT10	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	06/14	07/27	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT11	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	06/14	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT12	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	06/14	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT13	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	07/26	09/07	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT14	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	07/26	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
NICE-25L-TT15	Tateya	Nagano	Japan	09/06	10/19	AGRI, ENVI, SOCI	5	18	99
1. Summary	Organic farming in the wonderful community with challenged people and beautiful nature. Feel and appreciate the values of food and life!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha (since 2015 here), a cooperative community where about people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who wants to learn farming, just want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Tokyo, Nagano and Hokkaido and grow animals and vegetables in an ecological, organic way with utilizing bacterium and charcoal. Tateya Farm has 40 members and NICE started LMTV projects here since 2014. NICE also organizes workcamps and LMTV projects in Maki and Shintoku farms of Kyodo Gakusha.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2023, 1 mid term volunteer for 2 months greatly contributed to harvest rice which was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! There was also nice exchange between Community people and vols. through Yoga and Mindfulness. Please see the presentation of the camp leader for the IVS contest in Japan https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e4-54764427 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will help their organic farm (harvesting/ threshing rice, planting vegetables, taking care of animals, etc.) and their house work especially cooking. Volunteers will also carry the things in the mountain to the Maki farm and harvest rice there. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard. It'd be surely good exercise to make your body more healthy!								
4. Accommodation	Shared room in the building for the volunteers and a few members, 5 min. walk from the farm. Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the community people by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary. There is limited Wifi.								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Otari village is a small village located in the region of stunning natural beauty in the northern part of Nagano Prefecture, Japan. It is beautiful village near "Japanese Northern Alps". It takes 40-50 min. by foot from Minami-Otari, the nearest train station.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokyo (NRT or HND) from which it takes 7 hours to the project by train and bus. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival (in Yokohama for TT06-09, 13, 14 and Osaka for TT01-05, 10-12, 15) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for TT01, 03, 05, 07, 09, 10, 12, 14, 15 and Osaka for TT02, 04, 06, 08, 11, 13), so firstly should arrive at/ leave NRT or HND if the seminar is in Yokohama and KIX if it is in Osaka, by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave there after 18:00 on the ending day.								

9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed. Volunteers need to have good level of speaking for the daily conversations of English or Japanese and high motivation and patience to keep the hard, long and important work in the natural place, to respect the way of the local host and to learn and speak Japanese language is needed. No special skills nor experiences are needed.	
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (108 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 3rd) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).	
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)	
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama or Osaka.	
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NICE-25L-AK01	Akame	Mie	Japan	03/22	06/15	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK02	Akame	Mie	Japan	03/22	09/07	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK03	Akame	Mie	Japan	03/22	11/30	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK04	Akame	Mie	Japan	03/22	26/02/22	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK05	Akame	Mie	Japan	06/14	09/07	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK06	Akame	Mie	Japan	06/14	11/30	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK07	Akame	Mie	Japan	06/14	26/02/22	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK08	Akame	Mie	Japan	06/14	26/05/17	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK09	Akame	Mie	Japan	09/06	11/30	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK10	Akame	Mie	Japan	09/06	26/02/22	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK11	Akame	Mie	Japan	09/06	26/05/17	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK12	Akame	Mie	Japan	09/06	26/08/09	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK13	Akame	Mie	Japan	11/29	26/02/22	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK14	Akame	Mie	Japan	11/29	26/05/17	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK15	Akame	Mie	Japan	11/29	26/08/09	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-AK16	Akame	Mie	Japan	11/29	26/11/01	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's conserve SATOYAMA and sustainable life in mountain area!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with a local environmental NPO, Akame no SATOYAMA wo Sodateru Kai (ASSK) since 1999. Since this area is close from big cities Osaka and Nagoya, there were plans to build a golf field and an incinerator, but local people stopped those plans by the movement called National Trust. They founded the group in 1996 to collect donations to buy and protect lands, to accept people who want to enjoy nature, to maintain forests, to create a pond for dragonflies, to host national corps meeting, etc. SATOYAMA needs to be maintained by humans for its biodiversity and water adjustment function. Our ancestors had protected and utilized the forest in ecological and sustainable way, which was neglected by modernization. We will try to revive it by global voluntary power!!								

