

Organized 126 workcamps/ hosted & sent 684 volunteers in 2021
(6,340 workcamps/ 83,030 volunteers in 32 years since 1990)

NICE Projects for 2022

(Projects starting in Oct.-Dec.)



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NICE (Never-ending International workCamps Exchange)

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

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1. What is NICE!?

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- 😊 **IVS (International Voluntary Service) NGO based in Japan**
- 😊 **Organizing various types of workcamps toward Colorful & Healthy World**
- 😊 **Organized 6,340 workcamps & exchanged 83,030 volunteers in 32 years**
- 😊 **Working on Environment/ Development/ Culture/ Education/ Human Rights**
- 😊 **Partnership with 162 IVS NGOs in 89 countries & 115 Local partners in Japan**

1-1) Brief History

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

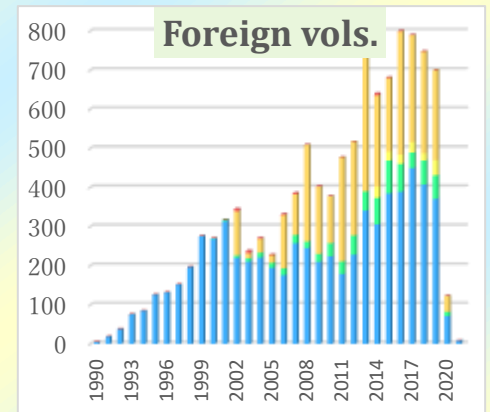
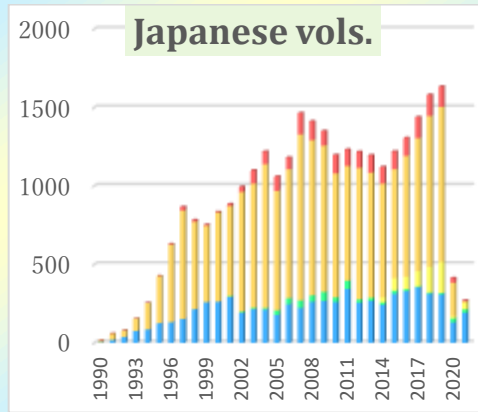
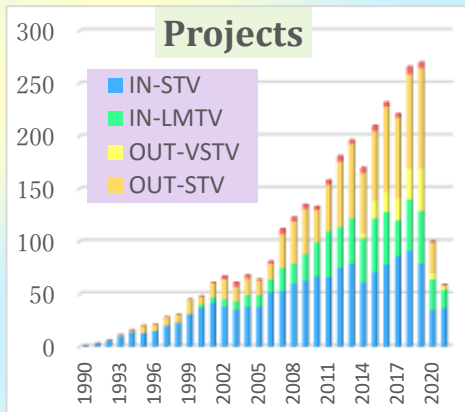
In 1990 Sep., the first international workcamp of NICE was held at the foot of the Mt. Fuji in Japan.



< Some of the major achievements >

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





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

During COVID-19 period, NICE kept national workcamps, created online/ donation projects and downsized the structure (moving the office, decreasing the paid staff) to overcome the challenges!
In 2022, Outgoing vols. reached over 220 and Incoming placement will finally restart from Oct.!

1-2) Aims and Goals

Achieve a Healthy & Colorful World!

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



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

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



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



3) Promote global friendship/ cooperation and personal growth!



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

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

- * In each of them, there are **VSTV** (1-6 days), **STV** (7-31 days), **MTV** (32-182 days), **LTV** (183 days-).
- * Workcamps are **"Group living types of voluntary service"**.
- * Some projects (especially MTV & LTV) are **not workcamps, but individual** voluntary service.
- * In each of them, **many local people are actively participating** in the various ways.



< NICE's projects by themes >



1-4) Structure

- Run by many active members voluntarily!



As of 2022 Jul., there are

- 13 EC (Executive Committee) members**
- 2 Auditors**
- 29 Full members**
- Over 300 Active members**
- 666 Associate members**
- 16,511 Supporting members**
- 5 full + 3 part time paid staff members**
- 26 Registered Activity team**
- 4 Regional Workcamp Center**

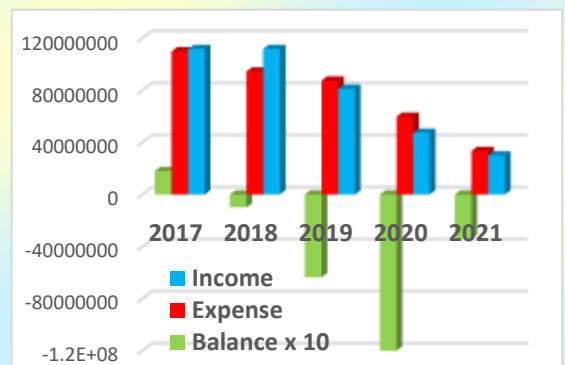


1-5) Finance

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

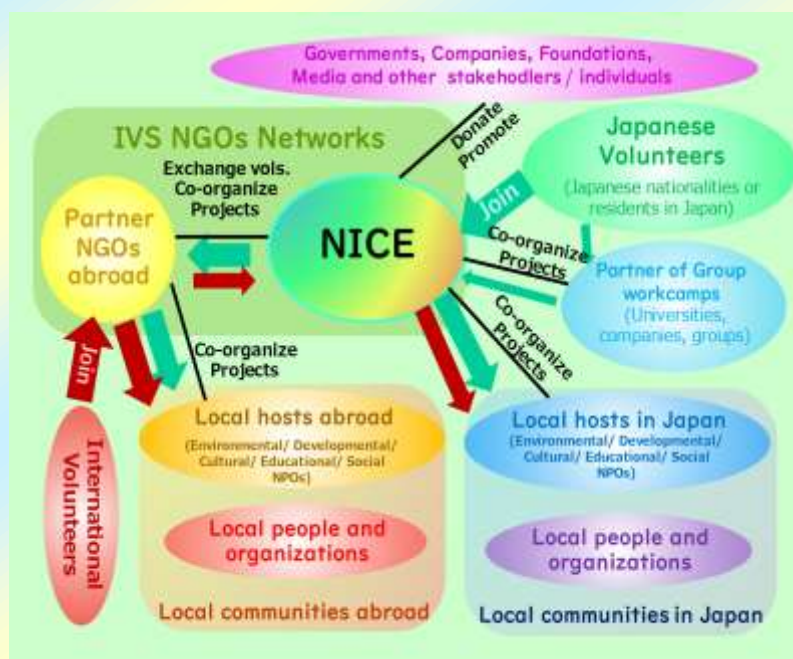
< Settlement of Account in 2021 >

Income: 245,671 USD		Expense: 273,518 USD	
Membership fee	27%	IVS projects cost	13%
Participation fee	0%	Other projects cost	0%
Grants	40%	Staff cost	71%
Donation	22%	Other operation cost	2%
Fund raising	7%	Network & Promotion	3%
Others	3%	Others	11%
Total Balance: minus 27,848 USD			



1-6) External Relations

- One of the largest networks in IVS movement!



