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VYA Taiwan

International WorkCamp 2009



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What is VYA

An NGO/NPO organizing workcamps and other voluntary projects in Taiwan and Asia

The Executive committee of **IAVE-IRC** (International Association for Volunteer Effort's International Resource Center, IAVE-IRC) since 2005.

Full Member of **NVDA** (Network for Voluntary development in Asia) since 2007

Full Member of **CCIVS under UNESCO** (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service) since 2008



VYA in short:

- a) 343436: Over 343,436 young people got involved in our voluntary activities since first held in 2002
- b) 180,000: Over 7,000 young people served as volunteers, donating more than 260,000 hours to social services.
- c) 2551: Cultivate 2,551 youth leaders
- d) 700: Cooperate with over 700 NGOs.
- e) 38: Support 38 Taiwanese young leaders to intern in NGOs in Washington D.C., USA.



1) Brief History

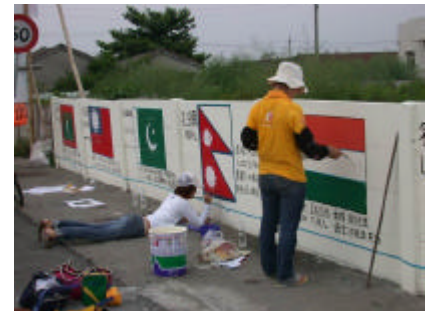
Vision YouthAction was founded in 2002 by 30 young leaders who participated in international volunteer exchange project between Taiwan and U.S.A. From 2002 to 2007, VYA has been successful in setting up a regional youth volunteer center to promote very short term community service from one day to one week. Over 7,000 young people served as volunteers, donating more than 260,000 hours to social services in the past few years. In 2007 August, in collaboration with NICE Japan, the first international workcamp in Taiwan originated in a small fishing village in the mid-western coast of Taiwan. It has been developing rapidly and variously catering to the huge needs of projects & motivations of people!



2) Our Missions and Future Prospects

a) To promote youth engagement in public affairs and international voluntary services: We encourage and help the youths to participate in various kinds of voluntary services. Through voluntary service, the cultural exchange, global understanding and friendship among world youth and local people have grown naturally through living, working, talking, and laughing together.

b) To Nurture future Young Social Entrepreneurs: We assist youths to run NPOs with the concept of social enterprise and venture capital, solving social problems efficiently on the basis of new business model.



3) Activities

To achieve our missions and future prospects mentioned above, VYA runs the following activities;

a) Very short term community service projects (VSTCSP): Organizing with National Youth Commission, VYA encourage Taiwanese young people to get involved in community voluntary services. Every year, at least 2000 youth volunteers are involved in VYA VSTCSP and initiate more than 130 community service projects by themselves.



b) Taiwan International WorkCamp: VYA organizes workcamps and bridge the gap between local and overseas NGOs for Taiwan volunteers. The first Taiwan international workcamp was held in 2007 in cooperation with NVDA and NICE. In 2007(2008), only one(3) project with 8(22) international vols and 17(30) local vols/ sent 10(80) vols to 3(14) countries.

c) VolunteerMatch.org.tw: the first professional online IT system for volunteer management in Taiwan. This

website offers NGOs & youth volunteers training courses, applications for service certificates, volunteering opportunities hunting, and consultancy of volunteer management.

d) Training Projects for Young Social Entrepreneurs: VYA maps out a series of training projects for young people developing a long-term career in non-profit organizations. By doing so, we cultivate young social entrepreneurs to be equipped with global perspectives, leadership, value of civil society, and the capability of organization and management.



4) WorkCamps and volunteers

a) To organize workcamps in Taiwan: 3(4) projects with 22(30) international vols and 30 (45) local vols in 2008 (in 2 years)

b) To send volunteers from Taiwan to international workcamps abroad: 74(85) volunteers to 14(14) countries (in 2 years)

5) Members & Partners

VYA is completely independent from any political, religious, economic power. There are **5** full-time staff in charge of VYA and **20-30** regular volunteers as assistants. The General Assembly/Executive Committee of VYA is held twice a year.

