

Project details

Code: CIEEJ1803-18 **Date:** 2018-07-16 / 2018-07-31 **Total places:** 2 **Age:** 18 - 25

Name: Japanese Culture Experience and Homestay in Mimasaka/OKAYAMA

Type of work: Cultural (CULT) - Environmental (ENVI)

Country: JAPÓN

Location: MIMASAKA, OKAYAMA

Address: Mimasaka, OKAYAMA

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR

Languages: English,jap

Description

Partner:

MIEA (Mimasaka International Exchange Association) was founded in 1998 with Mimasaka citizens who are eager to be a liaison between Mimasaka area and outside of the country. The founder started off with a small group who practice English conversation with a few native speakers. Then, they start looking for an opportunity to do a bigger international exchange. By having a slogan of "Open your eyes, mind and soul to the world", MIEA is hoping the locals to be more proud/confident of their hometown by introducing their cultural values and tradition to international members. By learning other cultures, local children have more positive images of going abroad and making friends in other countries. CIEE Japan has started recruiting international volunteers since 1998 and we have been hosting their summer workcamp for more than 20 years.

MIEA (Japanese) <http://www.miea.or.jp/>

MIEA (English) <http://www10.plala.or.jp/COOLMOON/miea/index.htm>

MIEA (Facebook) <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mimasaka-International-Exchange-Association-MIEA/206215862756330>

Work:

- Cultural exchange with local residents
- Cleaning a shrine, river, walking trails, public facilities and a school
- Doing an environmental work on the riverside and a shrine
- Joining English day camp at local high school
- Cycling in Mimasaka area for tourism promotion
- Introducing cuisine of your country
- Participating a local MATSURI festival/welcome party/farewell event
- Experiencing Japanese traditional culture

Accommodation and food:

Each volunteer will stay separately in a local host family's house.

Volunteers should follow house rules such as "Curfew" at 6:00 PM every day.

Three meals a day will be provided (Volunteers might need to prepare for lunch on several days). A volunteer who has an allergy (or preference) in wheat, meat or fish can not be accepted because those are often served in a Japanese meal and a family does not prepare meals by individual request. A volunteer is also expected to eat rice, miso soup, fish (sometimes raw) as well as meat (chicken, pork and beef) on a daily basis without any problem.

Location and leisure:

Mimasaka-city (<http://kanko.city.mimasaka.lg.jp/>) is famous for beautiful landscapes and hot springs. The most notable sightseeing spot is the birthplace of Musashi Miyamoto (1584~1645), the strongest swords man handling two swords at the same time.

Hayashino Station is located about one and half hours by train (JR Kishin line) from Himeji city in Hyogo prefecture. Their landmark Himeji Castle was designated as a national treasure in 1931 and the World Cultural Heritage in 1993.

Regarding the schedule on Sundays, please ask your host family if they have any plan made for the day before you make your own schedules. Keep in mind that you are strongly expected to spend time with your host family on weekends. Please do not make any plan with your friends on weekends without agreeing with your host family in advance. A volunteer is recommended to bring 5,000-20,000yen for sightseeing, souvenirs, and other personal expenses.

Requirements:

Every volunteer must be able to ride on a bicycle for 5 km (sometimes up to 20 km) a day
A volunteer is expected to be physically strong and tough under the strong summer sunlight

No volunteer is accepted if he/she has a strong allergy in cats, dogs or house dust

It is required that volunteers should prepare and bring things you can perform/display at an international exchange event. Pictures, CD, books, magazines, toys, games or snacks of your country are suggested. You can have your own booth, display them and give presentation about your country at this event. Also, please bring home countries' recipes and ingredients. 10-20 people will come to enjoy this event with International volunteer

A hat, sunglasses, long-sleeves shirt, full-length pants(at least 2) are essential to bring for cleaning and environmental work outside.

Rain boots are needed only those whose foot size is over 11 inches (28cm).

You are required to sign up a travel Insurance in your country. Without insurance contract, you can not participate in any activities.

