

Project details

Code: CIEEJ1905-19 **Date:** 2019-07-30 / 2019-08-12 **Total places:** 1 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: CULTURAL EXCHANGE AT SENIOR HOUSE IN KYOTO AND OSAKA

Type of work: Work with elderly (ELDE) - Cultural (CULT)

Country: JAPÓN

Location: KYOTO AND TAKATSUKI, OSAKA, JAPAN

Address: Kyoto and Takatsuki, Osaka, Japan

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 20.0 EUR **Languages:** English,jap

GPS location

GPS: lat: 34.8396007766368, lng: 135.61926454619

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Description

Partner:

Keiyukai is a healthcare corporation in Osaka, founded in 1986, and has 7 facilities (clinics, day-care centers, and nursing homes for seniors who need special treatment) in Osaka and Kyoto.

Their visions are to provide support from senior point of view. Every single day, staff members put their first priority on the senior health/mental condition whether or not seniors are being pleasant. They also put great effort to merge each others specialty (as a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, physical therapist, care worker etc.) into a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere. Keiyukai has been cooperating with CIEE in IVS project since 2012.

Keiyukai (JAPANESE): <https://www.keiyukai-nakajima.jp/>

Work:

Volunteers work at 2 facilities of KEIYUKAI, Week 1 in Osaka and WEEK2 in Kyoto.

[WEEK 1] 30 July to 5 August [Takatsuki Megumi House] in Takatsuki, OSAKA

[WEEK 2] 5 August to 12 August [Keiyu No Sato] in Kyoto, KYOTO

Interacting with volunteers are good activities for the residents of day-care centers, so volunteers are expected to join daily activities with the seniors such as

- Chatting with Senior residents in the day-care center
- Singing
- Exercising
- Making paper crafts (Origami)
- Drawing

Accommodation and food:

Accommodation of the day-care centers (WEEK 1 in OSAKA, WEEK 2 in KYOTO)

Facilities: Bedding is provided, Japanese style bedrooms, shower, kitchen, toilet, laundry machine.

Meals are provided. Individual request (vegetarian food, food allergy and any other food restrictions) can not be accepted.

Location and leisure:

Takatsuki Megumi House is situated in Osaka, but it is close to Kyoto Station (12-minute train ride). Keiyu No Sato is located 30 minutes away from Kyoto station (15 minutes train ride and 5-minute bus ride). During days-off, volunteers enjoy sightseeing in Kyoto. As widely known, Kyoto is the ancient capital city of Japan and has plenty of shrines and temples like Kiyomizu Temple, Kyoto Imperial Palace, Heian Shrine, Kinkakuji-temple and Arashiyama area.

Osaka is the second biggest city of Japan and also has lots of things you can enjoy. If you visit Osaka, you should try local foods like TAKOYAKI and OKONOMIYAKI. You can access to Universal Studio Japan within an hour from Takatsuki Station by train.

A volunteer is recommended to prepare at least 5,000 JPY for leisure. An average allowance a volunteer prepares on their own are about 30,000 JPY because everything is expensive in big city like Osaka and Kyoto.

Requirements:

- Volunteers are expected to be patient in activities with senior people and have active attitudes.
- Interests and understanding of Japanese culture and social manner.
- Must submit a motivation letter or description of motivation in the application form. Please include your self-introduction, interests on the project, experience, motivation in English or Japanese (if possible).
- Submit a confirmation slip (Travel information) online after your application is accepted by CIEE Japan.

Additional information**Location:**

Kyoto and Takatsuki, Osaka, Japan

Remarks

- Prepare presentation of your home country including recipe of meals representing your home country.
 - Should bring: clothes for volunteering work (easy to exercise), long sleeve shirts, long pants.
- Please pay attention on what you wear when you work in day-care centers. Short skirt, shirt pants, sleeveless shirt, and other clothes which are too tight, transparent, too short, showing your underwear or private body are NOT ALLOWED.

How to get

Airport: KIX

Bus/train station: JR Takatsuki Station (nearest to the meeting point)
JR Katsuragawa Station (nearest to the dismiss point)

Project details

Code: CIEEJ1908-19 **Date:** 2019-08-06 / 2019-08-15 **Total places:** 2 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: HIGASHI SHIRAKAWA ENGLISH VILLAGE CAMP

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

Country: JAPÓN

Location: HIGASHI-SHIRAKAWA VILLAGE, KAMO, GIFU, JAPAN

Address: Higashi-Shirakawa Village, Kamo, GIFU, Japan

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 8000.0 JPY

Languages: English,jap

GPS location

GPS: lat: 35.6437756274521, lng: 137.325546339779

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Description

Partner:

Higashi Shirakawa Village Board of Education offers this program in cooperation with Nagoya University of Commerce & Business (NUBC) and the local NPO AOZORA KENBUN JYUKU since 2014. 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 people from foreign countries. Through this project, they will have chance to experience other culture and see the world differently. Around 15 students of Nagoya University of Commerce & Business stay with international volunteers in accommodation and work and together. CIEE Japan has been involved with this STV project since 1998.