VYA has:

a) 2442 members around the world and 672 volunteers in Taiwan.

b) 32 local partners and has built partnership with more than 200 local NPOs around Taiwan to promote voluntary service.

6) Finance

VYA is a nongovernmental /non-profit organization, independent from any other political and commercial entities.

a) Income: 87.18% of its operating expense was generated by the projects and service income, 11.48% from government donations and 1.33% from private donations in 2007.

b) Expense: 2.65% was used in daily offices operating and 97.35% was spent on projects (food, lodging, project staff salary (30.66%) etc.)



c) Project cost of workcamps in other Asian countries and weekend workcamps are paid mainly by volunteers.

d) Project cost (food, accommodation, etc.) of international workcamps in Taiwan are mainly supported by VYA and local partners (financial source includes NGO partners' budgets, local governments, sponsor foundations, etc.)



In 2007:

Income: NTD \$5,840,917 (USD 179,169)

Expense: NTD \$5,723,705 (USD 175,574)

Surplus: NTD\$117,212 (USD 3,595)



VYA WorkCamp's Focus:

- Art and Education
- Elder care and social development
- Minority group/Native Taiwanese and rural development (e.g. organic farming)
- Youth training, cultural preservation

VYA WorkCamp Project Areas:

- Central Taiwan: Yun-Lin Country and Changhwa Country
- Southern Taiwan: Chia-yi country

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Project 1: Taiwan International Workcamp

1) Introduction

Welcome to join our workcamps, **share happy time and create new age together!** All campsites have good-natured and warm people, so you will discover the colorful and vigorous faces of Taiwan and those are completely **different from stereotypical images** you may have through media.

< All workcamps share the following features (unless mentioned in each project description) >

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| a) Age limit | : 18 at least (No maximum) . In some projects, we accept kids with their parents joining together and in some cases, volunteers 1-2 years fewer than 18 (aged 16-17) are welcomed as well. |
| b) Language | : English (Mandarin or Taiwanese is not necessarily required, but we welcome your trying!) |
| c) Insurance | : We provide small amount of insurance only for accidents during workcamps IN Taiwan . |
| d) Accommodations | : Mostly, there're showers, kitchens and toilets. Basic, but enjoyable enough. |
| e) Study Part | : All workcamps are designed for youths around the world to learn and work on a better future for global community. |

2) How to apply for Taiwan WorkCamp?

A: Apply through our workcamp partners or NVDA!!

Non-Taiwanese volunteers living outside Taiwan have to **apply through local Workcamp NGO** partners of their own countries instead of VYA (if there are no such NGO partners there, then people need to apply through **Tomo at NVDA**(<http://www.nvda-asiapacific.org/>) (nvda-gs@nice1.gr.jp). Only people in Taiwan can give applications to VYA directly and pay the fees through the following account:

Name of account: Vision Youth Action, Fu-Tong HSU 願景青年行動網協會徐福棟

Name of Bank: Taipei Fubon Bank, Kuting Branch

Bank Address: No.100, Roosevelt Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei City 100, Taiwan

Account Number: 390210-586272

B: How much should volunteers afford?

- Transportation fee: Volunteers have to afford the transportation fee** to and back from workcamp sites by themselves.
- Registration fee:** volunteers pay the registration fee to VYA according to the following situations. **Food and accommodation during the projects are provided** by VYA & the local partners;

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| a) From organizations charging no fee to VYA vols. | : No fee |
| b) From organizations charging some fee to VYA vols. | : US\$250 per workcamp (+) |
| c) Individual applicants who are living in Taiwan | : US\$250/ NTD8500 per workcamp (++) |

* **Most of the European/ North American/Japan/Korea partners are a)**
and **Most of Asian/ African/ Latin American are b).**

+ This depends on the agreement with each NGO partners. We usually charge the same amount as they do. However, we can consider discount/exemption for the partners in "less developed" (developing) countries.

