



ACEF News letter

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▶URL https://acef.or.jp/mail_mag_2023february/

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← *Story time at Bethel Kindergarten*

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

Foreword

Foreword: Circle of Joy in living together with people of Asia (Masako Sano, board member)

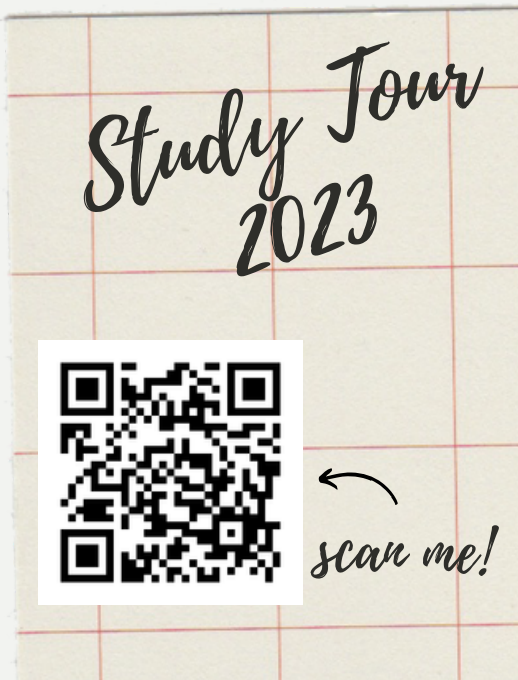
“ACEF aims to create a world that is full of peace and joy with the people of Asia. Ever since the year 1990, we have been cooperating with our partner organization in Bangladesh, supporting the education of the children in Bangladesh, hoping to enable children to receive education in a safe environment. We also have an enriching time through visiting Bangladesh with the youth from Japan. Last year in August, the Bangladesh Study Tour was hosted for the first time in three years, and we are planning to host again this August. We are excited to see and meet the bright smiles of the children of Bangladesh. It is such an excitement to hear the stories of Study Tour participants also, after their return to Japan.



ACEF is a place where one may enjoy the encounter with people from different backgrounds, ages, races, and share experiences with each other and people from Asia. This experience of sharing with others truly opens up a whole new world, which we could not have seen otherwise when we are solely focused on ourselves and spending time for our own goals only. I encourage you to get involved with ACEF, in learning about Asia, to think of the children in Asia, and to cooperate with the people of Asia to continue promoting a circle of joy in living together.”

upcoming events

Study Tour seminar event March 21st, 2023



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

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ACEF YOUTH: first meeting

What is ACEF Youth?→ At ACEF, many youths from a wide age range of youths are participating in their field of interest. For example education, development, resolving poverty, etc.. ACEF Youth is a group consisted of such members. We had a first meeting with the student volunteers.

At ACEF Youth, everyone's passion and skills are used, wether it is updating social media, working with handicrafts from Bangladesh, etc.. If you are interested in taking part at ACEF, please feel free to contact us in the email below!
email:public@acef.or.jp





Previous events

Nomoskar Cafe was held on February 3rd



At the ACEF office, an event called "Nomoskar Cafe" was held on February 3rd. We gathered and tasted homemade bengal tea and Misti and learned about Bangladesh together. It was a very cozy time!

Story time at Bethel Kindergarten



Story time at Bethel Kindergarten→

On February 2, ACEF's executive director Ms. Yanagihara visited Bethel Kindergarten. She shared about Bangladesh and ACEF with the students. Afterwards, the students created artwork from the stories they have heard. Their works will be gifted to the pre-primary students at the BDP schools. We are very thankful for this blessed time!



Payment system transfer from Syncable to GOEN!

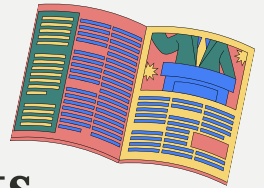
Along with the change in our membership management system, we are changing the membership payment system from Syncable to "GOEN". We are working towards fully operating in the new system from the middle of March, 2023. For members who are subscribed to Syncable, we ask you to unsubscribe from Syncable and change your subscription to GOEN. We will notify you as soon as the date of full transfer is decided via email and mail magazine. We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding and your support!



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/>

Message from Service Learning students

"I have learned many things from planning and hosting the Nomoskar Cafe at ACEF. Firstly, it was a great challenge to host an event in general. I had to clearly think through the details, such as place, budget, participants for the event. It is a great joy to have been able to host such an event, and to have even 2 participants really come and join. Secondly, I learned the difficulty of making desserts. While it was honestly a little disappointing to have failed in the making of Misti, the time spent to prepare was a fruitful experience. It was also a great experience to be able to cooperate with Ms. Chubachi in the preparation of the event!" (ICU Service Learning, G.M)



"The event that we hosted became the highlight of the service learning program. Personally, it was my first time to host an event, and while the preparation was difficult at times, I think it turned out to be a very fun event. It was my first time to make Bengal tea, and to be able to do quizzes related to Bangladesh with the participants was very fun. The gifts from the precious executive director of ACEF were rare flavours from overseas and it was delicious, too. It was truly a fruitful event to be able to share about Bangladesh as an output of what we learned." (ICU Service Learning S.C)

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