Nagoya University of Commerce & Business: <http://www.nucba.ac.jp/en/>

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:

International volunteers and about 15 Japanese students of NUBC work together in English Village Camp for local children.

- Teaching English to children and residents of the village
- Cultural exchange through communication in English
- Preparation for the local summer festival
- Maintenance work of facility
- Agricultural and forestry work
- Visiting nursery school and pension house
- Presentation of a meal representing your home country

Accommodation and food:

A facility which was used as Japanese style accommodation. It is no longer used publicly as hotel but kept as a place for visitors. International volunteers and students of NUBC stay in the facility. Volunteers share rooms (room for male and female are separated) and need a sleeping bag (sleep on tatami mattress). It has kitchen, bathroom with a bathtub, toilets (both Japanese and a western style), laundry machine, wi-fi.

Volunteers take turns to prepare meals by themselves. A BBQ dinner is planned by the host organisation.

Vegetarians are acceptable.

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. It has rich forests and beautiful clear stream and visitors will see traditional Japanese country life. Residents are very friendly to visitors. 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. If volunteers like to visit landmarks such as Shirakawa go (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:

- Being active for playing with children and interactive.
- Love for the nature and slow village life.
- Interests and understanding of Japanese culture and social manner.
- Must submit a motivation letter or description of motivation in the application form. Please include your self-introduction, interests on the project, experience, motivation in English or Japanese (if possible).
- Submit a confirmation slip (Travel information) online after your application is accepted by CIEE Japan.

Additional information

Location:

Higashi-Shirakawa Village, Kamo, GIFU, Japan

Remarks

- Prepare presentation of your home country including recipe of meals representing your home country. Bring seasonings which you cant get in Japan.
- Should bring: A sleeping bag, cotton gloves, long sleeve shirts and long pants to cover your hands, arms and legs, a hat or a cap, water bottle, sunscreen, sports shoes, bath towels, facial towels, anti-mosquito bites spray, medicine you need.

How to get

Airport: KIX

Bus/train station: Chubu International Airport (Centrair)
Nagoya Station (Bullet train)
Shirakawaguchi Station (local train)

Project details

Code: CIEEJ1911-19 **Date:** 2019-07-27 / 2019-08-11 **Total places:** 1 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: MEISEI SUMMER SCHOOL PROJECT

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

Country: JAPÓN

Location: HINO CITY, TOKYO, JAPAN

Address: Hino city, Tokyo, Japan

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 20.0 EUR **Languages:** English,kor

GPS location

GPS: lat: 35.6684902920428, lng: 139.394805019718

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Description

Partner:

Meisei University's Summer School Project offers free English lessons to elementary and junior high school students (aged from 6 to 15) in the local community. Meisei University students who are majoring in teaching license course run this project. Based on the theoretical assumption, students try to put a priority on activity-based teaching rather than the traditional cramming style teaching. A philosophy is that English teaching and learning are purely fun and their goal is to develop communication skill in English. CIEE Japan has started this IVS since 2005 and it has always been the most popular program which all positions become full soon after the application starts. We carefully select candidates according to their motivations and experiences.

Meisei Summer School Project
<https://kenkyu.hino.meisei-u.ac.jp/meiseisummerschoolproject/>

Work:

- Teaching English to elementary school and jr high school students in Hino city.
- Each volunteer is assigned to a class (between 6 to 15 years old) as a teacher assistant. Working with Meisei University students, international volunteers prepare lessons and teaching materials
- Helping open house of Meisei University.

Accommodation and food:

Volunteers stay at a shared house (Social Residence Akishima). It takes 1 hour from the university using a public transportation. The fare to commute to university is paid by the university.
Facilities: Bedding is provided, kitchen, toilet, laundry machine, wi-fi.
Volunteers cooperate to prepare for breakfast and dinner. Take lunch at a cafeteria of the university.

Location and leisure:

Hino city is located in the western part of Tokyo. It will take less than one hour to get to the central Tokyo. Meisei University is surrounded with woods in a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere making you feel like taking a deep breath. You can hear cicadas singing in summer. In addition to the great nature, Hino has shrines and temples. You can enjoy there too. Volunteers are recommended to prepare at least 5,000 JPY for leisure. An average allowance a volunteer prepares on their own are about 30,000 JPY because everything is expensive in Tokyo.

Requirements:

- Active attitude to interaction with children.
- Interests and understanding of Japanese culture and social manner.
- Must submit a motivation letter or description of motivation in the application form. Please include your self-introduction, interests on the project, experience, motivation in English or Japanese (if possible).
- Submit a confirmation slip (Travel information) online after your application is accepted by CIEE Japan.

