



↑Study Tour 2022 • BDP school with a library installed in March

ACEF Newsletter

August 2022

Thank you for your continuous support for the ACEF mail news. We are happy to update you about our activities in Japan and Bangladesh. Today, we hope to share with you 5 articles on our recent activities/projects and upcoming events, along with updates on what is currently happening in Bangladesh.

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https://acef.or.jp/mail_mag_2022august/

※English version available on homepage!

Foreword: "ACEF's mission: supporting the growth of children and youth in Japan" (Michiko Ono, board member)

"In ACEF's mission (our calling), supporting the growth of children and youth in Japan is also included in its statements. I am also one of the many students who were encouraged and supported by ACEF in college. I joined the study tour one summer, which I discovered on the university advertisement board by chance. Visiting Bangladesh, in the 1990s when it was one of the poorest countries, was

quite a shock to me. There was no electricity or gas in the villages, people would bathe with the cold water from their well, and the toilet was simply just water. It was surely a rare cultural experience. My teammates and I prepared a puppet show for the children and I could not forget the joy I felt when communicating with the children, which motivated me to learn Bangla after returning to Japan. I wanted to live in Bangladesh so much that after graduating with a masters' degree, I chose to live in a local village through Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers. After that experience, I have worked for the education and protection of children focusing mostly in South East Asia for the past 20 years. Now, I am working as a university professor to educate the youths in Japan. After many years and in different positions, I am confident to say that the origin of it all leads to Bangladesh, and I will continue to remember the people in Bangladesh.” (Michiko Ono, board member)

Crowdfunding campaign “Let’s build libraries for the children in Bangladesh!) is finished!

Thank you for participating in our crowdfunding campaign, “Let’s build libraries for the children in Bangladesh!”, led by ACEF’s student members. With everyone’s avid support, we were able to reach 313,000 yen, which is ¾ of our set goal. The funds collected through this campaign will be used to build libraries in the schools in Bangladesh that are operated by BDP (Basic Development Partners) which is ACEF’s partner NGO.

- 1) Samarsingh School in Pubail, approx. 124 students
- 2) Satsimulia School in Barishal, approx. 100 students
- 3) Monipur School in Dhaka, approx. 200 students (This school has two vocational training courses: Sewing course and Computer course)

We are still adjusting with BDP the exact dates to install the libraries, but we will keep you updated on the progress via social media, mail magazine, and our home page. Also, we hope to build libraries in the remaining 38 BDP schools that do not yet have libraries. Please continue to support us! Please consider using the 古本チャリティ募金 (Old books Charity Donation) below as a method, too, if you have any books in spare.

【What is Old Book Charity? How can I join?】

This Old Book Charity Fund is a method to support a chosen organization by donating books to the 本棚お助け隊 (eng. “Bookshelf Helpers”) who will assess your books. 10% of the assessed price added to create the final price. Please check which books are valid for assessment on the official website.

Step① Fill out and send in the Old Books Charity Donation form and write “ACEF” as the recipient of the donation.

Step② Please pack the books in a box and send it to this address: BUGI HONDANA OTASUKE TAI, 〒112-0012, 3-42-14, Ootsuka, Bunkyo, Tokyo

Step③ They will assess your books and let you know the assessed price.

Step④ They will donate the total price of assessed price + 10%.

(Please contact the 本棚お助け隊 (eng. "Bookshelf Helpers") for any questions. The ACEF office will not be able to answer the inquiries. Website: <https://hondana.biz/charity/>)

Thank you for your support!

Study Tour 2022 and its debrief session was held!

From August 1 to 10th, five university students joined our Bangladesh Study Tour, which was hosted for the first time in three years. The ACEF Study Tour report event was held on 8/20. We are very grateful for everyone who joined this event! In this event, we heard about the current situation in Bangladesh and the BDP schools, and each member shared about their own experiences in Bangladesh. We have received many questions prior to and during the event, and were able to spend a quality time together with all the participants.

and members. We will issue a written report soon, so please make sure to check it out! The report will be posted on the website. Also, if you are interested in watching the recording of the report session and some videos from Study Tour, please email public@acef.or.jp.



Information on ACEF Summer Dignity Cafe (9/3)

What is "Dignity" that ACEF focuses greatly on? Dignity Cafe is an opportunity for us to learn to see the world through the perspective of dignity. Here, we share about our dignity experiences and learn its values together. We have been hosting this event via online with mainly high school and college students. We are very happy to announce to host an in-person event, finally, at SCF. Anyone is

welcome! You may also join via online as well. Please join this event if you're interested in "Dignity"!

- When: Saturday, September 3, 13:00~18:00
- Where/sign up: In-person (@SCF), or via Zoom
SCF (Student Christian Fellowship) 8 min walk from JR Nakano Station South Exit. <https://goo.gl/maps/3NBrbVLsfNRuFeNV7>
- Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/JxAK6BStBTM6iZ467>
- Sign up deadline: Thursday, September 1, 2022
- Contact: dignity-wg@acef.or.jp

Call for 2022 summer donations

The 42 schools and approximately 4,000 students in Bangladesh are supported by your donations. Due to the drastic devaluation of yen and global increase of living costs, ACEF is in a very financially difficult situation. Please continue to support us, even after the devastating spread COVID. The summer donations are open until September, through credit card payments, Amazon Pay, and bank transfers. The URL below will direct you to the donation page. Thank you for your continued support!

<https://syncable.biz/associate/ACEF1990/donate>

Introducing our SNS platforms

We want to let you know of our newest activities, so we have various SNS pages!

【Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, LINE】

We cover a wide range of contents, starting with emergency announcements, prayer requests, daily scenes from Bangladesh and ACEF's projects in Japan. Follow us from our home page!→<https://acef.or.jp/>

Thank you for your continuous support. We look forward to keeping connected with you!

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