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GROUP PROJECT



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General Info

Background

After being a volunteer in international workcamp, we would like to look for a **sustainable** and **impactful contribution to the local community**. This is also an opportunity **strengthen solidarity** of the local communities and Hong Kong volunteers. All of the group project site are either an international workcamp project site or special project initiated by the volunteers from VolTra.

Our focus

No matter where and what type project is, we believe that the right attitude of volunteer is first **OBSERVE** then **SERVE**. After years of organizing workcamp experience, all of the project we are going to organize will be based on this formula:

30-40% Understanding local community and their culture
30-40% Volunteer work with local
10-20% Cultural exchange
10-20% Free time to explorer and self-initiative activities after observing

Theme of Projects

Education, community development, construction, renovation and culture are the main themes.

Location of projects

Currently, our project sites are in Asia, such as Cambodia, Vietnam, India, Japan, Thailand and Nepal.

Length of A Group Workcamp period

Minimum: 4 days
Ideal number of days: 7 – 14 days
Maximum: as long as you suggest

Number of participant

Typical Hong Kong group size is 10-15 volunteers but up to the maximum number that the project site can accommodate.

Who you are going to meet

Local: Camp leader, volunteers (maybe from another province), host family, neighbors, villagers…
Hong Kong: coordinator, ex-workcamper, co-leader (upon request)

International: As the project site is an international project site, there may be workcamp running in the same period. In that case, you may meet the volunteers from different part of the world.

Accommodation and food

During the workcamp, transportation, accommodation and food will be provided by local partner. However, the living condition will be quite basic like **a local**, unless there is a special request. Sleep bags are needed most of the case. Volunteers will cook or either meals prepared by locals, depending on different projects.

Language

English, with Chinese interpreter upon request

WORK SCHEDULE

Most of the activities will be arranged in daytime while free time will be in the evening. Normally, volunteers will follow the local's pulse and routine, working 6-7 hours per day.

1 free day will be arranged per 7 days. During the free days or free time, volunteers can organize sightseeing or activity on their own with the help from local volunteers and leader. Or it could be arranged ahead with a separated cost.

Here is a typical 7-day workcamp schedule:

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Day 1	Arrival & Welcoming orientation		
Day 2	Understanding Local Community	Understanding Local Community / Voluntary Work	Daily reflection
Day 3	Voluntary Work		Daily reflection
Day 4	Voluntary Work		Daily reflection
Day 5	Learning Local Culture	Cultural exchange with local youth	Farewell Dinner
Day 6	Excursion		
Day 7	Departure		

INTERNET

There is no phone or internet in the project sites. SIM card with data can be purchased easily in most of the countries

BRIEFING SESSION

This is a 2-hour briefing session facilitated by VolTra's representative. We will introduce international voluntary service, deliver the "right" attitude of being an international volunteer and provide some useful and updated information about the workcamp. Sometimes, there will be a 2nd briefing session for follow-up the preparation of the group.

CO-LEADER FROM HK: REPRESENTATIVE FROM VOLTRA

Representative from VolTra could join the workcamp upon request and the availability. He / she will provide assistance to facilitate the communication and coordination between the hosting organization and the group during the workcamp period.

List of Projects (Overseas)

#	Country	Partner	Project Name	Project Theme	Location	Closest Terminal
1.	Cambodia	CYA	Khmer Smile School	Con / Com / Edu	Siem Reap	Siem Reap International Airport
2.	Cambodia	CYA	CYA Learning Centre	Con / Com / Edu	Kampot	Phnom Penh International Airport (3 hours)
3.	Cambodia	CYA	Trapeang Fishing Community	Env / Com	Trapeang Sangke Fisheries community	Phnom Penh International Airport (5 hours)
4.	India	FSL	Creative learning with kids	Com / Edu	Bangalore	Kempegowda International Airport
5.	Japan	NICE	Let's tea in Wazuka!	Env	Wazuka	Kansai International Airport
6.	Japan	NICE	Cutting Trees in Tondabashi	Env	Tondabashi	Kansai International Airport
7.	Vietnam	SJV	Fisher Village	Con / Com / Edu	Hanoi	Noi Bai International Airport
8.	Myanmar	COM	Baung Yay Cho	Con / Com / Edu / Env	Baung Monastery	Yangon International Arport
9.	Myanmar	COM	Payartaungworkcamp	Edu / Env	PayarTaungYay Sein Monastery, Myanmar	Yangon International Arport
10.	Nepal	VIN	Reboot Nepal	Con / Com	Jitpur Community	Tribhuwan International Airport
11.	Nepal	Edventure Nepal	Love and light action – to orphans in Nepal	Edu	Pokhara	Tribhuwan International Airport (Kathmandu) / Pokhara Domestic Airport

