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#### Summary
Promote renewable energy and environmental educational events in the great nature of Hokkaido island in the suburb of Sapporo city!

#### Background
This workcamp has been organized together with Environmental Group for Mt. Hakken (EGMH) and Hakkenzan Orchard (HO) since 2010. EGMH was founded in 2000 by German lady whose husband runs HO. EGMH runs German style of environmental educational programs in HO such as hand craft by natural materials, eco-workshops and hosting German long term volunteers. They want to continue to create a Nature Experience Eco Rally Course Construction (including a barrier free woodland zone). This workcamp has been revived since 2011!

#### Work
Volunteers will do some of environmental work among installation of a small water power plant, solar cooking or dry fruit making, farm work (strawberry, vegetables) and helping at local events (candle night, oldies concert).

#### Accommodation
Farmer house prepared for families on recreation from Fukushima. One room for male One room for female. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

#### Study theme
Visit to the Ainu culture center, history of Hokkaido local museum

#### Other activities
Local school visit, exchange with "save the children of fukushima" NPO

#### Location
Foot of Mt. Hakken with wonderful nature in Hokkaido island.

#### Terminal
The nearest international airport is in Sapporo. From Sapporo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 1 hours by bus. Volunteers need to arrive at Shin-Chitose airport by 10:00 on Jun. 12 and can leave there after 15:00 on Jun. 20.

#### Requirement
High motivation to the work and its aim. Experience of making trails is welcome!

#### Participation fee
No fee

#### Language
English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

#### Other
None

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<td>This workcamp has been organized together with Maki Farm of Kyodo Gakusha (KG) since 2000. KG is a NPO running 5 organic farming communities in Japan where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, those who want to learn farming, etc. in order to change our society from competitive to cooperative. Maki Farm has 5-10 members and is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains), so once it became an abandon village in 1970s.</td>
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<td>Volunteers will help their organic farming (weeding in rice and vegetable fields, planting vegetables, taking care of goats and chicken) and also carry the things from the town, renovate the trails, help their house work, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard.</td>
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**Summary**

Let's preserve the beautiful forests in the World Natural Heritage!

**Background**

This project has been 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 in 2010, the most of scallops were dead, so SMPS started to preserve the forest there to let nutrient water flow to the ocean.

**Work**

Volunteers will do various types of nature conservation works such as 1) cutting glasses to improve ecological richness of the forest and 2) helping the tree planting ceremonies including preparation such as carrying the plants and tools, and cleanup after the event. We will also help local farmers. The contents of work might be changed due to weather condition, we need to be flexible!

**Accommodation**

Volunteers will stay in shared room of old elementary school. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Please bring a sleeping bag.

**Study theme**

Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Shirakami, and skills of conservation forests in Japan.

**Other activities**

cultural exchange parties with local people, hot spring, etc.

**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.

**Terminal**

The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point in Aomori pref., it takes 7 hours by bullet train or 10 hours by bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo (Narita/Haneda) by 19:00 PM on Jun. 15th and can leave there after 22:00 PM on Jun. 26th.

**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.

**Participation fee**

No fee

**Language**

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

**Other**

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### Summary

Providing support in the affected areas of reconstruction by the force of the international volunteers!

### Background

This work camp is organized together with some local people. A giant earthquake occurred in the Tohoku area on the 11th Mar 2011. That caused unprecedented damage. 80% of the houses were damaged in Rikuzen-takata and so many people still have to be living in the temporary houses. We started the special workcamps in Tohoku area for reconstruction work with over 350 vols (including international ones since 2011 Apr). That did great work! But we still need a lot of vol. Volunteer can encourage locals!

### Work

The volunteer will help local fisherman(oyster) and farmers(tea,apple,vegetable), people damaged by the tsunami such as reclaim, cutting grass and harvesting as well as organize some activities for the kids in kids centers and do anything else needed.

And also NICE will have mini work camp for youth from disaster area in this workcamp. So volunteers can help them to have culture exchange program in that mini workcamp.

### Accommodation

Local Temple house. Simple self-catering. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary, If you are not used to sleep on floor by sleeping bag, you should bring mattress too. Share room.

### Study theme

Disaster area visit and getting know the disaster damage prevention

### Other activities

Exchange party with locals

### Location

South east edge of Iwate prefecture (very near from Miyagi). Forestry, agriculture and fishing are used to be the main industry, but were severely damaged and may take several years to be rehabilitated. From Tokyo, 7 hours by bullet train or 10 hours by bus.

### Terminal

The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 7 hours by bullet train or 10 hours by bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo (Narita or Haneda) by 19:00 by the day before the first day and can leave there after 19:00 on last day.

### Requirement

High motivation to work for disaster area and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization! Motivation letter is required. Not have any criminal or sexual or physical abuse record!

### Participation fee

No fee

### Language

Camp language is English, but knowledge in Japanese is welcome.

### Other

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**Summary**

Run the kids summer school surrounded by the beautiful mountains for their growth and local activation! Volunteers will spend a time with the children for 24 hours a day:

**Background**

This workcamp has been organized with the local community since 2016. Takano village of Shinko district is surrounded by the mountains and located at 750-800 a.s.l. The village don’t have particular attractions for tourists and ongoing depopulation and aging, that is a common serious issue in most of the country sides (or even the whole country!) of Japan, would be more serious in the future. But they have great attraction of natural and cultural heritages! The ex. Director of NICE is living here since 2015 and 4 workcamps were successfully organized in 2016 with NICE on which the volunteers mainly worked for nature farming and creating a trail in the mountain where we can enjoy amazing view of Japanese northern Alps!

**Work**

Volunteers will help to run the Summer School for the children by 1) assisting their programs to experience rural cultures, 3) run the English speaking classes and 3) organize inter-cultural exchange of play, music and dance of the world. The community expect that some of the children will love this place and move to live and study from the cities in the future!

**Accommodation**

Camping site. Meals (attention: only vegan food may be possible!) will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

**Study theme**

Similar types of local actions in each country. Bring some info.!

**Other activities**

Exchange party with the local people, lesson to learn local traditional recipe, etc.

**Location**

Shinko district is located in the south west of Nagano city which is located in the north east of Nagano prefecture. The climate is colder than low land, so even in summer, it may be cool in the evening and morning. Rice and apples farming is the main industry.

**Terminal**

The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 2 hours by the bullet train or 3-4 hours by bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo (Narita or Haneda) by 07:00 on the first day and can leave there after 20:00 on the last day.

**Requirement**

High motivation to work with kids all day and to run outdoor activities even in rain. Similar types of experience and Japanese speaking skill are welcome! Volunteers need to accept and enjoy vegan food. Motivation letter is needed!

**Participation fee**

No fee

**Language**

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

**Other**

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**Summary**
Run the kids camp in the beautiful nature of Hokkaido island with the local specialized NPO! Volunteers will spend a time with the children for 24 hours a day:

**Background**
This workcamp has been organized with Buna-no-mori Shizen Gakko (nature school with beech forests) since 2003. BSG was started in 1998 to promote quality and quantity of ecological education for kids and run various kinds of kids programs. They have a summer vacation program around 26/07-15/08 with about 20-25 kids aged 8-15 where they enjoy canoe, playing in the coast and river, camping, etc. and want to put global colors which should grow understanding and passion to different cultures in those kids.

**Work**
Volunteers will help to run this summer program by playing with kids, running cultural programs such as teaching your dance, songs, arts, sports, games, cooking, etc. and helping house works such as cleaning and cooking with professional staffs and other vols. You won’t have much free time.

**Accommodation**
Old school (Volunteers will sleep in the same rooms with the kids by turns). Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

**Study theme**
Life of kids in each country to be introduced to the kids there. Bring some info!

**Other activities**
Exchange parties, excursion, etc.

**Location**
South west of Hokkaido island. Full of beautiful nature with national reserve of beech forests, a river and wetland. Main industry is cattle farming.

**Terminal**
The nearest international airport is in Sapporo. From Sapporo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 2 hours by express train. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Shin-Chitose airport by 06:00 on Jul. 20 and can leave there after 18:00 on Aug. 15. From Tokyo, 13 hours by bullet train or 32 hours by ship.

**Requirement**
High motivation to work with kids all day and to run outdoor activities even in rain. Similar types of experience and Japanese speaking skill are welcome! Motivation letter is needed!

**Participation fee**
No fee

**Language**
English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

**Other**
Please see the long term goal of this project as "Local SDGs" at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/n1-68295484 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)
**Summary**

Revive the beautiful lake as 100 years ago through our small, but valuable step by making rafts of reeds and forest maintenance! The place and food are so beautiful here:)

**Background**

This workcamp has been organized with Onuma Milestone 22, a local NGO made by President of Fishermen’s Cooperative and Director of international exchange association since 2004. 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!

**Work**

Volunteers will 1) work in the forest (removing some alien conifer trees that disturb growth of other plants and animals, maintain the foot paths, etc.), 2) make the rafts with reeds to purity the water of the lake and 3) do other work needed in the community (e.g., helping the research, running the lake festival, organizing Eco Sponge Action, etc.)

**Accommodation**

Rooms of the apartment. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

**Study theme**

100 years plan of the forests and sustainable town planning. Bring some info!

**Other activities**

Excursion, sports, exchange parties with local people, etc.

**Location**

South of Hokkaido island, in a national park near Hakodate city which is famous for romantic view in the night, especially for sweet couples!

