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VYA Taiwan

International WorkCamp 2010



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What is VYA

Vision YouthAction(VYA) is a non-profit, voluntary organization working with the aim to promote volunteerism and international exchange in Taiwan and around the world.

VYA has been:

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

Official Partner Organization of Alliance (Alliance of European Voluntary Organisations) since 1st Jan 2010.

VYA at a glance:

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



1) Brief History

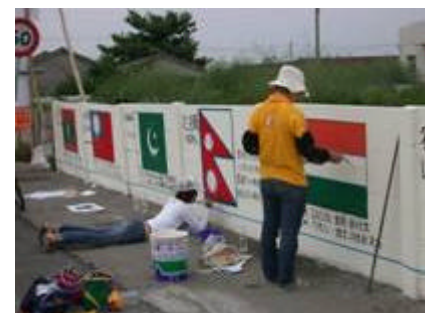
Vision YouthAction was founded in 2002 by 30 young leaders who participated in international volunteer exchange project between Taiwan and U.S.A. From 2002 to 2007, VYA has been successful in setting up a regional youth volunteer center to promote very short term community service from one day to one week. Over 7,000 young people served as volunteers, donating more than 260,000 hours to social services from 2006-2008. 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(2009), only one (8) project with 8(78) international vols and 17(154) local vols/ sent 10(333) vols to 3(28) 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: 8(12) projects with 78(108) international vols and 78 (154) local vols in 2009 (in 3 years)**

In 2007: 1 project- 8 international vols & 6 Taiwanese vols

In 2008: 3 projects- 22 International vols & 72 Taiwanese vols

In 2009: 8 projects- 78 International vols & 76 Taiwanese vols

b) **To send volunteers from Taiwan to international workcamps abroad: 333(420) volunteers to 27(28) countries in 2009 (in 3 years)**

In 2007: 11 Taiwanese vols in 3 countries

In 2008: 76 Taiwanese vols in 14 countries

In 2009: 333 Taiwanese vols in 28 countries

5) Members & Partners

VYA is completely independent from any political, religious, economic power. There are 4 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**: 66.44% of its operating expense was generated by the projects and service income, 14.91% from government donations and 18.65% from membership fee in 2008.

b) **Expense**: 2.49% was used in daily offices operating and 97.51% was spent on projects (food, lodging, project staff salary (29.82%) 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 2008:

Income: NTD \$7,042,644 (USD 216,696)

Expense: NTD \$6,032,125 (USD 185,603)

Surplus: NTD\$1,010,519 (USD 31,092)

Focus issue of VYA WorkCamp:

- Taisi workcamp : Art and Global Education
- Hondao workcamp : Elder care and social development
- Manna workcamp : Native Taiwanese(Minority group) and rural development (e.g. organic farming)
- CCF workcamp : children education, Minority group , Youth training, cultural preservation

Project Areas of VYA WorkCamp:

- Central Taiwan: Yun-Lin County, Chang-hwa County and Taichung City
- Southern Taiwan: Chia-yi county and Ping-Tung county
- Island: **Penghu Island**

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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 younger 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 (members of Alliance Europe, CCIVS and NVDA) 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: <u>Vision Youth Action, Fu-Tong HSU 願景青年行動網協會徐福棟</u>
Name of Bank: <u>Taipei Fubon Bank, Kuting Branch</u>
Bank Address: <u>No.100, Roosevelt Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei City 100, Taiwan</u>
Account Number: <u>390210-586272</u>

[For more information of our workcamp NGO partner around the world]

Members of Alliance <http://www.alliance-network.eu/>

Members of CCIVS: <http://www.unesco.org/ccivs/>

Members of NVDA: <http://www.nvda-asiapacific.org/>

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/ NTD8000 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, it is possible to host you early in camp house, otherwise we will recommend youth hostels. (For further information, wait for the info. sheets!)