++ This includes fee of life-long membership and Pre-workcamp. People originally from "less developed" countries (GDP: below US\$5,000) get discount to US\$150.

C: Detail information of the project

1-2 months before the projects begin, volunteers will receive “**Information Sheets**” (details of the project: what to bring, the meeting place, how to get there, etc.) together with “Acceptance Letter” and “VYA Volunteers’ Guide” through the partner organizations.

D: Book the flights as soon as being accepted!

Don’t wait for the Information Sheets; otherwise you may miss economy class!

In all the workcamps in Taiwan, volunteers will have to meet in the accommodations or the train stations **in the afternoon of the first camp day**. And the workcamps finish **in the afternoon of the last day**.

Some projects are located quite **far from the airports** and the inexpensive route takes much time. **We advise volunteers to arrive at/leave Taiwan at least a few days before/after the projects begins/ends** also because **volunteers should not expect much sightseeing during the projects**. (If you want to do it, please do it before/after the workcamps!)

Before the workcamp begins, we may be able to arrange some VYA volunteers/members to homestay the participants, otherwise we will recommend youth hostels. (For further information, wait for the info. sheets!)

3) Summary and Abbreviation List

a. Summary List

Code	Name	Region	Dates	Types	places	Free	Ages	Note
VYA-IWO09-01	Taishi01	Taishi, Yun_Lin	02.01-13.01	ARTS, CONS, CULT	19	-	13-18	1st
VYA-WINPHIL09-02	Suba01	*Philippines	31.01-10.02	CONS, ENVI	-	-	18+	3rd
VYA-NIFC09-03	Banepa01	*Nepal	29.01-12.02	CONS, ENVI	-	-	18+	2nd
VYA09-04	Taishi02	Taishi, Yun_Lin	01.02-13.02	ARTS, CONS, CULT	8	-	18+	4th
VYA-WINPHIL09-05	Suba02	*Philippines	01.07-11.07	CONS, ENVI	-	-	18+	4th
VYA-NIFC09-06	Banepa02	*Nepal	01.07-15.07	CONS, ENVI	-	-	18+	3rd
VYA09-07	Taishi03	Taishi, Yun_Lin	27.07-10.08	ARTS, CONS, CULT	10	10	18+	5th
VYA-Hondao09-08	Sishih01	Changhwa Country	01.08-15.08	ELDE, AGRI	10	10	18+	1st
VYA09-09	Taishi04	Taishi, Yun_Lin	15.08-30.08	ARTS, CONS, CULT	10	10	18+	6th
VYA-Manna09-10	Mt. Alishan 01	Chia-yi country	17.07-31.07	ARGI, CON	10	10	18+	1st
<u>VYA 09-11</u>	<u>Taishi05</u>	<u>Taishi, Yun_Lin</u>	<u>1-15.07</u>	<u>ARTS, CONS, CULT</u>	10	10	18+	7th
				Total	77	50		

Taiwan Map



b. Abbreviation List

ARCH: Archaeology

AGRI: Agriculture

ARTS: Arts

CONS: Construction

DISA: Disabled

EDUC: Teaching, Awareness

ENVI: Environmental

ELDE: Work with Elderly

FEST: Festival

HERI: Cultural or Heritage

KIDS: Work with Kids

MANU: Manual

MEDI: Medical

PEACE: Peace

RELIEF: Disaster Relief

RENO: Restoration, Renovation

SOCI: Social

STUDY: Study, Research

* "Social work" means work with other types of people besides ELDE, PHYS, MENT and KIDS (e.g. Refugee, Homeless) OR work with various types of such people with special needs.