3. Work	Volunteers will do various types of activities such as 1) Forest conservation (cutting trees, branches and maintaining the footpaths, etc.), 2) Agricultural work (taking care of the chickens raised by the free range farming, slaughtering too old chickens (#), harvesting and packaging mushrooms, etc.) and 3) Organizing some environmental events (e.g., to collect edible wild plants, nature observation) in the mountains. #: It's hard for ASSK to keep feeding too old chickens since they don't bear the eggs anymore and feeding is quite costly. Most chicken farms ask the special company to just kill and "throw away" as if they are rubbish with paying 15 yen per chicken, but ASSK does not support this and eats by themselves with deeply appreciating to their value of life.
4. Accommodation	Small traditional house, on the premises of ASSK. Volunteers will cook the meals by themselves.
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of conserving SATOYAMA and solving the environmental
6. Other activities	Many opportunities to learn the local wisdom. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places
7. Location	Kami-mitani area of Nabari city, 60 km from Osaka. There are famous falls nearby many hikers visit.
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX) or Nagoya (NGO). To the meeting point, it takes 2-3 hours by train from the both airports. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so firstly should arrive at KIX by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day.
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation). High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language and work hard with simple mountain life in a remote area without colleagues. Respect for the local culture and way of the local organization. Interests in environment issues. Open mind and flexibility.
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (108 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 3rd) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).
11. Language	Japanese and English. The daily communication will be done by mixing simple English and Japanese.
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.




Picture (Area)	Picture (Work)	Picture (Accommodation)
		

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25L-GS01	Gose	Nara	Japan	03/22	06/15	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS02	Gose	Nara	Japan	03/22	09/07	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS03	Gose	Nara	Japan	03/22	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS04	Gose	Nara	Japan	03/22	26/02/22	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS05	Gose	Nara	Japan	06/14	09/07	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS06	Gose	Nara	Japan	06/14	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS07	Gose	Nara	Japan	06/14	26/02/22	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS08	Gose	Nara	Japan	06/14	26/05/17	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS09	Gose	Nara	Japan	09/06	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS10	Gose	Nara	Japan	09/06	26/02/22	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS11	Gose	Nara	Japan	09/06	26/05/17	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS12	Gose	Nara	Japan	09/06	26/08/09	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS13	Gose	Nara	Japan	11/29	26/02/22	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS14	Gose	Nara	Japan	11/29	26/05/17	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS15	Gose	Nara	Japan	11/29	26/08/09	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
NICE-25L-GS16	Gose	Nara	Japan	11/29	26/11/01	AGRI, ENVI	1	18	99
1. Summary	Working hard and healthy with an organic farmer who conserves beautiful culture and scenery in the countryside of Japan!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized with Sugiura Farm since 2017 that engages in organic farming for pursuing food safety and an environmental-friendly society. The owner of this farm is Mr. Sugiura, who is the only a man taking care of 2 hectares of farmland abandoned by local people. The local people became too old to keep working on the farm. Mr. Sugiura cultivates, harvests crops, even makes fertilizer and processes the harvest into products. He is working not only for crops, but also for conserving the environment and the beautiful scenery of living fields in the countryside of Japan.								
3. Work	Volunteers will engaged in terraced rice field conservation and pesticide-free agriculture in the devastated mountainous areas. 1) Management and harvesting of organic vegetables and rice. 2) Crop production in terraced rice paddies. 3) Restoration of deserted terraced rice paddies and abandoned farmland. 4) Planning and management of events to promote organic crops.								
4. Accommodation	Volunteers stay at an old Japanese house next to the local host's. The kitchen and shower are shared with the local host. Volunteers cook by themselves. Smoking is not allowed. A cat and dog is kept around the house.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of organic farming.								
6. Other activities	Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, temples and shrines).								
7. Location	It is located in Gose city, Nara pref. which is about 50 km southeast of Osaka.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Osaka (KIX) or Nagoya (NGO). To the meeting point, it takes 2 hours by train from the both airports. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so firstly should arrive at KIX by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day.								
9. Requirement	High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language, to work hard with simple mountain life in a remote area. Respect for the local culture and way of the local organization. Interests in agriculture.								
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (108 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 3rd) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).								




