

# REPORT

## **NVDA Special Camp: JoGJA Relief**

Dukuh Candirejo, Tegaltirto village, Berbah municipality Sleman Regency Jogjakarta

**February, 5-17 2007**



Theme: Construction Work

**Organized by IWC Indonesia**

Co-Organized by NICE Japan

With special Donations by IWO Korea and NICE Japan

Participated by NVDA members:

IWC Indonesia, IWO Korea, KNCU Korea, NICE Japan, SJ Vietnam

## A. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

It was a great moment for IWC Indonesia as organizer, NICE Japan as the co-organizer together with 13 volunteers from NVDA members involved during the camp, on behalf of NVDA Asia Pacific as the Coordinating organization for the camp, to work on **NVDA Special Camp: JoGjA Relief at Candirejo Village**, one of area ruined by earth quake in Jogja last May 2006 on February 5-17 2007. Now, it is another great moment to share what we have done in the camp; the works, the sunshine, the earthquake, the camp family, the actions, the laughs, the tears, and all the unforgettable moments inside.

By this opportunity we would like to thanks to everyone as well institutions who gave a big help for this camp;

1. NVDA Members for promoting the camp nicely;
2. IWC of IPPA Indonesia, staffs and volunteers, as organizer;
3. NICE Japan as co-organizer and for the donation;
4. IWO Korea for the donation;
5. SJ Vietnam, IWO Korea, and NICE Japan for sending motivated volunteers and co-camp leader to participate the camp. Also by chance, KNCU Korea for the helpful volunteer participating in this camp.
6. The head Dukuh of Candirejo for nice, cooperative, and friendly hospitality.
7. Candirejo children for the laughs and happiness shared
8. SD Jomblang 1, TK Tunas Harapan, and SD Muhammadiyah Semoya, the students and the teachers as well, for the school visits and notebook action
9. All experts and construction workers for the great cooperation during construction work and making road
10. Local people for the open and welcome atmosphere to all volunteers
11. Others who are not mentioned, it was miracle to have you working together with us.

Wish for the better Jogja and the better world in the near future.

Love,  
Camplleader  
Ismi Novia  
Secretariat of NVDA



## **B. AIMS**

1. To organize relief help for the victims after the disaster.
2. To help the construction of Tunas Harapan kindergarten
3. To organize some other activities with the children especially to build their mentality after the disaster.
4. To re-manage NVDA team, focusing on NVDA common action

## **C. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

1. A well organized and meaningful camp for the victims after disaster
2. A concrete help on the construction of Tunas Harapan kindergarten.
3. The happier children in Candirejo, Jogja.
4. The well managed and active NVDA team members' → Asian community.

## **D. COMMENTS OF PARTICIPANTS**

NVDA Special work campers are:

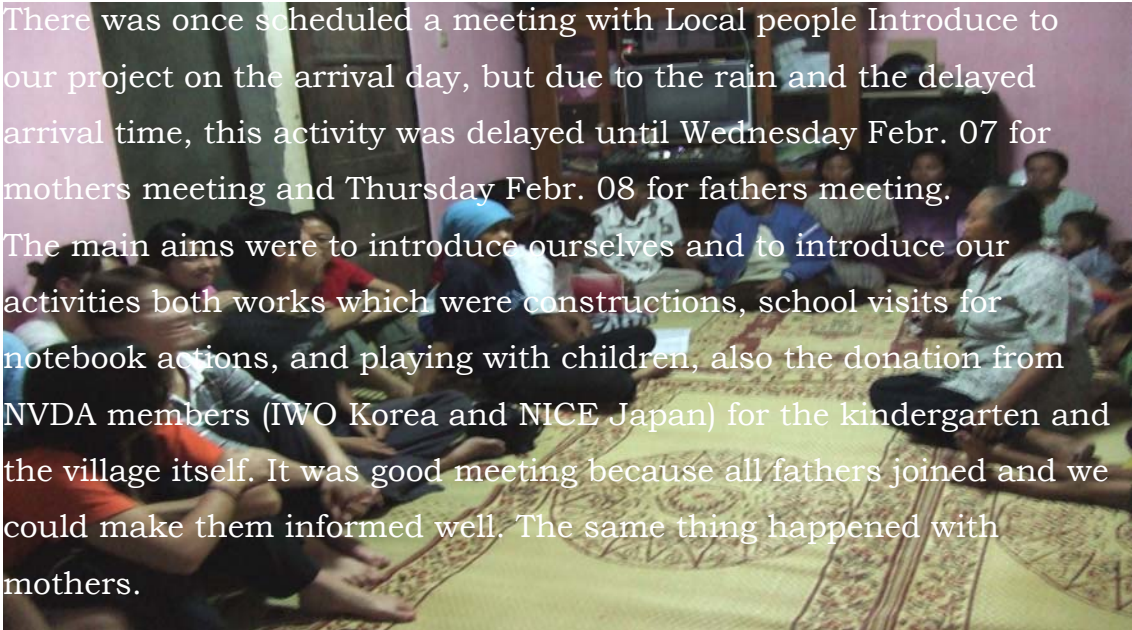
1. ISMI (F/Camp Leader/IIBC Indonesia) "This was the work camp I ever wanted to lead...!"
2. MIYU (F/Co-Camp Leader/NICE Japan) "I could feel that all campers in this wokcamp were warmed hearted. I was really impressed. Thank you so much!"
3. SONG (M/Vol/IWO Korea) "I had so much fun with the children and all campers!"
4. RIE (F/ Vol/ NICE Japan) " ☺ ☺ ☺"
5. MAI (F/Vol/ SJ Vietnam) "Hentai camp!!"
6. HEMMY (F/Vol/IWO KOREA) "I had a good time!"
7. CHIRO SAN (M/Vol/NICE Japan) "Thank you for all workcamp members"
8. CHIHIRO (F/Vol/NICE Japan) "I'd like to stay more with everyone!"
9. JONG HWAN (M/Vol/IWO Korea) "I wish we'll meet again"
10. RYOTA (M/Vol/NICE Japan) "We went to music festival in this village. So exciting!!!"
11. ASTRO (M/Vol/IIBC Indonesia) "Hentai Leader!"
12. RYU (M/Vol/KNCU Korea) "Cooking teams made good foods!"

## E. ACTIVITIES

### 1. Introduction with Local People

There was once scheduled a meeting with Local people Introduce to our project on the arrival day, but due to the rain and the delayed arrival time, this activity was delayed until Wednesday Febr. 07 for mothers meeting and Thursday Febr. 08 for fathers meeting.

The main aims were to introduce ourselves and to introduce our activities both works which were constructions, school visits for notebook actions, and playing with children, also the donation from NVDA members (IWO Korea and NICE Japan) for the kindergarten and the village itself. It was good meeting because all fathers joined and we could make them informed well. The same thing happened with mothers.



### 2. Construction Works



On the work camp, the team did helping constructing kindergarten. The volunteers were not the experts' ones so, all they could do was helping, such as moving stones (hill of stones) from one place to another place, the big ones, the small



ones, moving sand, bricks, cutting some wires, and mixing the cement with water, small stones, and sand. It, normally, should be tiring, but since they did it together with happy hearts, it was so fun! Every time the team yelled some sentence to keep the spirit. It was easy to

see that the energy and spirit of the volunteers brought positive effects to the local workers. One thing that could not be replaced by money..

The construction works were done on February 6, 7, 8, and 9 in the morning and afternoon. On February 10, the village had a music

stage. This stage was dedicated for their own, especially to hand the kindergarten from the developer to the principle symbolically. So, the construction work on this day was replaced to making stage work together with local people.

### **3. Making Road**



The idea was to help and of course to spread out the spirit of working together. Though the work was done by some paid workers and experts, still some villagers needed to take part, so the team tried to help there. Not so much thing the team could do, somehow, it was quite interesting working together with local people under sunshine and so thirsty.. It was a bit harder compared to kindergarten

work, especially after lunch time. The team had to fight with the hot weather and sleepy. Anyhow, it was quite meaningful to do this work since the experience was great and getting closer with local people was another important thing to deliver the message of “NVDA cares JoGja”. The road made was along 1500 meters on the other side of the village. This road was quite broken and the villagers got the fund from government and NVDA too. It was proposed by the head of the village to give some donations for Making Road project since they really needed for more material for making road.

### **4. Playing with Children**

There was no exact schedule for this activity. The fist idea was having



free time together with children. The activity was actually scheduled on every afternoon on the free time.

There was an idea to have special preparation among the volunteers about what to play with children; somehow, during the camp it was found that the team did not need having special preparation about it. Some origami, papers and crayons were enough to have free time with children. Sometimes, the team played soccer with children. Though sometimes it was raining, since February means rainy season, the play went on. It was so fun when all children were involved in the game. Another game was volley ball. In this game, the children enjoy watching the team playing. Anyhow, in some daily discussions during the work camp, some volunteers said that playing with children was a good activity after working, it was like relaxing.