A couple is not allowed at all. We accept one volunteer from each organization

Additional information**Location:**

Mimasaka, OKAYAMA

Remarks

included 3 MTV volunteers

How to get

Airport: KIX

Bus/train station: train- JR Hayashino Station

Summer Cultural program at School and Japanese Village Life Experience

CIEEJ1806-18

Project details

Code: CIEEJ1806-18 **Date:** 2018-07-22 / 2018-08-03 **Total places:** 1 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Summer Cultural program at School and Japanese Village Life Experience

Type of work: Educational (EDU) - Cultural (CULT)

Country: JAPÓN

Location: HAGI & MINE, YAMAGUCHI

Address: Hagi & Mine, YAMAGUCHI

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 45.0 EUR

Languages: English,jap

Description

Partner:

Hagi Koen Gakuin is a private mission school, having its origin in Mercedarias Misioneras de Bérriz (Spain). In 1952, they established junior high school, placing high school on the side. The school is small in size, with only 160 students (from 7th to 12th graders). They focus on religious field (Catholic) and English teaching. The local partner is looking for volunteers who is mature, energetic and interested in revitalizing the community and accelerate communication among Japanese and international members. CIEE Japan started STV with Hagi Koen Gakuin back in 2008 and the joint program started in 2014.

Koen Gakuin School <http://www.hagikoen.jp/>

Work:

Join summer Program and help Junior high ? high school students at Koen Gakuin

- As an active teacher assistant, volunteer support many classes such as culture, music, physical exercise, games, craft, cooking and even field trip to give them chances to speak out and enjoy talking in English
- Introduce children songs and games from your home country
- Play sports sing and dance with Japanese children
- Cook home country cuisine with Japanese children
- Each volunteer will be responsible for giving a lecture (a presentation) about home country
- Go on a Field trip in Hagi city with students

Accommodation and food:

A school-owned guesthouse and Japanese style house

Volunteers take turns and cook breakfast and dinner. Volunteers will have school lunch at Hagi Koen

Location and leisure:

Hagi is located in Yamaguchi prefecture, in the west part of Honshu, the Mainland of Japan, and faces the Sea of Japan. It is a small local city with the population of 55,000.

Mine is a neighboring city to Hagi and it is 30 minutes away from Shin Yamaguchi Station which is the hub station for bullet train. The camp location is within the area of a mysterious Akiyoshido Cave(いじい) and a beautiful Beppu Benten pond (いじいい). They became a popular touristic spot in recent years. A volunteer needs at least 10,000 JPY in cash if she/he wants to go sightseeing on free-day.

Summer Cultural program at School and Japanese Village Life Experience

CIEEJ1806-18

Requirements:

1. Volunteers need a strong motivation to be an active member to teach/take care of children during each class at Hagi Koen school.
2. Volunteers will do a presentation of their countries during English class. Please prepare the topic such as your hometown, food, sports, architecture, landmarks, greetings or game.
3. Extra fee 5,000 JPY(about 40 EURO). Please pay on arrival. This fee will be used for supporting the accommodation fee
4. A motivation letter (more than 5 sentences long) is required. Please include your interest, motivation, experience and strength of yourself in English or Japanese.

Volunteers should bring one white shirt with collar and trousers (either black, navy or beige) for school event. For other days, long sleeve shirt (as well as T-shirt) and long pants, swimwear (for swimming), sneakers, flip-flops, bug protected spray, bath towels, facial towels, toothpaste, brush, shampoo and conditioner, presentation material, seasonings that represent your country (salt, garlic, paste, sauce or pepper)

Additional information

Location:

Hagi & Mine, YAMAGUCHI

How to get

Airport: KIX

Bus/train station: Kansai International Airport (INTERNATIONAL)
Fukuoka Airport (DOMESTIC)

¿Since INTERNATIONAL airport terminal is 500 km away from the camp location, we recommend you to take a domestic flight. From Fukuoka airport, you can take a local train to get to the hub station "Hakata". From Hakata station to Shin Yamaguchi station, you can take a bullet train (Shinkansen). It will be 40-60 minutes ride.

