



ACEF News letter

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↑ a scene from MF interview during the 2022 Bangladesh Study Tour

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▶URL https://acef.or.jp/mail_mag_2023june/
※English version available on homepage!

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

Foreword **introducing the ACEF Community**

Never forget the experiences from the Study Tour (Toshiki Kigoshi)

“It has been twenty five years since my first interaction with ACEF. Though I have not been very actively involved in the ACEF movement recently, the memories from my first ACEF’s Bangladesh study tour are forever dear to me. I cannot forget the experience that I had, and the moments I’ve shared on that trip with my teammates. The people we have met in Bangladesh, the environment, the smells... all the scenes have become a memory that I treasure. The study tour is where the connection between ACEF and myself began, and Bangladesh has been a part of my prayers ever since.

Perhaps there are many members today, who have grown apart from ACEF membership, or have lost contact with ACEF, who perhaps now have their own families and are participating in other activities. But now, there is a crowdfunding campaign by the young members of ACEF for the purpose of supporting the study tour. I hope and pray that more youths will be able to participate in the study tour, and believe that this is the chance for nurturing more hearts to have a connection with Bangladesh and with the world.”





ACEF's Vision & Mission (Hikari Kishi)

"I believe that living together in solidarity is a challenge that must be constantly and eternally faced by humanity. There are many moments when solidarity becomes a challenge, not just between Japan and Bangladesh, but in Japan, or smaller units such as families or schools. Each person is different from another. The commonalities allow us to connect, yet the differences show up in various ways. Humans are weak creatures and often tend to hold fear or prejudice towards unknown things.

In Japan today, we are experiencing a rapid decline in population, while facing a challenge in living together in solidarity with the people from other asian countries within Japan- and many people might be experiencing fear for the unknown. However, we, having connections with Bangladesh already, may be an interesting group of people who are able to enjoy the diversity. I myself fell in love with the asian and Bangladeshi culture from my experience at the study tour which I joined during university. I learned to love and enjoy the diversity of cultures. This, I believe, was nurtured through ACEF's approach in valuing "dignity" and "living together" when encountering different cultures.

ACEF's vision of creating "a society where people can share in the joy of living together knowing that the dignity of each person will be respected" is facing towards a bright future, and also an eternal challenge for humanity. I, however, hope to enjoy the development of this pursuit."

【~8/3】 Information on Crowdfunding 2023

Hosted by ACEF Youth, the crowdfunding campaign is happening right now, for the purpose of supporting the 2023 study tour and the international internship program between ACEF and BDP. Right now, July 30th, 84% of our first goal of 300,000 yen is achieved! Thank you all for your support.



Please send us a warm encouragement as we continue this campaign to reach our first goal, and please share about this crowdfunding campaign with your friends! Also, ACEF youth hopes to spread the circle of international cooperation among the youths in Japan and Bangladesh. We have shared our passions and goals on the crowdfunding website, so please read our messages from the link below!

Thank you and please continue to support us!

<https://rescuex.jp/project/74373> ×

Internship

"I want to work in an NGO in Bangladesh someday so I want to continue asking myself "What can I do?" during the internship."
(ICU Asumi Yamada)



Study Tour!

"I want to delve deep into understanding what it means to live together, through the relationship between ACEF and BDP."
(Rikkyo University, Shion Miyauchi)



Study Tour!

"I want be able to share about the beauty of Bangladesh through this experience."
(Ferris University, Mei Ishikawa)



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Invitation to Study Tour Live stream

The study tour members in Bangladesh will host a live stream via **Instagram Live**. We are hoping to interact with you, so please join the live stream and leave us a reaction or a comment! (There will also be a recording of the event uploaded on YouTube later on) ※Due to the whimsy internet situation in Bangladesh, there may be some internet issues during the live stream.

- August 13 (sun) 10:00~ Boksiganj, Boisnobpara BDP school
- August 17 (thu) 11:00~ Dhaka, Lalkuthir school (we have built a new library here in July 2023!)

LIVE stream ↘

<https://www.instagram.com/acef.ngo/>

please click on ACEF's icon on instagram to join the live stream!



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Completion of the 2022 Annual Report and Request for Summer Fundraising



The 2022 Annual Report has been completed and has been mailed to all members and donors, along with a summer fundraising request. As a result of the decline in members and donors, the continued depreciation of the yen, both ACEF and BDP are in a difficult situation. Although we are in a difficult situation, we would like to continue working actively this year, such as dignity education and promotion of international understanding. We would appreciate it if you could help us. Thank you. If you would like a copy of the annual report, or if you have not received it yet, please contact the office.



BDP magazine: June and July 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 June. 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: <https://acef.or.jp/mail-magazine/>



Asia Seikyo Cooperation Fund: invitation to activities report

The Asia Seikyo Cooperation Fund has supported the kickstart of BDP’s Micro Financing business. ACEF is presenting at their activities report event on September 7th. ACEF’s director, Satsuki Yanagihara will speak about the topic of “Microfinance Pilot Project via Non-formal education: building and strengthening the organization”.

- **Date: September 7, Thursday, 14:00~16:30**
- **Place: Shufu Kaikan Plaza Efu, 5F Kaigishitsu (in person/online)**
- **Please sign up from the URL below or the QR code, for either in person or online participation.**
- **<https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/36cf0172206499>**



Also, ACEF’s article was shared in Asia Seikyo Cooperation Fund’s activities report! This article shares not only about the situation in Bangladesh, but also the background of the Micro Financing business, its activities reported over the past year, and the future goals and challenges. Please read it!

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P.S. This report is using photos from ACEF (Pubail Micro Financing Group) on the front page!

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. Please refer to the website for detailed instructions→<https://acef.or.jp/news/re-entry-and-cancel/> Please also unsubscribe from Syncable from here→<https://help.syncable.biz/hc/ja/articles/115003542393> We deeply apologize for the inconvenience. Please let the ACEF office know if you have any questions. Thank you for your understanding and your support!

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