4) General Qualification

- a) Strongest motivation for the voluntary work (special skills and power are not necessary)
- b) Responsibility to follow rules of VYA & the partners and full cooperation to run the workcamps
- c) Best efforts to understand and respect cultures of the hosts and other volunteers
- d) An Open mind to make friends, trying to speak English (in the groups) and the local language
- e) To adapt to and enjoy simple living conditions

Fun and refreshing as it may be, **if you seek for pure entertainment on vacation, please don't apply and do just travel.** If you are here for **voluntary service** to make a better world and **friendship** with local people and other volunteers, you are **super welcomed!!**

5) WorkCamp Detail Information

VYA-IWO09-01, Taishi01, Yun-Lin, 02.01-13.01, ARTS-CONS-EDU, 19 vols. (13-18)

(Special teenager workcamp only open for volunteers from IWO Korea, 19 vols)

After the **background information** (partners, aims and histories) of the workcamps;

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The base camp place is located in Taishi, the most western part of Yun-Lin County along the coasts. It is a peaceful, small town and very rich for sea food, especially, if you are oysters lovers, this is a heaven!

VYA, IWO and Taishi Artist Association will go hand in hand to organize Taishi teenager workcamp. We will help community to repair an old police office which was constructed during the Japanese occupation period and now was appointed as a local cultural heritage building, as the local art exhibition showroom. The community people will use it as community art exhibition center and organize some culture events during the coming traditional Chinese New Year.

So we will help community to repair the showroom, make a few display shelves/showcases with collected local materials and cleanup the space so that they can use it to promote community culture and art as well.

Besides, there is a morning market every day and Saturday night market every week. So participants will also have opportunities to experience traditional local market, night market, and eco-tourism in free schedule, chat with local people and enjoy the passions from them.

Taishi, located in the countryside of Yun-Lin County is a small, serene town in the middle of the western coast of Taiwan. Free from disturbance, Taishi is rich in marine resource such as oyster and shells. For seafood lovers, this is definitely a heaven. However, with the industry transformation, the economic structure in Taishi are facing challenges, population drain resulting from unemployment deepens the rural-urban divide. Besides, a large number of local residents marry mail-order brides from Southeast Asia due to the poor social/economical status, and the amount keeps increasing in recent years. Because of the scarcity and unequal distributions of resource, children have limited access to education. Confronted with the conflicting situations, the community people still lack of understating toward their own culture and social values. Therefore, through the workcamp held in Taishi, we wish to promote global understanding and empowering the young generation to think globally and act locally as well.

Aims:

- 1)To help community repair the old police office for local art pieces showroom, and this will be used to promote community art and traditional culture as well.
- 2)To promote friendship/understanding/solidarity among local people and cross-national/Korean volunteers.
- 3)To teach/encourage/empower local teenager to get involved in voluntary service via international workcamp.

W: We will repair the old police office for local art pieces showroom and make a few display shelves/showcases with collected local materials, coloring them and help to cleanup the showroom as well. Moreover, during the workcamp we will visit local school, sharing and exchanging culture with local teenagers to advance global understanding and friendship.

- S:** participants are encouraged to share and join the discussions of the community development process and future prospects of their motherland.
- A:** Local district civil hall/home stay/community house. **Sleeping bag is required!** Volunteer will cook by turns and **Food** will be offered 3 meals a day by local people. Otherwise, volunteers will be requested to cook food in their country style in some cultural exchange events.
- L:** Taishi community, a small fishing village in Yun-Lin County, locating on the middle-western coast of Taiwan.
- T:** Tao-Yuan international airport is 4 hours of bus trip away from Taishi (transportation costs about NTD\$400, passengers may need to transfer in Taichung to get to Taishi or take bus from Taipei directly)
- LA:** Excursion, exchange parties with local people, eco-tourism (optional), etc.
- SR:** High motivation for learning and respect to local culture. Chinese language and artistic skills are welcomed but not necessarily required!
- PF:** Please apply via/ask IWO.



VYA-WINPHIL09-02, Suba01, Philippines, 31.01-10.02, CONS-ENVI, 20 vols, (+18)
(Bilateral workcamp only for volunteers from VYA Taiwan and WINPHL Philippines)
Mangrove planting and tree guard making workcamp

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The camp has been organized with WINPHIL (WORKCAMPS INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES) since 2008.

