

ACEF News letter



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*The PDF version of this newsletter is available on our hp. ▶URL https://acef.or.jp/mail_mag_2023march/ *English version available on the homepage!

← Bengal curry and tea from the Study Tour Seminar

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

"As we approach a new fiscal year" Foreword

(Satsuki Yanagihara, director)

"It is now the end of the fiscal year, and it feels as if time flew by very quickly since I began my work at ACEF. The past 9 months were full of rich, fulfilling times. At times I am surprised by the countless variety of work that faces me day after day, however, there has always been a hand of help at every single moment- as if my cry for help is being heard. I am so thankful for your constant support. I have sprinted through the past 9 months, but from the new year, I hope to continue the work at ACEF while taking some time to discover and explore our current situation. We are facing a very tough situation regarding the finances, however, we hope to communicate with BDP and work together to overcome such challenges. I hope to create a society where the people in Bangladesh, and the children and youths in Japan will never lose bright hope in their eyes. Please continue to support ACEF." (Satsuki Yanagihara) 1

announcement

Study Tour seminar event was held on 3.21

The study tour seminar event was held on March 21st in preparation for the summer study tour both online via ZOOM and in person at SCF. We cooked and enjoyed eating Bengali curry together in the first session. The second session was a time to study about Bangladesh and ACEF's study tour. We also learned much from our guest speaker Akiko Yamauchi, a physical therapist who has temporarily returned from Bangladesh, about the country Bangladesh and what it is like to work in Bangladesh. We are grateful to have many people join us! Please contact the ACEF office if you are

interested in the study tour!



We welcomed a new staff at the ACEF office

"I have been working at the ACEF as a part time staff since March, 2023 at the office and helping out also with the handicrafts. The ACEF bazaar is an occasion when we get to learn about ACEF's activities and meet many people. I hope to encourage more people to get in touch with ACEF through the handicrafts, and to be able to support ACEF through my work. My abilities are still limited, but I am looking forward to doing my best for the people of Bangladesh." (Junko Murakami)

Information on payment system change and request to resubscribe to GOEN!

Along with the change in our membership management system, we are changing the membership payment system from "Syncable" to "GOEN". The new payment system "GOEN" is directly linked to the membership system. Thus this change will allow us to reach out to our supporters even more efficiently and without any fallouts. For the current members who are subscribed to Syncable, we ask you to re-subscribe to GOEN from Tuesday, April 4th from here \downarrow

https://acef.or.jp/news/re-entry-and-cancel/

Please also unsubscribe from Syncable from here \downarrow

https://help.syncable.biz/hc/ja/articles/115003542393

We deeply apologize for the inconvenience. Please let the ACEF offie know if you have any questions. Thank you for your understanding and your support!



ACEF Member meeting will be held on May 21 The 2023 ACEF member meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2023. The meeting is planned to be held after 3pm. We will notify you as soon as the details are set. The 会員の集い(Kaiin no tsudoi) will also be hosted on the same day! Please look forward to this special occasion.

Announcement: BDP magazine (February 2023)

BDP began the issue of their magazine to share more about their activities with the world. The next issue is planned to be in April. This month's magazine is available in Japanese 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: <u>https://acef.or.jp/mail-magazine/</u>

Invitation to the 86th Kokusai Rikai Seminar "Made in Bangladesh"

A Bangladesh event will be held in Yao City, Osaka at the Kokusai Koryu (International exchange) Center. "There is an increasing number of students from Bangladesh who study in Japan, and Japanese companies are expanding to Bangladesh. Would you like to join us to deepen our understanding of issues such as social discrimination, gender discrimination and poverty through the public viewing of Made in Bangladesh, and a lecture from a guest speaker from Bangladesh?"

Date and Time: Saturday, April 15th, 13:00-16:00 (gate open 12:30)

- ▶Place: Yao City Shogai Gakushu Center Big Hall ×15 min. walk from Metro Yao Station
- Audience: Above middle school Free
- Maximum number of participants: 100 people (order of sign up)
 Sign up: Sunday, April 2~Friday, April 14 via phone, visit, or Google form





ACEF is participating in the Tokyo Women's University Festival Bazaar

On Saturday, April 29th, ACEF is participating in the Tokyo Women's University Festival Bazaar (Enyuukai, hosted by alumni) and contributing with our Bangladesh handicrafts shop. The Handicraft working group member and ACEF Youth volunteers will be at the stand selling our goods so please come by! (the event will be held from 11:00-16:00)



ACEF YOUTH: second meeting was held

Youth

What is ACEF Youth? \rightarrow 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 consisting of such members. We had our first meeting with the student volunteers.



At ACEF Youth, everyone's passion and skills are used, whether 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 at the email below! email: <u>public@acef.or.jp</u>





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