3) Summary and Abbreviation List

a. project list

NO	Type	Code	Name	Location	Type	Dates	Local Vols.	Int. Vols	ages	Note
1	NVDA	The 7th GA and 8th TWN	Taisi02	Taisi, Yun_Lin County	ARTS, CONS, CULT	1/17-25	20	40	18+	10th
2	Art and global education with construction work	VYA10-03	Taisi03	Taisi, Yun_Lin County	ARTS, CONS, CULT	7/30-8/12	4	10	18+	11st
3		VYA-TAA10-04	Taisi04	Taisi, Yun_Lin County	ARTS, CONS, CULT	8/13-8/31	4	10	18+	12th
4		VYA-Hondao10-05	Hondao01	Taichung City	Fest, ELDE	7/20-8/2	2	10	18+	1st
5	elder care, farming and festival	VYA-Hondao10-06	Sishih01	Changhwa County	ELDE, AGRI	8/7-8/21	2	10	18+	2nd
6		VYA-Hondao10-07	Linbian01	Ping-tung County	ELDE, CONS	8/4-8/18	2	10	18+	1st
7	teenager education and culture exchange	VYA-TFCF10-08	Penghu01	Penghu County	KIDS, SOCIAL, CULT	7/25-8/7	2	8	18+	1st
8		VYA-TFCF10-09	Wutai01	Ping-tung County	KIDS, SOCIAL, CULT	8/16-8/27	2	8	18+	1st

b. project Map



C. Abbreviation List

ARCH: Archaeology	ENVI: Environmental	MEDI: Medical
AGRI: Agriculture	ELDE: Work with Elderly	PEACE: Peace
ARTS: Arts	FEST: Festival	RELIEF: Disaster Relief
CONS: Construction	HERI: Cultural or Heritage	RENO: Restoration, Renovation
DISA: Disabled	KIDS: Work with Kids	SOCI: Social
EDUC: Teaching, Awareness	MANU: Manual	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

General info of project description **abbreviation List**

W : Type of voluntary work	T : Terminal (The closest big international airport)
S : Study theme	LA : Leisure Activities
A : Accommodation	SR : Special Remarks
L : Location	PF : Participation Fees

* For Accommodation, **CV** = Cooked by Volunteers **MP** = Meals are provided.

SB! = Sleeping Bag is necessary/ **SBN** = Sleeping Bag is Not necessary

5-1 The 8th TNW workcamp and 7th GA of NVDA, 17/1-26/1, 40 Intl vols Only open to NVDA member organization

The 8th Training & Networking Workcamp with the 7th General Assembly will be held in Jan 17-26, 2010 in Taiwan hosted by VYA.

GA of NVDA is held every two years hosted by a member NGO by turns, open to all member NGOs and some NGOs in "new countries" where there are no workcamp/ international voluntary service NGOs yet.

About 30-50 leaders of NGOs from 10-20 countries participate. It aims;

- "New" NGOs can start international work camps in their countries afterwards,
- Experienced NGOs (NVDA members) can develop their projects and management and
- Many common actions in Asia in various areas can be created.

5-2 VYA-TAA10-03, Taisi03, Yun-Lin county, 30/7-12/8, Arts, Cons, Cult, 10 vols. (+18) Taisi Painting and Construction workcamp



Taisi workcamp has been organized together with TAA (Taisi 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 and Taisi Artist Association will go hand in hand to continue the workcamps this year.

We will join some public art activities via painting for the community with the subject of "local legends or domestic folk tales or game map for children" to promote multicultural education.

Community people will learn different cultures via your county's interesting stories or games. So please bring some materials to help you to draw and to share legends of your country or domestic folk tales and game for children as well.

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.

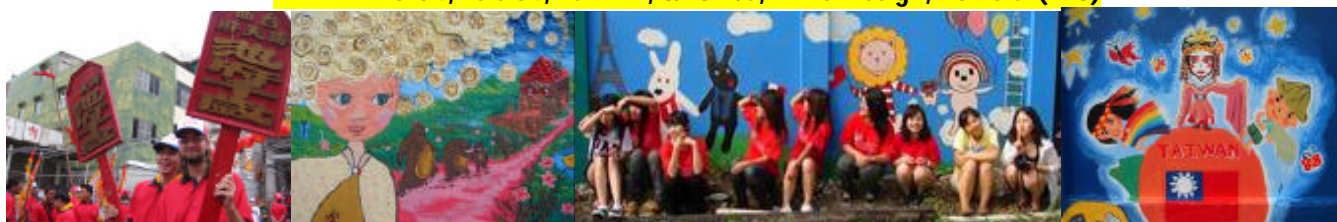
Aims:

- 1) To improve the living condition in participation of public arts.
- 2) To add new tourism attractions in Taisi town through global and local spontaneous power
- 3) To promote friendship/understanding/solidarity among local people and cross-national volunteers
- 4) To develop international workcamps all over Taiwan