**Terminal**

The nearest international airport is in Sapporo. From Sapporo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 3 hours by express train. Volunteers need to arrive at Shin-Chitose airport by 08:00 on Jul. 21 and can leave there after 17:00 on Jul. 30. From Tokyo, 10 hours by bullet train or 30 hours by ship.

**Requirement**

Motivation to actively work with local people!

**Participation fee**

No fee

**Language**

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

**Other**

Please see the long term goal of this project as "Local SDGs" at https://www.slideshare.net/niceworkcamp/n2-68394244 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)
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**Summary**

International FAMILY workcamp. Beautiful rich nature welcome your family! There are special works for improving and enjoy the Japanese historical village.

**Background**

This workcamp has been organized together with Ohara Eco Project (OEP) and Katsuyama city government since 2009. There were 600 inhabitants in Ohara village with 90 houses, but now only 1 elder! OEP was founded by the Foresters cooperative and local people in 2006 and have rehabilitated 7 houses of cultural heritage. Depopulation problem is serious in most of mountain parts in Japan. Many fields and forests are abandoned, so we will try to improve the situation by voluntary power!

**Work**

Volunteer will 1) help to renovate the old house by carrying the stuff, changing the floor, etc., 2) do other work for the community (e.g., reviving the abandon fields, chopping the fire woods, maintaining forest paths) No need to work so hard, don’t worry, but we still need you to have high motivation to work! Some of adult vols. may also help the children enjoy very rich and deep nature of mountains, river, etc.

**Accommodation**

Renovated house (Japanese traditional house!). Simple shower room. Clean toilet. You don’t need to bring your sleeping bag. Volunteers prepare the meals by themselves. Wi-fi are not connected basically.

**Study theme**

Volunteer have time for discussion about “Family life in each country”.

**Other activities**

Exchange parties, visit to the Dinosaurs Museum, etc.

**Location**

About 200 km north east of Osaka. Katsuyama is an agricultural city and famous for dinosaurs discovery. Ohara village is located at 500 a.s.l. and surrounded by mountains, so very isolated, but beautiful place. (https://goo.gl/maps/vVNx8xxrxzD2)

**Terminal**

The closest International airport is Osaka (Kansai) airport. It takes 3.5 hours to the meeting point near the project by express train. From Tokyo, 4.5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by night bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point by 24th noon and can leave there after 30th noon.

**Requirement**

Only for families (Children should be 6-12 years old) can join this program. Respect to the local culture and way of the local organization! Speaking Japanese language is welcomed!

**Participation fee**

500 Japanese yen per 1 child per day for meals. (3,500 yen for all workcamp days)

**Language**

English

**Other**

Please see the presentation of the volunteer for the IVS contest in Japan 2016 https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e1-67951349 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)
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### Summary
Supporting local Summer event though 'Eco station', raise awareness of garbage issues!!

### Background
This workcamp has been organized with NPO, ‘Bizan Daigaku’ since 2015. “Yoshino gawa” is the name of a river which is one of the 3rd biggest rivers in Shikoku area. The local festival “Yoshino gawa festival ” is one of the famous festival in Tokushima which is supported by local people voluntary. More than 20,000 people come to this festival every year, and the amount of garbage is huge. During the event, the local group keeps trying to give visitors awareness about the environment though organizing "Eco station" where visitors throw away and separate trash.

### Work
Organizing "Eco station" where visitors come to separate garbage. Washing reusable cups, picking and separating rubbish during/after the festival.

### Accommodation
Local empty house in Tokushima city. Breakfast will be prepared by volunteers. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Sleeping bag is necessary.

### Study theme
Volunteers will get chance to interact with energetic local people who want to activate the small city.

### Other activities
Join the festivals, Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese cultural dance Awa Odori, etc.

### Location
Tokushima city, Tokushima pref.

### Terminal
Takamatsu (It takes 3 hours from Takamatsu to the meeting point by train). You need to arrive at Takamatsu airport by 10:00AM on 26th and can leave there after 17:00PM on the 2nd. If Kansai airport (5 hours by train), you need to arrive by 07:00AM on the 26th and can leave there after 21:00 on 2nd.

### Requirement
Positive attitude to working hard, communication with Japanese local people

### Participation fee
No fee

### Language
English (Japanese is also welcomed!)
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**Summary**
Organizing English kids camp in a small city beside the ocean!

**Background**
This workcamp has been organized with local group for International workcamp in Imabari since 2015. Imabari city is depopulated area so that kids in this city don’t have much chance to have international exchanges, which are important for kids’ growth to understand cultural diversity. Through this workcamp local group hope that volunteers can activate local kids, people and community in Imabari.

**Work**
Volunteers will help local group to organize international exchange programs for local kids. During the programs, they will organize activities such as games, dances, songs and crafts.

**Accommodation**
Kindergarten. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Please bring Sleeping bag!

**Study theme**
Volunteers will get knowledge of good ways to interact with kids.

**Other activities**
Cycling in Shimanami kaido, and local firework festival, etc

**Location**
Imabari city, Ehime prefecture. About 300 km south west of Osaka. Near Seto Island sea.

**Terminal**
Matusyama airport. It will take 1 hour by train to get the meeting point in Imabari. You can also come from Kansai international airport in Osaka (7-8 hours by bus) or Takamatsu airport in Kagawa (2hours by train).

**Requirement**
Positive attitude to communicate with kids.

**Participation fee**
No fee
### Language
English (Japanese is also welcomed to communicate with kids!)

### Other
Please see the long term goal of this project as "Local SDGs" at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/w4-67954841 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)

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### Summary
Let’s be a volunteer for nature kid summer camp in beautiful World Natural Heritage!

### Background
This project has been 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. 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. Volunteers need to be ready to spend 24 hours with children during kids camp except some free times.

### Work
Volunteers will help and live together with children all the time in the summer program, such as supporting some activities in nature, and showing your culture, performance. Volunteers also help some other needed works such as cleaning for community. The contents of work will be changed due to weather, so please be flexible!

### Accommodation
Volunteers will stay in shared room of old elementary school. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Please bring a sleeping bag.

### Study theme
Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Shirakami.

### Other activities
cultural exchange parties with local people, hot spring, etc.

### 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).

### Terminal
The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point in Aomori pref., it takes 7 hours by bullet train or 10 hours by bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo(Narita/Haneda) by 19:00 PM on July. 26th and can leave there after 22:00 PM on Aug. 8th.

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### 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 children are welcome! Motivation letter is required.

### Participation fee
No fee

### Language
English and basic Japanese

### Other
none

#### Summary
Providing social participation opportunities to youth in the affected areas of reconstruction.

#### Background
This work camp has been organized together with some local groups and HSBC since 2013. A giant earthquake occurred in Tohoku in 2011 Mar. that caused unprecedented damage. NICE has been organizing the special workcamps there to revive the disaster areas. Since 2013, we have a special program for 40 high school students to provide the volunteer and on-the-ground business experience at the post-disaster area. Our objectives is A) Growing friendship, mutual understanding and solidarity among youth, B) Fostering global point of views and intercultural learning among youth and C) Supporting the revival from the disaster in Tohoku.

#### Work
Youth will get the opportunity to have a business experience in the camp. They will visit local business actually exist in Rikuentakata. They will make a PR document in English and Japanese for the online sales. Volunteers will help out and live together with 40 Youth (15-18 years) in the camp supporting activities and sharing your business experience.

#### Accommodation
1. Local Temple house. Simple self-catering. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Share room.
2. Local Hotel. Simple self-catering. Foods are all provided.

#### Study theme
Disaster area visit and getting know the disaster damage prevention

#### Other activities
Enjoy local hot spring(spa)!

#### Location
South east edge of Iwate prefecture (very near from Miyagi). Forestry, agriculture and fishing are used to be the main industry, but were severely damaged and may take several years to be rehabilitated. From Tokyo, 7 hours by bullet train or 10 hours by bus

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The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 7 hours by bullet train or 10 hours by bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo (Narita or Haneda) by 19:00 by the day before the first day and can leave there after 19:00 on last day.

Requirement
Your business experiences and skills are required. Analysis, Coaching, Computer and Marketing etc. The Motivation letter is required!!

Participation fee
No fee

Language
English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

Other
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Summary
Rejuvenate the depopulated village though working and interacting with local people!

Background
This workcamp will be organized for the first time with Association for Promotion of Regional Development in Nishiyama area, Kumano city which is depopulated area in Mie prefecture. There are 220 residents of which 73% is over 65 years old in Nishiyama area where volunteers mainly stay in. One youth who has joined international workcamp before, has started and been organizing weekend workcamps since 2012 in Nishiyama area. After 5 years, local people have been getting open-minded to youths from outside of the area. This year they will host international volunteers for the first time. Local people are getting too old to maintain public place such as parks or ruins of a castle, so they need hands from young people!

Work
Volunteers will mainly help local people to maintain Nishiyama area such as grass cutting at parks and ruins of a castle. Also cutting bamboos to make them lantern for local festival to energize local people and the area.

Accommodation
Community center. So please bring your sleeping bag. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.

Study theme
Volunteers will learn and feel about situation of seariouslly depopurated area in Japan.

Other activities
Visitng school, party with local people, etc
**Location**
Nishiyama area, Kumano city, Mie prefecture. It is more than 200km far both from Osaka and Nagoya.

