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# ACEF Newsletter

## November 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 7 articles on our recent activities/projects and upcoming events, along with updates on what is currently happening in Bangladesh.

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※ The PDF version of this newsletter can be downloaded from our homepage.

▶ URL [https://acef.or.jp/mail\\_mag\\_2022november/](https://acef.or.jp/mail_mag_2022november/)

※ English version available on homepage!

## Foreword: Waiting for Peace (Taku Noda)

“Christmas is approaching us again this year.

When we look back at the year, we know that it began with a prediction of war which became a reality. We were left with helplessness and pain as we watched the “peace” crumble apart so easily, this “peace” which we thought was valued by all peoples. The wars still continue today not just in Ukraine,

but in Iran, Myanmar which is next to Bangladesh, and various other places in the world.

ACEF works for world peace through supporting the future of children in Bangladesh, and we also hope for peace within Japan. One way that we try to bring peace to the people of Japan is through “Dignity Education”, which is an important value in our activities in Japan.

ACEF does not think that peace simply means the inexistence of war. We believe that protection from physical and economical violence, of course, is a part of peace. We, however, also believe that peace is achieved when each person is respected and valued and protected mentally as well. Our own peace, others’ peace, the peace of family and friends, peace in communities, is built upon where “oneself and others’ dignity is both respected and valued”.

You and me. Our existence and community, together, could create a more rich and real peace. What is “true peace”? In this Christmas season, we, through ACEF, are also searching for “true peace”.

(Taku Noda)

## Call for Christmas donation

Thank you for your continuous support. We are now collecting Christmas/winter donations. Please remember ACEF in this joyous Christmas season! (Please note that we ask you to include the process fees as a part of your donations.)

▶ Donate from URL → <https://syncable.biz/associate/ACEF1990/donate>

▶ Donate from overseas → <https://acef.or.jp/learn-more-support-now/>

Thank you for your donation!



## Bangladesh Study Tour Report is available now!

After three years of having to postpone due to the corona pandemic, we were finally able to host the Study Tour again this August. There were many laughter and tears, and would love to share our experience with you through our report. Please check it out and download it from the link below (Japanese only). If you wish to have the printed version, please contact the ACEF office.

▶ Study Tour Report 2022: <https://acef.or.jp/kokunai/study-tour/>

## Installment of libraries in Monipur

We are very grateful for your support in the crowdfunding campaign “Let’s build libraries for the children in Bangladesh!”. The library completion in Monipur school was celebrated by the teachers and students. There are approximately 200 students studying at the Monipur school, located in Mirpur district. We hope that the students will enjoy learning even more, and discover creative ideas through this library.



## Dignity Workshop was held on November 3!

The Dignity Workshop was held in hybrid style like the previous workshop- online and in-person. We are very thankful to have welcomed newcomers, repeaters, and participants from highschool to adults. It was truly a vibrant time of learning. ACEF's Dignity Workshop is a place where the lecturer and participants learn interactively by sharing their own experiences during the workshop. In this workshop, we discussed together questions such as "What can I do to protect one's dignity?" or "What is my 'precious'?". If you are interested in the Dignity Workshops/cafes, please contact us freely!

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## Greetings from the Fall Service Learning Program students

### International Christian University, year 2, Shiori Chubachi

"My name is Shiori Chubachi from International Christian University, currently in year 2. I am a returnee from the United States, and I lived in San Diego, California during elementary school. My major is International Relations, and I am looking forward to studying History as a minor. I am given this opportunity now at ACEF through the service learning program. I have previously experienced volunteer work with elementary school children in an intercultural exchange program. Thus I was always interested in volunteering. When I learned about how Japan used to give a large amount of ODA to the asian countries through my International Relations





studies, I was interested in the issues in Asia. I will do my best at ACEF!”



**International Christian University, year 2, Gaku Morita**

“My name is Gaku Morita from ICU, year 2. I have lived in Czech and the US for a total of 8 years, and went to ICU highschool for high school. My major is Business Administration, and am planning to minor in Media. I am in the tennis club. I was interested in international family/children support. I have experience volunteering in an institution that shared food and clothes for free to those in need. From this experience, I was able to discover new perspectives and learn more about the people who live in poverty. I hope to use this experience for ACEF somehow, and am interested in how international organizations work. Thank you for having me.”

## Announcement: BDP magazine (10/2022 issued)

BDP began the issue of their magazine to share more about their activities with the world. The next issue is planned to be in December. The magazine is currently only available in English, but BDP is also considering issuing in Japanese as well! Please check the HP for the PDF file.

▶PDF is available on our HP: <https://acef.or.jp/collaboration-with-bangladesh/>

## Invitation to the Illustration Contest for Donation 2022

ACEF headquarters is currently in the process of transitioning into a new membership management system. We are receiving support from GOEN, a consulting team of Enishiful Consulting, Inc.. Team GOEN is hosting an illustration contest, and we would like to invite you to participate in this contest! The purpose of this contest is to create opportunities for children to learn more about donation. We all hope for the children to have a fun and wonderful learning experience. Please share about this and participate! For more details, please check out the link below.

▶Event information <https://acef.or.jp/campaign/goen-illustrationcontest2022/>

## The ACEF leaflets have been renewed!

The ACEF leaflets have been renewed! You can read about what kind of organizations ACEF is, our vision and mission, and even details about the BDP schools and the most updated number of students. We have many copies available, so please contact the ACEF headquarters for more information.

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▶Please tell us your name, address, language of leaflet (Eng./Jap.) and how many.



## 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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