11. Language	English and Japanese. The local host speaks English.	
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.	
Picture (Area)	Picture (Work)	Picture (Accommodation)
		

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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25L-OI01	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	03/22	06/15	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI02	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	03/22	09/07	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI03	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	03/22	11/30	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI04	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	03/22	26/02/22	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI05	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	09/07	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI06	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	11/30	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI07	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	26/02/22	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI08	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	26/05/17	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI09	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	11/30	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI10	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	26/02/22	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI11	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	26/05/17	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI12	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	26/08/09	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI13	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/02/22	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI14	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/05/17	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI15	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/08/09	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-OI16	Oi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/11/01	AGRI, MANU	5	18	99
1. Summary	Supporting a village next to Kakurin-ji temple with agriculture and revitalization of the community!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), organized together with the local group since 2019. This village has been welcoming "ohenro (pilgrims)" who visit 88 temples in Shikoku since long time ago.</p> <p>The pilgrims walk through this village before visiting "Kakurin-ji temple"; the 20th temple out of 88 temples of the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage. However, there are problems which should be solved such as aging and depopulation of the community these days, and locals haven't been able to find solutions for those problems. On the other hand, since more and more people from overseas visit for the Shikoku Ohenro Pilgrimage, locals are trying to find new ways for "omotenashi (hospitality)".</p> <p>Volunteers who have been working on the project have come up with ideas for the reuse of vacant and abandoned land and houses. It is up to the volunteers' creative ideas how to develop the community. The aim is for the volunteer members to clean up the abandoned houses and village landscape and transform it into a village that people will want to visit to take photos, as it used to be a village where people came and went since ancient times.</p>								










3. Work	1)Harvesting and shipping the Japanese star anise (shikimi).[Aug/Sep/Dec] 2) Supporting for harvesting and picking up sudachi (Japanese citrus fruit) [Apr/Aug/Sep] 3) Plantings Sudachi in new fields to maintain the declining sudachi production due to the aging farmer's population[Mar] 4)Supporting for activities such as writing English guides in various places in the town for foreign pilgrims. 5) Cleaning of vacant houses, support for carrying out furniture, pruning of cedar cypress branches in abandoned mountain forests, picking up plastic rubbish from the sea and river, and utilization of vacant houses. 6) Maintenance of Asagimadara flying sites, maintenance of firefly flying sites 7)International exchange with the few children in the community.	
4. Accommodation	Home staying at local farmhouses. All meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NOT necessary.	
5. Study theme	Finding ways for sustainability of a depopulated village, Pass down the "osettai" culture to the next	
6. Other activities	Visiting &Hiking around Kakurin-ji temple.	
7. Location	Oi-cho, Anan city, Tokushima pref.	
8. Terminal	The nearest int'l airport is Kansai (Osaka). From Osaka to the meeting point in Anan city, it takes 4 hours by highway bus & train. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so firstly should arrive at KIX by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day.	
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with local people!	
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (108 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 3rd) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).	
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)*The local host and assistant speaks English well.	
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka. Video about Kakurin-ji temple https://youtu.be/V2vX5Ik4ASM .	
Picture (Area)	Picture (Work)	Picture (Accommodation)
		

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-25L-SH01	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	03/22	06/15	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH02	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	03/22	09/07	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH03	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	03/22	11/30	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH04	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	03/22	26/02/22	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH05	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	09/07	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH06	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	11/30	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH07	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	26/02/22	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH08	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	06/14	26/05/17	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH09	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	11/30	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH10	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	26/02/22	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH11	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	26/05/17	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH12	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	09/06	26/08/09	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH13	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/02/22	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH14	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/05/17	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH15	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/08/09	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
NICE-25L-SH16	Shinmachi	Tokushima	Japan	11/29	26/11/01	EDUC, MANU	5	18	99
1. Summary	Creating the opportunity of international exchange for local children !								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 4 (Quality Education), SDGs 11 (Sustainable city and Communities) organized together with a local NPO, Bizan Daigaku (B.D.) since 2019. B.D. is an NPO dedicated to improving Tokushima area through various volunteer activities. Its initiatives include city landscape maintenance projects, such as planting and maintaining flower beds in the community, as well as cleaning rivers by boats. We also engage with local elementary schools and children's centers to foster connections with kids, and we actively join with community events and activities. The children who live in countryside face to have few opportunity to communicate with foreign people compared with city. They want to change the situation and activate both of children and the situation of education for cultural exchange through activities with volunteers.								
3. Work	Visiting the local Child center and kindergarten, volunteers play with local students and kids. For example, playing game, helping their homework etc. Supporting B.D. activities Flower Road project (Watering flowers, maintaining flower on the road). Joining in various kind of local events which BD supports.								
4. Accommodation	Staying in local apartment house. Share room with other volunteers. Shower room in each rooms. Volunteers need to prepare for breakfast by themselves. Lunch and dinner are usually cooked by themselves, sometimes provided from the local.								
5. Study theme	Volunteer have opportunities to communicate with local people, to join local events a lot.								
6. Other activities	Awa Odori Festival on August, Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese culture, etc. Join the local events etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	Tokushima City, capital of Tokushima Prefecture, has a population of about 260,000. The city is in northern Tokushima Prefecture where the Yoshino River and its tributaries create a delta.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Tokushima for domestic. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so firstly should arrive at Osaka airport (KIX) by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day. It takes 3 hours from Osaka to Tokushima by bus.								
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language. Respect for the local cultures and way of the local organization. It's also better if volunteer have experience of taking care of children.								