**Terminal**
The nearest airport is Chubu Centrair Int. airport (Nagoya) or Kansai int. airport (Osaka). To the meeting point, it will take about 4.5 hours by train from Chubu and 6 hours from Kansai. Volunteers are recommended to arrive at the airport one day before workcamp starts.

**Requirement**
Positive attitude to enjoy rural, remoted area. Open mind to respect and communicate with local people.

**Participation fee**
No fee.

**Language**
English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

**Other**
None.

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**Summary**
Beautiful rich nature welcome you! There are special works for improving and enjoy the Japanese historical village. (Renovation, traditional lantan festival and so on)

**Background**
NICE have been organized this project together with Ohara Eco Project (OEP) and Katsuyama city government since 2009. There were 600 inhabitants in Ohara village with 90 houses, but now only 1 elder! OEP was founded by the Foresters cooperative and local people in 2006 and have rehabilitated 7 houses of cultural heritage. Depopulation problem is serious in most of mountain parts in Japan. Many fields and forests are abandoned, so we will try to improve the situation by voluntary power!

**Work**
Volunteer will do various work to activate Ozuchi village and preserve their culture and nature. Main work are 1) help to renovate the old house by carrying the stuff, changing the floor, etc., 2) do other work for the community (e.g., reviving the abandon fields, chopping the fire woods, maintaining forest paths) and 3) supporting the local festival in the village (e.g., making paper lanterns). And do some other work for the community.

**Accommodation**
Renovated house (Japanese traditional house!). Simple shower room. Clean toilet. You don't need to bring your sleeping bag. Volunteers sometime prepare the meals by themselves and sometime the meals will be provided. Wi-fi are not connected basically.

**Study theme**
We may have time for discussion about “Best practice to revive depopulated areas in each country and their networking”.

**Other activities**
Exchange parties, visit to the Dinosaurs Museum, local festival, etc.
About 200 km north east of Osaka. Katsuyama is an agricultural city and famous for dinosaurs discovery. Ohara village is located at 500 a.s.l., and surrounded by mountains, so very isolated, but beautiful place. (https://goo.gl/maps/vVNx8xxrzD2)

The closest International airport is Osaka (Kansai) airport. It takes 3.5 hours to the meeting point by express train. From Tokyo, 4.5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by night bus (you need to arrive by 31st Jul. afternoon/ can leave camp site after 14th noon.)

High motivation to work hard and simple life in the isolated area and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization! Speaking Japanese language is welcomed!

No fee

English

Volunteers get knowledge about actions for developing local village. Also the basic knowledge of the Japanese language and local culture.

Delivering the Outdoor long term camp program to enjoy in the beautiful nature

This project has been Organized with "Kodomo-mura Project" since 1998. "Kodomo-mura Project" have being organized a summer vacation kids program named ‘Kodomo-mura’ (Kids Village) with 30 kids aged 8-15 years of age. Kids enjoing the outdoor program, cooking and live in the tent as they learn independence, sensitivity, group cooperation, global understanding and interest in different cultures. Volunteers need to be prepared to spend 24 hours with the kids for this period (except for a few days off).

Volunteer will help out and live together with kids in the Kids Village supporting activities and sharing your culture. Volunteer will encourage the kid’s independence and creativity by letting them plan the schedule. Volunteers need to respect their ideas and educational approach!

Share room in the Local community school and Tents, please bring you sleeping bags. Volunteers will prepare the food themselves on the rota basis.

Seminar about the the Kids ourdoor activites management
**Summary**
The empowerment of the local festival together with locals in the region facing the depopulation and aging.

**Background**
This project has been organized together with a local NGO for community development named KOBOSHA since 1996. Volunteers will join the summer festival called ‘TORO NAGASHI’ that is a memorial service for ancestors by making lanterns named TORO and floating them down a river. Volunteers will make large TORO (2 x 2 meters) for the festival in this workcamp. Project aims to mobilize the local community with workcampers. Through workcamps, the local community will be much more activated, redeveloping pride for their community and revival FUKUSHIMA!

**Work**
Volunteers will mainly help and join the festival by making four big lanterns ‘TORO’ (2 x 2 meters) and hundreds of small lanterns together with local students. You can design your own large ‘TORO’ in this festival. It will be physically hard works.
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<td><strong>Other activities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Location</strong></td>
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<td>Abukuma Nature School Network (ANSN) organized together with NICE since 2010. Their theme is learning from soil and nature, and live together. Many kids in Fukushima pre. are forced to stay indoors for the fear of health risks from radioactivity having been released in the air by the nuclear disaster since March 2011. After disaster ANSN started to organize &quot;Fukushima kids camp&quot; It is for kids who lives in disaster area in Fukushima. Local host Samegawa became chairperson of the Executive committee it, and organized it until 2015. They got support from various famous people. Nowadays, they restarted their farming program and weekend program for family and kids camp during long vacation season in his land, Samegawa.</td>
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Summary
Projects to foster the international perspective of the children in the region facing the depopulation and aging.

Background
This project has been organized together with a local group formed for this project since 1998. Mount Aso ancient caldera ranks among the world’s largest, with a diameter of up to 25 kilometers and a circumference of over 100 kilometers. In spite of the wonderful landscape, depopulation is a serious problems here similarly with many other parts of the country side in Japan. The project aims to support the activities and bring the global power for the community.
Volunteers will be divided into 4-5 groups, help local farmers such as cutting brush and harvesting vegetables. Volunteers will prepare, run and clean up after the local summer festival. Volunteers will also join a kid’s camp, which will be held in this village for few days.

Local Community building, Share room and very simple life style. Volunteers stay in a Japanese style rooms. Please bring your sleeping bags. Volunteers will prepare the food themselves on the rota basis.

Aso volcano museum, Japan and world volcanoes, Aso grasslands and culture in Aso are exhibited.

Hiking on the mountain and nature hot spring

Mt. Aso-san is located at the center of Aso-Kuju National Park in Kumamoto and Oita, which lies roughly in the center of Kyushu.

The nearest international airport is in Fukuoka, domestic one is in Kumamoto. From Fukuoka to the meeting point, it takes 3 hours by express train. If you will arrive at Fukuoka airport, you need to arrive by 09:00 on first day and can leave there after 17:00 on last day.

Interest in agriculture and the project aims.

No fee

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

None

Providing the global communication experience, and giving the opportunities for youth to participate the community development project
This project has been organized together with some local NGO. Ijima town, Central to the Western Japanese Alps, is the land overlooking the superb view surrounded by the Southern Japanese Alps and the high mountains to the east. In spite of the wonderful landscape, depopulation is a serious problem here similarly with many other parts of the countryside in Japan. NICE are going to organize a special program for 30 high school Youth to provide the volunteering and on-the-ground business experience at Ijima. Our objectives is A) Growing friendship, mutual understanding and solidarity among youth and B) Fostering global point of views and intercultural learning among youth.

**Work**

Participant Youth will get the opportunity to have a business experience in the camp. Youth will visit local business actually exist in Ijjima. Youth will make a PR document in English and Japanese for the online sales. Volunteer will help out and live together with 30 Youth (15-18 years) in the camp supporting activities and sharing your business skills.

**Accommodation**

Local Community building, Share room and very simple life style. Volunteers stay a Japanese style rooms. Please bring you sleeping bags. Volunteers will prepare the food themselves on the rota basis.

**Study theme**

Volunteers will join in a seminar about the local community development.

**Other activities**

Excursions, exchange parties, etc.

**Location**

Nagano Prefecture is located basically in the center of Japan and is surrounded on all four sides by 3000-meter tall mountains, earning it the nickname of the “Roof of Japan”.

**Terminal**

The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 5 hours by bus. You need to arrive in Tokyo (Narita/Haneda) airport by 07:30 on first day and can leave there after 20:00 on last day.

**Requirement**

Your business experiences and skills are required. Analysis, Coaching, Computer and Marketing etc. The Motivation letter is required!!

**Participation fee**

No fee

**Language**

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

**Other**

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Summary

Dance hard, work hard! Massive tourist needs your help for tour boats on the local river!

Background

Since 2014, this workcamp has been organized with the local group for taking care of local river called "Shinmachi river." They have been cleaning river for more than 20 years and dirty river became clean, so now they are organizing local tour boat services on Shinmachi river to let local people enjoy river. During this workcamp, Tokushima prefecture has one of the most popular festivals called “Awa Odori festival” that more than 1,000,000 visitors come from all over Japan (even abroad!). The visitors also enjoy the boats, that needs a lot of help to organize!

Work

Prepare and support for local event “Awa Odori festival” with local people to activate the area. The volunteers will support the local group that organizes local boat services which many tourists make a long queue for. Volunteers will also clean up the river and roads in the city during the festival.

Accommodation

Local empty house in Tokushima city. Lunch and dinner will be provided by local people. Sleeping bag is necessary.

Study theme

Volunteers will get chance to interact with energetic local people who want to activate the small city.

Other activities

Awa Odori Festival, Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese culture, etc

Location

Tokushima city, Tokushima pref.

Terminal

Takamatsu (3 hours by train). You need to arrive at Takamatsu airport by 10:00 on 10th and can leave there after 17:00 on the 17th. If Kansai airport (5 hours by train), you need to arrive by 07:00 on the 10th and can leave there after 21:00 on 17th.

Requirement

Positive attitude to working hard, communication with Japanese local people

Participation fee

No fee

Language

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

Other

Please see the presentation of the camp leader for the IVS contest in Japan 2015 https://prezi.com/e4bfm-3cjw74/tokushima-awaodori/ (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)
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**Summary**

Making Soba, Japanese drum festival, Cutting bushes in the beautiful island.