#### **5. School Visit: Notebook Action, one of NVDA Common Actions**

The philosophy of notebook action is to let the students in the disaster area know that they have friends who care about them, think about them. By donating notebooks to the students in JoGja with a special friendship message inside and a request for a reply friendship message for the donators, hopefully, the happiness could be shared and felt by them. The note books were collected mostly from NICE

Japan, and from Korean personally. members had about this not all of earlier about the prepared by



some were volunteers All team positive view action though them informed it. Somehow, performances each culture

(Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese), were attractive enough for the children in the schools. Both the team and the students enjoyed the time together.

There were three schools for this activity. First is, of course, the kindergarten, which NVDA donated some funds. There were 30 students in this school. The team did introduction, and sing one Japanese song, that was Abraham niwa which was rearranged into Candirejo niwa and one Korean song, that was Gomsemari song before doing notebook action. In this school, all students drew some picture for the donator of the notebook. It was fun to see them so excited receiving the book then drawing it together. The second school was SD Jomblang 1, the nearest an elementary school from the campsite. There were 120 students all. At first the team did the action only for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade due to the limited number of the notebooks. Fortunately, after all schools visited, some note books left with enough number to be donated to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade of SD Jomblang 1, so it was great.

## **6. Making & Selling Candle (known as one of NVDA Common Actions called Lightening Asia by Eco-Candle)**

As it was scheduled, the team did making candles on February 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon after lunch where in the morning the schedule was school visit.



About making candles, the camp leaders, Ismi and Miyu did a try before wards, just by them selves and found that making candles with tissue paper as the shaper was not string enough, so it was

recommended by the other team members on a discussion to use *re-used* can as the shaper.

Somehow, on the next discussion it was found a better idea to use bamboo rather



than *re-used* can since bamboo is easier to find in the village. Then during making candles, with all children around and ready to help, it was found that a more improved techniques, somehow, needed. All materials like the used oil, crayon for coloring, as well as the hardener material have been mixed perfectly; still the bamboo was not strong enough to resist the heat. So, some candles were melting just after it was poured into the bamboo. Another thing was about the strength of the candle; once, accidentally by the off of the electricity in one evening, the team got the opportunity to use the candles.

Unfortunately, the candles were too easy to melt; the string was not straight enough so the fire from the candle was moving here and there then it was a bit dangerous to just let it light up alone without ‘supervision’ from somebody. The fire from the candle needed to be taken care of otherwise it could run away causing fire out side the bamboo. The conclusion is, making candles, somehow, needs a special technique.

As the result of the trial candles, the team did not sell them. Besides, in the campsite, there was no representative place to sell it; and in Indonesia the price of candles is not so expensive so, it was not easy to sell it in JoGja. The idea to sell the candles to foreigner in shopping center, Malioboro and in Borobudur temple was rather difficult since there was no connection between the team with the Malioboro network as well as Borobudur officers.

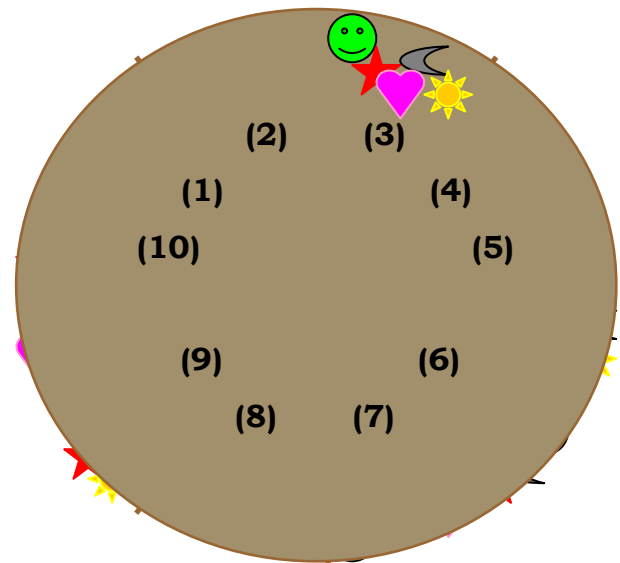
Somehow, the idea of recycling the used oil as well as fund raising by selling the candles was delivered among the team members. Hopefully this action will be spread out in their environment.