Station: JR Higashi-Hagi Station (local train)/JR Shin Yamaguchi Station (bullet train from Tokyo)

Childcare & Community Support in Hiroshima, the 73rd Memorial Summer to Pray for Peace

CIEEJ1807-18

Project details

Code: CIEEJ1807-18 **Date:** 2018-07-25 / 2018-08-08 **Total places:** 1 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Childcare & Community Support in Hiroshima, the 73rd Memorial Summer to Pray for Peace

Type of work: Work with kids (KIDS) - Cultural (CULT)

Country: JAPÓN

Location: HIROSHIMA

Address: HIROSHIMA

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 130.0 EUR

Languages: English,jap

Description

Partner:

It is a joint project with KUSUNOKI childcare center and "You Ai Sun Kochi", a local community of Kochi town in Hiroshima. CIEE Japan has been organizing this project since 2008 and it is going to be 11st year in this summer. KUSUNOKI childcare center hold up the children-centered policy which emphasizes "play" and "dialogue", fostering the curiosity of children. Kochi is located in the eastern part of Higashi-hiroshima city centering on Kawachi Station, surrounded by clear streams. You Ai Sun Kochi is received warm support from local residents, and activates residents' communication of the town.

This year is 73rd memorial year after the nuclear bombing were thrown in the city of Hiroshima in 1945. It is still recorded as first and remains the only time nuclear weapons were ever used in a war. On 6 August, the day of bombing, Peace Memorial Ceremony is held in Hiroshima and it has many visitors to memorialize the victims of the war and pray for peace. Volunteers will also attend the ceremony, which will be an opportunity to think of world peace.

KUSUNOKI Childcare center (JAPANESE) <http://qoonea.com/kusunoki/index.html>

Work:

- At Kochi town, volunteers join activities to stimulate the community and accelerate communication among local and international members. More detail task to be decided.
- At Kochi town, volunteers prepare and help local event "Riverside festival"
- Communicate with locals at Japanese bamboo charcoal workshop.
- Take a good care of children at KUSUNOKI childcare center for a week (have them take a shower and a nap, prepare snacks, read them a book, help summer festival, take children to the park)
- Participate and offer a silent prayer to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony and its related events on August 6th

Accommodation and food:

Volunteer will stay at 2 different places

1. Japanese style house (25th July-31st July)

Sleep on the floor with FUTON (or sleeping bag), a washer, kitchen, restroom, bathroom with bathtub are available. Supermarket is 10 minutes on foot.

2. KUSUNOKI Childcare center ? On the floor with futon mattress (1st August-8th August)

Western room or large room with your sleeping bag. Kitchen, restroom, bathroom, washer, internet (free wifi) , convenience store is in 1 minute, supermarket is 5 minutes away by walk.

Volunteers cook breakfast and dinner by themselves. Lunch will be provided.

Childcare & Community Support in Hiroshima, the 73rd Memorial Summer to Pray for Peace**CIEEJ1807-18****Location and leisure:**

Hiroshima city which has overcome and recovered from the tragedy of atomic bombing in WW2 is now the biggest city in Chugoku-Shikoku Region. If you would like to visit Osaka/Kyoto/Nara/Kobe area, plan your trip after the project, you will not be able to go sightseeing those tour spots during workcamp. A volunteer needs at least 10,000 JPY in cash if she/he wants to go sightseeing on free-day.

Requirements:

1. Extra fee 14,000 JPY(about 120 EURO). Please pay on arrival. This fee will be used for supporting the local partner to run this camp
2. If your volunteer cancels a project with any reason after confirmation slip has been submitted to CIEE Japan, we request your organization to find an alternative volunteer. Cancellation gives a huge impact in this project because there are many local people preparing to welcome international volunteers (They do some pre-study about the countries international volunteers are from)
3. Volunteers should study about the history of Hiroshima ?Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Atomic Bomb Museum, the Atom bomb dome - before coming to Japan.
4. A motivation letter (more than 5 sentences long) is required. Please include your interest, motivation, experience and strength of yourself in English or Japanese.

Sleeping bag, mattress (at a childcare center, a floor is very hard and sleeping bag may be too thin to hurt your back), work clothes that are suitable for activities (T-shirts, pants), sneakers, toiletries, towels, hat/cap, rain wear, Volunteers are requested to introduce their own countries by showing photos and maps, teaching children's songs and plays, or introducing recipes.

Additional information**Location:**

HIROSHIMA

Remarks

The weather is not stable at this time of the seasons. Outdoor work (especially during camping) may change if it rains.