Key: Con = Construction; Com = Community; Edu = Education; Env = Environment

CYA- KHMER SMILE SCHOOL SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

Background: Siem Reap province is known as a tourist city in Cambodia for its most famous world heritage Angkor Wat and hundreds of temples in the this province. Most people believe or think that Siem Reap people must earn and develop more than other province. In reality, Siem Reap province is one of the poorest provinces in Cambodia.

Khmer SmileSchool aims to provide free access to informal education for the local youth, teenagers, and children in Spean Chreav community, Siem Reap province where their parents generate income to support families by being a tuktuk driver, moto taxi, farmers, and fishermen as many of them are uneducated.

Voluntary work:

1. Community visit and participate in traditional activities with local people for understanding the culture
2. Build houses for poor family
3. Teaching art, handicraft and playing with kids

Accommodation: All volunteers will stay in the host family. There will not be internet connection, hot water, and air-conditioning in your accommodation. There's no soft bed or cousin. You will stay in the simple mattress which is provided by local community so we would like to suggest you to bring something soft for your own convenience if you can't sleep directly on the hard floor. People are living a very simple life so be ready for that!

Location: Spean Chreav village, Siem Reap, Cambodia

Terminal: Siem Reap International Airport (30 minutes drive)

Remark: Visa is needed for HK passport holder

Local Organizer: CAMBODIAN YOUTH ACTION (CYA) is a non-governmental organization which was founded in 2010 by a group of volunteers from different backgrounds and experiences. CYA aims to promote international voluntary services in Cambodia by engaging Cambodian youths and international volunteers in environmental preservation, community development, and youth and child education.

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CYA- CYA LEARNING CENTRE KAMPOT, CAMBODIA

Background: Community Learning Center aims at providing opportunity for children, local youth and local people to learn languages, computer, and to have access to global education/information through internet and our library and to have their first chance to meet and interact with different people from different cultures and backgrounds from around the world. As it is a new project and will be freshly started by the early January 2015 so most of the activities in this first year will be construction but there are varieties of activities will be included in this project. So far, there have been more than 200 community children registered for the English classes at CLC but unfortunately, due to lacking of teaching staff, and volunteers all the children have not been able to take regular lessons. In occasions of having volunteer groups coming, the lesson can be taking place.

Voluntary work:

1. English teaching to students at CYA Learning Center
2. Organizing cultural activities with kids and community people.
3. Visiting local village in purpose of seeing the real situation of living standard of the family in the village.
4. Participating in local with the locals to experience Cambodian way of life

Accommodation: Volunteers are going to stay in two-separated local houses with assistant from a local host. The house is equipped with simple sleeping mattress, blankets, pillows and mosquito nets. The volunteers are going to sleep together in the same room. There are separated bathroom and toilet where the water is from underground. It is not very perfect but this is what the villagers use, and find it very comfortable for their daily life.

Location: Ruseydom Village, Kampot Province, Cambodia

Terminal: Phnom Penh International Airport (2 hours drive)

Remark: Visa is needed for HK passport holder

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CYA- TRAPEANG FISHING COMMUNITY PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

Background: The community is located along the sea-string area about 30km from Kampot town so that children are facing difficulty to enroll the language, computer class or any other skills in town. There are in need of volunteers to teach the children English and also work on mangrove field.

Voluntary work:

1. To provide chances for local children and teenagers to practice their English languageand interaction with international and local volunteers
2. To participate with local community in setting up their eco-tourism and protect their mangroves forest and fishing area
3. To maintain mangrove forest along the sea string to prevent future flood by the sea level rising
4. To exchange and learn about Cambodian culture between international, national volunteers and local people

Accommodation: Volunteers are going to sleep in anice bungalow by seaside which all are founded and constructed by local and international volunteers who participated the projects there on action of promoting eco-tourism in the village for the community. The accommodation is equipped with simple mattress, blanket, pillows, and the mosquito nets; so that you can feel safe from the fly/insects biting.

