



ACEF News letter

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 ▶URL https://acef.or.jp/mail_mag_2023january/
 ※English version available on homepage!



← *BDP Samorsingh primary school*

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.

Foreword



The possibilities of Non-formal education (Kazuhiro Mori, board)

“The activities which ACEF collaborates with BDP is known commonly as “non-formal education”. The book Possibilities of Non-formal Education (Ed. Hideki Maruyama and Miyuki Oota) introduces the whole non-formal education in two frameworks: publicity (public or non-public) and formality (formal or non-formal). The author concludes that every education which is outside the frame of public and formal education is a non-formal education, and gives examples of diverse non-formal education across the world. Experiential occasions such as the study tour which takes place outside the classroom are also considered as a non-formal education.



At the end of last year, I visited Dhaka to speak about cooperation between Japanese and Bangladeshi high schools. I was also able to take time to visit the BDP office in Dhaka, and to be able to speak with Mr. Ambrose and Mr. Koraya. With the fast development and founding of school systems, it may appear as there are less chances to implement non-formal education. However, when we focus on the community and topic of “high quality education to all”, I believe that the potentiality of non-formal education is ever increasing.” (Kazuhiro Mori, board member)

upcoming events

Invitation: Study Tour seminar on March 21



In preparation for the study tour in August, 2023, we are hosting a study tour seminar for prospective participants and for all who are interested in ACEF’s study tour. We are happy to have Ms. Akiko Yamauchi who has just recently returned from Bangladesh as our guest speaker to share about Bangladesh and about the ACEF study tour. Previous participants will also join for this event with delicious Bangladeshi curry too! We hope many will come join us!

- [Date] Tuesday, March 21, 2023
- [Time] 10:00-13:00, 13:00-15:00
- [Fees] Part 1 students/ 300 yen, adults/500 yen, Part 2 free
- [Place] SCF (Student Christian Fellowship) 5-14-9, Koenji minami, Suginami ward, 166-0003
- [contact] public@acef.or.jp / 03-3208-1925

Invitation: Service Learning event on February 3



Nomoskar Cafe is an event planned by the ICU service learning students. There will be Bangladeshi dessert and tea prepared for all, and will also have several games prepared. Donations of books, unused postcards and stamps will be collected, so please bring if you have any to donate: this is the time to donate them! Anyone is welcome!

- [Date] Friday, February 3, 2023
- [Time] 14:00-
- [Fees] Part 1 students/ 300 yen, adults/500 yen, Part 2 free
- [Place] ACEF office (Nihon Kirisutokyo Kaikan, 2-3-18 Nishiwaseda, Shinjuku ward)
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Message from ACEF youth volunteer

“I have decided to do a study abroad from the end of January to Canada, and thus have quit my high school at the end of last term. I was worried that I will have too much time on hand after I quit high school, and consulted with my teacher, Mr. Shunichi Ueno about it. He suggested that I volunteer at ACEF. Thus, I have been volunteering at ACEF from 2022 October until 2023 January for about three months, visiting and volunteering once a week at ACEF. Here are some tasks that I have completed:

- making curry spice set
- making bengal tea set
- creating SNS posts for ACEF
- creating and editing the Bangladesh Study Tour report

It was a wonderful experience for me to meet and spend time with Ms. Yanagihara, Ms. Watabe and many others through this time, especially since I have only been around people my age before. The sales for curry spice set and Bengal tea set will be used for BDP, ACEF’s partner in Bangladesh. It was very motivating to know that what I am doing is leading me to help others.



Until now, I have only cared about myself first, so I think it led to my personal growth as well. Besides that, I was also able to learn more about the realities in Bangladesh, which I used to think of as simply a “poor nation”. This led me to be more interested in Bangladesh. After I return from Canada, I hope to participate in ACEF’s study tour and go to Bangladesh myself.” (Akari Minami)



Information on ACEF Youth

Currently at ACEF, we are preparing and creating opportunities for volunteer work for high school and university students. This month, we have done online meetings with Mr. Ambrose and Mr. Dicko from BDP. Also, we were able to connect via ZOOM with CHILE- a student volunteer organization in Aichi prefecture.





↑ meeting with CHILE

Service Learning students & BDP →

ACEF YOUTH platform is now available on our HP! <https://acef.or.jp/acef-youth-platform/>



others

BDP magazine: January 2023 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. Moreover, this month's magazine is issued with the Japanese translation as well! We hope to share about the situation at BDP, and am hoping for you to feel more connected with the staff and students at BDP. Please check the HP for the PDF file.

▶ PDF is available on our HP: <https://acef.or.jp/mail-magazine/>



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