- W:** We will join some public art activities via painting for the community with the subject of “local legends or [domestic folk tales or game map for children](#)” to promote multicultural education. Community people will learn different culture via interesting stories or games of your county. So please bring some materials to help you drawing and sharing legends, folk tales and games of your country for children.
- S:** Participants are encouraged to share and join the discussions of the community development process and future prospect of their motherland.
- A:**Taisi community service center. Sleep in shared room on Japanese wood floor. **Sleeping bag is required!** Showers and toilets are available. Volunteer will cook by turns and **Food** will be offered by VYA and TAA. Volunteers will also have a chance to [cook your traditional food](#) in some cultural exchange events.
- L:** A small fishing village in Yun-Lin County located on the mid-western coast of Taiwan.
- T:** Tao-Yuan international airport is 4 hours of bus trip away from Taisi (the transportation fee costs about NTD\$360-400 per service, passengers may need to transfer in Tai-chung city to get to Taisi or take bus from Taipei directly)
- LA:** Excursion, culture exchange events 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, insurance and living expenses by themselves during **free schedule**.

5-3 Taisi Special artist and designer workcamp

VYA-TAA10-04, Taisi04, Yun-Lin, 8/18-9/6, ARTS-Design, 10 vols. (+18)



This special artist and designer workcamp is open only for artists and designers or volunteers who share similar background and experience.

This special project is organized together with TAA (Taisi Artist Association). We hope to create a new image for Taisi community and design creative (community souvenir) with community image to promote Taisi tourism in the future.

There is no official schedule in this project. All the schedule will be discussed and planned by participants themselves. We will only have the meeting time and objectives each week. Participants have to reach the objective in the end of every week.

In the first week, we will walk around and visit the community to find out the unique culture characteristics and marketing niche of community.

In the second week, participants will discuss and collect all the ideas together and then try to make a draft of cultural goods and present to TAA. The products could be in any type of cultural goods, like cell phone hangers, piggy banks, post cards, etc.. When people visit Taisi community, anything with originality and acceptable by the popular market, can be brought back as souvenir.

The final version of cultural goods (new community souvenir) is determined by TAA. In the last week, participants have to make a sample of their design to TAA.

This special workcamp will be very open and unique. Please be ready to enjoy arranging everything by yourself.

Aims:

- 1) To create a new cultural image of Taisi community and promote Taisi culture and tourism as well.

W: Design new cultural goods as new community souvenir for Taisi community.

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

A: Taisi community service center. Sleep in shared room on Japanese wood floor. **Sleeping bag is required!** Showers and toilets are available. Volunteer will cook by turns and **Food** will be offered VYA and TAA. Volunteers will also have a chance to **cook their traditional food** in some cultural exchange events.

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

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

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

SR: Volunteer with design, art or similar background is requested. Motivation letter is requested. Please send the VEF with motivation letter and scanned copy of your design or creations.

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

5-4 VYA-Hondao10-05 ; Hondao01, Taichung City; 20/07-02/08 ; 15 days ; ELD/FEST/SOCIAL

Senior citizen Vigor Show Festival workcamp



The workcamp is newly organized together with Hondao Senior Citizen's Welfare Foundation since 2010.

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Hondao Senior Citizen Welfare Foundation was founded in 1995 and dedicated to promote senior citizen's welfare in Taiwan. WHO makes the idea of active ageing in 2002. **Active ageing** is the process of optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age. Echo to this concept, Hondao has organizes **Grandpa and Grandma's Vigor Show** for two consecutive years. Up-to-now, 7,306 senior citizen and 276 communities have participated this campaign.

W: The volunteers will support Hondao for executing the final contest of Grandpa and Grandma's Vigor Show on **31st. July, 2010**, including preparation, opening show, cleaning and other activities. These works will be shared with other local volunteers.

A: Hondao's branch office building. Please bring your sleeping bags.

L: Taichung City, the third biggest city in Taiwan, about 170km in the southern of Taipei. Hot in summer.

T: Tao-Yuan CKS International Airport (2 hours by bus)

LA: Taichung City is located in the hub of central Taiwan. You can easily find night market, thousands of restaurants, pubs... etc. If you want to embrace nature, you can go trekking in Dong-shih Forest Recreation Area or visiting Shin-shou Township. If you like to discover the most charming small town, Lu-Kang is definitely your first choice.

SR: We are keen to have the volunteer who has passion on the elderly.