**Background**

NICE have been organized this project together with “Morito”, a local voluntary group in Sado Island, since 2001. They maintain the school forest called “Furusato-no-mori Park” in Ogi town, on the southern part of the island. They make it possible for the community to enjoy the forest in every season. They are now trying to focus on caring for the forest in a joint effort with the community. They hope youth and foreign volunteers will mentally and physically help to empower this area.

**Work**

Volunteer’s main works are (1) cutting bushes and in the school huge forests by Brush-cutter machine (2) practicing make soba (buckwheat Japanese noodles) every night and selling soba at famous art festival “Earth Celebration” during 3 days with local people, and (3) supporting the local small festival “Ogi Matsuri” as player the Japanese drums. (Vols. need to practice to play it)

**Accommodation**

Cottage in the school forest. Please bring your sleeping bag! Everyone sleep together. Volunteers prepare the meals by themselves. Internet cannot be connected in the campsite. There is simple toilet, kitchen and shower room. Please be ready for simple forest life!

**Study theme**

Best practice to revive depopulated areas in each country and their networking.

**Other activities**

Exchange parties, fishing, swimming in the sea etc.

**Location**

300 km northeast of Tokyo. Sado Island is famous for gold and the Japanese crested ibis. Ogi village is in the southern part beside the beach, where you can enjoy fishing and the hot spring! (https://goo.gl/maps/wSCq3PyfZT32)

**Terminal**

The closest International airport is Tokyo (Haneda/Narita airport). It takes 3.5 hours by express train/ 8 hours by highway bus and take ferry for 2 hours. You need to arrive by 9th Aug. afternoon/ can leave there after 31st Aug. noon.

**Requirement**

Interest in nature protection & exchange with a community. Adaptability to enjoy a simple forest lifestyle, and hard physical work during day and night!

**Participation fee**

Free

**Language**

English (Speaking Japanese language is welcomed!)

**Other**

Volunteers get knowledge and skill about making Soba and playing the Japanese drum. Also the basic knowledge of the Japanese language and local culture.
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**Summary**

Working in a historical mountain and enjoy staying in a beautiful village in deep nature.

**Background**

This project has been organized together with local organization 'Ogurumi-kai' since 2009. Shiba is a very mountainous region covered with deep forest, cliffs and waterfalls. It is specified for the Kyushu central mountainous district quasi-national park. In spite of the town's natural heritage, depopulation (especially of youth) is a serious problem there. Ogurumi-kai aims to preserve the natural beauty of Shiba village by guide in nature, providing ecological education for children, conservation forest etc. The aim of this workcamp is to help in nature conservation and vitalization of local communities.

**Work**

Volunteers will work in the beautiful mountains for maintaining of historical nature trail and sign board in the mountain. Volunteers will also help in traditional agriculture for local aged farmers.

**Accommodation**

Volunteers will stay in shared room of a house or community center. Please bring your sleeping bag. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.

**Study theme**

Volunteers will learn the history and culture in Shiba village.

**Other activities**

Volunteer can join a cultural exchange party with locals, excursion and trekking, etc. In the evening of a sunny day, please enjoy the wonderful starry sky in Shiba village.

**Location**

Shiba village is a very beautiful village and in the center of Kyushu Island. It is located near the border with Miyazaki and Kumamoto prefectures. The historical 'Heike' legend has been handed in this village.

**Terminal**

The nearest international airport is in Fukuoka, domestic airport is in Kumamoto. From Fukuoka to the meeting point in Kumamoto, it takes 3 hours by express train. You need to arrive at Fukuoka airport by 08:00 AM on Aug. 11 and can leave there after 17:00PM on Aug. 20.

**Requirement**

High motivation to work hard in the mountain is required. Volunteers should enjoy a simple lifestyle in the isolated area and respect to the local culture.

**Participation fee**

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**Summary**

Let’s expand the local green tea brand "Wazuka tea" with the energies from all over the world!

**Background**

This workcamp has been organized with a Non-profit organization for the study of producing organic Japanese tea since 2001. There are some farmers who produce organic tea in Wazuka town. The situation of organic farming within Japan is still very challenging, so that getting help from volunteers is important. The brand of the tea in Wazuka is getting famous and the farmers are hoping that this tea will make this rural area famous enough to invite tourists. Volunteers will also learn about the history of tea in Japan!

**Work**

Volunteers will help tea farmers to take care of organic farms. Weeding is one of the most important and needed works. We will also organize a one day event in Wazuka for cultural exchange such as cooking and sharing international meals, playing games, and music, etc. The event will be a chance to interact with local people and make them open-minded to international relationships.

**Accommodation**

Volunteers will stay public house. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

**Study theme**

Volunteers will get knowledge of tea farming and also tea processing.

**Other activities**

Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese culture (especially tea), home stay, etc.

**Location**

The most southern part of Kyoto prefecture, close to Nara prefecture.

**Terminal**

Kansai international airport (KIX-Osaka). From Osaka city to the meeting point, it takes 1 hour by train. You need to arrive at KIX by 10:00 on Aug. 11 and can leave there after 17:00 on Aug. 26. From Tokyo to Osaka, 5 hours by bullet train or 11 hours by midnight bus.

**Requirement**

Interested in Japanese culture, positive attitude to work outside in hot weather.
## Participation fee
- No fee

## Language
- English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

## Other
- None

### Summary
Helping for summer kids camp. Let's share your culture, smiles, and friendship with children!!

### Background
This project has been organized together with a local group 'Upple' since 2007. Every year, Upple held a summer kids camp with local college students for around 30 kids in age from 8 to 15 in Hiraodai, one of the largest karst plateau in Japan. This kids camp is a great opportunity for children not only to enjoy nature, foster their independence and group cooperativeness but also experiencing cross-cultural learning with international volunteers. Volunteers need to prepare for spending 24 hours with children for this period except for a few days off.

### Work
Volunteers will live together, supporting activities in nature and sharing your culture with children. Volunteers will activate the children's independence and creativity by letting them take care of themselves as far as possible and letting them plan for activity, so volunteers will need to respect their ideas!

### Accommodation
Volunteers will stay in a shared room of community center. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Please bring your sleeping bag.

### Study theme
Volunteers will get knowledge of good ways of interaction with kids.

### Other activities
Excursion to calcareous cave, cultural exchange parties with local college students, etc.

### Location
Hiraodai in Kitakyushu city, It is located in the northern part of Fukuoka prefecture, famous for beautiful nature like as calcareous cave.

### Terminal
The closest International airport is in Fukuoka. From Fukuoka to the meeting point, it takes 3 hours by express train. You need to arrive at Fukuoka airport by 11:00 on Aug. 14th and can leave there after 15:00 on Aug. 27th.
Volunteers should love children. Responsibility, group cooperativeness and high motivation to work with children are necessary! Some Japanese language skill (beginners level or more) and Motivation letter is required.

Participation fee
No fee

Language
English and some Japanese

Other
None

Summary
Providing support in the affected areas of reconstruction by the force of the international volunteers!

Background
This work camp is organized together with some local kids centers since 2012. A giant earthquake occurred in Tohoku in 2011 Mar. That caused unprecedented damage. NICE has been organizing the special workcamps to revive the disaster areas. We have provided the international game for Kids center affected by the disaster to expand the international understanding for Children. We were able to provide a highly effective program at more than 10 Kids centers.

Work
Volunteers will visit Kids centers to provide the international game for 6-12 years Children. You have chance to show your culture, music, dances and games for Kids. Please bring a lot of ideas about songs, games and dance like you can play with the children.

Accommodation

Study theme
Disaster area visit and getting know the disaster damage prevention.

Other activities
Sightseeing on the free day

Location
Fukushima city and Iwaki city. 100km far from Fukushima nuclear power plant and the level of radioactivity is 0.10 mSv/h that is far from dangerous!
The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 3 hours by bullet train or 6 hours by bus. You need to arrive at Tokyo (Narita/Haneda) airport by 9:00 on the first day and can leave there after 19:00 on the last day.

**High motivation to play with Children and disaster area, and respect to the local culture! Motivation letter is required.**

**No fee**

Camp language is English, but knowledge in Japanese is welcome.

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**Let's support experience of rural life for kids.**

**Abukuma Nature School Network (ANSN) organized together with NICE since 2010. Their theme is learning from soil and nature, and live together. Many kids in Fukushima pre. are forced to stay indoors for the fear of health risks from radioactivity having been released in the air by the nuclear disaster since March 2011. After disaster ANSN started to organize "Fukushima kids camp" It is for kids who lives in disaster area in Fukushima. Local host Samegawa became chairperson of the Executive committee it, and organized it until 2015. They got support from various famous people. Nowadays, they restarted their farming program and weekend program for family and kids camp during long vacation season in his land, Samegawa.**

**Volunteers will support 2 kids camps during this workcamp(08/17-20 and 08/21-23). Main works are playing with kids in mountain area, cooking outdoor foods, taking care of animals, farming etc.. Kids will create activity by themselves too. Volunteers will support their meeting and activities too.**

**In dormitory of the nature school. During kids camp, volunteers will stay with kids in same room (But it depend on case!). Cooking with kids too.**

**Volunteers will get knowledge of good ways of interaction with kids.**

**To join seminar about environment and local festival, elementary school visit, etc.**
| Location | Small village in the forest area, the population is about 5,000, surrounded by rich nature. The temperature in winter can be minus 5-10 though the inside buildings are warm enough! 75km far from Fukushima nuclear power plant. |
| Terminal | The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 3 hours by bus. You need to arrive at Tokyo (Narita/Haneda) airport by 08:00 AM on 16th August. You can leave project site 10:30 AM on 23rd August. |
| Requirement | Interest to communicate with kids! |
| Participation fee | No fee |
| Language | English (Japanese is also welcomed!) |
| Other | Nothing |

### Summary

Working in the forest of a beautiful village! You can also fully enjoy richness of nature and the night studded thick with stars.