10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (108 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 3rd) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).	
11. Language	English and Japanese. When volunteers communicate with children, mainly language is Japanese.	
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.	
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NICE-25L-IK01	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	03/22	06/15	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK02	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	03/22	09/07	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK03	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	03/22	11/30	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK04	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	03/22	26/02/22	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK05	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	06/14	09/07	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK06	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	06/14	11/30	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK07	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	06/14	26/02/22	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK08	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	06/14	26/05/17	AGRI	2	18	99
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NICE-25L-IK10	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	09/06	26/02/22	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK11	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	09/06	26/05/17	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK12	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	09/06	26/08/09	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK13	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	11/29	26/02/22	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK14	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	11/29	26/05/17	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK15	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	11/29	26/08/09	AGRI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-IK16	Ikata	Ehime	Japan	11/29	26/11/01	AGRI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's support mandarin farming in edge of peninsula!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), organized together with Kikuya Community Group (KCG) since 2008, formed by the local young people to think of the future of their small village. Ikata is famous for its main industry of mandarins farming, but has been facing depopulation, lack of workers and aging society since most of young people leave the town. So, the number of abandoned mandarin farms is increasing and the town is losing its tradition, life, custom and scenery. KCG strongly hopes to host vols. to work together to animate the town and revive the farms.								
3. Work	Volunteers will help mandarin farming (It is the main work!! Harvesting, taking care of trees, cutting grass etc., it depend on season! Especially, Nov. to April. is hard!!), support local youth club (If you have chance) and create new activities to animate the town.								
4. Accommodation	Shared room (male and female are separated) at the volunteer's house. It is traditional Japanese style house. Volunteers will cook by themselves.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will have opportunities learning organic mandarin farming.								

6. Other activities	Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).						
7. Location	In the edge of Sata Peninsula, surrounded by the sea, so fishing is also famous. There are only 30 houses in this community. The climate is relatively warm though it can be cold in winter.						
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Matsuyama for domestic and Osaka (KIX) for international flights. It takes 2.5 hours by bus from Matsuyama to the meeting point. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so firstly should arrive at KIX by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave KIX after 18:00 on the ending day.						
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation). High motivation to work hard and to learn and speak Japanese language. Respect for the local cultures and way of the local organization. Interests in agriculture. Be ready that work is for quite a long and hard.						
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (108 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 3rd) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).						
11. Language	Japanese and English						
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka.						
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NICE-25L-KR01	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/16	06/15	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR02	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/16	07/27	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR03	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/16	09/07	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR04	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/16	10/19	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR05	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	04/16	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR06	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/03	06/15	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR07	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/03	07/27	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR08	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/03	09/07	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR09	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/03	10/19	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR10	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	05/03	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR11	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/14	07/27	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR12	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/14	09/07	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR13	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/14	10/19	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR14	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	06/14	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR15	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	07/26	09/07	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR16	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	07/26	10/19	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR17	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	07/26	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR18	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	09/06	10/19	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR19	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	09/06	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
NICE-25L-KR20	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	10/18	11/30	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99