5-5 VYA-Hondao10-06 ; Sishih01, Chang-Hwa County ; 7/08-21/08 ; 15 days ; ELDE/CONS/CULT/SOCIAL

Intergenerational workcamp: Elder care and youth exchange



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

Sishih, located in the northern of Fusing Township, Chuang-Hua County, is an agricultural village in the middle Taiwan. The main agricultural products are rice and broom. The specialty, Broom, made from *Kochia scoparia* (L.) Schrad, was a very important economic product for the village people in the old time.

The National Council on Aging defines "**intergenerational programs**" as "activities or programs that increase cooperation, interaction or exchange between any two generations. They involve the sharing of skills, knowledge, or experience between old and young. 2009 Sishih International Workcamp is a successful practice. We would like to keep promoting variety of elderly care and bringing more youth into this work.

W: The volunteers will serve in Sishih Community Care Center and introduce his/her country song, dance or simple handiwork making to local elderly for 1-3 hours a time. Youth volunteers also have to learn how to make broom to inherit this receding skill. Also volunteers will help to clean and enhance the environment of the community.

A: Sishih Community Center. Please bring your sleeping bags.

L: The address is No. 34, Sishih village, Fusing Township, ChuangHua County that located in the middle of Taiwan. Driving from Taipei City takes about three hours. Hot in summer.

T: Tao-Yuan CKS International Airport (3 hours by bus)

LA: Sishih is a quiet village at night. It is only 5 minutes drive to the most famous historic small town, Lu-Kang. If you are interested in clam hunting, seashore is 30 minutes driving distance. If you want to embrace mountain and nature, driving to Nan-tou takes only 1.5 hours.

SR: We are keen to have the volunteer who has passion on the elderly.

5-6 VYA-Hondao10-07 ; Linbian01, Ping-tung county; 4/08-18/08 ; 15 days ; ELDE/CONS/SOCIAL

Intergenerational workcamp: Elder care and youth exchange



The workcamp is newly organized together with Hondao Senior Citizen's Welfare Foundation since 2010.

Linbian is a rural township in western Ping-tung County, Taiwan. Aquaculture and agriculture are two main

industries here. On 8th, August, 2009, typhoon Morakot hit Taiwan and whole Linbian County was seriously damaged by flood. All houses and apple wax orchards were filled with mud.

Hondao Senior Citizen's Welfare Foundation which was founded in 1995 and dedicated to promote senior citizen's welfare in Taiwan. After typhoon, Hondao called 1,023 volunteers from island-wide and helped 57 households to clean mud. On the way of life rebuilding, Hondao newly organized this workcamp aiming to promote variety of elderly care and bringing more youth into this work.

W: The volunteers will serve in Community Care Station 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.

A: Linbian Life Rebuild Center. Please bring your sleeping bags.

L: The address is No.5-1, Xinxing Rd., Linbian Township, Ping-tung County. Driving from Kaohsiung City, the second largest city of Taiwan, takes about 1 hour. Hot in summer.

T: **Kaohsiung International Airport** (2 hours by bus) or Tao-Yuan CKS International Airport (5 hours by bus or 2 hours by high speed train)

LA: Linaian is a quiet rural township at night. If you like sea, you can swim in the sea with local people every morning. The second largest city, Kaohsiung, is only one hour driving distance.

SR: We are keen to have the volunteer who has passion on the elderly.

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Teenager education and culture exchange workcamp



The workcamp is newly organized together with Taiwan Fund for Children and Families since 2010.

Taiwan Fund for Children and Families (TFCF) has established its Penghu Branch in Ma-Gong City in December, 1965. We aim to provide vulnerable children and families who have encountered sudden emergencies or poverty services ranging from assistances on economics, education, medical care, entertainment and psychological counseling. Our service area scattered Ma-Gong City, Hu-Xi Township, Bai-Sha Township, Xi-Yu Township, Wang-An Township and Ci-Mei Township. Due to the distinctive geographical locations of the Penghu Islands, the available educational resources are scarce and less mobilized in comparison to the Taiwan Island. In addition, the major economic activities in Penghu Islands are fishery or temporary workers, the percentage of children being raised in families with foreign spouses, single-parent, cross-generational parenting or low-incomes is relevantly high. These parents frequently encounter difficulties in assisting their children in the school works, and they rarely arrange learning or recreational activities for the children in the summer break. Therefore, TFCF Penghu Branch will host a summer after-school program under the theme of "multicultural learning" and other activities (e.g. after-school counseling program, exploring the local communities and other entertainment activities) to enrich these children's life. It is also hoped that through these recreational activities, the TFCF sponsored children will foster their personal relationships and increase their learning opportunities.