### Background

This project has organized together with a local group formed for this project since 1999. Hoshino village has received the first prize at the national contests for visibility of beautiful stars in the sky and terraced paddy fields. In spite of the town’s natural heritage, depopulation, especially of youth, is a serious problem here similarly with many other parts of the country side in Japan. This project aims to activate Hoshino village by helping forest conservation and organizing cultural exchange events with locals and international volunteers.

### Work

Volunteers will work in the forests for helping maintenance by cutting underbrush with instruction by the local Forestry Cooperative. Volunteers will also do some various work needed in the community such as cleaning activity, cutting glass in public institutions. Organizing cultural event with locals is also one of the important role of volunteers.

### Accommodation

Volunteers will stay in a shared room of community center. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Volunteers needs to bring own sleeping bag (and mattress if they want). Volunteers need to enjoy staying in a simply basic accommodation.

### Study theme

Volunteers will get knowledge of conservation work in a forest.

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Other activities

Star watching, hot spring, cultural learning about Japanese tea, and so on. Volunteers can also enjoy cooking Japanese traditional food with local people.

Location

Hoshino village is a small but beautiful place surrounded by mountains, about 50 km southeast of Fukuoka. It is famous for production of tea leaves named 'Hoshino-cha' and beauty of starry sky.

Terminal

The closest International airport is in Fukuoka. From Fukuoka to the meeting point, it takes about 2 hours by express train. You need to arrive at Fukuoka airport by 10:00AM on Aug. 16th and can leave there after 17:00 on Aug. 30th.

Requirement

Interest in preservation of forest is required. Volunteers need to enjoy simple lifestyle!

Participation fee

No fee

Language

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

Other

Please see the long term goal of this project as "Local SDGs" at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e2-67954554 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)

Summary

Organizing non-formal International class for kids in a remoted area, and helping local people to clean local shrine and temple!

Background

This workcamp has been organized with local group for International workcamp in Hirata since 2001. Hirata town is depopulated area in Izumo city and they doesn’t have much chance to have an international interact, which is important for kids growth. Also number of people who maintain the environment in this town is getting decreasing. Through this workcamp they hope that volunteer can activate local people and community.

Work

Volunteers will have private school for elementary school kids for and organize international exchange classes. Also volunteers will clean local area such as shrine or temple, and do weeding in tea farm if local people need it. Also planning international exchange day and invite local people to interact.

Accommodation

Local community center. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.
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**Summary:**

Help to prepare and run the summer festival of the orphanage in Kamakura which was a capital city of Japan in the 13th-14th centuries. Nice beach is also near.

**Background:**

This workcamp has been organized with Happy Kids Team (HKT) in NICE and Kamakura Children Home (KCH) since 2004. HKT was started in 2004 since Child abuse was getting more serious years by years, so they organize weekend workcamps 1) every month in KCH, 2) 1-2 times a year for families (to prevent further abuse) and 3) 3-4 times for the foster family association by playing with their children while the parents are joining the seminars. KCH accommodates 60-80 children many of who were abused by the parents.
Volunteers will work in KCH mainly to prepare/ run/ clean up their bon dance festival on 29 Aug. especially constructing the stage (where Volunteers will also show some performance together!). Volunteers will also do some other things like playing with the children in the playground, a dinner with a few elder children, etc.

Possibly, a room in the residential building for staff members of KCH. Meals (besides lunch) will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

Child abuse situation and activities in each country and global cooperation. Bring some info.!

Exchange parties, one night home stay, excursions, etc.

30 km from Yokohama. Kamakura is an old capital city of Japan in the 13th-15th centuries and has a lot of attraction like old temples, green hills and a beach.

The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 60 min by slow train. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo (Narita or Haneda) by 10:00 on Aug. 20 and can leave there after 17:00 on Aug. 29.)

High motivation to work with the children with special background. Similar type of experience is welcome! Motivation letter is needed! Vols. need to be ready that the main work will be construction.

No fee

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

None

Let’s be of help for the local elder farmers in a beautiful country side in Japan! After working, you can also enjoy a relaxing time in natural hot spring.

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Summary: Let’s be of help for the local elder farmers in a beautiful country side in Japan! After working, you can also enjoy a relaxing time in natural hot spring.
**Background**

This project is organized together with Ono Agriculture Union in Nishiwaga (OAUN), since 2014. Nishiwaga is a rural town surrounded by the beautiful nature such as forests and lake. On the other side, it has been facing serious aging and depopulation problems. Over 45% of villagers are over age of 65, and the number of retired farmers are increasing. OAUN has been trying to revive the abandoned cultivated lands and organizing some projects for interaction between urban and rural areas for activating the community. Volunteers will work on the community revitalization activities such as supporting elderly farmers, making biotope for promoting natural farming.

**Work**

Main works are
1) Making biotope for promoting natural farming (Pesticide-free),
2) Helping elder local farmers to work on their farm such as cutting glasses or harvesting. We also work in a facility for the disabled people. The schedule of work will be changed due to weather condition, so you need to be flexible!

**Accommodation**

Volunteers will stay in shared room in an old house (newly-renovated). Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NOT necessary.

**Study theme**

Volunteers will get knowledge of history and culture of Nishiwaga, and have time for sharing ideas how to activate the depopulated area.

**Other activities**

Hot spring!! Volunteers can also join for cultural exchange parties with locals, and activity with nursery school kids.

**Location**

Nishiwaga town, center of Tohoku area (north part of Japan), and located in border between Iwate and Akita prefecture. It surrounded by beautiful mountains, and famous for hot spring (there is one even in a train station)!

**Terminal**

The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point (Hot Yuda sta.) in Iwate, it takes 5 hours by bullet train or 9 hours by night bus. You need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo (Narita/Haneda) by 19:00PM on Aug. 22nd and can leave there after 09:00AM on Sep. 2nd.

**Requirement**

Interest in community development, cultural exchange with a local community, and agricultural works.

**Participation fee**

No fee

**Language**

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

**Other**

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**Summary**

Let's enjoy rich nature in Iwaki! Maintain forest around Mt. Yunodake area!

**Background**

Organized together with Iwaki no Mori ni Shitashimukai (IMS) since 2016 (First time!). IMS start on October 3, 2001 at Mt. Yunodake in Iwaki city. IMS is a NPO maintaining forest and organizing activities in forest (kids camp etc.) around there. They aim to revive satoyama (local forest) by citizen's hands and people enjoy satoyama safely and freely. IMS think it is necessary to know the forest and the soil for understanding roots of the environmental problem. In order to do that, people firstly need to get in touch the nature and know attractiveness.

**Work**

Volunteers will 1) maintain abandoned chestnut forest. IMS already planted maple trees and acer there. volunteer will cut grass around these trees, 2) maintain footpath we call Yunodake nature walking course. IMS organize nature tour and nature game there.

**Accommodation**

Yunodake-sanso (it means Yunodake mountain cottage). Shared room (male and female are separated). Cooked as a group by turns. All basic facilities are provided. Volunteers need to bring sleeping bags.

**Study theme**

Volunteers will get knowledge of nature, revive from huge earthquake.

**Other activities**

Communicating with member of IMS and local university students.

**Location**

It is located Iwaki city (south part and near shore) in Fukushima pref.. Iwaki-city is most huge land and highest population number in Fukushima.

**Terminal**

The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 3 hours by bus. You need to arrive at Tokyo (Narita/Haneda) airport by 06:00 AM on 29th August. You can leave there 13:00 PM on 11th September.

**Requirement**

Interest to protect nature and to exchange with people.

**Participation fee**

No fee

**Language**

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

**Other**

Bring some info. about environmental situation in your country. Website of IMS: http://iwaki-mori.jimdo.com/ (only Japanese)
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**Summary**

Providing support in the affected areas of reconstruction by the force of the international volunteers!

**Background**

This work camp is organized together with some local Kids center since 2012. A giant earthquake occurred in Tohoku in 2011 Mar. That caused unprecedented damage. NICE has been organizing the special workcamps there, especially in Iwate and Miyagi. We have provided the international game for Kids center affected by the disaster to expand the international understanding for Kids. We were able to provide a highly effective program at more than 10 Kids centers.

**Work**

The first half, Volunteers will work at rose garden which is community space for locals in disaster area. For example, cutting grass, cleaning the garden, planting flowers, and so on. And the latter half, Volunteers will visit Kids center to provide the international game for 6-12 years Kids. You have chance to show your culture, music, dances and games for Kids. Please bring a lot of ideas about songs, games and dance like you can play with the children.

**Accommodation**

Local volunteer house. Simple self-catering. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary. Share room.

**Study theme**

Disaster area visit and getting know the disaster damage prevention

**Other activities**

Sightseeing on the free day

**Location**

Located in Tohoku region Miyagi faces the Pacific Ocean in the east, high mountains in the west, and covered by continuous rice paddies.