Bath: The volunteers are going to share the shower room and toilet as there are only two rooms for shower and two toilet available.

Location: Trapeang Sangke Fisheries community, Cambodia

Terminal: Phnom Penh International Airport (5 hours drive)

Remark: Visa is needed for HK passport holder

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CREATIVE LEARNING WITH KIDS BAGALORE, INDIA

Background: This school is located in Yadiyur, Maralkunte and the children come from different backgrounds – almost 90% of the children's parents are into farming. In this school children study from kindergarten to 5th standard. There are a total of 2teachers and 40 students including both boys and girls. The age group of the children is between 5 to 10 years.

Voluntary work:

1. Teaching basic English and Maths through creative learning methods
2. Outdoor activities can be conducted to the children and teach them action songs, rhymes, games, etc
3. Awareness campaign on Environment issues
4. Cultural visits.
5. Henna making
6. Bollywood movie appreciation

Accommodation: In a rented house, with shared rooms. The accommodation will be simple but comfortable and clean .The volunteers will be responsible for cleaning the house daily. Sleeping bag required. South Indian vegetarian food will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner. There is no cooking facility in the accommodation. Filtered water is always available for drinking purposes.

Location: Bangalore, officially Bengaluru is the capital of the Indian state of Karnataka and is India's third most populous city. Bangalore has developed into one of India's major economic hubs and was mentioned by CNN as one of the "best places to do business in the wired world".

Terminal: Bangalore International Airport

Remark: Visa is needed for HK passport holder

Local Organizer: FSL-India (Field Services & Inter-Cultural Learning) was established in India in 2000 with the support of various international organizations. It is a non-profit, charitable, social and independent Non-governmental Organization (NGO) with the main objective of promoting Global Understanding/Inter-cultural learning and to work for togetherness encouraged on World Peace through Youth Mobility.

Photos






LET'S TEA IN WAZUKA! WAZUKA, JAPAN

Backgroud: Organized together with a society for the study of producing organic Japanese tea in Wazuka, and local government since 2001. They are various farmers, some of who do completely organic ones while the others do partly, but they want to activate this area by organic tea in the future. The situation of organic farming in Japan is still difficult, but has been getting better little by little. We will understand tea (It's deeply related to Japanese culture!), help them and try to involve more local people!

Voluntary work:

1. to build a tea park (mainly to cut the grass)
2. to make the base to plant tea trees
3. to help farm work

*Those programs might be changed by any situation like weather.

Accommodation: We are going to stay at the public house, which is equipped with a kitchen, a washing machine, and shower room(public bath, we can take shower together). We will sleep in a Japanese-style room with a sleeping bag. Usually, we will cook by ourselves by turns. No smoking in the living room but you can have a smoking area.

Location: The workcamp will take place in WAZUKA.
It is located in the southern part of Kyoto prefecture, close to Kyoto and Nara, which are very historical, cultural and beautiful cities (You can go there on free day). Wazuka is one of the most famous places producing Japanese tea. You can see beautiful tea fields everywhere. Tea cultivation was started in the Kamakura period in Japan. People in Wazuka continue tea cultivation for 800 years. Wazuka has a population of 4,720 people and its size is 6,487ha.

Terminal: Kansai International Airport, Osaka

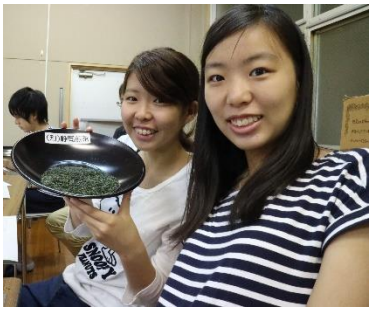
Remark: Very basic living condition but among the beautiful nature.

Local Organizer: This workcamp is organized together with the society for the study of producing organic Japanese tea in Wazuka (Wazuka Yukisaibai Chagyo Kenkyukai/ 和束有機栽培茶業研究会) and NICE (Never-ending International workCamp Exchange).