How to get**Airport:** KIX

Bus/train station: Hiroshima airport (DOMESTIC)
¿In order to get to the meeting point, It will cost about 600- 1,000YEN/oneway
Kansai International Airport (INTERNATIONAL)
¿In order to get to the meeting point, It will cost about 10.000-12,000YEN/oneway

Station: JR Kochi Station

Project details

Code: CIEEJ1808-18 **Date:** 2018-08-06 / 2018-08-15 **Total places:** 2 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Higashi Shirakawa English Village camp

Type of work: Language camp (LANG) - Work with kids (KIDS)

Country: JAPÓN

Location: HIGASHISHIRAKAWA

Address: Higashishirakawa

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 65.0 EUR

Languages: English,jap

Description

Partner:

Higashi Shirakawa Village Board of Education offers this program in cooperation with Nagoya University of Commerce & Business as well as local NPO AOZORA KENBUN JYUKU Since 2014, NPO AOZORA KENBUN JYUKU take part in planning and operating the project.

The aim of this project is to have children in Higashi Shirakawa Village to build an international friendship and to widen their views, since most children have no opportunity to interact with non-Japanese people. Through this project, they will have chance to experience other culture and see the world differently.

CIEE Japan has been involved with this STV project since 1998 and it will be 20th anniversary this year.

NPO AOZORA KENBUN JYUKU Official (JAPANESE) <http://www.aozora-kenbun.com>

NPO AOZORA KENBUN JYUKU Facebook (JAPANESE) <https://www.facebook.com/aozorakenbun>

Higashi Shirakawa Village <https://www.vill.higashishirakawa.gifu.jp/>

Work:

Volunteers are expected to work together with local university students to solve the ongoing problems and activities of this village

- Actively involved with English village camp and teach for Japanese children
- Cultural exchange with students at elementary and junior high school
- Visit kindergarten and senior home and do some activities together
- Help some agricultural work
- Clean the accommodation
- Prepare for summer festival
- introduce food of your country(Bring a recipe!)

English village camp (Several days)

International volunteers will spend great amount of time (mostly in the morning) by preparing and initiating this camp. Together with local university students, international volunteer will teach local children (elementary and junior high school) about English. Japanese children only learn English by the books. It is one of their fewer chances to practice it (speak out loud) with non-Japanese people. We would appreciate if international volunteers can take initiatives for this event (because some local university students are not experienced to teach/speak English).

If you can prepare children's songs, games, quizzes that would be great as well. The local partner will assign some ESL teacher (TBD) and prepare board and photos and national flags to make an atmosphere international and fun!

Accommodation and food:

Japanese RYOKAN (They no longer use it for business purpose, but keep the facility as a place for visitors)

Facilities:

7 Japanese-style rooms are available for volunteers, washer, kitchen, bathroom with bathtub, restroom (both Japanese and a western style), fans, Free wifi is available, convenience store is 20 minutes by car, supermarket is 10 minutes by car

Volunteers take turns and cook breakfast and dinner by themselves. Food items will be provided. Local host mostly prepare lunch by providing BENTO box. Sometimes volunteers take turn to make lunch. There is a big BBQ event 1 night too.

Location and leisure:

Higashi Shirakawa-Village is located in the central part of Japan, near the Hida Mountains which are very famous for its beautiful scenery among mountain climbers and tourists. Elevation is high and the population is about 4,000. Most villagers take part in forestry and cultivate tea tree. Shirakawa tea is famous around the area. 95% of the villages are covered with mountains and rich forests. Visitors can enjoy its quiet wild nature. If volunteers like to visit landmarks such as Shirakawago (a newly registered World Heritage) or Gero Onsen (famous hot spring), please plan your trip after the workcamp (the transportation is very limited during the program). A volunteer needs at least 10,000 JPY in cash if he/she wants to go sightseeing on free-day (such as Takayama city) but you can stay at the camp location if you do not want to go out with a big group.