## **7. Middle and Final Evaluation**

### **a. Middle Evaluation (February 10)**

It was the night before free day that the team had the middle evaluation. After dinner, all members pointed their expressions about the work camp in a big circle. The closer point to the center of the circle, the less satisfied they were and vice versa. The items expressed were (1) schedule, (2) daily teams (cooking, washing and

cleaning team), construction work, (3) living group, (4) physical work, (5) play with children, (6) local people, (7) camp leader I (Ismi), (8) camp leader II (Miyu), (9) accommodation, and (10) Meal. The visible circle is as below:



To reduce the duration of the evaluation since it was late evening and everyone was tired, only the most satisfied point and the most unsatisfied point could speak, and if there were different ideas, the others could make some addition.

The aim of middle evaluation is to discuss what the team has done during first half period of the work camp, what were the strengths and weaknesses, how to keep the strengths and how to improve the weaknesses.

Results:

(1) Schedule:

- ☠ Ryota: The team need more work, too much free time ☺
- ☠ Miyu: Need exact time of start working, reminded all volunteers all the time ☺

(2) Daily teams (cooking, washing and cleaning team), construction work:

- ☠ Hemmy: Need to change the team, to get to know better all volunteers ☺

(3) Living group:

- ☠ Astro: Very good, keep good ☺

(4) Physical work:

- ✿ Ryota: Need to have more work, the works were too little ☹
- ✿ Song: Though the works were hard, seeing the result afterwards, he was very happy ☺

(5) Play with children:

- ✿ May: There was language problem, sometimes it mattered ☹
- ✿ Junichiro: So sorry he could not join so much because he was too tired ☹
- ✿ Hemmy: Though there was language problem, it was fun to use gesture to understand each other ☺

(6) Local people:

- ✿ Ryota: He could not communicate enough during meeting with mothers and fathers, the time was limited ☹
- ✿ Yukina: About language, somehow all volunteers need to talk more with adults not only with children ☹
- ✿ Chihiro: She likes the local people's smiles ☺

(7) Camp leader I (Ismi):

- ✿ Astro: She should have more time together with all campers especially during works and be with all campers more during free time. Less going somewhere especially for daily shopping ☹
- ✿ Ryu: She did good job, he's fine with daily shopping she did because somehow, the goods are for the work camp needs. But, making the shopping from daily into 3 days at once will be good idea. The rest is great ☺

(8) Camp leader II (Miyu):

- ✿ Miyu: Need to support the first camp leader more ☹
- ✿ Hemmy: She was good time keeper ☺

(9) Accommodation:

- ✿ Ryota: Too many flies around my bag ☺ (it became funny for others!! ☺)
- ✿ Song: Everyone should be in the mosquito net. Share all the nets for all because he had been always sleeping in the

mosquito net but once he was not and he found that it was terrible, so he knew how it feels to sleep without mosquito net which was terrible ☹

(10) Meal:

- ☛ Junichiro: The team need more meat for protein ☹
- ☛ Hemmy: Each cooking team should have Indonesian speaking member to ease the communication with host family especially when cooking team need something like kitchen tools, water, etc.

b. Final Evaluation (February 16)

Final evaluation was done written in a final evaluation sheet. The items being asked were personal information such as name, country, sending NGO; motivations compare to the results of each volunteer, best and worst memories, all activities (as mentioned in the middle evaluation plus farewell party and free day), people in the organization such as hosting NGO staffs, participants, local people and government, host family, and camp leaders; other things are about the weakness and the strengths of the project/ work camp as well as free comments from each participant.

Among 13 volunteers participated in this work camp, there were 11 volunteers wrote the final evaluation sheet. It was due to the final evaluation was scheduled in the end of the work camp while the other two volunteers, they were from Korea and Vietnam, they had to leave the work camp because of their flight. Somehow from 11 final evaluations submitted, all of them felt satisfied with the result. Some different motivations mentioned such as to make the better world by youth power; to do voluntary services to improve local and global situation; to exchange experience with youth all over the world, to improve them (e.g. English, self confidence, etc); to exchange experience with local people and to learn local culture; to have unique travel; etc.

Most best memories mentioned by the volunteers were the local children with playing times; the living group/ campers/ volunteers

including some key words during the work camp, Indonesian way in taking shower called *mandi*, a surprise birthday party of Hemmy from Korea and Miyu from Japan on February 7<sup>th</sup>, singing one Indonesian pop song *Kenangan Terindah by the Samsons* as a kind of ‘soundtrack’ of the work camp, free discussions during the free time among the volunteers, etc; of school visit with the note books action; free day; and physical work. While the most mentioned worst memories were about flies and mosquitoes.