Mangroves are homes to fishes but can be cut too to make homes for people. Unfortunately, the widespread and indulgent cutting of these important marine fish sanctuaries is threatening the ecological balance in Olango. However, the volunteers can commit by planting mangroves in vacant areas. On the other hand, Barangay Sudlon is a mountainous area near a watershed, the source of Cebu's drinking water supply. Trees-planting is in emergent need to protect and preserve the watershed for sustainable development.

Aims:

- 1) To protect the ecological balance and to promote eco educations in Olango, Philippines.
- 2) To encourage the local people to get involved in Mangroves protection campaign.

W: PART I. In Barangay Sudlon, Cebu City

The volunteers will mainly help grow trees along the roads and public gardens with kids and local people. They will likewise make tree guards for every tree planted. They will meet local groups and a religious group living in a cave. The volunteers will also visit school and cook food for the kids there.

WORK: PART II. In Olango, Lapu-Lapu City

Volunteers will gather mangrove shoots and plant them in designated areas to reclaim and expand the

territory of the fish. The volunteers will likewise meet local people and interact with children. They will experience night fishing, shell craft making and sea-walking to another island.

S: participants are encouraged to share and join the discussions of the community development process and future prospect of their motherland.

A: Local district civil hall/home stay/community house. **Sleeping bag is required!** Volunteer will cook by turns and **Food** will be offered 3 meals a day by VYA and WINPHL. Otherwise, volunteers will be request to cook food in their country style in some cultural exchange events.

L: First Part in Barangay Hall in Sudlon (small government building) and second part in Suba, Sabang, (Olango)

T: **Mactan-Cebu International Airport.**

LA: Swimming in the sea, sea-walk to another island, hiking in the mountains, cave exploration, river trekking and waterfalls!

SR: High motivation for learning and respect to local culture.

PF: Participants need to pay some camp fee, please apply via/ask VYA directly.



VYA-NIFC09-03, Banepa01, Nepal, 29.01-12.02, CONS-ENVI, 20 vols, (+18)

(Bilateral workcamp only for volunteers from VYA Taiwan and NIFC Nepal)

Community house construction and eco workcamp

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The camp has been organized with **NIFC-Nepal** since 2008.

Vision Youth Action Taiwan and New International Friendship Club Nepal are both voluntary organizations. Both organizations are doing their best efforts to support the development process of their respective countries through voluntary service. Understanding the importance of spontaneous cooperations among locals and external support to the post conflict situation in Nepal, the two organizations reach an agreement to launch ASIAN YOUTH ACTION' 09 project.

Aims:

- (1) To create intercultural exchange, dialogue and break down prejudice between different cultures.
- (2) To provide an opportunity to experience real Nepalese life and culture to Taiwanese youths.
- (3) To provide an opportunity to Nepalese youths to learn from Taiwanese youths from various aspects i.e. Taiwanese life and culture.

W: We are going to help building community house.

There are varieties of works in this workcamp location. The main work is an environmental work in association with Saradadevi Community Forest Consumer's Group. Volunteer will work with the local people at local forest to help in plantation, taking care of trees, making fire lines, removing un-necessary grass etc.

Volunteers also involve in seasonal agricultural work to help local farmer to plant and harvest crops. We are

planning to build some rooms at the local community house from this year. Sometime volunteers may work at local school to assist constructions or painting the school rooms. We will explain in details about the objectives and activities of the workcamp project during the orientation meeting.

S: participants are encouraged to share and join the discussions of the community development process and future prospect of their motherland.

A: In private rented house. **Sleeping bag is required!** Volunteer will cook by turns **and Food** will be offered 3 meals a day by VYA and NIFC. Besides, volunteers will be requested to cook food in their country style in some cultural exchange events.