As of 2022 Jul., there are,

- 162 partner NGOs in 89 countries**
- Over 5,000 local hosts in the world**
- 123 local hosts in Japan**
- 19 Partners of Group workcamps**

And NICE is currently;

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

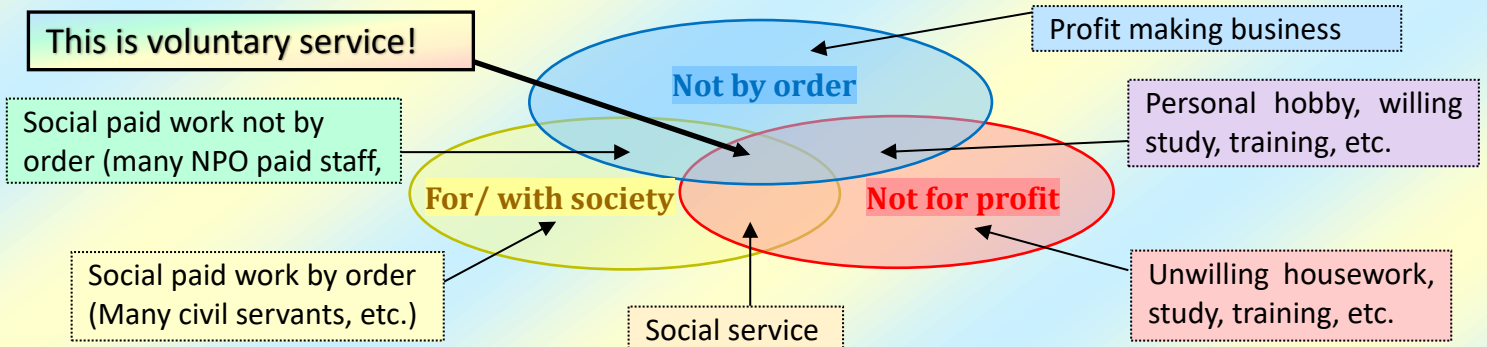


2. Types & Definitions of NICE Projects

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

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



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

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

* Workcamp is a group living type of voluntary service project

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

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

* As most of VSTW are done in the weekends, it is often called "**Weekend Workcamps**" (even for the ones organized on Mon.-Fri.). Some NGOs call them as "**Mini Workcamps**".

* LTV and MTV are usually called together (here as "LMTV" while some organizations call "MLTV").

* Most of IVS NGOs rarely organize VSTI and STI while **many of LMTV are individual type** (LMTI).

2-4) Other ways of Categories

International (open globally)	Regional (e.g. only for Asian)	Trilateral (3 countries)	Bilateral (2 countries)	National	Local
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* Even if vols are from 2-3 countries after all, if it was open globally, it can be still called "International".

* In the wider definition, Regional/ Trilateral/ Bilateral ones can be also called "International".

Environmental	Developmental	Cultural	Educational	Social (Human Rights)
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* There are many ways to categorize differently in each NGO and many projects are multi thematic.

Group workcamps (organized for the specific groups such as schools, companies and community clubs)

Other (Non Group) Workcamps
(Volunteers are recruited individually)

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

2-5) More info. about IVS movement

< What is our IVS? >

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

The main contents are;

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

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

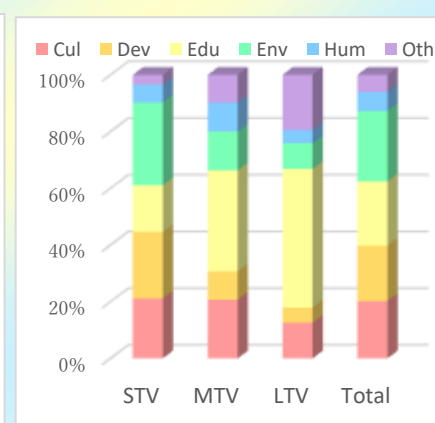
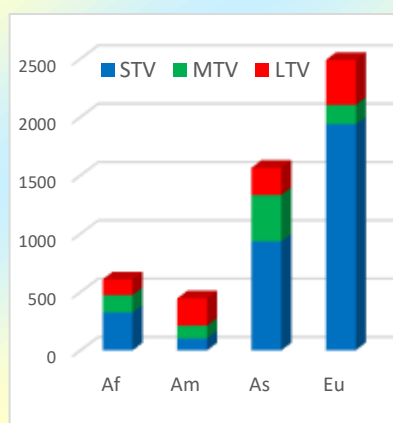


< Global statistics of IVS >

The first version was made in 2015 (for the figures of 2013) for the first time of IVS history since 1920 by the collaboration of 6 IVS networks with the strong initiative of NICE and its President. Here is some data from the second version finalized in 2018 for the figures of 2016.

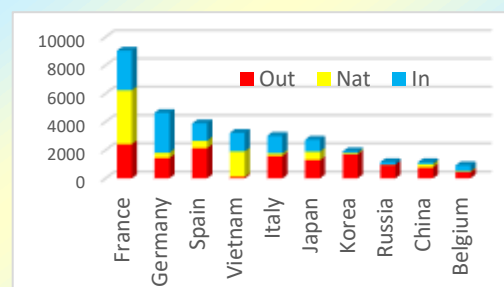
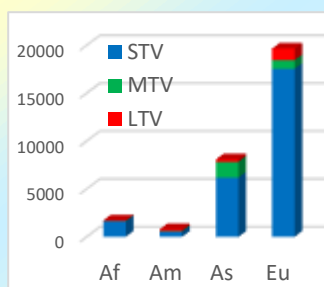
[Number of Projects organized]

	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Total	3,302	823	986	5,111
Africa	325	150	134	609
Americas	103	110	233	446
Asia	935	397	234	1,566
Europe	1,939	166	385	2,490
Cultural	21%	21%	13%	20%
Developmental	23%	10%	5%	20%
Educational	16%	36%	49%	23%
Environmental	29%	14%	9%	25%
Human Rights	6%	10%	5%	7%
Others	3%	10%	19%	6%



[Number of Volunteers from]

	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Total	25,917	2,655	1,694	30,266
Africa	1,629	38	48	1,715
Americas	544	68	183	795
Asia	6,199	1,635	257	8,091
Europe	17,545	914	1,206	19,665



< History of IVS >

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

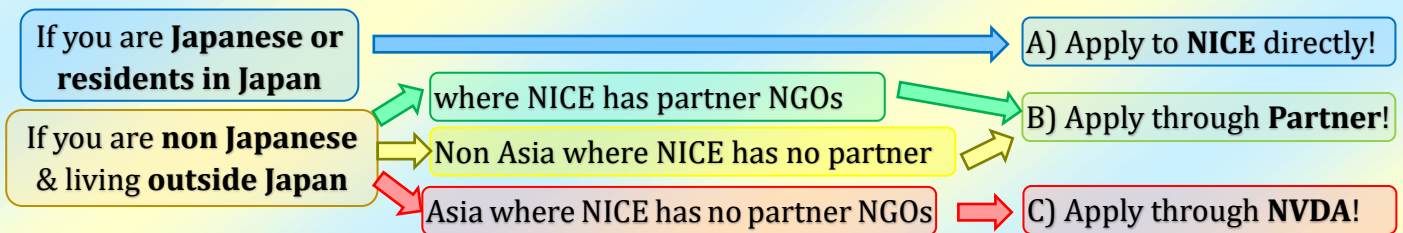
SCI was founded by Pierre Cérésolle, a Swiss engineer, who established a peace and humanitarian movement in the aftermath of World War I in 1920, thereby laying down the foundations of SCI. Cérésolle organised the first international workcamp (voluntary project) on the former battlefield of Verdun (France)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

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

3. Participation Process and Fee

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



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

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

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

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

Step 1: Send your application and pay the inscription fee

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

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

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

Step 3: Receive Acceptance or Refusal

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

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

Step 4: Book the flights as soon as being accepted

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

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

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

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

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

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

As of 2022 Sep., due to the restriction caused by COVID-19, **all foreigners need to apply for visa** to join NICE projects unless they already have it for other purposes such as Study or Working Holiday. See more details in 3-3) Visa to join NICE Projects in Japan.

The regulations can be changed time by time, so **check the updated info.!** Many nationalities were exempted to have visa within 3-6 months stay before 2020 that may be revived after some time!



Step 6: Submit the Confirmation form

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



Step 7: Pay the NICE Volunteers Fee

All volunteers need to pay this fee beforehand (6,000 JPY for VSTV/ STV, 12,000 JPY per month for LMTV) **by 31 days before** Project start. See more details in 3-5) NICE Volunteers.