Requirements:

1. Big interest and motivation to teach English (or at least culture/language of your home country) to local Japanese children since this is core activity during this workcamp
2. Conversational Japanese is recommended, but not required
3. Some interest for outdoor activities, together with local Japanese children in the forest
4. Some interest for Japanese culture, language and custom (especially the lifestyle of rural area).
5. Extra fee 7000 JPY(about 60 EURO). Please pay on arrival. This fee will be used for supporting the accommodation fee
6. A motivation letter (more than 5 sentences long) is required. Please include your interest, motivation, experience and strength of yourself in English or Japanese.

A sleeping bag is a must. You can not use beddings the Ryokan owns. Clothing suitable for activities such as long sleeved items, pants cotton gloves and durable sneakers, swimwear, flip-flops, portable umbrella or rainwear, a hat/cap, facial towel, bath towel, sun protected cream or spray, medicine you use in your home country, a water bottle and a bug repellent. At least 20,000 JPY in cash (including extra fee). A credit card is useless in this area.

Additional information**Location:**

Higashishirakawa

Remarks

Please put the volunteer work on your highest priority. Please keep in mind that the villagers are not experienced to interact with people from overseas and they may look at you with curiosity, but no offence.

How to get

Airport: KIX

Higashi Shirakawa English Village camp**CIEEJ1808-18**

Bus/train station: Terminal: Central Japan International Airport
Station: JR Shirakawaguchi station (Takayama Line)

Project details

Code: CIEEJ1811-18 **Date:** 2018-08-21 / 2018-08-30 **Total places:** 2 **Age:** 18 - 25

Name: Running Kids Summer Program with Students of Okayama University of Science

Type of work: Educational (EDU) - Language camp (LANG)

Country: JAPÓN

Location: KURASHIKI, OKAYAMA

Address: Kurashiki, OKAYAMA

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR

Languages: English,jap

Description

Partner:

Last year, a very passionate university professor from Okayama University of Science launched this project together with CIEE Japan. Her vision is to give her students (many are in education major) more chance to open their eyes to the outside of the world and to use English as a tool to understand people from a variety of background. By committing deeply in a camp, students will actively involve with the training and find many positive things to become a professional teacher in their future.

Work:

First half project is based on Kurashiki City and the volunteers move to Kibi Youth Outdoor Learning Center bus for camping.

- In cooperation with Japanese university students from Okayama University of Science (About 20 students), volunteers manage and plan cross cultural communication seminar& English education seminar for Japanese children (elementary school students)

¿A camp leader will also be selected by the university.

- Cultural exchange with children at local high school and children center
- Cleaning and pulling weeds at youth center
- Join the event of learning Japanese culture held by Japanese students

Accommodation and food:

International academic exchange center on campus (20th August-25th August)

National KIBI Youth Outdoor Learning Center (26th August-29th August)

Bed rooms, shower (with bath tab 20-25 Aug/large public bath 26-29 Aug), laundromat at within 10-min-walking distance (20-25 Aug), restroom. Deli at 10-min-walking distance (20-25 Aug) ,
No Free Wifi and kitchen.

Meals will be provided except for on the weekend of 25th and 26th Aug

Not available for vegetarian and people who have food allergy.

Location and leisure:

Okayama city is the capital city of Okayama Prefecture in the Chugoku region of Japan. Although the accommodation is located in rural area, it is very comfortable to live as it is not as busy as other metropolitan cities. It is also accessible to Shikoku, Sanyo and Kansai area. Those for who want to explore those areas can visit there after the project. You will be able to have experience modern Japanese culture through interaction with local people. They give a friendly welcome to you. Okayama is very safe area and really nice place to stay.

Requirements:

A motivation letter (more than 10 sentences long) is required. Please include your interest, motivation, experience and strength of yourself in English or Japanese.

Volunteer should bring clothes suitable for the work, shoes, hat/cap, bug protected spray, medicine for insect bites, cold and painkiller, bath towels, facial towels, toothpaste, brush, shampoo and conditioner, seasonings that represent your country (salt, garlic, paste, sauce or pepper) Prepare for presentation about your country. Also please bring some English textbooks you used in junior high school or high school of your country. A credit card may not be useless in this area. Please prepare at least 30,000 JPY if you want to go sightseeing during free-day.

Volunteers must put off pierces and hide tattoos when visiting schools.