Photos







SAY BYE TO THE BAMBOOS TONDABASHI, JAPAN

Background: Japan has 67% of land coverage with forest and 40% of them is human-made planted forest. They need to be taken care of to maintain its ecological diversity and to keep water adjustment function. However, by difficulties to motivate people to care because of price competence with cheaper imported wood, large area of planted forests have been abandoned. It cannot be sustained only by government or market economy system, then we need voluntary power of NGOs to protect Japanese ecology –so far world ecology!

Voluntary work:

1. Maintaining forest(Cutting trees & Bamboos)
2. Threshing rice

Accommodation: In a small cabin (in Okunotani). It's near from work place, but far from some stores. When we go to stores, we need help of local people to take us by car. Here, we can really enjoy sustainable way to live in rich nature!

Bath: We will use a public bath. They have shampoo and soap.

Internet: There is no Wi-fi. Even it's difficult to get signal since we will be in the middle of forest Let's enjoy natural life!

Water: There is no water running, and local people bring water and refill tank. Don't worry we prepare for drinking water. And we use bio-toilet!

Electricity: There is no electricity (surprise!), but we have solar panel for energy and we can even use fridge

Location: We are going to work at a farm and forest in Tondabayashi–city, 30km south of central Osaka.

Terminal: Kansai International Airport, Osaka

Remark: Very basic living condition in the nature. Outdoor physical work.

Local Organizer: NICE(Never-ending International workCamp Exchange) - A nongovernmental organization (NGO) and non-profit organization (NPO) that organizes voluntary workcamps in Japan and East Asia. NICE acts as the vice-president of the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) at UNESCO and the general secretary of the Network for Voluntary Development in Asia (NVDA). Building a future of mobilized and engaged communities!

Photos






FISHER VILLAGE HANOI, VIETNAM

Background: Based on the Red river, Fisher Village exists for many years. All of the people in Fisher Village do not have enough money to rent a flat or house on the land in city, so they have to (/used to) live on boats on the Red River between rubbish. (They are actually not fishermen, we call Fisher village just because they are living on the river!). Their children, all of whom are badly malnourished and illiterate, have to sell collected fruits, vegetable, lottery results or catch shrimp overnight.

Our general aspirations: gathering together to establish this center for disadvantaged, poor and street children to exchange ideas, have a chance to study vocation and to be integrated in the community. We also want this center to be a place for Vietnamese youth to exchange their knowledge, experience and culture with foreigner via workshop and talking that is why we changed Youth house school to Youth center.

Voluntary work:

1. Rebuild/repair damaged boats of poor families at the village
2. Remove grass and useless herbs in the garden of villagers
3. Farming work
4. Creative activities: sculpture, educational games, helping children to make videos about their daily life
5. Extra-Curriculum activities: sports (football, volleyball), physical activities
6. Visit center for the disable children and have activities with them
7. Do some manual work on request
8. Try to learn how to make organic garden for fresh food
9. Donate some gifts for the disability

Accommodation: Joy Journey 2 star hotel or volunteers' apartment of SJ Vietnam (very basic facility)

Location: Phuc Xa, Long Bien, Red River, Hanoi

Terminal: Noi Bai International Airport (40 km from airport)

Local Organizer: Solidarités Jeunesses Vietnam (SJ Vietnam) is an international youth NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) that promotes values of solidarity, peace and tolerance through youth citizenship projects to improve society during and after the voluntarism. It was set up in 2004 by international and Vietnamese volunteers with the coordination of Mr Pierre De Hanscutter and Miss Do Thi Phuc. SJ Vietnam is managed by and for young volunteers with the support of UNDP Vietnam at the beginning. SJ Vietnam is an independent Vietnamese branch of SJ France, a full member of CCVIS (UNESCO) and NVDA, a partner of YAP and Alliance. SJ Vietnam is an independent, non-political and non-religious organization open to everybody without any distinction of nationality, race, philosophy, financial resource, education or sex. In 2009, SJ Vietnam officially hosted 500 international volunteers and counted 3256 local members aged between 15 and 35 years old.

Photos





BAUNG YAY CHO BAUNG MONASTERY, MYANMAR

Background: This project involves both COM and the Pa Oah National organizations. The Pa Oah National organizationis an ethnic group organization started since 1989 and working for Pa Oah nationality, social, culture and community development work. In the past twenty years, they mainly do activities on road and bridge constructing, education, health, agriculture, livestock, communication and technology, energy power, housing, trading, forestry and management activities for local society.
The project area is a safe and quite place and in the village. There is public high school nearby monastery and the student stay in monastery as dormitory. COM has strong network with local partners and faith base organization. They will provide the accommodation and some arrangement for us.