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



Step 8: Receive the Information Sheets

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



Step 9: Do other preparation

Do any other necessary preparation such as;

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



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

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



Step 11: Join the project!

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

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



Step 12: Follow up!

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

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

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

The workcamp will be very enjoyable!

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

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

please cancel your participation & travel on your own.

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

you are **very welcomed** 😊

1) High motivation for voluntary work!

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



2) Respect and follow the rules & cultures!

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



6) Adapt and enjoy simple and local life!

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



3) Open minded to make friends!

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



5) Have good physical and mental health!

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



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

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



3-3) Visa to join NICE projects in Japan

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

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

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

Category B: Countries which has Visa exemption agreement with Japan

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

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

Working Holiday Visa (only for Category A)

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

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

Business-related Temporary Visitor Visa - Simplified (for Category A and B)

As of 2022 Sep., you still need to get this to join us within 90 days stay (you may have only 2-3 days before/ after Project for travelling since our projects should be the main part of your whole stay).

- * E.g., [Guidance by Japanese embassy in UK](#). Visa process seems to take around 5 working days.
- * NICE will send Certificate of Entrants, Returnees Follow-up System (ERFS) issued by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, usually within 5 working days after having received the following data;
 - + Copy of Passport (Photo page) with Full Name/ Nationality/ Date of birth/ Sex/ Passport number
 - + Your email address + Expected date of entry (date of departure is not needed.)

If/ when this special requirement is abolished and [visa exemption](#) is revived (for Category A and B), you can stay in Japan **up to 90 days as tourists without visa** besides the following exceptions. Thus, you may get **another 90 days permission to stay by going to neighboring countries** (e.g., Korea, Taiwan) for over 10 days as some vols. have done though NICE does not guarantee your success.

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

Business-related Temporary Visitor Visa - Complicated (for Category C)

You can stay in Japan **up to 90 days**. You and NICE need to prepare **more documents** for visa applications and the process may **take a longer time** like a few weeks or even months. Even after the restriction by COVID-19 is removed, you will still need to apply for visa as a volunteer like before 2020, but **don't worry**, most of Vols. in the past (with proper preparation) could successfully get visa!

3-4) Financial management of NICE Projects & Exchange



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

Fee 2: NICE volunteers fee (6,000 JPY for VSTV/ STV and 12,000 JPY per month for LMTV)
This is used for the management of your project and NICE, **does NOT go to Local host.**

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

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

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

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

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

1. You can have better preparation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Many IVS NGOs are financed by vols.

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

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

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

3-5) NICE Volunteers - Fee and Benefits

< How much should I pay? >

VSTV (1-6 days) and **STV** (7-31 days): **6,000 JPY** (43 EUR by XE rate on 2022 Sep. 01)

LMTV (over 31 days): **12,000 JPY per month for 1st-3rd month** and **6,000 JPY from 4th month**

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

< What this fee is used for? >

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

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

Human cost
Training for leaders
and work of Incoming
placement officer

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

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

< How should it be paid? >

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

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

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

3. Insert the data and make the payment!

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

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

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

2. Put the amount how much you will pay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

< Benefits to become "NICE Volunteers"! >

Join FB group of your project!

- * Communicate with other new/ ex. vols.
- * See Project progress

One night free stay @ NICE house

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

Possibility of free home stay in Japan

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

Get a Certificate of your participation!

This can be issued by NICE electrically upon your request.

Receive Newsletters & NICE Project lists

NICE may send you 1-2 times a year.

Join NICE gathering in your country!

It may be organized if NICE staff have visit.

Organize/ join Japan IVS Nights, etc.!

with your Sending NGOs & other ex. vols.

Create actions with NICE/ Local host!

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

4. VSTV - Very Short Term workcamps

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- * VTSV is a voluntary service project which duration is for less than a week (**1-6 days**).
- * Most projects are **Workcamps** types (VSTW) while Individual volunteering type (VSTI) are rare.
- * Most projects open to international vols. are for **4-6 days** while most projects targeting national vols. are for **1-3 days** and usually held in the weekends as they are called "**Weekend Workcamps**".
- * For the moment, we have only one project below and may add more in early November (mainly for the projects starting in 2023 Jan.-Jun.) and early March (those in 2023 Jul.-Dec.).



Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-22V-1102A	Tondabayashi	Osaka	Japan	11/02	11/06	ENVI,RENO	10	18	99
1. Summary	Special opportunity to start converting an old house into "NICE House West", to maintain the bamboo forest and to assist the IVS contest/ 20th Anniversary of Western NICE!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), self-organized by NICE for the first time.</p> <p>In 2011-13, the old couple (Kuroda san) kindly rent a traditional house in their land by free to NICE for it office in Osaka, through the connection of the environmental group in this city with which NICE has been co-organizing workcamps to protect satoyama forests since 1999. A staff and a few LTVs lived there to do the daily work and also to maintain the bamboo forest next to the house. Then, the office was moved to Osaka city and the husband passed away, but this year, the wife decided to donate it to NICE to be used as its office again. So, we will start renovating the house to be used as the office & volunteering/ training center.</p> <p>Thus, 2022 is the 25th Anniversary for NVDA (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia) and 20th Anniversary for Western NICE with Osaka office, so we will have the special events.</p>								
3. Work	<p>Nov. 3rd: Volunteers will join and assist the IVS contest (13:30-15:50) where the volunteers will share the experiences in IVS projects of Japan/ abroad this year, Workshop (16:00-18:00) and 20th Anniversary party of Western NICE (18:00-21:00) in the city center of Osaka.</p> <p>Nov. 4th-5th: Volunteers will clean and help to renovate the house as well as maintain the bamboo forest next to the house together with Long term volunteers from France.</p>								
4. Accommodation	Several rooms of NICE House West. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary. Bath room will be renovated and used during this workcamp!								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will have a great chance to meet the NGO leaders in Japan and Asia and learn about the history and future visions of International Voluntary Service.								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese culture, etc.								
7. Location	Tondabayashi city is located in Osaka prefecture, 60km south of Osaka city. The house is surrounded by many old houses and a bamboo forest.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Kansai international airport (KIX). It will take about 1.5 hours by train to the accommodation. Volunteers need to arrive at KIX by the end of No. 2nd and can leave there from the morning of Nov. 6th.								
9. Requirement	Motivation to the activities and adaptability to enjoy a simple lifestyle is needed!								
10. Participation fee	19,000 yen (136 USD by the rate on 2022 Sep. 2nd) of Additional fee incl. 6,000 JPY of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders as well as the meals and the accommodation of volunteers.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				