1. Summary	Let's make international volunteer movement to connect urban and rural areas!
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGS15 (Life on Land), organized together with Sansonjuku, founded in 1994, maintaining forest and step rice paddies through the projects which involve people from the city and local. They started 80-days of international workcamp with NICE since 2008 to make the footpath and maintain the forest. But in July 2012, the hardest rain ever attacked around this area. After that, it had serious damages from a flood. Their aim is to activate the community and sustain the program with young people from the world to conserve this rich nature and revival in this area!
3. Work	Volunteers will work on various types of activity related to agriculture such as 1) Cultivating rice (Ex. rice planting, cutting grass in terraced rice fields (Mainly from May to Nov.), 2) Helping local farm of green tea (May and Oct.), rice and vegetable (from May to Nov.), etc., 3) Supporting events of Sansojuku (Ex. promotion, preparation, supporting staffs, communicating with participants, clean up) and 4) Taking care of goats (everyday).
4. Accommodation	Egao no mori center (It was Kasahara-higashi elementary school until 2004). Volunteers cook by themselves.
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of how to conserve SATOYAMA, taking care of forest, organic farming.
6. Other activities	Other activities Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).
7. Location	Southern part of the Fukuoka prefecture. The Yame city is 482.53 km ² . There are so many tee trees and terraced paddy fields.
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Fukuoka. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival (in Yokohama for KR01-10, 15-17, 20 and Osaka for KR11-14, 18-19) and Evaluation Seminars (in Yokohama for KR02, 04, 07, 09, 11, 13, 16, 18 and Osaka for KR01, 03, 05, 06, 08, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20), so firstly should arrive at/leave NRT or HND if the seminar is in Yokohama and KIX if it is in Osaka, by 08:00 on the starting day and can leave there after 18:00 on the ending day.
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed! Volunteers need to have high motivation to learn and speak Japanese language, respect to the local culture and way of the local organization, high motivation to work hard and interests in environment issues and local development. Participants from some countries can stay for more than 90 days
10. Participation fee	18,000 JPY (108 EUR by the rate on 2024 Nov. 3rd) per month till the 3rd month and 9,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation and coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free. Odd days are counted as one month (e.g., 170 days are counted as 6 months).
11. Language	Japanese and English (the local host can speak some English), but Japanese speaker is in priority.
12. Other	The first and last 2 days are On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Yokohama or Osaka. The activity Blog: http://egaonomori.exblog.jp/



7. Projects outside Japan (STV)

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NICE has been actively working with “new” NGOs in Asia-Pacific where there had been no IVS projects or done by the specific networks exclusively. By co-organizing the pilot projects for some years, we share visions, values, know how and networks with those NGOs to enable to do it completely by themselves afterwards.

However, some of them keep co-organizing the projects with NICE which is still in charge of the recruitment of the international volunteers due to various circumstances (lack of human resources, etc.). So, please send the applications of your volunteers to “Outgoing” placement officer of NICE (out@nice1.gr.jp).

- For PLATO, our incoming placement officer keeps forwarding the applications internally, so no worry!

7-1) Summery List of Projects

(Laos and Malaysia) Click each Project name to jump into the detailed description!

Code	Project name	Location	Country	Start	End	Theme	SDGs
NICE-25Y-0209A	Vang Vieng 1	Vang Vieng	Laos	02/09	02/22	CONS, EDUC	4,11
NICE-25Y-0209D	YCK 1	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	02/09	02/22	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	4,10
NICE-25Y-0209G	Bening Saguling 1	Bandung	Indonesia	02/09	02/22	ENVI, EDUC	4,6
NICE-25Y-0210A	TFC 1	Kampot	Cambodia	02/10	02/22	ENVI	13,14
NICE-25Y-0213A	Mulyo Asri 1	Pekalongan	Indonesia	02/13	02/26	ENVI	13,14
NICE-25Y-0216D	CSD 1	Kampot	Cambodia	02/16	02/28	EDUC, AGRI	2,4
NICE-25Y-0217A	Barili 1	Cebu Island	Philippines	02/17	02/28	MANU, EDUC	4,11
NICE-25Y-0302H	YCK 2	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/02	03/15	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	4,10
NICE-25Y-0303A	CSD 2	Kampot	Cambodia	03/03	03/15	EDUC, AGRI	2,4
NICE-25Y-0303C	TFC 2	Kampot	Cambodia	03/03	03/15	ENVI	13,14
NICE-25Y-0303G	Star Paws Stray Cat 1	Semarang	Indonesia	03/03	03/16	ANIM	15
NICE-25Y-0309A	Vang Vieng 2	Vang Vieng	Laos	03/09	03/22	CONS, EDUC	4,11
NICE-25Y-0310A	Tuburan 1	Cebu Island	Philippines	03/10	03/21	AGRI, CULT	2,4
NICE-25Y-0316A	YCK 3	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	03/16	03/29	REFU, EDUC, CHIL	4,10
NICE-25Y-0317A	CSD 3	Kampot	Cambodia	03/17	03/29	EDUC, AGRI	2,4
NICE-25Y-0317C	TFC 3	Kampot	Cambodia	03/17	03/29	ENVI	13,14
NICE-25Y-0427E	G. Mongolia	Buhug	Mongolia	04/27	05/10	ENVI	13,15
NICE-25Y-0428A	CSD 4	Kampot	Cambodia	04/28	05/10	EDUC, AGRI	2,4
NICE-25Y-0428C	TFC 4	Kampot	Cambodia	04/28	05/10	ENVI	13,14
NICE-25Y-0810A	Vang Vieng 3	Vang Vieng	Laos	08/10	08/23	CONS, EDUC	4,11