Voluntary work:

1. Help to local community in field of work
2. Play with kids
3. Teaching life skill and education in the monastery
4. Cooking
5. Manual work such as digging and plowing in the farm and construction
6. Helping to farmers such as picking oranges or tea leaves based on seasonal crops

Accommodation: The monastery will arrange accommodation for volunteers. The sleeping area for girls and boys will be separated. Monastery will provide pillow, bed sheet and mosquitoes net for volunteers. Meals will be provided from the monastery. You need to wash clothes and dishes by yourself.

Location: Baung Monastery, Myanmar

Terminal: Yangon International Arport (10 hours drive + 3 hours boat + 30 minutes)

Local Organizer: Charity Oriented Myanmar (COM) is a national youth-led civil society organization dedicated to promote democratic culture and socio-economic development in Myanmar by empowering young people and women, strengthening political institutions, raising political awareness in the public, participating in the peace building process and working for the development of rural and urban communities.

Photos





PAYARTAUNGWORKCAMP PAYARTAUNGYAY SEIN MONASTERY, MYANMAR

Background: This project is co-organized by COM, Pa Oah National Organization and Payartaung youth development charity monastic centre. The Pa Oah National organizationis an ethnic group organization started since 1989 and working for Pa Oah nationality, social, culture and community development work. In the past twenty years, they mainly do activities on road and bridge constructing, education, health, agriculture, livestock, communication and technology, energy power, housing, trading, forestry and management activities for local society. Payartaung youth development Centre monastery is a youth charity development centre founded in 1982. The monastery support over 500 students stays as dormitory in the monastery for the whole year to attend government high school from the village.

The project area is a safe and quite place in the village. There is a public high school nearby the monastery and students stay in monastery as dormitory. The area is surrounded with lake and mountains.

Voluntary work: Support local community in:

1. Field work, construction
2. Taking care and playing with kids in Kindergarten
3. Teaching skill and other education
4. Cooking

Accommodation: The monastery will arrange accommodation for volunteers. The sleeping area for girls and boys will be separated. Monastery will provide pillow, bed sheet and blankets for volunteers. So, if you prefer to sleep warmer, you may bring your own sleeping bed. Meals will be provided from the monastery. You need to wash clothes and dishes by yourself.

Location: PayarTaungYay Sein Monastery, Myanmar

Terminal: Yangon International Arport (10 hours by bus + 4 hours by boat)

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REBOOT NEPAL **JITPUR COMMUNITY, NEPAL**

Background: Many parts of the communities are destroyed to dust and many lives lost their houses and properties in the massive earthquake on 25th April, 2015. This massive earthquake not only left people poor but many people are now homeless and bedding their nights on the street. This tragic moment made VIN realize that reconstruction of houses of poor families, public properties, religious temples, and cultural heritage sites would be one of the best ideas to support the community people.

Voluntary work:

1. Construct basic infrastructure such as toilets, schools, roads.
2. Help the affected families in the construction of temporary shelter.
3. Decorate classrooms with locally available materials.
4. Renovate, reconstruct and improve the roads, schools, houses or any public or private properties.
5. Paint and decorate the class rooms especially of ECD Centres and school area.
6. Cultural Immersion: They will be placed in a typical Nepali host family. They will learn Nepali language and culture.

*Those programs might be changed.

Accommodation: Nepali Standard at a local host family – 3 meals a day provided

Location: Jitpur community of Kathmandu District and Okharpauwa community of Nuwakot District

Remark: Basic living condition

Terminal: Tribhuwan International Airport

Local Organizer: Volunteers Initiative Nepal (VIN) is a non-religious, not political, non-governmental and non-profit organization. It was started in 2005 to improve the health and socio-economic position of Nepal's marginalized communities, especially women and children. As women perform very important but unrecognized roles as agricultural workers and primary caregivers, making conditions for women and children better is essential to reducing poverty in Nepal.