**Terminal**

The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 7 hours by bullet train or 10 hours by bus. You need to arrive at Tokyo (Narita/Haneda) airport by 19:00 on one day before the first day and can leave there after 19:00 on the last day.

**Requirement**

High motivation to play with the children and disaster area, and respect to the local culture! Motivation letter is required.

**Participation fee**

No fee

**Language**

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)
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**Summary**

Organic farming in the wonderful community with challenged people in beautiful nature. They have got the best prize of mountain cheese contest in the world!

**Background**

This workcamp has been organized with Kyodo Gakusha since 1998, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who wants to learn farming or just want to live in the nature. They have five communities in Tokyo, Nagano and Hokkaido and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way with utilizing bacterium. Their cheese got the 1st prize in the global contest! Volunteers will encourage their practice and share the spirit.

**Work**

Volunteers will do some work that is hardly done by the daily work of the community (last year, it was creating a trail) with the supervision of the specialists. Volunteers will also join farm work (weeding and harvest in vegetable, corn and Japanese noodle fields) and other community work including house work.

**Accommodation**

The community (female and male are separated). Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the people by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

**Study theme**

Similar types of communities in each country and networking (Social farms). Bring some info.!

**Other activities**

School visit, joining a summer festival (tugs of war), exchange and birthday parties, etc.

**Location**

Agricultural country side, 120 km east of Sapporo. -20 degree in winter and 20 in summer.

**Terminal**

The nearest international airport is in Sapporo. From Sapporo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 4 hours by express train. Volunteers need to arrive at Shin-Chitose airport by 09:00 on Aug. 31 and can leave there after 17:00 on Sep. 13.

**Requirement**

Interest and motivation to work and live in this type of community. Respect to their life.

**Participation fee**

No fee

**Language**

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**Summary**

Cutting trees in SATOYAMA forest to keep biodiversity and encourage sustainable life!

**Background**

Organized together with local NPOs, ‘Association to protect nature in Tondabayashi’ and ‘Hamuro club’ since 2009. 67% of land in Japan is covered with forest and 40% of them is human-made planted forest called SATOYAMA, where people used to get many things to live such as foods and energies. SATOYAMA need to be taken care of to maintain its biodiversity and to keep 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!! Most of the members of local groups are aged 50-70, so they expect our participation of youth and foreign vols. to activate both mentally and physically.

**Work**

In the morning, volunteers will work in the forest to maintain it. Cutting woods, pealing skins, cutting bamboos, sometimes chopping firewoods. In the afternoon, volunteers will have activities such as discussion about environmental issues, bamboo craft, having a lecture about SATOYAMA.

**Accommodation**

Very simple renovated house and a log house constructed by local people. Cooking with firewood. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

**Study theme**

Volunteers will get knowledge of conservation work in a forest.

**Other activities**

Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese culture, home stay, etc.

**Location**

Takidani fudo, Tondabayashi city in Osaka. 60 km south of Osaka city

**Terminal**

The nearest international airport is Kansai int'l airport in Osaka. To the meeting point, it will take about 1 hour by train. You need to arrive at Kansai airport by 10:00 on 31st and can leave there after 18:00 on 14th.

**Requirement**

Interest in nature conservation. Adaptability to enjoy a simple lifestyle is needed!
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**Summary**

Painting the long fences, harvesting rice, enjoy local festival. You can make Kamimakuchi village encourage by ART!

**Background**

NICE have been organized this project together with Satoyama Shizen Gakko Komatsu Takigahara (nature school), founded in 2011 to teach attraction and importance of Satoyama forest. Depopulation (especially of youth) is a serious problem here similarly in many other country sides. This village have only 20 families and few young people. It is difficult to keep traditional culture, so we aim to help keeping this landscape/cultures and telling Satoyama’s attraction by young power! This village have welcomed volunteers since 2013, and they tried to starting new project with them. Local people really welcome to coming the new people!

**Work**

Main work is (1) painting the fences (more than 1km!), (2) harvesting rice, (3) cutting brush and grasses for landscape preservation and (4) supporting the local events. We may possibly also support to event with kids/local people and do some other work for the community.

**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. Wifi are not connected basically.

**Study theme**

Volunteers have time for discussion about “How to interchange and dispatch about Satoyama forest’s enlivening”.

**Other activities**

Exchange parties with local people, trekking and hot spring etc.

**Location**

Ishikawa prefecture is almost middle of Japan. Campsite is very small village located in South part of Ishikawa prefecture. There are rice fields, shrine, and beautiful nature. (https://goo.gl/maps/JBr8Py5WowS2)

**Terminal**

Komatsu is nearest airport. The closest International airport is Osaka (Kansai) . It takes 3.5 hours by express train. From Tokyo (Narita/Haneda airport), 4 hours by express train / 8 hours by night bus (you need to arrive by 31th Aug. afternoon/ can leave campsite after 12th noon.)

**Requirement**

High motivation to work hard and seriously and enjoy simple life. Need idea for local revitalization. Speaking Japanese language is welcomed!
### Participation fee
No fee

### Language
English

### Other
Volunteers get knowledge about actions for developing local village. Also the basic knowledge of the Japanese language and local culture.

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### Summary
Working in rice fields in the small village, and gathering various kinds of ideas to make the village attractive to visitors!

### Background
This workcamp has been organized together with Ojiro Tourism Association since 2009. Ojiro is depopulated, aging small village located at the middle of north-west of the Hyo-no mountain in Hyogo prefecture. Nature in this area is really beautiful even though the area is not famous. Local people hope that the people in the cities can enjoy this beautiful nature as well as wonderful local culture. Volunteers are also expected to find attractive points of this village from different points of view of various countries!

### Work
Maintain the rice field called “tanada”, a traditional Japanese rice field in the mountain area. Tanada here was selected as one of “the 100 most beautiful tanada” in Japan. We will also do some farming work or any work that local people need. We might make signpost of the area for tourists. Discussion about how to make this village attractive.

### Accommodation
Local community center. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.

### Study theme
You will get the knowledge how to activate a remoted area and make it attractive.

### Other activities
Party with local people, hiking, Hot spring, excursion to sandhill in Tottori pref.

### Location
Ojiro-ku, Kami town, located in the north-west the Hyogo prefecture, the middle of the Hyo-no mountain.

### Terminal
The nearest international airport is in Osaka (KIX). From Osaka city to the meeting point, it will take for 3-4 hours by train and bus. You need to arrive at Kansai airport by 8:00 on the first day and can leave there after 21:00 on 14th.
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**Summary**

Revive the beautiful lake as 100 years ago through our small, but valuable step by making rafts of reeds and forest maintenance! The place and food are so beautiful here:)

**Background**

This workcamp has been organized with Onuma Milestone 22, a local NGO made by President of Fishermen’s Cooperative and Director of international exchange association since 2004. 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!

**Work**

Volunteers will 1) work in the forest (removing some alien conifer trees that disturb growth of other plants and animals, maintain the foot paths, etc.), 2) make the rafts with reeds to purity the water of the lake and 3) do other work needed in the community (e.g., cleaning the lake, removing alien plants, organizing Eco Sponge Action, etc.)

**Accommodation**

Cabin rent for the workcamps. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

**Study theme**

100 years plan of the forests and sustainable town planning. Bring some info.!

**Other activities**

Excursion, sports, exchange parties with local people, etc.

**Location**

South of Hokkaido island, in a national park near Hakodate city which is famous for romantic view in the night, especially for sweet couples!
The nearest international airport is in Sapporo. From Sapporo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 3 hours by express train. Volunteers need to arrive at Shin-Chitose airport by 08:00 on Sep. 02 and can leave there after 17:00 on Sep. 16. From Tokyo, 10 hours by bullet train or 30 hours by ship.

**Requirement**
Motivation to actively work with local people!

**Participation fee**
No fee

**Language**
English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

**Other**
Please see the long term goal of this project as "Local SDGs" at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/n2-68394244 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)

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### NICE-17-110

**Tennen-mura**

**Chiba**

**Japan**

**Start** 09/02

**End** 09/18

**Type** AGRI

**Vols.** 8

**Min age** 18

**Max age** 99

#### Summary
Let's join for revival of beautiful traditional terraced rice field!

#### Background
This project is newly organized with Association for Activating Hiratsuka area (AAH). AAH is formed by local farmers with the aim of utilization local resources to increase the attractiveness of Hiratsuka area by maintaining the hiking trail, making a local sightseeing map, helping to organize local festivals and so on. AAH also has cooperated with Tennen-mura for revival of abandoned farmland such as traditional terraced rice fields. Tennen-mura (means 'Natural Village') is an institution providing city people opportunities to experience of farming and country life. They need power of young international volunteers for vitalizing the aging community.

#### Work
Volunteers will help local farmers to take care of terraced rice fields. Weeding is one of the most important and needed works. Volunteers will also help the weekend agricultural event, maintaining of Aquaponics, and some other needed works. The contents of work will be changed due to weather, please be flexible!

#### Accommodation
Volunteers will stay in shared room. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NOT needed.

#### Study theme
Volunteers will get knowledge about agriculture of terraced rice fields and aquaponics.

#### Other activities
cultural exchange party with local people, etc.
Location
Kamogawa city is located in southern Chiba pref. It takes only 2 hours from the central Tokyo by bus, however, you can enjoy its rich nature such as beautiful coastline and terraced rice fields.