L: **Banepa (about 1800mt.)** is located about 30 KM east from Kathmandu in Nepal. This is a beautiful town surrounded by the green hills and panoramic view of Himalayan range from window of the camp house. Banepa can be reached within one and half-an-hour journey by local bus and then half an hour walk to reach the camp house on the middle of mountain.

T: Kathmandu International Airport. NIFC manage group traveling to get work camp place. Therefore volunteer need to be there one day before the camp date. If volunteers arrive late, he or she will travel alone but NIFC will help to catch the bus. It takes about 1 hour to get to Banepa by public bus.

LA: One night two days trekking of Nagarkot 2000 mt. high, a famous hill station to watch sunrise/set scene and a wide range of Himalaya can be seen on the northeast.

SR: High motivation for learning and respect to local culture.

PF: Participants need to pay some camp fee, please apply via/ask VYA directly.



VYA 09-04, Taishi02, Yun-Lin, 01.02-13.02, ARTS-CONS-CULT, 10 vols, (+18)
(5 for NICE members)

Kinder playground construction and painting workcamp

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The workcamp has been organized together with TAA (Taishi Artist Association) and NICE Japan since 2007.

The workcamp is so successful that local residents advise VYA to turn it into a regular activity. VYA, NICE and Taishi Artist Association will go hand in hand to continue the workcamps this year.

We will help to build a kinder playground for community with local material. Until now there is no kinder playground in the community so we hope to create an attractive, fun and safe playground for the community children. In the meanwhile, we will color the wall around the playground; **the coloring subject of painting is "domestic folkgame or game map for children"** so that community people can learn different culture via your country's interesting game. So please bring some materials to help you to draw and to share your own country's game for children.

Participants will also have opportunities to experience traditional local market, night market, and eco-tourism in free schedule, chat with local people and enjoy the passions from them.

Aims:

- 1) To build a fascinating and safe playground for the community children.
- 2) To add new tourism attractions in Taishi town through global and local voluntary power
- 3) To promote friendship/understanding/solidarity among local people and cross-national volunteers
- 4) To ground a firm foundation and extend development of international workcamps all over Taiwan

W: We will help build a children's playground for community with local material. Until now there is no children's playground in the community so we hope to create an interesting and safe playground for the community children. In the meanwhile, we will color the wall around the playground; **the coloring subject of painting is "domestic folkgame or game map for children"** so that community people can learn different culture via your county's interesting game. So please bring some materials to help you to draw and to share your own country's game for children.

S: Participants are encouraged to share and join the discussions of the community development process and future prospect of their motherland.

A: Local district civil hall/home stay. **Sleeping bag is required!** Volunteer will cook by turns and **Food** will be offered by local people. Volunteers will also have a chance to **cook food in their country style** in some cultural exchange events.

L: A small fishing village in Yun-Lin County, located on the middle-western coast of Taiwan.

T: Tao-Yuan international airport is 4 hours of bus trip away from Taishi (the transportation fee costs about NTD\$400 per service, passengers may need to transfer in Taichung to get to Taishi or take bus from Taipei directly)

LA: Excursion, exchange parties with local people, eco-tourism (optional), etc.

SR: High motivation for learning and respect to local culture. Chinese language and artistic skills are welcomed but not necessarily required!

PF: Free (VYA will provide meals & accommodations). Volunteers should cover the transportation and living expenses by themselves during **free schedule**.

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Community house construction and eco workcamp

Same as VYA-NIFC09-03

(Domestic legend stories Painting and barn repairing WorkCamp)

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The camp has been organized together with TAA (Taishi Artist Association) and NICE Japan since 2007.

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Participants will also have opportunities to experience traditional local market, night market, and eco-tourism in free schedule, chat with local people and enjoy the passions from them.

Aims:

- 1) To add new tourism attractions in Taishi town through global and local voluntary power
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S: Participants are encouraged to share and join the discussions of the community development process and future prospect of their motherland.

A: Local district civil hall/home stay. **Sleeping bag is required!** Volunteer will cook by turns and **Food** will be offered by local people. Volunteers will also have a chance to **cook food in their country style** in some cultural exchange events.