Penghu Islands, also known as the Pescadores, are composed by a bunch of islands located in between Taiwan and China. Penghu Islands have been famous for its rich marine resources (also considered as the most important natural assets) and natural landscapes, especially the pillar-like basalt rocks. Summer is the peak tourism season in Penghu. The local inhabitants are simple and warm-hearted with limited accessibility to jobs and incomes, and Penghu has serious brain drain issues with its young workforce due to the insufficient educational and working opportunities. The children in Penghu not only have very scarce educational resources, but also have very few opportunities to access to international educational resources. Thus, TFCF Penghu Branch aims to facilitate more inter-cultural exchanges among the international volunteers and the local children and strengthen the global friendships among them through this unique workcamp project.

Aims:

- 1) To host summer after-school programs for TFCF sponsored children in Penghu through activities such as international folklore music teaching, sports activities, painting the walls of the TFCF Penghu Branch and visit the local communities.
- 2) To enlarge the global perspectives of the TFCF sponsored children in Penghu and to promote cross-cultural friendships and solidarity between the volunteers and children.
- 3) To lead the children to explore the original features of their dwelling communities and appreciate the beauties of these communities.

W: 1. International Folk Songs teaching: to promote the international cultural exchanges between the children and the volunteers. (International volunteers will be asked to prepare to teach a folk song from their communities; each country's volunteers will lead the song teaching along with some cultural facts in the session of 2 hours.)

2. Sports activities: every afternoon we will bring the children to the playground of the neighboring elementary school to play sports (e.g. soccer, baseball) as extracurricular activities. It will be highly appreciated that the volunteers can prepare one or two simple ball sports activities and the related regulations in advance.

3. Painting the Offices: through the discussion between the international volunteers and the children, the office area of TFCF Penghu Branch will be painted under the theme of diversified world cultures. It is hoped through such activities the children will increase their recognitions in TFCF works and create positive civic participation effects on them.

4. Exploring the Local Communities: we will divide the international volunteers and the children in several groups and lead them to explore at least 2 of the local communities. We will lead the children to collect information on the communities and guide them to discover the original features of the communities, which might have been neglected in the past. It is hoped that we can strengthen the children's understandings in their own communities.

A: TFCF will provide free accommodation with simple showering facilities. **Sleeping bags** are required! Food will be offered by TFCF, and the volunteers will be divided into groups to take up the cooking tasks.

L: TFCF Penghu Branch and the nearby Communities in Ma-Gong City, Penghu Island.

T: **Taoyuan International Airport (TIA)**- then transfer to bus to Taipei Songshan Airport (TSA) for domestic flight to Ma-Gong Airport (bus for about 1 hour and TWD 130 one-way)

Ma-Gong Airport is located about 20 minutes away from TFCF Penghu Branch. The volunteers can take the local bus to Ma-Gong Market or the bus terminal and walk for 15 minutes to the TFCF Penghu Branch, yet the local bus schedule is not frequent. TFCF Penghu Branch will provide free transportation between the airport and TFCF Penghu Branch upon arrival (detailed information will be provided further in the info sheet).

Transportation between Taiwan and Penghu:

1. Flight: direct flights from major cities such as Taipei, Taichung, Tainan and Kaohsiung.
Flight time ranges between 30 to 55 minutes (app. 100 USD round-trip)
2. Ferry: direct ferries from Bu-Dai Township, Chia-Yi (90 minutes, app. 63 USD round-trip)
or Kaohsiung City (4 hours, app. 50 USD round trip).

SR: Basic knowledge in ball sports (e.g. soccer, baseball) and interests in painting/ decorating the spaces. Enthusiastic and outgoing individuals interested in hosting children's activities. **Volunteer need a motivation letter (no more than 500 words) and CGC (Certificate of Good Conduct) for this project as it will involve interaction with young people.**

PF: TFCF will provide free meals & accommodations on the camp working days. Volunteers should cover the transportation and living expenses by themselves during free schedule.

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Minority group Teenager education and culture exchange workcamp



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Wutai workcamp will be the very first international workcamp held by Taiwan Fund for Children and Families (TFCF) in collaboration with VYA in Taiwan in 2010. After the observation of the successful international workcamp experiences in Taisi, TFCF and VYA will go hand in hand to initiate new workcamp themed on services to vulnerable children and communities in Taiwan in the upcoming year. We will host a children's summer camp at Wutai Elementary School where we will share some international folklore music, dances and children's stories in school, socialize with the community and repair the aboriginal paintings on the school walls to help the local community to restore their unique aboriginal cultural images and promote global understanding and friendship. Participants will also have opportunities to experience Taiwanese aboriginal traditions and beautiful Formosan beaches in free schedule, appreciate the richness of the Taiwanese aboriginal cultures, chat with the local people and be overwhelmed by their passions and hospitalities.