Terminal
The nearest international airport is in Tokyo(Narita/Haneda). From Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 1.5 hours by bus. You need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo(Narita/Haneda) by 11:00 AM on Sep. 2nd and can leave there after 16:00 PM on Sep 18th.

Requirement
Interested in Japanese agriculture, positive attitude to work outside in hot weather.

Participation fee
No fee

Language
English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

Other
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Summary
Create a mountain trail with beautiful view of northern Japan Alps together with the local people! First year to organize an international workcamps!

Background
This workcamp has been organized with the local community since 2016. Takano village of Shinko district is surrounded by the mountains and located at 750-800 a.s.l. The village don’t have particular attractions for tourists and ongoing depopulation and aging, that is a common serious issue in most of the country sides (or even the whole country!) of Japan, would be more serious in the future. But they have great attraction of natural and cultural heritages! The ex. Director of NICE is living here since 2015 and 4 workcamps were successfully organized in 2016 with NICE on which the volunteers mainly worked for nature farming and creating a trail in the mountain where we can enjoy amazing view of Japanese northern Alps!

Work
Volunteers will visit the elementary (age 6-12) / junior high (age 12-15) schools to run the English speaking classes and to organize inter-cultural exchange of play, music and dance of the world. Volunteers will also continue the last year’s work to create and maintain the trail as well as walking around the area with taking pictures and having interviews to the local people.

Accommodation
Public hall. Meals (attention: only vegan food is possible!) will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

Study theme
Presentation of the plans to activate the community with utilizing outsiders' point of view
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**Summary**
Revive the abandon, but beautiful village by maintenance of the forests and fields. You can enjoy very beautiful Japanese nature and culture! You feel REAL JAPAN!

**Background**
NICE have been organized this project together with Shizentaiken Ozuchi Mura since 2013, founded by local people to keep the Japanese original landscape. There were 140 inhabitants with 20 houses in 1916, but now only 2 people live there! Still 10 houses are remained and the area was designated as Nation’s Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings. This group try to improve this depopulation situation by young voluntary power. Volunteers have been tried to (1) agriculture, (2) maintain the forest, (3) organize the event of culture exchange for local people and (4) exchange of ideas for improvement regional development through workcamps.

**Work**
We will do various work to activate Ozuchi village and preserve their culture and nature. Main works are (1) harvesting rice and maintain rice fields, (2) maintaining vegetables’ fields for sustainable life, (3) school visiting and organizing events with local old people for culture exchange. And do some other work for the community.

**Accommodation**
Renovated house (Japanese traditional house!). Simple shower room. Clean toilet. You don't need to bring your sleeping bag. Volunteers prepare the meals by themselves. Wi-fi, Internet and mobile cannot connected.

**Other activities**
Exchange program with the local children, farm stay, etc.

**Location**
Shinko district is located in the south west of Nagano city which is located in the north east of Nagano prefecture. The climate is colder than low land, so even in summer, it may be cool in the evening and morning. Rice and apples farming is the main industry.

**Terminal**
The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 2 hours by the bullet train or 3-4 hours by bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo (Narita or Haneda) by 07:00 on the first day and can leave there after 20:00 on the last day.

**Requirement**
High motivation to work with kids. Similar types of experience and Japanese speaking skill are welcome! Volunteers need to accept and enjoy vegan food.

**Participation fee**
No fee

**Language**
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**Summary**

Let's support single-living elderly people and play with kids!

**Background**

This project has been organized together with local community center in Ino. Ino area is very remote area in Shimane, and faces the problem of depopulation. Accordingly, number of elder one-person households is increasing. Local group is trying to reactivate this area by inviting people from another area of Japan and even from other countries. Especially kids here don't have enough experience of international interact, which local group think important for kids' growth. During this workcamp, volunteers are expected to make this area fun!

**Work**

Volunteers will support single-living elder people. For example, weeding, cleaning and helping for farming etc. Volunteers also have chance to go to a local school to organize classes for international interact with kids.
Accommodation
Local empty house. Local people might prepare beds for you, but you are recommended to bring your own sleeping bag in case. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.

Study theme
Volunteers will get knowledge of good ways of interaction with kids.

Other activities
Visiting Izumo shrine, swimming, cultural exchange

Location
Ino area, Izumo city in Shimane prefecture

Terminal
The nearest international airport is in Osaka. From Osaka to the meeting point in Shimane, it will take 9 hours by midnight bus. You need to arrive at Kansai airport in Osaka by 18:00 on 28th and can leave there after 15:00 on 5th. From Tokyo, 6 hours by Shinkansen or 12 hours by midnight bus.

Requirement
Positive attitude to communicate with kids, love nature.

Participation fee
No fee

Language
English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

Other
Please see the long term goal of this project as "Local SDGs" at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/w1-67954652 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)

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Summary
Working hard for cutting and carrying trees in SATOYAMA forest to keep biodiversity and encourage sustainable life!

Background
This workcamp has been organized with "Akame no SATOYAMA wo Sodateru kai", a local environmental NPO for conservation of SATOYAMA forest 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 have 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 copse 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!!
### Work
Volunteers will cut down trees in the forest and carry them out so that SATOYAMA forest can keep healthy condition for biodiversity. For work, volunteers need to use blades and sometimes machineries with lecture how to use. Work is quite hard from morning to evening even in rain if it’s not so heavy. Sometimes, we may interact with mentally challenged people who work everyday for the same things as you will do.

### Accommodation
Volunteers will stay in a log house. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.

### Study theme
Volunteers will get knowledge of conservation work in SATOYAMA forest.

### Other activities
hiking, cultural exchange parties, etc.

### 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.

### Terminal
The nearest international airport is Kansai int. airport(Osaka) or Chubu Centrair Int. airport(Nagoya). To the meeting point, it will take about 1.5 hour by train from both. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport by 10:00 on 5th and can leave there after 19:00 on 19th.

### Requirement
Strong motivation and Physical strength are highly needed.

### Participation fee
No fee

### Language
English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

### Other
Please see the presentation of the camp leader for the IVS contest in Japan 2015 https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/w55 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)

### Summary
Working in nature such as world heritage silver mine, local river and mountain. Making great opportunity for local kids and youth to having international exchange!
This workcamp has been organized with Organization of Green and Water (OGW) since 2007. OGW was established in 1992 to advocate the importance of prairies and forests in our ecosystem. Iwami Ginzan, a silver mine, was registered as a World Heritage site in 2007. However, the recent lack of maintenance of satoyama forests has caused the unwanted spread of bamboo forests which could destroy stone walls and degrade the scenery. To revitalize the whole city, they are not only working for tangible side such as maintenance of the mine, but also they contribute intangible aspects such as supporting mentally-challenged local youth, environmental and international exchange education at elementary school, etc.

Volunteers will do various kinds of work such as maintenance of the bamboo forest around the Iwami Ginzan (cutting down trees and converting into chips), cutting grass in the local mountain to conserve biodiversity, visiting elementary schools to organize classes for international interact, playing sports with youths who are isolated from regular society, cleaning a river, etc.

Public house where OGW’s office is in. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.

Volunteers will get knowledge of conservation work in a forest.

Visiting the historical sites, exchange party, sports, hot spring, Matsue castle

Oda city, Shimane prefecture. About 250 km north west of Osaka. Near the Sea of Japan

The nearest int'l airport is Kansai(Osaka). From Osaka to the meeting point in Shimane, it will take 6.5 hours by bus. You are recommended to arrive at Kansai on 9th since the bus leaves early morning. Hiroshima airport is also available, it takes about 4 hours to the meeting point.

Interest in nature conservation.

No fee

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

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### Background
This workcamp has been organized together with Tateya Farm of Kyodo Gakusha (KG) since 2015. KG is a NPO running 5 organic farming communities in Japan where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, those who want to learn farming, etc. in order to change our society from competitive to cooperative. Tateya Farm has about 40 members and NICE started LMTV projects here since 2014. NICE also organizes workcamps and LMTV projects in Maki and Shintoku that are branches of KG group.

### Work
Volunteers will help their organic farm (harvesting/threshing rice, planting vegetables, taking care of animals, etc.) and their house work. 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.

### Accommodation
Building for volunteers in the farm. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

### Study theme
Similar type of communities in each country and their networking. Bring some info.

### Other activities
Exchange party, etc.

### 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”.

### Terminal
The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 4 hours by express train or 6-8 hours by bus and train. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo (Narita or Haneda) by 04:00 on Sep. 18th and can leave there after 24:00 on Sep. 30th.

### Requirement
Good Japanese language is not necessary, but still welcomed. You need to be physically strong and flexible to respect the way of the local host. Motivation letter is needed!

### Participation fee
No fee

### Language
English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

### Other
Please see the presentation of the camp leader for the IVS contest in Japan 2015 https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/e4-54764427 (only Japanese for the moment, but you can at least enjoy the pictures!)
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**Summary**

Let's support “World Rafting Championship 2017” in Tokushima.

**Background**

Organized together with NPO, ‘Bizan Daigaku’ since 2015. Tokushima Miyoshi city owns the torrent “Yoshino gawa river” of the world level. About 40'000 people come to this river for rafting in annually. Many people enjoy the torrent and river trip. In October 2017, the top athletes of the world will gather in Yoshino gawa river. It will determine the world’s best race rafting. They want to activate this city though having this events with volunteers, so they need many volunteers to run this Championship festival.