L: A small fishing village in Yun-Lin County, locating on the middle-western coast of Taiwan.

T: Tao-Yuan international airport. 4 hours of bus away from Taishi (about NTD\$ 400, passengers may need to transfer in Taichung to get to Taishi or take bus from Taipei directly)

LA: Excursion, exchange parties with local people, eco-tourism (optional), etc.

SR: High motivation for learning and respect to local culture. Chinese language and artistic skills are welcomed but not necessarily required!

PF: Free (VYA will provide meals & accommodations). Volunteers should cover the transportation and living expenses by themselves during **free schedule**.



(Elder care and farming workcamp)

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The workcamp is newly organized together with Hondao Senior Citizen's Welfare Foundation since 2009.

Sishih, located in the northern part of Fusing Township, Chuang-Hua County, is an agricultural village in the middle of the western coast of Taiwan. The main agricultural products of Sishih are rice and broom. The unique brooms made from *Kochia scoparia* (L.) Schrad are essential economic products for the village. However, with the industry transformation, the broom industry has been declined, and transformed to a refined culture industry.

For nearly fourteen years, **Hondao Senior Citizen's Welfare Foundation** has been working for the elderly with the concept of "ageing in place" and "active aging" in many communities, such as Sishih. Right now, there are 22 local volunteers serve about 30 elderly people in Sishih. It is the first time that Sishih Village hosts this international WorkCamp with Vision YouthAction and Hondao Senior Citizen's Welfare Foundation. We hope to promote variety of elderly care, eradicate discriminations against aging and bring more youths into this work.

Aims:

- 1) To solidify local organizations in order to provide multi-services in the community
- 2) To care for elderly people and to allow international volunteers to have opportunity to serve and interact with local elderly people and learn about "active aging" in Taiwan.
- 3) To promote friendship/understanding/solidarity among local people and global volunteers.
- 4) To provide a chance to live with a cross-culture group life, and learn from each culture.

W: We will care for elderly people. International volunteers will serve in Community Care Center and organize some events like sing his/her country songs, dance or making simple handiwork for local elderly for 1-3 hours a time. Volunteers will also help to clean and enhance the environment conditions of the community. Besides, volunteers will have chance to learn/make brooms by their own hands.

S: participants are encouraged to share and join the discussions of the community development process and future prospect of their motherland.

A: Sishih Community care center. **Sleeping bag is required!** Volunteer will cook by turns **and Food** will be offered 3 meals a day by local people. Otherwise, volunteers will be request to cook food in their country style in some cultural exchange events. Toilet will be available in each floor and shower is available in local volunteers' houses near by Accommodation within 5-minute walking distance.

L: Sishih Community, a small agricultural village in the middle of the western coast of Taiwan. The driving distance from Taichung City to Sishih village is around 50-minute, and from Taipei (the capital of Taiwan) to Sishih Village is around three hours. The address is No. 34, Sishih village, Fusing Township, ChuangHua County

T: Tao-Yuan international airport is 2 hours of bus trip away from Sishih Community (passengers may need to transfer in Taichung to get to Sishih)

LA: There are several places around Sishih to visit during free time, such as Lu-Kang, a famous historic and traditional town, and Tian-wei, a garden city, and Pu-li, a newly rebuilt township after a serious earthquake in 2001 in Taiwan.

SR: With passion on the elderly and high motivation for learning and respect to local culture. Chinese language and Japanese are welcomed but not necessarily required!

PF: Free (Hondao will provide meals & accommodations). Volunteers should cover the transportation and living expenses by themselves during free schedule.

(Domestic folk stories painting WorkCamp)

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Taishi workcamp, the very first international workcamp was initiated in 2007 in Taiwan together with NICE Japan. The workcamp is so successful that local residents advise VYA to turn it into a regular activity. VYA, NICE and Taishi Artist Association will go hand in hand to continue the workcamps this year.

