



# Global Voluntary Service to Stop Climate Change (SCC) 2024

- Call for Special Volunteers to 1.5 months workcamps in 4 Asian countries -



VS for Climate Justice

**Carbon reduction /offset work**

**Common actions**

**Leading short term workcamps**

**Fund raising Crowd funding**

Jul. 29 to Sep. 12

**India**

**Planting trees**

Aug. 05 to Sep. 20

**Cambodia/ Indonesia**

**Mangrove reforestation**

Nov. 10 to Dec. 25

**Japan**

**Bamboo charcoal**

< 3 special Attractions! >

- 1. Specialized on climate change
- 2. Rare, Long term Workcamp
- 3. Cheaper fee than normal LMTVs

**Final deadline is one month before the starting of your participation, but the recruitment will be stopped when it is full.**

**APPLY NOW ▶**

# 1. Background of the project

## 1-1. Situation of Climate Change

It has been so far recognized as one of the most crucial global problems and many people and organizations have been working hard to overcome the situation, but the global carbon emission keeps increasing (21 billion tons in 1990 to 34 billion in 2015 while our planet can absorb only 10 billion in its nature) and the damage is getting more and more serious on landscape, forests and biodiversity, food production and water supply, human security and so on.

We need much further efforts and collaboration among different countries, stakeholders, organizations and people to prevent increase of global temperature within 1.5 degrees. Innovative, epoch-making actions and cooperation are needed to have breakthrough to protect our planet for the future, one of which can be international voluntary service.

## 1-2. International voluntary service (IVS) and SCC Organizers

**IVS** was started in France in 1920 and around, 3,000 projects are annually organized by the IVS NGOs in 70 countries with over 30,000 volunteers and a million of local people on environment/ culture/ development/ education and social welfare. 25% of total projects worked for environment such as tree plantation, maintenance of forests, making solar panels, organic farming, etc.

**NICE** is an IVS NGO based in Japan, founded in 1990 and in 2023, it organized 306 projects for 2 days to 1 year and exchanged 1,951 volunteers. 33% of the projects worked on environment. NICE is founder of NVDA and is President in 2020-24.

**NVDA** (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia) is an Asian based network of IVS NGOs, founded in 1997. It has 28 Member NGOs in 22 countries which organized 11871 projects in 2023 and exchanged 5,102 volunteers. 15% of the projects worked on environment.

## 1-3. Strength and potentials of IVS to stop climate change

IVS has been creating unique and valuable impact to prevent climate change, not only by the work to plant/ grow trees and other carbon reducing actions, but also by spreading collective low carbon life, networking different people and organizations, raising awareness among local people and world youth and promoting further actions.

## 1-4. SCC projects to stop climate change

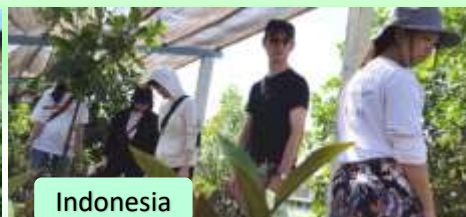
To dramatically increase the impact for carbon reduction as well as strengthen volunteerism and management of NGOs, we started the SCC project, with sponsorship of the UPS Foundation, NLAPO and Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation. After the great success in 2016, we have been continuing and developing the SCC project mainly by our self-efforts (besides grant from NLAPO and Fund of NICE) and collaboration since it is huge work and takes some time to get real impact.

Due to the COVID-19, it was stopped since 2020, but now revised in a new format from 2024!

### < Brief results of SCC 2018 >

- ☺ Involving **131** international volunteers from 15 countries, **33** local volunteers and hundreds of local people in 7 countries.
- ☺ Reduced **160.5 tons of CO2** by planting **10,231** trees, seeded **10,969** mangroves, produced **635** kg of bamboo charcoal.
- ☺ Many other various impact was created (raising awareness, friendship and networking, personal development).