Additional information

Location:

Kurashiki, OKAYAMA

How to get

Airport: KIX

Bus/train station: Terminal: Okayama Airport(Domestic)
Station: JR Okayama Station

Outdoor Cultural Exchange with Children and Families**CIEEJ1812-18****Project details****Code:** CIEEJ1812-18 **Date:** 2018-08-22 / 2018-08-31 **Total places:** 1 **Age:** 18 - 30**Name:** Outdoor Cultural Exchange with Children and Families**Type of work:** Work with kids (KIDS) - Manual work (MANU)**Country:** JAPÓN**Location:** TOKUYAMA,YAMAGUCHI**Address:** Tokuyama,YAMAGUCHI**Email:****Phone Number:****Web:****Fee:** 0.0 EUR**Languages:** English,jap**Description****Partner:**

Host organization offers outdoor activities for both adults and children, which include making woodwork, basket wares, building wooden houses and painting, etc. in an environment abundant in nature as big as 20 hectares. Staff in this organization are all senior Japanese volunteers and they work with a philosophy of "A forest sustains people, people sustain a forest". During summer, many children and families visit this place and join the program of various outdoor activities. This summer they plan a 2-Day event that they expect 150-200 visitors. CIEE Japan started this STV back in 2008 and it will be 10th anniversary in this summer.

Fureai-no-Mori Nandemo Kobo official homepage: <http://furemori.info/>

Fureai-no-Mori Nandemo Kobo official facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/furemori/>

Work:

Help outdoor activities and preparation for events for children and families.

- help children, families and elders with cooking (pizza, udon and somen noodles etc), making crafts, and so on. Age of participants will range from 5 to 80 years old.

- Attend cultural exchange lesson with local elementary school students (such as singing English songs and Q&A time)

- Maintenance of Fureai-no-Mori (mori means forest in Japanese) forest park and some facilities.

-communicate and exchange ideas with local students

¿Since there are many outdoor activities, work may differ if it rains.

Accomodation and food:

A traditional Japanese house

Japanese TATAMI room with futon mattress, washer, kitchen, Western lavatory, shower. No internet access, Convenience store and supermarket is 5 minutes by car.

Volunteers take turns and cook by themselves. Volunteers are asked to go to the store and do groceries. Not available for vegetarian and people who have food allergy.

Location and leisure:

Shunan-city is located in south-eastern part of Yamaguchi Pref., between the beautiful Seto Inland Sea and hillside. It takes four and a half hours from Tokyo by Shinkansen or one and a half from Yamaguchi Ube Airport by train. During the day-offs, volunteers may participate in a traditional summer "MIKOSHI (portable shrine)" festival with local children. A volunteer needs at least 10,000 JPY in cash if she/he wants to go sightseeing on free-day.

Outdoor Cultural Exchange with Children and Families**CIEEJ1812-18****Requirements:**

Clothing suitable for outdoor activities, volunteers will take care of children in the river too (swimwear, shorts pants, T-shirts, sneakers are must) Slippers and sandals are prohibited. Seasonings and some recipes from your country (Please be ready to introduce your home country cuisine to local Japanese people and other international volunteer members), pictures and materials or something you can introduce your hometown, culture, language etc.

Additional information

Location:

Tokuyama, YAMAGUCHI

Remarks

Clothing suitable for outdoor activities, volunteers will take care of children in the river too (swimwear, shorts pants, T-shirts, sneakers are must) Slippers and sandals are prohibited. Seasonings and some recipes from your country (Please be ready to introduce your home country cuisine to local Japanese people and other international volunteer members), pictures and materials or something you can introduce your hometown, culture, language etc.

How to get

Airport: KIX

Bus/train station: Yamaguchi Ube Airport (DOMESTIC)
Station: JR Tokuyama Station

Project details

Code: NICE-18-08021-18 **Date:** 2018-08-04 / 2018-08-18 **Total places:** 2 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Hanawa (Fukushima)

Type of work: Festival (FEST) - Art type (ART)

Country: JAPÓN

Location: HANAWA

Address: Hanawa

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR

Languages: English

Description

Partner:

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

Work:

Volunteer will mainly help and join the festival by making four big lanterns 'TORO' (2 x 2 meters) and hundreds of small lanterns together with local students. You can design your own large 'TORO' in this festival. It will be physically challenging work.