Photos





LOVE AND LIGHT ACTION – TO ORPHANS IN NEPAL POKHARA, NEPAL

Background: Edventure Nepal Children's Home is a registered (Registration number: 2631/32882) non-government organization in Nepal which aims to meet the needs of extremely underprivileged children of Nepal. This organization works with the Social Welfare Council, Nepal Government and the governing and monitoring body for all social organizations working in Nepal. They help to find children in desperate need of a safe and nurturing living environment and are consequently placed in their care.

They aspire to fulfill the basic needs of as many orphaned children as possible. They do this by providing basic food, shelter, and clothing and most importantly an invaluable education which many had not received prior to their arrival. They strive to alleviate this situation by providing an essential support to some of these disadvantaged children. They also aim to raise the awareness that there is a large amount of Nepali children who are deprived of all the mental, physical and intellectual development opportunities. The 13 children at this Children's home are studying in the nearby English-medium school and are provided meals and shelter.

Voluntary work:

1. Teaching English.
2. Arranging arts and sports activities for the children.
3. Doing all kinds of house chores. *Those programs might be changed.

Accommodation: hostel in the lake side of Pokhara (30-45 mins walk to the children's home)

Location: Pokhara, Nepal

Terminal: Tribhuwan International Airport (Kathmandu) or Pokhara Domestic Airport

Remark: To arrive Pokhara, volunteers could either take the domestic flight (1 hour) or by coach (7 hours) from Kathmandu.

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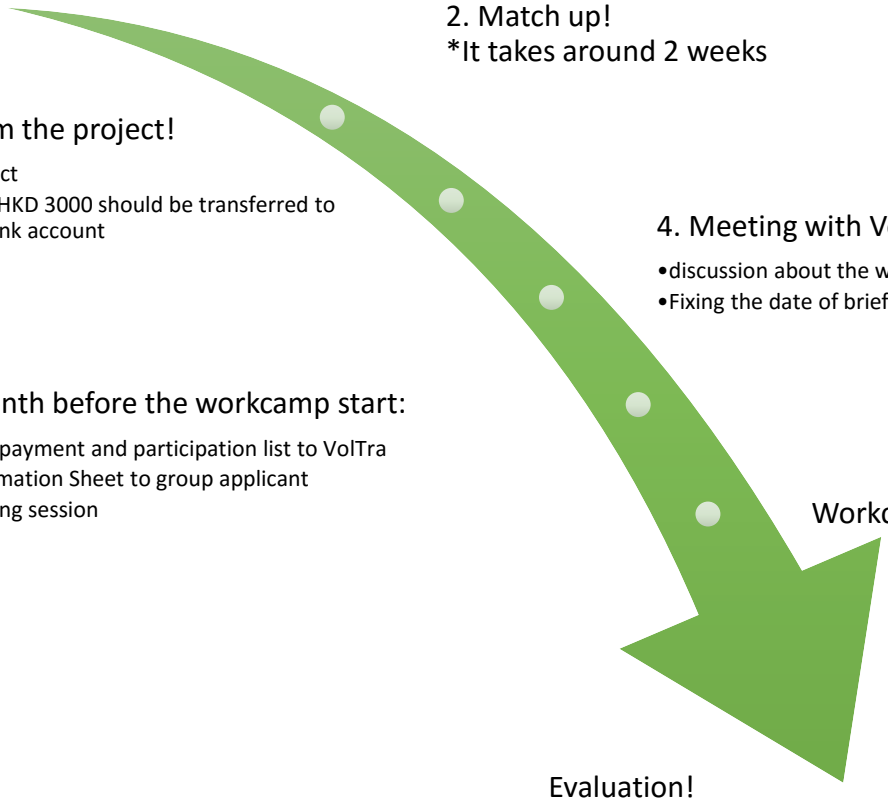




Group Workcamp Application Procedure

1. Find out your preference of project site

•Complete the application form and send it to gw@voltra.org



2. Match up!
*It takes around 2 weeks

3. Confirm the project!

•Sign contract
•Deposit of HKD 3000 should be transferred to VolTra's bank account

4. Meeting with VolTra

•discussion about the workcamp arrangement in detail
•Fixing the date of briefing and rundown

1 month before the workcamp start:

•Final payment and participation list to VolTra
•Information Sheet to group applicant
•Briefing session

Workcamp Start!

Evaluation!

•Evaluation form submitted by every participant
•Evaluation meeting within 1 month after the completion
•Certificate of participation

Financial Arrangement

To work sustainably, we need financial support. Participation fee will be charged according to the requirement from group. Here is the basic price chart.