Wutai, located in the mountainous area of Ping-Tung County, is a small, serene village in the southern Taiwan. Free from disturbance, Wutai is rich in its unique Rukai culture, one of the various aboriginal tribes in Taiwan. The altitude of Wutai is about 2,822 meter, which has kept this beautiful mountainous village away from the bustling cities. Due to its distinctive geographical limitations, most of the children in Wutai area can only receive elementary school education in Wutai Elementary School, then move to the cities for higher education. Currently, there are 89 students in Wutai elementary school. Yet, the Typhoon Morakot in 2009 has damaged the road connecting Wutai and the other towns, prompted the students to be relocated to different school sites for schooling. Because of the scarcity and unequal distributions of resource, children have limited access to educational resources, especially the English and international education learning environment.

Through the workcamp held in Wutai, we wish to lead the school children to explore world cultures and further promote global understanding, trigger children's learning interests and encourage the children to re-explore and value the richness of their own aboriginal culture through the teaching of the international folklore music, dance and stories. Meanwhile, we would like to facilitate the interactions and cultural exchanges between local residents

and cross-national youths via the cultural night. More over, through the organization of this workcamp, TFCF expects to inspire the young volunteers who were once sponsored by TFCF to enhance their continuing interests in civic participation and devote to community development work with new global perspectives.

Aims:

- 1) To facilitate inter-cultural exchanges and encourage the children to appreciate and respect cultural differences through the sharing of folklore music, dances and stories for children.
- 2) To promote friendship/understanding/solidarity among school children, local people, TFCF youth volunteers and cross-national volunteers
- 3) To inspire TFCF youth volunteers to devote to community services and increase the international learning and participation experiences for the TFCF youth volunteers.
- 4) To restore the aboriginal paintings on the walls of Wutai elementary school to return a beautiful campus to the school children and to introduce the Taiwanese aboriginal cultures to the international volunteers.

W: We will teach international folklore music/dance/stories and play with children during the children's summer camp at Wutai Elementary School, work together with local youth from TFCF to **restore the aboriginal paintings on the walls of Wutai Elementary School**. We would also like to promote international cultural exchanges between the local community and the volunteers through the organization of the Cultural Night. Local community members will be invited to participate in this event and enjoy the international folklore music/dance performance prepared jointly by the school children and the volunteers.

S: Participants are encouraged to share their living experiences in their native countries through pictures and stories with the local children and TFCF volunteers (especially on volunteering and community services for TFCF volunteers), and to learn and appreciate the local aboriginal culture.

A: Local elementary school classroom. **Sleeping bag** is required! Food will be offered by TFCF but the volunteers need to cook by themselves daily (on group rotation basis) and for the cultural exchange night.

L: A small aboriginal village in Ping-Tung County located on the southern mountainous region of Taiwan. The closest international city is Kaohsiung city, which is located about 2.5 hours away by drive.

T: **Tao-Yuan international airport**. 1.5 hours of THSRC (ticket price 35 USD) or 6 hours of public bus (ticket price 14 USD) away from Kaohsiung City, the meeting point of the workcamp.

Kaohsiung International Airport 30 minutes by Metro to the meeting point of the workcamp.

It takes about 2.5 hours by bus from the meeting point in Kaohsiung to the workcamp site. Transportation will be arranged between the meeting point to the workcamp site, but the volunteers will need to share the transportation expenses (about 60 USD p.p/ round-trip)

LA: Cultural night with school children and local people. On the weekend the volunteers can choose to participate in aboriginal handicraft making lessons or visit the nearby scenic spots (e.g. Kenting beach).

SR: Fond of folklore music, dance and stories. High motivation for learning and respect the local culture. Chinese language and artistic skills are welcomed but not necessarily required! **Volunteer need a motivation letter (no more than 500 words) and CGC (Certificate of Good Conduct) for this project as it will involve interaction with young people.**

PF: TFCF will provide free meals & accommodations on the camp working days. Volunteers should cover the transportation and living expenses by themselves during free schedule. The transportation between the meeting point to the camp site can be arranged by TFCF but should be covered by the volunteers themselves.

Taiwan Map