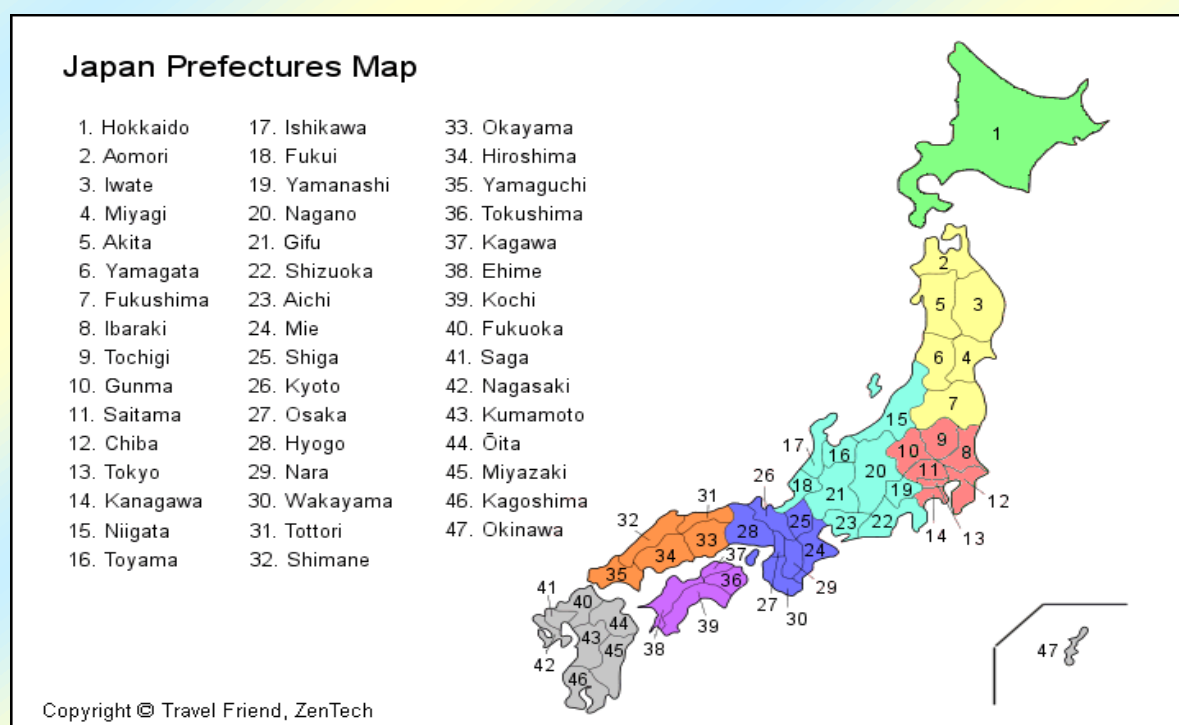
5. STV - Short Term Workcamps

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- * STV is a voluntary service project which duration is from 1 week to 1 month (**7-31 days**).
- * Most projects are **Workcamps** types (STW) while Individual volunteering type (STI) are rare.
- * For the moment, we have only 4 projects below and may add more in early November (mainly for the projects starting in 2023 Jan.-Jun.) and early March (mainly those in 2023 Jul.-Dec.).

5-1) Summery List of Projects

Code	Project name	Country	Location	Start	End	Theme	SDGs
NICE-22S-1005A	Misato	Japan	Shimane	10/05	10/18	CULT, ENVI	11,15
NICE-22S-1019A	Maki & Tateya	Japan	Nagano	10/19	10/30	AGRI, MANU	2,10
NICE-22S-1216A	Kamojima 3	Japan	Tokushima	12/16	12/29	CULT, KIDS	4
NICE-22S-1221A	Okawa	Japan	Kochi	12/21	12/30	ENVI, KIDS	4,11



AGRI: Agriculture	EDU: Teaching, Awareness	REFU: Work with refugees
ANIM: Work with animals	ELDE: Work with Elderly	RENO: Renovation
ARCH: Archaeology	ENVI: Environmental	SOCI: Social
ART: Artistic	FEST: Festival	SPORT: Sports
CONS: Construction	KIDS: Work with Kids	STUD: Study, Research
CULT: Cultural	LEAD: Project leading	FAM: targeting Family
DISA: Disabled ("Challenged")	MANU: Manual	TEEN: targeting Teenagers

* **SDGs:** 1-2 Most relevant goals of SDGs for each project (16 applies to all the projects, so has not been specified). 1. Poverty 2. Hunger 3. Health 4. Education 5. Gender 6. Water 7. Energy 8. Work 9. Infrastructure 10. Inequality 11. Cities 12. Consumption 13. Climate change 14. Oceans 15. Forests 16. Justice 17. Partnership




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5-2) Detailed Project Description



Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-22S-1005A	Misato	Shimane	Japan	10/05	10/18	FEST, ENVI	14	18	99
1. Summary	Supporting a local festival related to Shintoism to activate local people and to hand over traditions to the next generation!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with the local group, "executive committee of Light and Tradition festival" since 2011. Recently, aging and depopulation of the area is getting very serious as well as many other rural villages in Japan. They expect the workcamp to activate local traditional festivals related to Shintoism, which is Japanese traditional religion. This event is combined with 2 events called "Bamboo Lantern Festival" and "Gaku-uchi" which locals play Japanese drums and flute with walking around the village to wish for the productiveness of grain. Local people want us to know their traditional cultures to be succeeded to the next generation.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp; Thanks to the great effort of volunteer's contribution for 10 years, the atmosphere that the locals welcome people from outside is strong! And the variety of the work has spread like not only joining the festival, but also visiting local school.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will mainly prepare and join the local festival. Cut bamboos to make lanterns and some small tools to be used in the festival. Volunteers will also need to practice traditional music in every evening with local people to play and walk around the village at the festival. Volunteers will also organize a program in the elementary school to promoting both inter-cultural learning and also, the festival to the children.								
4. Accommodation	Local community center. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. There is a shower room. Sleeping bag is NOT needed.								
5. Study theme	You can get the knowledge about Japanese traditional festivals and customs.								
6. Other activities	Japanese Shinto music and dance, home staying, lecture about traditional cultures.								
7. Location	Misato-town is located in the middle of the Shimane prefecture, famous for Iwami silver mine as a world heritage. There is hot spa, some famous shrine as origin of Shintoism.								
8. Terminal	The nearest int'l airport is Kansai (Osaka). From Osaka to the meeting point in Shimane, it takes 6.5 hours by highway bus and train. Volunteers are recommended to arrive there one day before workcamp starts. Hiroshima airport is also available by take a flight from Kansai airport, it takes about 4 hours to the meeting point by train and bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the meeting point by 13:00 on 5th and can leave there after 13:00 on 18th.								
9. Requirement	Interested in Japanese old culture, positive attitude to communication with local people								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (43 USD by the rate on 2022 Sep. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	None								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-22S-1019A	Maki & Tateya	Nagano	Japan	10/19	10/30	AGRI, MANU	8	18	99
1. Summary	Organic farming and nature life in the beautiful and traditional mountain communities in Japan. No road for cars, the only way to reach there is by walk for 1.5 hours!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. Over 10 people incl. 2 families were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more!</p> <p>Tateya is located on the hilly (less than Maki, but still a bit isolated) area where 30-40 members live and mainly do rice farming as well as growing cows and chicken.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2021, for 3 short term workcamps, 15 vols. from 3 countries greatly contributed to their farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will stay and work in Maki for some days and Tateya in other days. The work will be mainly helping organic agriculture (cutting thatch, harvesting/ threshing rice, selecting beans, taking care of goats, cows and chicken) and also carrying the things from the town to Maki, renovating the trails on the way, helping the house works especially cooking, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard!								
4. Accommodation	<p>Maki: Building for volunteers. Very beautiful cultural heritage! Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the community people by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.</p> <p>Tateya: Building for volunteers and a few members, 5 min. walk from the farm. Meals will be usually cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.</p>								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Both are located in the beautiful places near "Japanese Northern Alps". Maki is in about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization. Tateya is surrounded by the farms and 40 min. walk from the train station.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo. From Tokyo to the meeting point near the project, it takes 5 hours by express bus. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo (Narita or Haneda) by the end of Oct. 18 and can leave there from the beginning of Oct. 31.								
9. Requirement	Good Japanese language is not necessary, but still welcomed. Volunteers need to be physically strong and flexible to respect the way of the local host. Motivation letter is needed!								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (43 USD by the rate on 2022 Sep. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	The popular documentary film for this place was broadcasted in 2015 at arayashiki-movie.jp/en/ .								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-22S-1216A	Kamojima 3	Tokushima	Japan	12/16	12/29	KIDS	8	18	99
1. Summary	Let's make the opportunity to touch different cultures for local kids by taking advantage of the online technology!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education), organized for the 8th time together with the local group. Tokushima, where the longest river; Yoshino river in Shikoku island flows. The river used to flood often and make rich soil a long time ago but now it flows calmly. Kamojima children center (Kamojima Jido-kan) is located in Yoshinogawa city named after Yoshino river. The children center is where local children from 0 to 18 years old enjoy learning together and they can spend time for free. We would like to give children a various experiences regardless of their financial situations. We have children with a wide range of ages, we support them to help each other regardless of ages or experiences in order to grow up. We hope more people to get to know about us, Kamojima Jido-kan!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp; The communication with local kids directly was very limited because of COVID-19 in last year. However, volunteers and local organization made some ideas to play with them through the online and thought how they manage the workcamp. It will be a kind of new style of workcamp.</p>								
3. Work	<p>1. Support the operation of the child center and create event, including online contents by using ZOOM. (this is the most busiest season there.)</p> <p>2. Provide some opportunities for children that they can touch international culture.</p> <p>3. Create the Christmas event with local for the kids.</p> <p>*Because of COVID-19, there is a possibility volunteer wouldn't visit children center and will create online event by using ZOOM to communicate with local children at the accommodation.</p>								
4. Accommodation	Single room in local apartment house. Shower room in each rooms. Sometimes volunteers need to share 1 room. Volunteers need to prepare for breakfast by themselves. Lunch and dinner are usually cooked by themselves, sometimes provided from the local.								
5. Study theme	Help children learning and gaining their experiences through teamwork. Experience international exchange while working with children.								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day								
7. Location	Kamojima, Yoshinogawa-city, Tokushima pref.								
8. Terminal	Volunteers need to arrive at Kansai airport (KIX) by one day before the workcamp starts since the highway bus from the airport to Tokushima leaves on early morning. It takes 3 hours by bus. There is the local airport in Tokushima and you can take a flight from Haneda airport in Tokyo to there. It takes 1 and half hours. Volunteers can leave the workcamp site after 14:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Motivation letter is needed. Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with Japanese local people, have fun with kids!								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (43 USD by the rate on 2022 Sep. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	NICE and the local host will make decision to organize or cancel the project around 1 month before each start though the project can be cancelled even after that depending on the situation of COVID-19. NICE cannot compensate any damage on volunteers by this and strongly recommend them to book the flights as late as possible.								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-22S-1221A	Okawa 3	Tokushima	Japan	12/21	12/30	ENVI,KIDS	8	18	99
1. Summary	Activating the village with the smallest population in Shikoku by environmental conservation activities and education !								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) organized for the 3rd time together with the local NPO, Bizan Daigaku(B.D). Okawa Village, the village with the smallest population in Japan, is located in the middle of Shikoku and is surrounded by 1000m class mountains. At the center of the village is a dam that was completed 47 years ago, and the former village has sunk to the bottom of the dam.</p> <p>There are 400 inhabitants who counted 4000 at the peak. There are currently 25 children in the village.</p> <p>This work camp is a Yoshino River water system work camp that works in Okawa Village, which is the upper stream of the clear Yoshino River, and also in Tokushima City, which is the most downstream. Volunteers are expected to contribute ideas and practices on how to revitalize a small, depopulated village through the work camp, which has just started.</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp; the first workcamp on March has done successfully. Volunteers did mainly conservation activities for the forest, cutting and carrying the woods. And they joined the workshop how to promote the village specialties with local people.</p>								
3. Work	<p>*Maintenance and management work and cleanup activities for forests, cherry blossoms and azaleas in village forests</p> <p>*Interaction with village children and learning support activities.</p> <p>*Activities to support the resolution of local issues in Okawa Village proposed by villagers.</p> <p>*Participating in activities in Tokushima City, an area down the Yoshino River that originates from the village. Volunteer will move to Tokushima city for a few days.</p>								
4. Accommodation	Outdoor Learning Center. All meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is NOT necessary.								
5. Study theme	You can learn about the problem of depopulation in Japan and think about how to activate such a place.								
6. Other activities	welcome party with local people.								
7. Location	Okawa-village, Kochi pref.								
8. Terminal	Volunteers need to arrive at Kansai airport (KIX) by one day before the workcamp starts since the highway bus from the airport to Tokushima leaves on early morning. It takes 3 hours by bus and necessary to get on the train 3 hours to get to the meeting point. Volunteers can leave the workcamp site after 14:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Positive attitude, a willingness to work hard and communicate with Japanese local people, have fun with kids!								
10. Participation fee	6,000 JPY (43 USD by the rate on 2022 Sep. 2nd) of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English (Japanese is also welcomed!)								
12. Other	NICE and the local host will make decision to organize or cancel the project around 1 month before each start though the project can be cancelled even after that depending on the situation of COVID-19. NICE cannot compensate any damage on volunteers by this and strongly recommend them to book the flights as late as possible.								
Picture (Area)		Picture (Work)			Picture (Accommodation)				
									

6. LMTV - Long and Mid Term Projects

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- * LMTV is a voluntary service project which duration is over 1 month (**32 or more days**) that can be separately called MTV for 1-6 months (32-182 days) and LTV over 6 months (183 or more days).
- * Many projects are **Individual** volunteering type (**LMTI**) while some are **Workcamps** type (**LMTW**).
- * We may add more in early November and early March for the projects starting in 2023 Jan.-Dec.

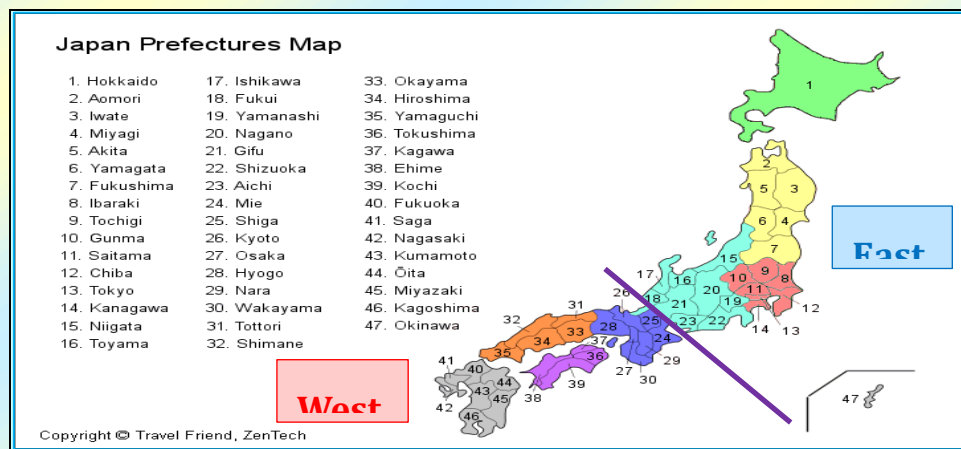
6-1) On Arrival/ Evaluation Seminars

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

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

😊 Join “**East**” for Projects in the eastern part of Japan (**Prefecture no. 1-23** of the map below) in; (Y/M/D) **2022/10/22-23, 2023/01/14-15, 04/08-09, 07/01-02, 09/23-24, 12/16-17** usually at NICE house/ office in Yokohama (Kanagawa), but sometimes other places around Tokyo.

😊 Join “**West**” for Projects in the western part of Japan (**Prefecture no. 24-47** of the map below) in; **2022/12/10-11, 2023/02/25-26, 05/20-21, 08/12-13, 11/04-05, 12/16-17, 2024/01/26-27** usually at NICE House West in Tondabayashi (Osaka), but sometimes other places around Osaka.