Number of date	per head	per head (with representative from VolTra)
4 - 7 days	HKD 3000 up	HKD 3500up
8 – 14 days	HKD 3500 up	HKD 4000 up
> 14 days	upon request	N/A

Please note that the fee is various by different activities in different country.

What's included:

- Up to 2 briefing sessions in Hong Kong before the workcamp commencement;
- Round trip transportation between meeting point (e.g. airport) and camp site*;
- 3 meals per day during the workcamp period*;
- Accommodation during the workcamp period*;
- Material and tools for work during the workcamp period*; and

** Items to be provided by the hosting organization*

What's excluded:

- Flight tickets;
- Medical and travel insurance;
- Vaccination;
- VISA application and other traveling arrangement and payment;
- Excursion during free day;
- Personal expenses of the participants (e.g. snacks/drinks, phone, internet access, travelling during free time/day or before/after the project, etc.)

Material Cost

This is an extra contribution to the local community immediately, such as rebuilding house, toilet, materials for purchasing seeds of vegetable... etc. More information could be provided upon request.

Transportation

Please arrange your own travel plan (including flight ticket) to the project site directly / the meeting point and after the workcamp.

Meeting point is usually in the international airport. However, it could be discussed between group and hosting organization to fit the travel plan. Please note that since the representative from VolTra may pick up the group from the project country.

Insurance

Volunteers need to buy travel and medical insurance of enough coverage before joining the workcamps as the local organizer usually provide very limited or none insurance.

Previous Group Projects Highlight



Art and Vocational Training Classroom Building in Cambodia

Partner: The Profession of (Hong Kong) Travel Service Association
Project Period:

- Construction (by Cambodian): Jan – Feb 2016
- Decoration (by HK volunteers): 23-29 February 2016 (7 days)

No. of volunteers: HK – 19; Cambodia – 3
No. of Beneficial: >200 kids + >100 villagers





Khmer Smile School in Cambodia

Partner: Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Morrison Hill)
Project Period: 2 - 8 August 2015 (7 days)
No. of volunteers: HK – 11; Cambodia – 5
No. of Beneficial: >200 kids + 1 poor family
Activity:

1. Community visit and participate in traditional activities with local people
2. Teaching English, art or handicraft to local children and teenagers
3. Helping a poor family to fix their house
4. Excursion in Siem Reap city and Angkor Wat







Feedback from partners and participants



87%
more eager to participate in other activities of the same issues.



93%
communication skills have been enhanced.



87%
awareness towards related social issues has been increased.



91%
project connected people of similar mindset and interest with me.



82%
more confident to realize my own ideas.



93%
Will recommend friend to join workcamp

About VolTra

Founded on 16 April 2009, VolTra is a non-governmental voluntary organization, which is a registered charitable institution in Hong Kong (IR File No.: 91/11726). VolTra is dedicated to promoting international voluntary services in Hong Kong through a well-established worldwide network of international workcamp organizations.

VolTra together with other international workcamp organizations all over the world provide over 3,000 international workcamps and voluntary service projects every year in more than 100 countries. At the same time, VolTra also organizes international workcamps in Hong Kong for both local and overseas volunteers to participate in the voluntary services and cultural exchange activities in Hong Kong.

VISION

To enhance global citizenship and friendship as well as to strengthen solidarity of the local communities through international voluntary services

MISSION

- To become a leading and reliable platform connecting passionate Hong Kong people and international voluntary services
- To promote voluntary services, charitable work and international cultural exchange and understanding
- To support both local and overseas community development
- To educate Hong Kong youngsters with a sense of belonging and self-recognition as well as advocate their personal growth and development

VALUES

- Volunteerism
- Responsible travel
- Sustainable development
- Mutual respect
- Equality

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

CCIVS Coordinating Committe for International Voluntary Service

Member of the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS)

NVDA Network Voluntary Development in Asia

Member of the Network for Voluntary Development in Asia (NVDA)

ALLIANCE of European Voluntary Service Organisations

Partner of the Alliance of European Voluntary Organisations (Alliance)

LOCAL PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS











Member of VTC Group
VTC 機構成員



香港青年協會
the hongkong federation of youth groups








Member of VTC Group
VTC 機構成員








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