### **8. Special Workshop: NVDA Special Discussion**

This was one way to promote NVDA common actions tin the level of volunteers of NVDA members. This was, also, aimed to re-create and encourage another NVDA Common Action: Asian Community. It was so great and quit fruitful discussion with all volunteers, though sometimes some volunteers needed some translation. Somehow everyone was quite interested to the topic. The discussion was started by self speech of what they knew (basic language) about their sending organization (IIRC, NICE, SJ Vietnam, and IWO Korea) as well as about NVDA. It was known then, that all volunteers from IWO Korea were the least informed about the project, NVDA, and the sending organization



also. This did not make the discussion less interesting because all volunteers were self motivated enough for this work camp. Many questions arose about what NVDA is, how it works, its system, its people behind, the members, the ECs, the projects, the common actions, etc. All those questions led the discussion to the ideas for next action for JoGja. Somehow other questions, the critical ones, about the NVDA special work camp also arose, such as what makes it called as ‘special work camp’ because it seemed just like other work

camps, that the works seemed too little and less helpful than they expected, etc. Result of the discussion: All volunteers would like to start making NVDA teams inside their sending organization. This can be a good sign that each member organization can start to facilitate the volunteers with the team.

## 9. Free times

As it was mentioned and indicated in the manual sent to all volunteers before ward, most of the free times were allocated for playing with children. The result was pretty satisfying, even without exact detail manual on how to do that, children and all volunteers could go

Almost every children to the play together volunteers activity. there was no volunteers so



together.

afternoon the around came campsite to with Luckily, all did enjoy this Somehow, tight rule for some times

not all volunteers this activity; they were free to have more rest, doing private things, etc. The most favorite game was soccer, especially under the rain.

## 10. Free day: Excursion

February 11, Sunday. Three places were visited by the volunteers for excursion, those were Borobudur temple, the biggest Buddhist temple in the world which was one of the seventh miracle in the world, *Keraton Yogyakarta* or Yogyakarta Palace with its batik exhibition after ward, and the last but not least was Malioboro shopping center, this is like Insadong in Seoul Korea or Harajuku in Shibuya Japan. They spent the time from morning until evening. So sad that in the end of the day, Ryota, a volunteer from Japan got sick. It brought the

volunteers to the closest hospital in the city. Fortunately, Ryota was just caught a flu. He needed more rest, food, water, and took the medicine from the hospital.

Actually, then, in the next several days, more volunteers were caught a flu, but not as bad as Ryota got. Yeah, the weather was changing, sometimes raining, sunny, hot, and cold. Fortunately, the volunteers could through it together well.

However, generally, the excursion was great. Everybody enjoyed the time, both during all together in Borobudur and Yogyakarta Palace and during separated in shopping time☺.

### **11. Farewell Party**

The farewell party should have been done together with all local people: fathers, mothers, and children. But, it was so sad that one of an old local people passed away that evening, so the party was canceled to respect the family.

The volunteers, then, decided to do a small and simple farewell party among themselves that evening by sharing the impressions together in the campsite and singing the 'soundtrack song' during the last days of the work camp. It was a very popular Indonesian pop song titled *Kenangan Terindah*. This song is about the best memory that could never be erased from us due to the very deep love we feel of somebody. Finally, in the next morning, all volunteers attended the funeral ceremony to show our condolences.

## **F. OTHERS**

### **1. Living Group**

Total number of volunteers joined this work camp was 13, including 2 camp leaders. List of volunteers is available in Annex 2.

Living group of NVDA special work camp 2007 was fantastic. Though it was not so balance about the nationalities, somehow this camp was joined by four different nations and cultures (Indonesia, Korea, Vietnam, and Japan) with 13 different unique open minded personals which brought out a beautiful and synergized power for the work

camp. All volunteers admitted that this was the free-distressful work camp for them. The strong and settled living group has helped out the situations such as when somebody felt the work was not so much and needed to work more, when friends were sick, were in their birthdays, when they had daily discussion or NVDA special discussion, etc. Even, many of them responded positively the idea of continuously project of NVDA in Candirejo, Jogja. As one of the indicators of the succeed work camp, living group of this camp did make it. Thank you for all volunteers for all works as well as ideas.

