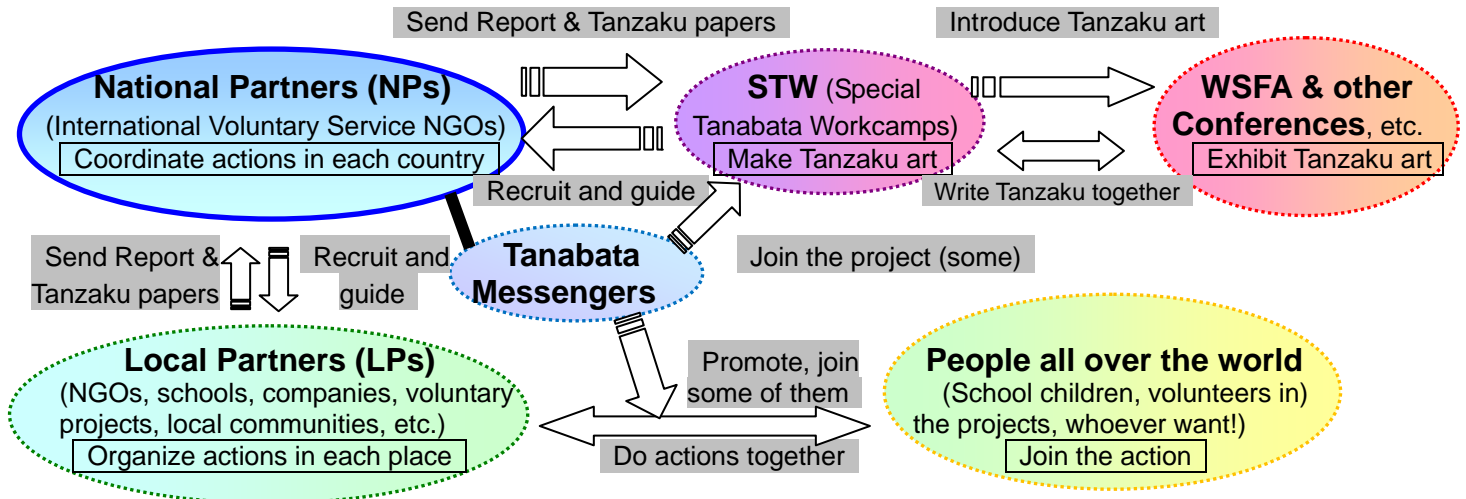


# World Tanabata Action (WTA) 2011!

## Call for National Partners (NPs)



### What is World Tanabata Action!?

Global action to prevent climate change by planting trees, etc. & writing "my action"!

It was started in 2008 and in 2008-2010,

☺ **21,427 people in 19 countries** joined!

☺ **822,831 trees** were planted!

☺ **15,882 tanzaku papers** were collected!

some of which were exhibited to the **G8 Summit** and COP10 Conference both in Japan, **UNESCO Head quarter** and its International Conference of NGOs both in France and many other places in the world.

### 1. Actions to decrease green gas emission and write "my action" on Tanzaku papers

**Who**: Anybody all over the world!

**Where**: Any place where they can take care of trees (forests, school/ home/ office gardens, etc.)

**When**: Any time (to be exhibited in the WSFA, Tanzaku papers need to reach Tokyo by 30 Sep.)

**What**: It can be seedlings, seeds/ acorns or branches of **native species**. If it is difficult to do planting, it can be **alternative actions to prevent global warming** such as stopping use of electricity for a day, using bicycles for a day, etc.)

Participants should also **write "my action"** to achieve "50% decrease of global green gas emission by 2050", on **Tanzaku papers** (to be collected by the Local Partners and then, National Partners). If they want to keep the ones with them, they can write the same contents on two papers.

**How**: This will be organized by Local partners in various ways in their convenience such as;

- ☺ International/ weekend **workcamps**
- ☺ Visit to **schools, home for elderly people, orphanages**, etc. by **local volunteers, long term volunteers** or during workcamp projects
- ☺ **Training Seminars** for leaders/ volunteers
- ☺ **Festivals** or other events in the communities

The size of the paper (preferably **recycled** ones) should be "**20.50 cm x 5 cm** (50 mm)".