We will create a public space for community through the "coloring project." **The subject of the coloring project is "domestic folk stories for the Children."** So please bring some materials to help you draw your own country's stories for the children. In the meanwhile, we **will help to reconstruct/repair the Community common space via coloring the wall, cleaning up, cutting the grass and tree painting around the community common space to improve the overall living conditions.**

Participants will also have opportunities to experience traditional local market, night market, and eco-tourism in free schedule, chat with local people and enjoy the passions from them.

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LA: Excursion, exchange parties with local people, eco-tourism (optional), etc.

SR: High motivations for learning and respect to local culture. Chinese language and artistic skills are welcomed but not necessarily required!

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This workcamp is organized by VYA together with Manna Organic Life Association (Manna) in 2009. The goal of the camp is to promote **organic agriculture in the Tsou aboriginal community in Mt. Ali (Alishan)**, a very popular scenic spot in the center of Taiwan.

There are more than 400 thousand aboriginals, around 2% of the total population, living in the remote areas in Taiwan. Most of them earn their living through farming and fishing. Since the rural-urban divide industries transformation, and Taiwan's accession to WTO, the tribe economy has faced a lot of challenge, which raises further difficulties such as **population migrations, grandparents rearing grandchildren, and the discontinuity of local traditional culture.**

According to Manna's six-year service experience in the aboriginal community in Mt. Ali, Manna concluded that organic agriculture industry development is the best way to fundamentally solve all the problems Tsou aboriginal community currently faces. Because it takes laborious human efforts to take care of the organic agriculture, and organic agriculture products can be sold at higher prices, it provides more job opportunities for local people. At present, Manna has established a platform for local peasants to conduct organic agriculture. Until now, 21 households have already participated in the organic peasant's production schedule.

It is the first time that Tsou aboriginal community hosts this international WorkCamp with Vision YouthAction and Manna Organic Life Association. We hope to co-operate with the local peasants to extend the organic agriculture project and bring more youths into this work.

Participants will have the opportunities to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Alishan National Scenic Area and the unique culture of Tsou aboriginal tribes.

Aims:

- 1) To cooperate with local peasants in farm operations.
- 2) To allow international volunteers to know the difference between organic and traditional agriculture by help with farm management.
- 3) To promote the concept of organic agriculture in the Tsou aboriginal community.
- 4) To promote friendship/understanding/solidarity among local people and global volunteers.
- 5) To provide a chance to live with a cross-culture group, and learn from each culture.

W:

- 1) We will help local peasants to deal with affairs relevant to organic agriculture, such as soil preparation, weed the farmland, scratch shrewmouse, get rid of the insects, spread or plant seeds, gather the ripe cropper, and packing the cropper in the small factory, and clean out the small factory etc.

2) To know the organic agriculture development in Alishan Tsou aboriginal community

S: Organic agriculture. During the workcamp, participants will have the chance to experience the overall production process of the organic agriculture. Participants are encouraged to share their viewpoints on organic agriculture.

A: Local boarding house. Sleeping bag is unnecessary! Volunteer will cook by turns and locals will offer 3 meals a day. Besides, volunteers will be requested to cook food in their country flavor in some cultural exchange events.

L: Alishan Township in Chiayi County, located in **middle-western** Taiwan.

T: Tao-Yuan international airport.

5 hours of bus trip to Chiayi (about NTD\$ 600, passengers may need to transfer in Chiayi to get to Mt. Alishan by bus)

Kaohsiung International Airport.

4 hours of bus trip to Chiayi (about NTD\$ 500, passengers may need to transfer in Chiayi to get to Alishan by bus)

LA: Jelly Fig DIY, weave the rattan, experience the culture of the Tsou Aboriginal, view the best-known Alishan sunrise, visit scenic spots in Alishan National Scenic Area, etc.

SR: High motivation for learning and respect to local culture. Having **International driving license is welcomed but not necessarily required!**

PF: Free (Manna will provide meals & accommodations). Volunteers should cover the transportation and living expenses by themselves during free schedule.

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