### < Photos from SCC 2019 >



## 2. General information of the project

a) Dates	<p>2024 Jul. 29th to Sep. 12th for 46 days for <b>Project in India</b>                  2024 Aug. 5th to Sep. 20th for 47 days for <b>Projects in Cambodia and Indonesia</b>                  2024 Nov. 10th to Dec. 25th for 46 days for <b>Project in Japan</b>                  * There are also 1-3 short term workcamps in each place.</p>
b) Place	<p><b>4 projects in 4 counties</b> that will be hosted by the following NGOs;                  1. <b>India:</b> <a href="#">RUCHI</a> (Rural Centre for Human Interests): Dharamvir <a href="#">e-mail</a>                  2. <b>Cambodia:</b> <a href="#">CYA</a> (Cambodian Youth Action): Sophat <a href="#">e-mail</a>                  3. <b>Indonesia:</b> <a href="#">GREAT</a> (Gerakan Kerelawanan Internasional): Ben <a href="#">e-mail</a>                  4. <b>Japan:</b> <a href="#">NICE</a> (Never-ending International workCamps Exchange): Kai <a href="#">e-mail</a></p>
c) Common Aims	<p>1. Improving the global environmental situations and <b>reducing carbon emission</b>                  2. Promoting <b>global friendship and solidarity</b> and networking NGOs and volunteers                  3. <b>Personal development</b> of volunteers and local people and empowering NGOs</p>
d) Participants	<p><b>15 Special Volunteers</b> (4 in India/ Cambodia/ Indonesia, 3 in Japan) who should be;                  1. <b>Aged 18 or more (no maximum limit!)</b> with good physical and mental health.                  2. Fully <b>motivated, active, flexible, adaptable, responsible, cooperative and constructive.</b>                  3. Able to <b>sufficiently speak in English</b> that is the common language during the project.                  (Local language skill is not necessary, but useful, so welcomed to try to learn during your stay!)                  4. <b>Experience of joining IVS projects for environment or LMTV: Not compulsory!</b>                  5. <b>Experience on Workcamp leading, Carbon offset or Crown funding: Not compulsory!</b></p>
e) Programs	<p><b>A) Voluntary work:</b> Varies in each project based on the local needs and plans. Working hours also depend on each project, but there is at least one free day/ a week. The work will include;                  + <b>Plant trees or do other carbon reduction work, organize Asian common actions</b>                  + <b>Conduct Impact research/ Carbon off set/ Crowd Funding</b>                  + <b>Join to coordinate international short term and/ or weekend workcamps</b>  <b>B) Other activities:</b> Study programs, discussions, excursions, visits, exchange parties, sports, etc. can be organized either by the vols. themselves or the local hosts.  <b>C) Collective life:</b> Usually, simple community conditions of meals with cooking by themselves by turns and of accommodations such as community halls, youth centers.</p>
f) Finance	<p>As well as normal IVS - LMTV (Long and Mid Term Voluntary service) projects,                  * Travel cost should be paid by the volunteers themselves.                  * Participation fee (See each description) should be paid by the volunteers on the arrivals.</p>
g) Application procedure	<p>It is <b>same as normal LMTV</b> exchange. Vols. need to <b>apply to each hosting NGO through the members/ partners</b> of NVDA/ ALLIANCE/ CCIVS in their residential/ original countries.</p>

### < General attraction of LMTV projects (compared with travelling, study, internship) >

#### 1) Action for change!

You wouldn't change the world/ save a village a lot, but still creates, even little by little, positive and valuable impact

#### 2) Real life and growth!

You will experience local life and culture and grow various skills of work, life, communication, problem solving, etc. which you never get by

#### 3) Friends and drama!

You will strongly and widely exchange with local people and can become their precious friends. There will be a lot of touching or funny,

### < Special attraction of SCC (compared with normal LMTV projects) >

#### 1) Specialized for CC!

The project deeply focuses on carbon reduction and you can create real, concrete impact. If you have special motivation to learn from/ contribute to stop climate change, this is a place!