* All short term workcamps are open to partial participation for 6-9 days.

< Placement of the following workcamps is dealt by NICE >




- * **Projects in Laos** Co-organized with **PYC** (Phoudindaeng Youth Center)
- * **Projects in Malaysia** Co-organized with **MOVE** (Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange)




< Placement of the following workcamps is dealt by our co-organizing partners >




- * **Projects in Indonesia** Application s should be sent to **GREAT** (project@greatindonesia.org).
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7-2) Detailed Project Description




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8. NICE's Visions & Actions on SDGs

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- NICE is actively working on SDGs initiated in/ together with NVDA! -



[SDGs \(Sustainable Development Goals\)](#) was approved at General Assembly of United Nations in 2015 Sep. It is very important that the world works together for the better future, but also important that each of us digests SDGs and see what is agreeable or not by our own visions. Then, we will strongly work/ cooperate with various stakeholders to achieve SDGs where we agree!

1. Make Local/ Project Goals (“Local SDGs”)

- ☺ **Long term goals of the communities and the projects** they have anyway regardless of SDGs
- ☺ **Different and not following from SDGs** (it is NOT to implement SDGs in the local level).
- ☺ This is based on their own visions/ needs by bottom up approach and **not only say, but also do!**

< **Aims to make Local SDGs** >

- 1. Good for ourselves!** (make better plans together, stronger motivation & solidarity, get more vols)
- 2. Good for the world!** (show another way of concrete goals, differently from UN with our actions)
- 3. Good for the movement!** (share the visions and actions, raise recognition from the society)

< **Where can we make the goals?** >

Any place where you can make your goals such as **your international/ weekend workcamps, LMTV projects, schools, offices, seminars**, etc. Especially, this can be quickly and effectively **utilized in a study part (in the evening or a rainy day) or the on arrivals orientation** of your workcamps starting from now!

2. Make a NICE's (modified) version of SDGs

- ☺ This will be a **good opportunity** to discuss and share each and common vision for the future!
- ☺ We are a **colorful NGO**, so don't unite opinions and we also introduce minority's opinions.

From next page, we will introduce the NICE's version that was made, discussed and approved in the 2 EC meetings with some local and international partners and finally at its GA in 2016 Dec.!

3. Work to achieve the (modified) SDGs

- 1. Indicate** which goals of SDGs are related in each project description
- 2. Research the impact** for each goal in each project, then will collect and show them together.
- 3. Work with UN agencies and other organizations** to increase the impact of each project.
- 4. Join or create the projects and actions** of UN agencies and other sectors/ organizations.
- 5. Organize special projects or campaigns**

NICE's modified SDGs

- * This was made by Executive Committee meeting and General Assembly of NICE in 2015 with over 100 staff, members and local/ international partners. IVP representative has also joined us.
- * We fully agree with the basic values (especially, "no one left behind") and principles of SDGs and over 80% of the goals besides the ones mentioned below (80%).
- * There are various different opinions on each topic and we do NOT force all vols/ partners to agree.