- * The meals and accommodation during the seminars are included in your NICE Volunteers Fee. Other cost such as drinking, sweet, transportation to/ from the place need to be paid by the vols.
- * By mixing two seminars in the same places and time together, we expect that the ones joining Evaluation can advise and support the last minutes preparation of the ones for On Arrival! Thus, we also mix them with Pre Departure and After Coming Back Seminars of Japanese vols. for Projects in Japan/ the world for both short and long terms, so you can enjoy exchange with them!
- * The typical schedule is as follows (but can be changed each time). The details will be sent together with the Info. sheets by 28 days before the project start.

Day 1		Day 2	
12:00-13:00	Orientation with Lunch	08:00-09:00	Cooking, Breakfast
13:00-16:00	Voluntary work (Gardening, etc.)	09:00-09:50	Workshop 2 (Expectation & fear)
16:00-18:00	Workshop 1 (Testimony, Safety, etc.)	10:00-10:50	Workshop 3 (Problem solving)

18:00-20:00	Cooking, Dinner, Shower, Cleaning	11:00-11:50	Workshop 4 (Impact goals)
20:00-22:00	Discussion and Exchange party	12:00-12:30	Evaluation, Cleaning

6-2) Summery List of Projects

Code	Project name	Country	Location	Start	End	Theme	Jap
NICE-22L-AI	Aizuwakamatsu	Japan	Fukushima	10/22	01/15	EDU	B
NICE-22L-MK	Maki	Japan	Nagano	10/22	12/25	AGRI, SOCI	B
NICE-22L-AK01	Akame	Japan	Mie	12/10	02/26	ENVI, AGRI	B
NICE-22L-AK02	Akame	Japan	Mie	12/10	05/21	ENVI, AGRI	B
NICE-22L-AK03	Akame	Japan	Mie	12/10	08/13	ENVI, AGRI	B
NICE-22L-AK04	Akame	Japan	Mie	12/10	11/05	ENVI, AGRI	B
NICE-22G-O3	NICE West Office	Japan	Osaka	10/22	03/19	ENVI	c
NICE-22L-IM	Imabari	Japan	Ehime	10/22	12/11	KIDS	B
NICE-22L-IK01	Ikata	Japan	Ehime	12/10	02/26	AGRI	B
NICE-22L-IK02	Ikata	Japan	Ehime	12/10	05/21	AGRI	B
NICE-22L-IK03	Ikata	Japan	Ehime	12/10	08/13	AGRI	B
NICE-22L-IK04	Ikata	Japan	Ehime	12/10	11/05	AGRI	B
NICE-22L-KR	Kurogi	Japan	Fukuoka	10/22	12/11	AGRI, ENVI	B

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

* Start/ End: **Green** = Starting/ Ending with the Seminars in East (Tokyo or Yokohama).

Red = Starting/ Ending with the Seminars in West (around Osaka).

Blue letters = Month/Date of 2023.

* Theme

AGRI: Agriculture

ANIM: Work with animals

ARCH: Archaeology

ART: Artistic

CONS: Construction

CULT: Cultural

DISA: Disabled ("Challenged")

EDU: Teaching, Awareness

ELDE: Work with Elderly

ENVI: Environmental

FEST: Festival

KIDS: Work with Kids

LEAD: Project leading

MANU: Manual

REFU: Work with refugees

RENO: Renovation

SOCI: Social

SPORT: Sports

STUD: Study, Research

FAM: targeting Family

TEEN: targeting Teenagers

* Jap = Required Japanese speaking level. B = Some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation). c = Good English or Japanese speaking skill (can have daily conversation well).

6-3) Detailed Project Description



Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-22L-AI	Aizuwakamatsu	Fukushima	Japan	10/22	01/15	EDU	4	18	35
1. Summary	Let's create a place for learning together with children who have difficulties in life due to various circumstances!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDGs 1 (No poverty) and SDGs 4 (Quality Education), organized together with a local NPO, Terakoya Hojoshu that aims to create a diverse learning environment that places children at the center and aims to promote children's participation in society. Their mission is to support 'children's participation in society' and create a happy future for children. A characteristic of the learning at Terakoya Hojoshu is that it attends to children's interests. The aim is to create a happy future with children, each and every one of whom is important. In their all projects, it is importance on approving and affirming children and fostering a sense of self-affirmation, which is the children's energy, through their connections with others.								
3. Work	Volunteers will [1]Learning support in Kodomo Shokudo(children's cafeterias: It provides such children including those in the low income families with supper for free or at a low price.). Specifically, homework and subject learning is provided to about 15 primary and junior high school students. They also help with homework and crafts and make lunch together.[2]Supporting for nature activities (e.g. supporting children, preparing meals, preparing for hands-on learning, etc. It is not main work. It depend on season and timing.)								
4. Accommodation	Shared rooms in accommodation owned by the organization. Men and women separated. Cooking by themselves. Staffs also stay at the facility.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of alternative school, children's social participation, child poverty etc..								
6. Other activities	Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	Aizu-Wakamatsu is located in the eastern part of the Aizu region of Fukushima Prefecture. It is the central city of the Aizu region, surrounded by rich nature, including Mt. Bandai and Lake Inawashiro, and blessed with natural scenery. The organization is located in an area with an atmosphere of Taisho era Romanticism.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Narita/Haneda airport. From Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 3-4 hours by train and bus. Volunteers need to arrive at Tokyo airport (Narita or Haneda) by 08:00 on Oct. 22 and can leave there after 18:00 on Jan. 15.								
9. Requirement	Some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation) is necessary. Respect to the local culture and way of the local organization! Positive attitude to communicate with children. Interested alternative school, children's social participation, child poverty. Motivation to work hard, open mind, cooperation with others.								
10. Participation fee	36,000 yen (257 USD by the rate on 2022 Sep. 2nd) of 3 months "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese (Local host can speak some English).								
12. Other	This is a workcamp type, but volunteers will still join On Arrival Seminar in Tokyo in Oct. 22-23, then go to the project in the 23rd afternoon. They will also join Evaluation Seminar possibly at NICE House in Yokohama in Jan. 14-15. They may have several free days in the new year period.								

Picture (Area)






Picture (Work)









Picture (Accommodation)






Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-22L-MK	Maki	Nagano	Japan	10/22	12/25	AGRI, SOCI, HERI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's preserve way of traditional Japanese life in mountain area!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 10 (Reduced Inequalities), organized together with Kyodo Gakusha since 2000, a cooperative community where people with various backgrounds such as mentally disadvantaged, people who are tired of city life, who want to learn farming, who want to live in the nature, etc. They have 5 communities in Japan incl. Maki and Tateya and grow animals and vegetables in ecological, organic way.</p> <p>Maki is located in a very isolated area (not accessible for cars and we have to walk 4 km in the mountains!), so it once became an abandon village in 1970s and then, was revived by Kyodo Gakusha. Over 10 people incl. 2 families were living till several years ago, but less and less in these years (almost nobody in the winter), so vols. are needed even more!</p> <p>Tateya is located on the hilly (less than Maki, but still a bit isolated) area where 30-40 members live and mainly do rice farming as well as growing cows and chicken.</p> <p>*Outcome of this project: In each of 2020 and 2021, one volunteer stayed for 6 months and greatly contributed to their farming and caring animals that was difficult to finish by the time they needed without volunteers! See the long-term goal of this project as Local SDGs made by the previous project leader at https://www.slideshare.net/nice-workcamp/2019-ep3-188767935 (only in Japanese, sorry, but you can still enjoy the pictures!)</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will stay and work in Maki for some days and Tateya in other days. The work will be mainly helping organic agriculture (cutting thatch, harvesting/ threshing rice, selecting beans, taking care of goats, cows and chicken) and also carrying the things from the town to Maki, renovating the trails on the way, helping the house works especially cooking, etc. Be ready to work for quite a long time (05:30-18:00 with some brakes) and hard!								
4. Accommodation	<p>Maki: Building for volunteers. Very beautiful cultural heritage! Meals will be cooked by volunteers together with the community people by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.</p> <p>Tateya: Building for volunteers and a few members, 5 min. walk from the farm. Meals will be usually cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is not necessary.</p>								
5. Study theme	Similar type of communities in each country and their networking								
6. Other activities	Exchange program, Excursion on a free day (possibly to Hakuba, a famous tourism spot), etc.								
7. Location	Both are located in the beautiful places near "Japanese Northern Alps". Maki is in about 900 meters asl. and there is something remained here that most of Japanese areas have lost in modernization. Tateya is surrounded by the farms and 40 min. walk from the train station.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Tokyo. From Tokyo to the project, it takes 5 hours by express bus. Volunteer needs to arrive at Tokyo airport (Narita or Haneda) by 08:00 on Oct. 22 and can leave there from the beginning of Dec. 25.								
9. Requirement	Some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation) as well as high motivation to learn and speak Japanese language is needed. High motivation to work hard and to simple mountain life in the isolated area. Respect for the local cultures and way of the local organization. Agriculture skills or construction can be useful! A motivation letter is needed.								
10. Participation fee	24,000 yen (171 USD by the rate on 2022 Sep. 2nd) of 2 months "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese and English (a few of the local host can speak basic English)								
12. Other	Volunteers will join On Arrival Seminar in Tokyo in Oct. 22-23, then go to the project in the 23rd afternoon. For this project, participation in the Evaluation Seminar is exempted.								
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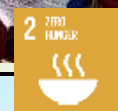
Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-22L-AK01	Akame 22-01	Mie	Japan	12/10	02/26	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-22L-AK02	Akame 22-02	Mie	Japan	12/10	05/21	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-22L-AK03	Akame 22-03	Mie	Japan	12/10	08/13	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-22L-AK04	Akame 22-04	Mie	Japan	12/10	11/05	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
1. Summary	Let's conserve SATOYAMA and sustainable life in mountain area!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with a local environmental Non-profit organization (NPO) Akame no SATOYAMA wo Sodateru Kai (ASSK) since 1998. Since this area is close from big cities Osaka and Nagoya, there were plans to build a golf field and an incinerator, but local people stopped those plans by the movement called National Trust. They founded the group in 1996 to collect donations to buy and protect lands, to accept people who want to enjoy nature, to maintain forests, to create a pond for dragonflies, to host national corps meeting, etc. SATOYAMA needs to be maintained by humans for its biodiversity and water adjustment function. Our ancestors had protected and utilized the forest in ecological and sustainable way, which was neglected by modernization. We will try to revive it by global voluntary power!!								
3. Work	Volunteers will do various types of activities such as 1) forest conservation (cutting trees, branches and maintaining the footpaths, etc.), 2) agricultural work (taking care of the chickens raised by the free range farming, slaughtering too old chickens (#), harvesting and packaging mushrooms, etc.) and 3) organizing some environmental events (e.g., to collect edible wild plants, nature observation) in the mountains. #: It's hard for ASSK to keep feeding too old chickens since they don't bear the eggs anymore and feeding is quite costly. Most chicken farms ask the special company to just kill and "throw away" as if they are rubbish with paying 15 yen per chicken, but ASSK does not support this and eats by themselves with deeply appreciating to their value of life.								
4. Accommodation	Small traditional house, on the premises of ASSK. Volunteers will cook the meals by themselves.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will acquire the knowledge of conserving SATOYAMA and solving the environmental issues.								
6. Other activities	Many opportunities to learn the local wisdom. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	Kami-mitani area of Nabari city, 60 km from Osaka. There are famous falls nearby many hikers visit.								
8. Terminal	The nearest international airport is Osaka. From Osaka to the project, it takes 1-2 hours by train. Volunteer needs to arrive at Osaka (Kansai) airport by 08:00 on the first day and can leave there from 18:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation). High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language and work hard with simple mountain life in a remote area without colleagues. Respect for the local culture and way of the local organization. Interests in environment issues. Open mind and flexibility.								
10. Participation fee	12,000 JPY (86 USD by the rate on 2022 Sep. 2nd) per month till the 3rd month and 6,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese and English. The daily communication will be done by mixing simple English and Japanese.								
12. Other	Volunteers can choose to stay for 3, 6, 9 or 12 months. The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival Seminar/ Evaluation Seminars around Osaka. They may have several free days in the new year period.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-22G-O3	NICE West Office	Osaka	Japan	10/22	03/19	ENVI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's revitalize the community by utilizing "NICE House West" and also help the work of International Voluntary Service NGO to achieve a colorful & healthy world!								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), self-organized by NICE for the first time.</p> <p>In 2011-13, the old couple (Kuroda san) kindly rent a traditional house in their land by free to NICE for it office in Osaka, through the connection of the environmental group in this city with which NICE has been co-organizing workcamps to protect satoyama forests since 1999. A staff and a few LTVs lived there to do the daily work and also to maintain the bamboo forest next to the house. Then, the office was moved to Osaka city and the husband passed away, but this year, the wife decided to donate it to NICE to be used as its office again with expectation to create space for local people incl. elders to gather and enjoy exchange. Therefore, NICE decided to recruit long term residents. Together with NICE, let's work on activities to liven up the community with free and colorful ideas.</p>								
3. Work	<p>Volunteers will mainly 1) help the work of NICE in the western part of Japan, 2) maintain the bamboo forest next to the house as well as the satoyama forests where NICE often organizes weekend/ short term workcamps, 3) renovate the house and organize various types of gathering for the local people (e.g., just chatting with tea, taking care of small kids to support the parents, organizing international culture/ language classes). Examples of 1) are Public Relations (Creating short movies of workcamps and spread through SNS and mass media, Organizing promotion events, etc.). Organizing the projects (weekend workcamps, etc.), Coordinating the workcamps in the western part of Japan as a camp leader together with NICE and the local hosts, Hosting the training seminars of NICE volunteers, etc.</p>								
4. Accommodation	Several rooms of NICE House West. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of conservation work in a forest, management of Non-Profitable Organization in Japan.								
6. Other activities	Exchange parties, experiencing Japanese culture, home stay, etc.								
7. Location	Tondabayashi city is located in Osaka prefecture, 60km south of Osaka city. The house is surrounded by many old houses and a bamboo forest.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Kansai international airport (KIX). It will take about 1.5 hours by train to the accommodation. However, volunteers in this special project need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Tokyo/ Yokohama, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport (Narita or Haneda) by 08:00 on Oct. 22 and can leave there after 18:00 on Mar. 19.								
9. Requirement	Good English or Japanese speaking skill (can have daily conversation well). High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language and to work hard with enjoying the simple and collective life. Respect for the local culture and way of the local organization. High interests in environment and community issues as well as the management of International Voluntary Service NGO. Open mind and flexibility.								
10. Participation fee	48,000 yen (343 USD by the rate on 2022 Sep. 2nd) of 5 months "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	English and Japanese								
12. Other	We can open the place for international volunteers ONLY IF we already have a Japanese volunteer or resident in the same period. Volunteers will join On Arrival Seminar in Tokyo in Oct. 22-23, then go to the project by the highway night bus. They will also join Evaluation Seminar possibly at NICE House in Yokohama in Mar. 18-19. They may have several free days in the new year period.								