#### 2) Rare, Workcamp style!

Most of LMTV are individual type (1-2 vols.), but this is a collective type, so you can help and exchange with other volunteers so much. You'll coordinate short term workcamps, so can develop organizing skills!




#### 3) Less financial barrier!

The fee is less than normal LMTV projects (and no fee for the project in Japan!). Thus, you will be linked with all SCC vols., NGOs and networks and get certificate of Green Volunteer.










## 3. Detailed description of Special Projects

### 3-1. India

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols	Min age	Max age
RUCHI-SCC	Bandh	Himachal Pradesh state	India	07/29	09/12	ENVI	4	16	99
<b>Background</b>	<p>With this project we aim to do our bit to reverse climate change and preserve biodiversity of our surrounding through education and actions. Overtime we have assisted in planting more than 10,000 trees in last 5 years. Along with plantation we also educate local community about carbon emission and environmentally sustainable actions which we could apply. The project relates to SDG-13 (Climate Action) and SDG-15 (Life on Land).</p>								
									
<b>Work</b>	<p>Depending on the weather, volunteers would plant new trees, take care of already planted ones, remove dead saplings, chop firewood, do soil working, composting, clearing weeds and bushes, preparing holes for future plantation and make polythene green house fully operational. Since environmental education and protection is the focus of the camp they will be expected to create awareness on issues like global warming, climate change, Carbon emission, sustainable lifestyle etc. while visiting local communities. Besides tree plantation, volunteers will be given an exposure of other humanitarian projects, meeting with women groups, physical activity in RUCHI campus and work in communities or slums.</p>								
									
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>Volunteers will live in the RUCHI campus in shared accommodation. All minimum basic amenities will be available with library facilities. Vegetarian food will be served. A cook will be there but volunteers are expected to help him and occasionally cook their own meals and self-management is required. Sleeping bags are not necessary but required for personal hygiene.</p>								
									
<b>Other activities</b>	<p>Self organized city tours and excursions. Old Sikh and Hindu temples in the near vicinity can be visited. Nearby Kasauli town, a hill station, is a major tourist attraction. A visit to Shimla, the state capital, will offer an opportunity to see high Himalayan Mountains and British architecture.</p>								
<b>Location</b>	<p>Ruchi campus which is located near Bandh village. It is 30 km from Kalka town and 60 km from Chandigarh city. The area offers a unique opportunity to live with nature in a peaceful environment.</p>								
<b>Terminal</b>	<p>Nearest international airport: New Delhi IGI airport (6-7 hours by train and bus to the project)</p>								
<b>Requirement</b>	<p>Interest in environment and climate changing issues. Physical fitness, Flexibility and High level of motivation.</p>								
<b>Fee</b>	<p>500 EUR (17% reduced from normal LMTVs!) need to be paid in advance by WISE.</p>								
<b>Language</b>	<p>English (Hindi language is not necessary, but welcomed to learn and speak to locals!)</p>								
<b>Other</b>	<p>Short term workcamps will be also organized in Jul. 29-Aug. 10, Aug. 12-24 and Aug. 26-Sep. 07.</p>								