**Work**

Prepare and support for the festival “World Rafting Championship 2017” with local people to activate the area and communication with local people. Interpretation to athletes and their family. Picking and separating rubbish during/after the festival.

**Accommodation**

Local empty house in Tokushima city. Breakfast will be prepared by volunteers. Lunch and dinner will be served. Sleeping bag is necessary.

**Study theme**

Volunteers will get chance to interact with energetic local people who want to activate the small city.

**Other activities**

Joining the festivals, Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese culture, etc.

**Location**

Miyoshi city, Tokushima pref.

**Terminal**

The closest airport is Takamatsu airport. To get the meeting point, You need to arrive by 10:00 on 28th, and can leave there after 17:00 on the 11th. You can also come from Kansai international airport in Osaka. It will take for 5 hours by train. You need to arrive by 7:00 on the 28th.

**Requirement**

Japanese and English speaking skills(everyday conversation level). Positive attitude to working hard, communication with Japanese local people.

**Participation fee**

No fee

**Language**

English & Japanese

**Other**

Noce
### Summary

Delivering the English Halloween camp program to enjoy in the beautiful nature field for Kids from the affected areas.

### Background

This work camp is organized together with Local group since 2012. A giant earthquake occurred in the eastern part of Japan on March 11th 2011, causing unprecedented damage. 80% of the houses in Iwate have gotten damaged by the earthquake and tsunami, and many people still have to live in the temporary house now. The children cannot play in the school playground because there are so many temporary houses in there. So we would like to give the opportunity for the children to enjoy the outdoor activities. We are going to organize English Halloween camp for 120 Kids aged 9-12 years old.

### Work

NICE will organize the Kids camp and run this program with volunteers from around the world. As your task, playing and living together with the children and supporting them when necessary all day! Volunteers will also provide the international games for them too. You have chance to show your culture, music, dance and games for the children. Please bring a lot of ideas about songs, games and dance like you can play with the children. and enjoy Halloween with the children!

### Accommodation

Youth Training Accommodation. Simple self-catering. Foods are all provided. Share room. 10:30 pm, The light will be turned off for sleep!

### Study theme

Getting to know the Kids outdoor activities management and reconstruction from the Tsunami disaster.

### Other activities

Excursion, Mountain bike and trekking, Onsen (hot spring spa) etc.

### Location

South east edge of Iwate prefecture. Forestry, agriculture and fishing are used to be the main industry though they were severely damaged and may take several years to be rehabilitated.

### Terminal

The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point in Iwate, it takes 7 hours by bullet train or 10 hours by bus. You need to arrive at Tokyo (Narita/Haneda) airport by 19:00 on the 1 day before the first day and can leave there after 19:00 on last day.

### Requirement

Need High motivation to work for disaster area and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization! Motivation letter is required. Person who do not have any criminal or sexual or physical abuse record! During the kids camp(1night 2days), non smoking and non alcohol.

### Participation fee

No fee

### Language

English (Japanese is also welcomed!)
### 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!

### Background
This workcamp has been organized with Maki Farm of Kyodo Gakusha (KG) since 2000. KG is a NPO running 5 organic farming communities in Japan where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, those who want to learn farming, etc. in order to change our society from competitive to cooperative. Maki Farm has 5-10 members and is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains), so once it became an abandon village in 1970s.

### Work
Volunteers will help their organic farm by cutting thatch, threshing rice, selecting beans, taking care of goats and chicken and also carry the things from the town, renovate the trails, help their house works, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard.

### Accommodation
Building for volunteers in the farm. Very beautiful cultural heritage! Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

### Study theme
Similar type of communities in each country and their networking. Bring some info!

### Other activities
Visit to the elementary school, football and baseball (optional), exchange party, etc.

### Location
Very isolated, but beautiful place near “Japanese Northern Alps”. About 900 meters asl. There are something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization.

### Terminal
The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 4 hours by express train or 6-8 hours by bus and train. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo (Narita or Haneda) by 04:00 on Oct. 18th and can leave there after 24:00 on Oct. 29th.

### Requirement
Good Japanese language is not necessary, but still welcomed. You need to be physically strong and flexible to respect the way of the local host. Motivation letter is needed!

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Summary
Delivering the English Halloween camp program to enjoy in the beautiful nature field for Kids from the affected areas.

Background
This work camp is organized together with Local group since 2016. A giant earthquake occurred in Kumamoto prefecture in the southern part of Japan on April 14th 2016, causing unprecedented damage. Over 30,000 of the houses were damaged and so many people have to be living in the temporary houses. The children cannot play in the school playground because there are so many temporary houses in there. So NICE would like to give the opportunity for the children to enjoy the outdoor activities. We are going to organize English Halloween camp for 30 Kids aged 9-12 years old.

Work
NICE will organize the Kids camp and run this program with volunteers from around the world. As your task, playing and living together with the children and supporting them when necessary all day! Volunteers will also provide the international games for them too. You have chance to show your culture, music, dance and games for the children. Please bring a lot of ideas about songs, games and dance like you can play with the children. And enjoy Halloween with the children! And also volunteers will help local farmers or people who damaged by the earthquake such as reclaim, cutting grass and harvesting and do anything else needed.

Accommodation
Youth Training Accommodation. Simple self-catering. Foods are all provided. Share room.

Study theme
Getting to know the Kids outdoor activities management and reconstruction from the Earthquake disaster.

Other activities
Excursion, Onsen (hot spring spa) etc.

Location
Kumamoto in the center of western Kyushu Island. Its convenient location allows easy access to other prefectures in Kyushu.

The inland valley of Kumamoto has four distinct seasons and experiences a wide range of temperatures throughout the year. The region receives high levels of rainfall in June during the rainy season and because of the plentiful spring water that accumulates in the aquifers around Aso, Kumamoto is known around the world for supplying its 670,000 citizens with the water they need to conduct their daily lives. Agricultural, fishery and IC industries also thrive thanks to these natural water sources.

Terminal
The nearest International airport is Fukuoka international airport. Domestic airport is Kumamoto airport. From Fukuoka to Kumamoto, it takes 2-3 hours by train or bus. You need to arrive at Kumamoto airport by 15PM on 23rd.
Requirement
Need High motivation to work for disaster area and respect to the local culture and way of the local organization! Motivation letter is required. Person who do not have any criminal or sexual or physical abuse record! During the kids camp(1night 2days), non smoking and non alcohol.

Participation
fee
No fee

Language
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Other
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Summary
Create a mountain trail with beautiful view of Norther Japan Alps together with the local people! First year to organize an international workcamps!

Background
This workcamp has been organized with the local community since 2016. Takano village of Shinko district is surrounded by the mountains and located at 750-800 a.s.l. The village don’t have particular attractions for tourists and ongoing depopulation and aging, that is a common serious issue in most of the country sides (or even the whole country!) of Japan, would be more serious in the future. But they have great attraction of natural and cultural heritages! The ex. Director of NICE is living here since 2015 and 4 workcamps were successfully organized in 2016 with NICE on which the volunteers mainly worked for nature farming and creating a trail in the mountain where we can enjoy amazing view of Japanese northern Alps!

Work
Volunteers will visit the elementary (age 6-12) / junior high (age 12-15) schools to run the English speaking classes and to organize inter-cultural exchange of play, music and dance of the world. Volunteers will also continue the last year’s work to create and maintain the trail as well as walking around the area with taking pictures and having interviews to the local people.

Accommodation
Public hall. Meals (attention: only vegan food is possible!) will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

Study theme
Presentation of the plans to activate the community with utilizing outsiders' point of view

Other activities
Exchange program with the local children, farm stay, etc.

Location
Shinko district is located in the south west of Nagano city which is located in the north east of Nagano prefecture. The climate is colder than low land, so even in summer, it may be cool in the evening and morning. Rice and apples farming is the main industry.

Terminal
The nearest international airport is in Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 2 hours by the bullet train or 3-4 hours by bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo (Narita or Haneda) by 07:00 on the first day and can leave there after 20:00 on the last day.)
**Requirement**
High motivation to work with kids. Similar types of experience and Japanese speaking skill are welcome! Volunteers need to accept and enjoy vegan food.

**Participation fee**
No fee

**Language**
English (Japanese is also welcomed!)

**Other**
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**Summary**
Delivering the English winter camp program to enjoy in the beautiful nature field for the children from the affected areas.

**Background**
This work camp is organized together with Local group since 2012. A giant earthquake occurred in the eastern part of Japan on March 11th 2011, causing unprecedented damage. 80% of the houses in Iwate have gotten damaged by the earthquake and tsunami, and many people still have to live in the temporary house now. The children can not play in the school playground because there are so many temporary houses in there. So we would like to give the opportunity for the children to enjoy the outdoor activates. We are going to organize English Halloween camp for 120 Kids aged 9-12 years old.

**Work**
NICE will organize the Kids camp and run this program with volunteers from around the world. As your task, playing and living together with the children and supporting them when necessary all day! Volunteers will also provide the international games for them too. You have chance to show your culture, music, dance and games for the children. Please bring a lot of ideas about songs, games and dance like you can play with the children. and enjoy Christmas with the children!

**Accommodation**
Youth Training Accommodation. Simple self-catering. Foods are all provided. Share room. 10:30 pm, The light will be turned off for sleep!

**Study theme**
Getting to know the Kids outdoor activities management and reconstruction from the Tsunami disaster.

**Other activities**
Excursion, Mountain bike and trekking, Onsen (hot spring spa) etc.

**Location**
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