

Project Sheet of the 8th TNW

(Training & Networking Workcamp) with the 7th General Assembly of NVDA

1) Dates

From the 17th January (Sunday) to the 26th January (Tuesday), 2010 for 10 days.

* It is necessary to join the project for the full period. **ONLY** participants from NVDA member NGOs can have an option to join from the 20th January to the end for 7 days.

2) Place

Taishi Town, Yun-Lin country, Taiwan.

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.



3) Aims

3-1) To start international workcamps in Asia where they are not organized yet

3-2) To improve existing workcamps, their organizations and volunteers

3-3) To develop regional cooperation by NVDA (Network for Voluntary development in Asia)

* In this and other NVDA documents, **“Asia” includes Oceania region.**

By these results, the following effects can be expected;

A) To improve the situations of the main topics and other social/ ecological issues in Asia

B) To support self sufficiency and development of local communities and of NGOs/ NPOs

C) To promote global friendship, understanding and solidarity among world youth and locals

* For the background of the project, please see the invitation letter!

4) Participants

50 youth leaders of NGOs who will actually start/ develop international voluntary projects

a) **35 from 22 NVDA member organizations** (we will **keep one place** for each member till **31 October**. Some members can send the **second** participants.)

b) **10 from NGOs mostly in “new” countries** (where NVDA does not have members) in Asia-Pacific

* **Not more than one from one NGO. Application deadline is 31 October** (only if there are still some places left, there are possibilities to apply and be accepted later) and the **qualifications** are;

A) Both participants and organizations need to be very motivated and capable enough to start/ develop international voluntary workcamps on various areas including children and water.

B) Experienced and active, members or staff of the organizations

C) To be able to speak good enough English for daily life and discussions

c) **5 from Sister network of NVDA** in Europe, Africa and Latin America

+ There will be some more VYA volunteers and local people to join the programs partly.

5) Tentative Schedule and Program

* Some parts will be changed by the local arrangement and proposals of the EC/ participants!

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
17/1(Su)	Arrival		Orientation and Welcome
18/1(M)	Voluntary work	Workshop	Free/ Bilateral Talks
19/1(Tu)	Voluntary work	Workshop	Free/ Bilateral Talks
20/1(W)	Voluntary work	Workshop	Free/ Bilateral Talks
21/1(Th)	Visiting of local community organizations		<i>Fiesta: Taiwan Night!</i>
22/1(F)	Voluntary work	Preparing for NVDA night	Fiesta with public
23/1(Sa)	Excursion (EC members will have a meeting)		Preparing GA/ Night Market
24/1(Su)	The 7 th General Assembly of NVDA		Working Groups
25/1(M)	The 7 th General Assembly of NVDA		Farewell party
26/1(Tu)	Departure		

Voluntary Work: Painting for the community

VYA and our local partner Taishi Artist association promote global education via the painting project since 2007. Now it becomes a very success event. Community people encourage and invite volunteer to continue the community paint project as well. They wish to create a global street with international perspective and culture diversity so that community people can learn and understand different culture as well. So we will paint for the community with the subject of “National legend stories”. So please bring some ideas of your own country; you will paint your own country stories for the community.



Workshop

Both practical topics of project/ organizational management and thematic topics such as environment and human rights (social situations and possible common actions) will be discussed. More details will be prepared and guided to the participants after they will be accepted.

Bilateral talks

We can have 15-30 minutes with each of the other NGOs by that you can talk about anything for cooperation freely with every one.

The 7th General Assembly of NVDA

Plan of Actions and the budget for 2009-10, evaluation of activities and finance in 2008-09, EC election, future events, etc. Non members are welcome to join it as observers (and there are chances for new NGOs to become members of NVDA by the decision of the EC meeting on 23 Jan.)

* Other details will be informed by the information sheets after the acceptance.

6) Accommodation

Hai-Kou Community (or guest house of Ma-zu Temple)

We will stay in Hai-Kou Community, dining at Taishi International Volunteer House (TIVH), which was repaired by international volunteer in 2008. And there is only one bathroom in Hai-Kou Community, but we still can use the other 3 bathrooms and toilets in the office building of TAA, which is just by the side of TIVH.

We can use several spaces for sleeping (one each for male and female) and also 3 toilet/ shower rooms in TAA office. In front of the building, there is a community space where we can have evening meetings under good weather.

- * As this is kindly offered by VYA and TAA, we need to keep good manners (not to make huge noise especially at night, to always keep clean, no smoking inside building, etc.).
- * We will cook by ourselves but still have chances to eat in the local restaurants or packed meals.
- * Internet will available at TAA office from AM 08:00 - PM 10:00.
- * Be ready for the simple conditions since it is important to experience a real workcamp, so let's enjoy Taiwanese life! You need to bring a sleeping bag.

7) Main Organizers

- * **NVDA** (Network for Voluntary development in Asia) <http://www.nvda-asiapacific.org/>
- * **VYA** (Vision Youth Action) Taiwan: Host and a member of NVDA <http://www.vya.org.tw/>

Cooperated with CCIVS (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service) at UNESCO and other Sister networks as well as many organizations and people in Taiwan.

8) Finance

- * **Meals and accommodation during the project will be kindly provided by VYA** (there is no participation fee!).
- * There is **no travel reimbursement** for any participants.

9) Procedure from application to participation

9-1: You need to fill in and return the application form **by 31 October (ONLY if there are still available places after that, you can still try to send applications after this date).**

- 9-2:** To applications from “New” NGOs, NVDA will answer whether they have been accepted or not, by **05 November** (If applications come later than 31 Oct., the answer will be usually come **a week later.**) To those from **members** NGOs, NVDA may send confirmation in **2-3 days.**
- 9-3:** Participants had better to arrange their travel such as **booking the flight ticket** as soon as they will get confirmation of acceptance from NVDA
- 9-4:** VYA will send **visa invitation/ info. sheets** to the participants by the end of **November.**
- 9-5:** NVDA will send **documents** for the workshops and GA, etc. around **31 December.**
- 9-6:** Participants need to **collect some info.** to be used for the study part. NVDA will facilitate **a mailing list** among the participants beforehand, so they can already start communication.

10) Contact Address (For applications and questions)

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* If you send e-mails to us, **please include both e-addresses** (Puji and Kai/ Tomo) to be safe.