## 3-2. Cambodia




Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
CYA-SCC	TFC	Kampot province	Cambodia	08/05	09/20	ENVI	4	16	99
<b>Background</b>	<p>Trapaing Sangke Fishing community (TFC) is a community based organization aims at preserve and protect mangrove forest to maintain ecology system and increase lives in the sea such as crap, fish, shrimp, etc. So that fishermen can stay and earn income in their community without migrate to other countries. CYA have been working with TFC since 2012 to support their initiative and through our cooperation in 2014, TFC became a popular eco - tourism site receiving hundreds of tourists every week. TFC is a successful project because of the strong support of our volunteers and as usual volunteers are still in needs to work hand in hand with local people in supporting its growth and to make sure local people will keep TFC cleans and more mangroves are plants and nursing.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>								
<b>Work</b>	<p>Volunteers will mainly work for collecting mangrove seeds, seedling and planting mangroves. They may also organize workshop/Training at TFC &amp; public school to raise awareness about the important of mangrove forest, plastic management, re-cycling &amp; Up-cycling as well as the cleaning campaign.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div>								
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>Volunteer will stay together in share bungalows at community center that CYA rents. Volunteers will cook your own food while daily cooking team will be established in the beginning of the project. Food will be local dishes.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>								
<b>Other activities</b>	<p>A visit to the village memorial site, and parties can be arranged! On the free days, the possible excursion destinations are Bokor National Park, KEP beach and islands.</p>								
<b>Location</b>	<p>It is located along the sea string therefore most of the time it's windy. The community consist of Moslim and Buddhism groups but they are living and working together in harmony. The local people are mostly fisherman, but now also able to earn some money by organizing guiding tour for the eco-tourists and providing their food and accommodation.</p>								
<b>Terminal</b>	<p>Nearest international airport: Phnom Penh (4 hours by car to the project site).</p>								
<b>Requirement</b>	<p>Need high motivation, able to self-motivate, not easy to give up to volunteering</p>								
<b>Fee</b>	<p>480 USD (20% reduced from normal LMTVs!) need to be paid in cash on the arrivals.</p>								
<b>Language</b>	<p>English (Khmer language is not necessary, but welcomed to learn and speak to locals!)</p>								
<b>Other</b>	<p>Short term workcamps will be also organized in Aug. 05-16, Aug. 19-30 and Sep. 09-20. First 8 days and last 8 days participations are possible.</p>								



### 3-3. Indonesia

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
GREAT-SCC	Mulyo Asri	Central Java	Indonesia	08/05	09/20	ENVI	4	16	99
<b>Background</b>	<p>Pekalongan Mangrove is a project targeting endangered villages or areas located on coastal lines in Pekalongan. This project is a sustainable project organized by GREAT in cooperation with local communities called Banawa Sekar to answer the needs of preserving the coastal side of Pekalongan.</p> <p>Pekalongan City is one of the directed affected by global climate change among many of islands in the world. The project is preserving natural diversity and sea shore from erosion because of significantly mangrove cutting in the 70's-80s along with strong waves from the ocean.</p> <p>Project Aims: 1. Preserving natural diversity and seashore from erosion because of lack of mangroves and too strong waves from the ocean. Raising awareness of the importance of mangrove conservation as one part of environment protection to the local children, teenagers, and people.</p> <p>2. To support the local initiatives of local fisher and farmer communities in protecting the seashore by planting mangroves. And to increase the awareness of the other local people and children to protect do sustainable action of environment protection, in the coastal area of Pekalongan.</p>								
<b>Work</b>	<p>1. Planting mangroves, harvesting mangroves seeds, seedling mangroves. 2. Sharing environmental education with local people and children. 3. Conducting school visits and universities for environmental education. 4. Running a green campaign in the city center, managing the mangrove fruits to be drinks or foods and promoting it.</p>								
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>House of local people, located nearby the mangrove park. Shared living room with other vols. A sleeping bag is needed, mosquito lotion should be applied before your sleep. No WiFi. No fridge</p>								
<b>Other activities</b>	<p>Exchange culture between local people and volunteers, learning about Mangroves and how to make mangrove syrups. Exploring Pekalongan's culture as the city of Batik.</p>								
<b>Location</b>	<p>Hot tropical weather (25-27 degree in the evening and 35-42 in the day time). Javanese and Muslim culture. Batik garment is the biggest industry that causes serious pollution to the river. Pekalongan is located 60 km away from Semarang airport.</p>								
<b>Terminal</b>	<p>Nearest international airport: Semarang (2 hours by train and car to the project site).</p>								
<b>Requirement</b>	<p>Strong motivation to have a different living style and to learn Bahasa Indonesia, able to communicate at least in interpersonal level, enjoying to work in team in diversity as well as alone, being ready to learn about carbon emission before the project and interest in environmental issue.</p>								
<b>Fee</b>	<p>4,500,000 IDR (not including the meals. About 282 USD by the exchange rate on 2024 May 4th. 11% reduced from normal LMTV!) need to be paid in cash on the arrivals.</p>								
<b>Language</b>	<p>English (Indonesian language is not necessary, but welcomed to learn and speak to locals!)</p>								
<b>Other</b>	<p>Short term workcamp will be also organized in Aug. 11-24. First 6 days participation is possible.</p>								