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Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-22L-IM	Imabari	Ehime	Japan	10/22	12/11	KIDS	1	20	99
1. Summary	Let's play with kids and make their happiness !								
2. Background	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 4 (Quality Education), organized for the 8th time together with a local NPO (Child care center) named Mummy Land (ML). In Japan, many children are refused in the childcare centers due to the lack of capacity that makes the life of working parents very difficult. The official number is decreasing in these years, but there are a lot of hidden cases not appeared in the statistics... ML supports those parents who can't find places for their children at such registered childcare facilities and also open the places for after school activities of other children.</p> <p>Thus, a daughter of the owner has joined many workcamp/ IVS projects through NICE before and would like to promote inter-cultural learning and exchange to the kids from their early stage.</p>								
3. Work	Volunteers will take care of children (age 0-3) at the childcare facility where the host works. They will also play with children (age 3-10) by introducing their culture or showing their special skills, like playing the musical instruments or some kind of sports, dancing, drawing, cooking, etc.								
4. Accommodation	Single room at the volunteer's house or homestay at the local host's house. You'll cook by yourselves but lunch will be provided by the local on working day. Smoking is prohibited. Sleeping bag is NOT necessary. The accommodation will be changed depends on the season. The staff will explain on the arrival seminar about it.								
5. Study theme	Communicating with a lot of children and learning how to take care of them.								
6. Other activities	Join the local events, going out to a park, the river, the sea with children. Cycling in Shimanami road.								
7. Location	Imabari city, Ehime prefecture. About 300 km south west of Osaka. Near Seto Island sea.								
8. Terminal	<p>The nearest airport is Matsuyama airport from which it takes 2 hours by bus to the project site. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Tokyo, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport (Narita or Haneda) by 08:00 on Oct. 22. They also need to join Evaluation Seminar in Osaka in the last 2 days, so and can leave Kansai airport after 18:00 on the ending day.</p>								
9. Requirement	Some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation). High motivation to work with kids and to learn/ speak Japanese language. Positive attitude to communicate with children.								
10. Participation fee	18,000 yen (129 USD by the rate on 2022 Sep. 2nd) of 1.5 months "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese and English. Local host can speak English. Japanese is also welcomed!								
12. Other	Volunteers will join On Arrival Seminar in Tokyo or Yokohama for the first 2 days and Evaluation Seminar possibly in Osaka in the last 2 days (However, there are possibilities that they can extend their stay till Dec. 25 and in that case, participation in Evaluation Seminar is exempted!)								
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NICE-22L-IK01	Ikata 22-01	Ehime	Japan	12/10	02/26	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-22L-IK02	Ikata 22-02	Ehime	Japan	12/10	05/21	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-22L-IK03	Ikata 22-03	Ehime	Japan	12/10	08/13	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
NICE-22L-IK04	Ikata 22-04	Ehime	Japan	12/10	11/05	ENVI, AGRI	2	18	30
1. Summary	Let's support mandarin farming in edge of peninsula!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), organized together with Kikuya Community Group (KCG) since 2008, formed by the local young people to think of the future of their small village. Ikata is famous for its main industry of mandarins farming, but has been facing depopulation, lack of workers and aging society since most of young people leave the town. So, the number of abandoned mandarin farms is increasing and the town is losing its tradition, life, custom and scenery. KCG strongly hopes to host vols. to work together to animate the town and revive the farms.								
3. Work	Volunteers will help mandarin farming (It is the main work!! Harvesting, taking care of trees, cutting grass etc., it depend on season! Especially, Nov. to April. is hard!!), support local youth club (If you have chance) and create new activities to animate the town.								
4. Accommodation	Shared room (male and female are separated) at the volunteer's house. It is traditional Japanese style house. Volunteers will cook by themselves.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will have opportunities learning organic mandarin farming.								
6. Other activities	Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	In the edge of Sata Peninsula, surrounded by the sea, so fishing is also famous. There are only 30 houses in this community. The climate is relatively warm though it can be cold in winter.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Matsuyama airport from which it takes 2.5 hours by bus to the project site. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Osaka, so firstly should arrive at Osaka (Kansai) airport by 08:00 on the first day and can leave there from 18:00 on the last day.								
9. Requirement	Some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation). High motivation to work hard and to learn and speak Japanese language. Respect for the local cultures and way of the local organization. Interests in agriculture. Be ready that work is for quite a long and hard.								
10. Participation fee	12,000 JPY (86 USD by the rate on 2022 Sep. 2nd) per month till the 3rd month and 6,000 JPY per month from the 4th month of "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese and English (a few of the local host can speak basic English)								
12. Other	Volunteers can choose to stay for 3, 6, 9 or 12 months. The first/ last 2 days are On Arrival Seminar/ Evaluation Seminars around Osaka. They may have several free days in the new year period.								
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NICE-22L-KR	Kurogi	Fukuoka	Japan	10/22	12/11	AGRI, ENVI	2	18	99
1. Summary	Let's make international volunteer movement to connect urban and rural areas!								
2. Background	This project is actively working for SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDGS15 (Life on Land) and has been organized with Sansonjuku, founded in 1994, maintaining forest and step rice paddies through the projects which involve people from the city and local. They started 80-days of international workcamp with NICE since 2008 to make the footpath and maintain the forest. But in July 2012, the hardest rain ever attacked around this area. After that, it had serious damages from a flood. Their aim is to activate the community and sustain the program with young people from the world to conserve this rich nature and revival in this area! The activity Blog: http://egaonomori.exblog.jp/								
3. Work	Volunteers will work on various types of activity related to agriculture such as [1] cultivating rice (Ex. rice planting, cutting grass in terraced rice fields (from May to Nov.), [2] helping local farm of green tea(May and Oct.), rice and vegetable(from May to Nov.), etc., [3] supporting events of Sansonjuku (Ex. promotion, preparation, supporting staffs, communicating with participants, clean up).								
4. Accommodation	Egao no mori center (It was Kasahara-higashi elementary school until 2004). Volunteers cook by themselves. There may be some pocket money to support additional cost by the group (e.g.. Transportation and meals outside on free days) in some cases.								
5. Study theme	Volunteers will get knowledge of how to conserve SATOYAMA, taking care of forest, organic farming, revive from disaster.								
6. Other activities	Other activities Join the local events, many opportunities to learn the local wisdom, etc. Sightseeing, short trip (hot springs, famous places here).								
7. Location	Southern part of the Fukuoka prefecture. The Yame city is 482.53 km2. There are so many tee trees and terraced paddy fields.								
8. Terminal	The nearest airport is Fukuoka airport from which it takes 2-3 hours by train, bus and car to the project site. However, volunteers need to join On Arrival and Evaluation Seminars in Tokyo, so firstly should arrive at Tokyo airport (Narita or Haneda) by 08:00 on Oct. 22. They also need to join Evaluation Seminar in Osaka in the last 2 days, so and can leave Kansai airport after 18:00 on the ending day.								
9. Requirement	Some Japanese speaking skill (manage to have basic daily conversation). High motivation to work hard and interests in environment issues and local development. High motivation to learn and speak Japanese language. Respect to the local culture and way of the local organization!								
10. Participation fee	18,000 yen (129 USD by the rate on 2022 Sep. 2nd) of 1.5 months "NICE Volunteers" fee need to be paid in advance either by Card or PayPal. This is used for the project preparation/ coordination such as the transportation of the camp leaders while the meals and the accommodation are provided by the local host by free.								
11. Language	Japanese and English (the local host can speak some English, but Japanese speaker is in priority.)								
12. Other	Volunteers will join On Arrival Seminar in Tokyo or Yokohama for the first 2 days and Evaluation Seminar possibly in Osaka in the last 2 days.								
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7. NICE's Visions & Actions on SDGs

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



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

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

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

< Aims to make Local SDGs >

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

< Where can we make the goals? >

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

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

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

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

3. Work to achieve the (modified) SDGs

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

NICE's modified SDGs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

→ (Add) **'all' before "arms".**

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

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

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

Example of Local SDGs

Local SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)

Onuma (Hokkaido), Japan

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

Background situations

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



Goals in 2030

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

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

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



As partial contribution in whole change!

Past actions & impact

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



New actions & impact

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

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

Personal actions!

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