Accommodation and food:

Local community building, very simple life style. Volunteer stay a Japanese style room. Share room. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns. Sleeping bag is necessary.

Location and leisure:

Small town in the southern part of Fukushima. the population is about 9,000.
The town is famous for beautiful flower, named Dahlia in Aug. to Oct.

Requirements:

Interest in Japanese culture, making big lanterns ('TORO') and working with locals!

Additional information

Location:

Hanawa

Remarks

Other activities: Experience of Japanese Drum, sports, exchange parties, hot spring, etc.

How to get

Airport: NRT

Bus/train station: The nearest international airport is in Tokyo (Narita/Haneda). 5 hours from Tokyo by bus. You need to arrive at Narita airport by 07:30 on first day and can leave there after 20:00 on last day.

Project details

Code: NICE-18-08041-18 **Date:** 2018-08-04 / 2018-08-17 **Total places:** 2 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Aso (Kumamoto)

Type of work: Work with kids (KIDS) - Agriculture (AGRI) - Festival (FEST)

Country: JAPÓN

Location: ASO CITY

Address: Aso city

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR

Languages: English

Description

Partner:

This project has been organized together with a local group formed for this project since 1999. Aso city is located in the center of Kyushu, famous for Mt. Aso, is a large active volcano in Japan. The mountain's caldera, created by multiple gigantic eruption in the distant past, is with a circumference of over 100 kilometers one of the largest in the world. In spite of the wonderful landscape, depopulation is a serious problems here similarly with many other parts of the country side in Japan. This project aims to activate the area by helping some local activities and make opportunities of intercultural exchange between locals and international volunteers.

Work:

Volunteers will help some local activities as the below. 1) Kids camp: Volunteers will support 2 days Kids camp, by playing with them and showing your culture. 2) Summer festival: Volunteers will join traditional summer festival, setting and cleaning up the venue. 3) Environmental preservation: Volunteers will help cutting glasses in the garden of youth center.

Accommodation and food:

Volunteers will stay in a shared room of community center, very simple facility. Please bring your sleeping bag. Meals will be cooked by volunteers by turns.

Location and leisure:

Aso in Kumamoto pref. is a city with rich nature. Aso-Kuju National Park is one of Japan's oldest national park. Volunteers can enjoy splendid view of Mt. Aso and natural hot spring!

Requirements:

Interest in revitalization the community, and activities with children.

Additional information

Location:

Aso city

Remarks

Other activities: Local school visit, hot spring, and one-day homestay.

How to get

Airport: FUK

Bus/train station: The nearest international airport is Fukuoka airport. From Fukuoka to the meeting point, it takes 3 hours by express train. You need to arrive in Fukuoka by 09:00 AM on first day and can leave after 17:00 on last day. The nearest domestic airport is in Kumamoto.

Project details

Code: NICE-18-08111-18 **Date:** 2018-08-11 / 2018-08-26 **Total places:** 2 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Wazuka (Kyoto)

Type of work: Agriculture (AGRI) - Cultural (CULT)

Country: JAPÓN

Location: WAZUKA

Address: Wazuka

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR

Languages: English

Description

Partner:

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

Work:

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

Accommodation and food:

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

Location and leisure:

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

Requirements:

Interested in Japanese culture, positive attitude to work outside in hot weather

Additional information

Location:

Wazuka

Remarks

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

How to get

Airport: KIX

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

Project details

Code: NICE-18-08151-18 **Date:** 2018-08-15 / 2018-08-30 **Total places:** 1 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Hoshino (Fukuoka)

Type of work: Environmental (ENVI) - Cultural (CULT)

Country: JAPÓN

Location: HOSHINO

Address: Hoshino

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR

Languages: English

Description

Partner:

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

Work:

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

Accommodation and food:

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

Location and leisure:

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

Requirements:

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

Additional information

Location:

Hoshino

Remarks

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

How to get

Airport: FUK

Bus/train station: The closest International airport is in Fukuoka. From Fukuoka to the meeting point, it takes about 2 hours by express train. You need to arrive at Fukuoka airport by 10:00AM on the first day and can leave there after 17:00 on the last day.