- \* Some NPs appoint **Tanabata Messengers** from their members who visit different workcamps, schools, seminars, etc. to organize the actions.
- \* **Study part** on climate change is recommended to be done together (lectures, discussions, etc.). Special quiz file (by Power Point) is also available.

## 2. Send Reports and Tanzaku papers

**Who**: National Partners (NPs) should collect them from all the Local Partners (LPs) and send.

**Where, When & What**: NPs should send **National Reports & Tanzaku papers to NICE Japan** (by 10 Oct. to exhibit Tanzaku art at WSFA!) or to **CONCORDIA France** (after 10 Oct.)

- \* There is no limit for the number of the papers.
- \* Postal cost should be paid by each NP.

**How**: A **simple** format for National Report will be sent to the NPs when registered.

## 3. Make & Exhibit a "Tanzaku Art" at WSFA and other Conferences, etc.

**World Summit for Forest Action (WSFA)** will be organized in **Japan, 08-12 Oct. 2011** where about 100 representatives from NGOs and companies protecting forests in Japan and the world. Some representative of active NPs will be invited there.

There will be some other international events and places where the art could be exhibited such as;

- \* **Volunteering 2011 by CCIVS** in Germany (Oct.)
- \* **Global Contest of Excellent Volunteers** in Vietnam (Dec.)
- \* **NVDA General Assembly** in India (Jan. 2012)

### Who can be National Partners?

Any **International Voluntary Service NGOs** such as **members/ partners** of **NVDA, CCIVS** (including branches of **SCI/ ICYE**), **ALLIANCE, LAA** and **EAWA** that are **motivated and responsible!** There **can be more than one** NPs in one country.

### < Tanabata is a Japanese custom... >

where people write their own wishes such as "Health for the family", "A more peaceful world!!" and hang them on a bamboo branch, in the evening of the 7th July. This is based on the romantic, old tale that a couple loved each other too much to work, so God got angry and made them two stars separated by the milky way, but allowed them to meet on that day in a year.

## Aims of World Tanabata Action

- Prevent climate change by practical actions** to decrease green gas emissions
- Raise awareness for climate change** and also, recognition on international voluntary service
- Strengthen links and solidarity** among NGOs and people for the common global issues

### < Other benefits for Nation Partners >

- ☺ Introduced as NPs on the **special website**
- ☺ Better **involvement & impact** for the projects
- ☺ Get new **partners, volunteers & activities**
- ☺ Develop partnership **locally & globally**
- ☺ **Some active NPs** which send many Tanzaku papers will be **invited to WSFA, etc.!**



Slovakia



Taiwan

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### < This project is co-organized by >

- \* **CCIVS** (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service)
- \* **NVDA** (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia)
- \* **NICE** (Never-ending International workCamp Exchange), Japan
- \* **CONCORDIA**, France

### In cooperation with

- \* **UNESCO** (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
- \* **ALLIANCE** of European Voluntary Service organizations
- \* **LAA** (Latin American Alliance of international voluntary service organizations)
- \* **National Partners** of 27 NGOs in 22 countries that submitted reports; Argentina (SaS), Bangladesh (BWCA), France (CONCORDIA), Greece (ELIX), Hong Kong (VT), India (RUCHI, SMILE), Indonesia (IIWC), Japan (NICE), Korea (IWO), Lithuania (CCE), Mexico (NATATE, VIMEX, VIVE), Mongolia (MCE), Nigeria (VWAN), Philippines (WIP), Russia (DGS), Slovakia (INEX), Spain (COCAT), Taiwan (VYA), Thailand (DALAA, ST), UK (CONC), USA (VFP), Vietnam (SJV, VPV)

# 51 NGOs in 36 countries are registered.

- \* **Many other organizations** (NGOs, schools, media, governments, companies) and individuals including several hundreds of Local Partners of this action