## **2. Host Family**

The leader of the sub-village (Dukuh) Candirejo, called *Pak Dukuh* name Mr. Sarjono and the family had been so friendly, nice, and helpful during the work camp. They let the volunteers use all facilities in the house at necessary, especially the kitchen; connect us to the surround local networks, and so on. Big thanks to them.

## **3. Local People**

This was the fourth project organized by IWC in this village. The three previous projects left positive impression for the local people then during NVDA special work camp, it was easier to get along with them.

## **4. Accommodation**

The volunteers got a kind of house, large enough for 13 people to stay. Somehow, the toilets, bath rooms, as well as plug for electricity were available at other places. But, it was not so much trouble, remains that was a disaster area. It was pretty comfortable for all volunteers, except about mosquitoes and flies around.

## **5. Transportation**

From the meeting point at IWC office in Semarang, it took 4 hours by car to reach the campsite. The first transportation taken was 2 small cars with limited comfort. But then on the way back to IWC office from the camp site, the volunteers took one small bus, and that was good decision to use that because all volunteers could be together at one bus, and the bus, for sure, was more comfortable with the higher seats there.

## **G. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES**

### **1. Strengths**

Due to the final evaluation sheet written by the volunteers, the strengths are:

- ☉ The strong and enjoyable living group
- ☉ The foundation and the world wide note books for note books action
- ☉ The global network (NVDA) as the umbrella organization for the project has good sense of social issues
- ☉ The activities it self
- ☉ Strong cooperation of IIRC staffs and volunteers.
- ☉ Very welcome local people, children, and workers.

### **2. Weaknesses**

- ☉ Little publication, need more next time
- ☉ Little number of volunteers from different nationality (Asians)
- ☉ Not enough information before wards about NVDA Special camp, about what makes it different and special from other international work camp.

## **H. CONCLUSION**

1. There is a big chance to continue the project in this project site, whether by IIRC regular international workcamps or NVDA special camps on theme of Children Care after disaster or other new theme according to the latest condition of the area.
2. There is big opportunity to continue and promote NVDA Common Action, especially: Note book Action and Asian Community. These two actions were done successfully and could be good examples for other NVDA members. While Eco-Candle making and selling needed some more preparation, especially in selling step.
3. The well-done constructed Tunas Harapan Kindegarten.



## ANNEX: 1. SCHEDULE CAMP

	Day/ Date	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1	Monday, 05/2/07	Arrival & orientation						Departure to campsite				Introduction to host family					
2	Tuesday, 06/2/07	Construction Work (Built Kindegarten)										Free					
3	Wednesday, 07/2/06	Construction Work (Built Kindegarten)										Introduction to local people					
4	Thursday, 08/2/07	Construction Work (Built Kindegarten)										Free					
5	Friday, 09/2/07	Construction Work (Built Kindegarten)										Free					
6	Saturday, 10/2/07	Making Stage for Music festival						Playing with Children			Middle Evaluation		Enjoying Music festival				
7	Sunday, 11/2/07	Free day															
8	Monday, 12/2/07	Making Road										Free					
9	Tuesday, 13/2/07	Making Road										Free					
10	Wednesday, 14/2/07	School visit					Playing with children					Free					
11	Thursday, 15/2/07	School visit					Construction Work					Final Evaluation					
12	Friday, 16/2/07	Workshop: Special NVDA Discussion						Free				Farewell Party					
13	Saturday 17/2/07	Cleaning the campsite						Bye...									

## ANNEX: 2. VOLUNTEERS LIST

	FAMILY/ First (nick) name	Sex	Country	NGO	Occupation
1	Ismi Novia (Ismi)	F	Indonesia	IIRC	(NVDA Secretariat)
2	Biasmi Astro (Astro)	M	Indonesia	IIRC	Self Employment
3	Miyuki Homma (Miyu)	F	Japan	NICE	Univ. student
4	(Chihiro)	F	Japan	NICE	Graduate
5	(Ryota)	M	Japan	NICE	Univ. student
6	Kitawa Junichiro (Chiro)	M	Japan	NICE	Employee
7	(Yukina)	F	Japan	NICE	Univ. student
8	(Rie)	F	Japan	NICE	Univ. student
9	(Song)	M	Korea	IWO	Univ. student
10	Ahn Jong Hwan (Jong Hwan)	M	Korea	IWO	Univ. student
11	Seo Hae Mee (Hemmy)	F	Korea	IWO	Univ. student
12	Ryu Suk Hyun (Ryu)	M	Korea	KNCU	Univ. student
13	Bach Nguyen Mai (Mai)	F	Vietnam	SJ	Univ. student