Additional information

Location:

Hino city, Tokyo, Japan

Remarks

- Smoking and drinking are NOT ALLOWED during the workcamp. Even if you are old enough, smoking and drinking are strictly prohibited in the facility of university.
- Prepare a presentation of your home country to introduce your home country and meal.
- Should bring: Sports shoes, indoor shoes, swim wear, beach sandals, a hat or a cap, medicine you need.
- Please pay attention on what you wear when you work as a volunteer. Short skirt, shirt pants, sleeveless shirt, and other clothes which are too tight, transparent, too short, showing your underwear or private body are NOT ALLOWED.

How to get

Airport: NRT

Bus/train station: Chuo-Daigaku·Meisei-Daigaku Station (Tama Monorail line)

Project details

Code: NICE-19-0801B-19 **Date:** 2019-08-05 / 2019-08-16 **Total places:** 1 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Kumano (Mie)

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

Country: JAPÓN

Location: KUMANO, MIE

Address: Kumano, Mie

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR

Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 33.9204432057231, lng: 136.097553088789

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Description

Partner:

This is the third time that the workcamp is held with Association for Promotion of Regional Development in Nishiyama area, Kumano city where is depopulated in Mie prefecture. There are about 220 residents whose 73% is over 65 years old in Nishiyama area where volunteers will mainly stay. One youth who had joined an international workcamp in the past, has started organizing weekend workcamps since 2011 in Nishiyama area. 5 years later, local people have been getting open-minded to youths from outside of the area. Since the local people are getting too old to maintain public place such as parks or ruins of a castle, they need hands from international volunteers!

Work:

Volunteers will mainly help local people to maintain Nishiyama area such as grass cutting at a historical site, parks and community center. Also the maintenance of ruins of castle such as making stairs beautiful!

Accommodation and food:

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

Location and leisure:

Nishiyama area, Kumano city, Mie prefecture. It is more than 200km far both from Osaka and Nagoya.

Requirements:

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

Additional information

Location:

Kumano, Mie

Remarks

Other activities: Party with local people, etc.

How to get

Airport: OSA

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

Project details

Code: NICE-19-0803A-19 **Date:** 2019-08-03 / 2019-08-16 **Total places:** 2 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Aso (Kumamoto)

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

Country: JAPÓN

Location: ASO, KUMAMOTO

Address: Aso, Kumamoto

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR

Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 32.979003074946, lng: 131.140895634785

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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) Agriculture: Volunteers will work in farm for helping local elder farmers. Volunteers will do some other works needed in the community. "

Accomodation 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, Kumamoto

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-19-0803C-19 **Date:** 2019-08-05 / 2019-08-18 **Total places:** 2 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Hanawa (Fukushima)

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

Country: JAPÓN

Location: HANAWA, FUKUSHIMA

Address: Hanawa, Fukushima

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR

Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 36.9677291580731, lng: 140.401779518469

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Description

Partner:

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

Work:

"Volunteers will mainly help and join the festival by making four big lanterns TORO (2 x 2 meters) and hundreds of small lanterns together with local students. Volunteers can design your own large TORO in a group and will float it down a river in the festival.
It will be physically demanding work."

Accommodation and food:

Volunteers will stay local community building. It will be very simple life style and a Japanese style. Room is shared with every volunteers. Meals are 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 and respect for local culture. Adaptability to simple living condition and positive attitude to work with locals!

Additional information

Location:

Hanawa, Fukushima

Remarks

Other activities: Experience of Japanese Drum, sports, exchange parties, hot spring, etc.
Volunteers will be able to do Homestay in local house."

How to get

Airport: TYO

Bus/train station: The nearest international airport is in Tokyo (Narita/Haneda). From Tokyo to the meeting point, it takes 7 hours by train. Volunteers need to arrive at the airport in Tokyo(Narita/Haneda) by 07:00 AM on the first day and can leave the airport after 22:00 PM on the last day.

Project details

Code: NICE-19-0809A-19 **Date:** 2019-08-09 / 2019-08-29 **Total places:** 1 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Ogi (Nigata)

Type of work: Environmental (ENVI) - Festival (FEST)

Country: JAPÓN

Location: OGI, SADO ISLAND

Address: Ogi, Sado island

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR

Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 37.9960434016883, lng: 138.421514487925

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Description

Partner:

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

Work:

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

Accommodation and food:

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

Location and leisure:

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

Requirements:

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

Additional information

Location:

Ogi, Sado island

Ogi (Nigata)**NICE-19-0809A-19****Remarks**

Other activities: Exchange parties, fishing, swimming in the sea etc.

How to get

Airport: TYO

Project details

Code: NICE-19-0817A-19 **Date:** 2019-08-17 / 2019-08-31 **Total places:** 2 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Hoshino (Fukuoka)

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

Country: JAPÓN

Location: YAME CITY, FUKUOKA

Address: Yame city, Fukuoka

Email:

Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR

Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 33.218977843513, lng: 130.556714041447

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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 towns 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:

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

Requirements:

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

Additional information

Location:

Yame city, Fukuoka

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 10:00 AM on the first day and can leave there after 17:00 on the last day.