1.1 By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, **currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day**

→ (Change) **that they can have minimum standard of life without lack of food, clothes, houses and other basic human needs, and a means to sustain themselves.**

1.a (and other places) ...**developing countries**

→ (Change) **Less expensive countries or Countries with lower GDP.**

2.4 By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural...

→ (Add) **Convert the fundamental direction of agriculture by dramatically decreasing the use of pesticides and chemical fertilizer, combating GM crops, increasing self-sufficiency of each country, region and household and reviving/ developing organic/ natural farming.**

2.5 By 2020, maintain the genetic diversity of seeds, cultivated plants and farmed and...

→ (Add) **Escape from the situation that a few multi-national companies dominate the seeds as soon as possible and protect/ revive the native, multi year (not F1) seeds.**

2.b **Correct and prevent trade restrictions and distortions in world agricultural markets, including through the parallel elimination of all forms of agricultural export subsidies and all export measures with equivalent effect, in accordance with the mandate of the Doha Development Round**

→ (Change) **Protect local farming not to be destroyed by the free trade, change the direction fundamentally and enable each country and region can freely protect their life line of food production.**

3.2 By 2030, end preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age, with all countries aiming to reduce neonatal mortality to at least as low as 12 per 1,000 live births and under-5 mortality to at least as low as 25 per 1,000 live births.

→ (Add) **At the same time, promote family planning and social welfare not to increase poverty by the explosion.**

4.1 By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes.

→ (Add) **And promote good quality non-formal education.**

6.2 By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation...

→ (Add) **that causes serious sanitation problems**

(Comment) **This action can be even better for nature and farming if we do it in a proper way rather than just throw them to the river away?**

7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and **modern energy services**

→ (Change) **Renewable energy service without depending on unsustainable energy of nuclear and fossils**

8.4...**with developed countries taking the lead**

→ (Change) **by collaboration of all countries and stakeholders**

8.7 ...**end child labor in all its forms**

→ (Change) **end bad child labor while promote good children's work.**

9.c Significantly increase access to information and communications technology and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020

→ (Add) **At the same time, promote education and do other policies to be able to use internet properly.**

c13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning

→ (Add) **Limit the global emission within the nature's capacity (10 billion tons) and have equal amount of emission per person (1.4 tons if 7 billions population) not to increase the temperature over 1.5-2 degrees.**

16.4 By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime

→ (Add) **'all' before "arms".**

(Add) **Eliminate nuclear weapons and combat all the wars and terrorism.**

17.2 **Developed countries to implement fully their official development assistance commitments, including the commitment by many developed countries to achieve the target of 0.7 per cent of ODA/GNI to developing countries and 0.15 to 0.20 per cent of ODA/GNI to least developed countries; ODA providers are encouraged to consider setting a target to provide at least 0.20 per cent of ODA/GNI to least developed countries**

→ (Change) **Double the positive impact of ODA such as to elaborate the poverty, protect the environment and decrease half of negative impact.**

Example of Local SDGs

Local SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)

Onuma (Hokkaido), Japan

Made by: **IKEDA Makoto (Japan, local coordinator)**, **KAIZAWA Shinichiro (Japan, project coordinator in NICE)**, **10 vols in the workcamp**

Relevant themes in SDGs: **(6,15)** 1. Poverty 2. Hunger 3. Health 4. Education 5. Gender 6. Water 7. Energy 8. Work 9. Infrastructure 10. Inequality 11. Cities 12. Consumption 13. Climate change 14. Oceans 15. Forests 16. Justice 17. Partnership

Background situations

Though Onuma lake has been a popular tourism spot for a long time because of its beautiful scenery, it has been **polluted** by over use of agricultural chemicals in cattle farming and erosion from abandoned forests with alien trees. President of Cooperative has bought a forest and wants to revive it to original nature with native trees!



Goals in 2030

We would like to get the clean lake like 100 years ago where people can enjoy swimming and more various types of native fish and plants can be grown!

We also want the community with more active participation of all stakeholders such as young people, farmers, etc.

Tourists can enjoy the area in a more slow way not harming the nature and the farmers can keep cows without polluting.



As partial contribution in whole change!

Past actions & impact

We organize 2 weeks and 2 months workcamps since 2004 that **revived over 3 ha of forests by moving alien conifer trees** that disturb growth of other plants and animals and made water quality worse, **made 200 rafts with reeds every year** in the lake to purify the water and helped the research with some specialists. Onuma was registered by the world's Ramsar treaty thanks to the workcamps, the local host says. The projects also connected different people who did not work together.



New actions & impact

We will keep workcamps every year to create more and more impact to purify the lake with some new programs such as;

- * Promotion of using eco sponges to the locals
- * Hosting Longer term volunteers (e.g., 6 months)
- * Running eco-tourism with less negative impact

Personal actions!

- * Introduce to my friends by SNS.
- * Collect the fund for the materials.
- * Join the project again as LMTVs.
- * Link with the similar NGOs in my country!