## 3-4. Japan

Code	Name	Location	Country	Start	End	Type	Vols.	Min age	Max age
NICE-SCC	Yumefukuro	Kumamoto	Japan	11/10	12/25	ENVI	3	16	99
<b>Background</b>	<p>This project is actively working for SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDGs 15 (Life on Land), organized together with NAP (Nobel Application of Plant resources) since 1992 and since 2016, as a part of SCC (Stop Climate Change) projects initiated by NICE with NVDA (Asian network). NAP is a local NPO to recover natural ecosystem cycles. Minamata had experienced the terrible industrial pollution though it is completely safe and clean now. As well as many other parts of Japan, bamboo trees, originally brought from China by human being, are severely spreading and damaging the eco-system. Also, the beaches have a lot of rubbish, but when it's clean, there is a lot of sea food such as oysters and sea urchins. Rehabilitation of seaweed forests has been done since several years ago. The workcamp has been stopped due to COVID-19, but finally revived since 2020 by this project!</p> <p>*Outcome of this workcamp: In 2019, 4 LMTVs from 4 countries and 6 STVs from 5 countries, together with local people, maintained 1ha of bamboo forest, made 541 kg of charcoal and reduced 1.1 ton of CO2 emission.</p>								
									
<b>Work</b>	<p>Volunteers will mainly trim the bamboo trees that can increase the whole amount to fix carbon in the forest and make the bamboo charcoal to be used as fuel instead of oil as carbon offset project. Other work will be helping to run the marine environmental education for the local middle school students as well as helping the traditional cultural workshop a bit such as making a paper from natural materials and weaving also as your experience.</p>								
									
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>House of the local coordinator. Cooked by volunteers. Sleeping bag is not needed.</p>								
									
<b>Other activities</b>	<p>Discussion about Minamata, Disease with local people and experienced person, Visiting Minamata Disease Museum, Excursion, exchange parties, sports, etc.</p>								
<b>Location</b>	<p>The area is famous for huge public pollution of mercury happened over 60 years ago. It is located in southern Kumamoto prefecture of Kyushu island with a beautiful semi-closed sea and mountains with several villages, where traditional culture remains strongly. There are many mandarin farms and the local onions are said to be so sweet that you can eat them like an apple!</p>								
<b>Terminal</b>	<p>Nearest airport: Kagoshima (2 hours by bus and train to the project site).</p>								
<b>Requirement</b>	<p>Be able to ride a bicycle. High interest in environmental issues and their activities, big motivation to work hard, open mind, cooperation with others. Any experience and skills of the environmental work, Carbon research and Crowd funding are welcomed!</p>								
<b>Participation fee</b>	<p>18,000 JPY (About 118 USD by the exchange rate on 2024 May 4th. 33% reduced from normal LMTV!) need to be paid in advance by the credit card or paypal.</p>								
<b>Language</b>	<p>English (Japanese language is not necessary, but welcomed to learn and speak to locals!)</p>								
<b>Other</b>	<p>Short term workcamp will be also organized in Nov. 17-30.</p>								



## 4. Contact for Inquiry

We are looking forward to working with you for this important and revolutionary project!

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### < Let's join us! Call for IVS Carbon Offset >

A **carbon offset** is "a reduction in emissions of carbon dioxide or greenhouse gases made in order to compensate for or to offset an emission made elsewhere." ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbon\\_offset](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbon_offset)).

We are calling for participants of our very **first, historical carbon offset projects** from all over the world.

\* Till now, 29 participants contributed 420 EUR as the pilot practice and we will develop more this year, so join us!

