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↑ From the 2023 ACEF Summer Study Tour

Thank you for always reading ACEF's email newsletter. We send this newsletter to our members, donors, and everyone we have met through events to share updates on ACEF's activities in Japan and our collaborative projects with partners in Bangladesh. Today, we have 5 articles to report and inform you about various topics.

"Recommending the three '-sion' s" (Jun Yamaguchi, board of trustees)

"VISION and MISSION are the two major elements for NGOs. I believe there's a third 'SION' which is necessary, and that is 'PASSION.' Over 20 years ago, I participated in my first study tour and since then, I've been captivated by Bangladesh and BDP, participating in ST numerous times. Why do I keep wanting to return to Bangladesh repeatedly? It's because of PASSION. This same passion applies to my involvement in primary school education. It's not just a job; it's about dedication, love, and bonds. Regardless of the words used, these underlying feelings are crucial. BDP members have become neighbors living far beyond the boundaries of countries and organizations, they are friends for life. Without these feelings, an NGO cannot sustain itself. Last summer, when I visited Bangladesh after 10 years, the overwhelming feeling of returning home increased. Someday, I wish to have my ashes scattered in Jamalpur or Pubail."

Crowdfunding A Tribute of Gratitude: Retirement Bonuses for Teachers in Bangladesh, Crowdfunding by ACEF Youth

Due to financial difficulties, 14 BDP Schools have unfortunately been forced to close, leading to the resignation of **31 teachers**. In gratitude for the dedication of these teachers who have worked tirelessly for the children of BDP Schools over the years, ACEF Youth will be organizing a crowdfunding campaign from **March 1st (Fri.) to March 31st (Sun.)**. We hope to support the future endeavors of these teachers in any way possible. We kindly ask you to spread the word among your families, schools, workplaces, churches, and friends. Your support in assisting the teachers who are crucial to the education of children in Bangladesh would be greatly appreciated.



Director Hemanta and Vice Director Peter are arriving in Japan this March!

From March 13th to 18th, Director Hemanta and Vice-Chairman Peter will be visiting Japan. Although time is limited, they hope to meet as many people as possible, including a visit to the Kansai region. On the day before their return, **March 17th**, a small briefing session is planned from **17:00** in a hybrid format (at the Waseda Kirisutokyokaikan 4F conference room and online). Please join this report session! Further details will be announced later.



If you are able to attend the dinner meeting from 7:00 PM onwards, please contact Director Yanagihara by email, phone, fax, LINE, etc., with the date of attendance and the number of people! (Location: Around Waseda University)

Sign up ▶https://forms.gle/wz 2sXZiqsTDYfP6R8



Invitation to Online Bengali Lessons

We are hosting a beginner-level online Bangla lesson starting this week! You are welcome to join us!

[When] 15:00-16:00 // March 2 & 23

[Lecturer] Ms. Yuko Fukushima

(Fees) Free

[Sign up] https://forms.gle/s2U9NpYFrTX6kxcS9



New Arrival from ACEF! LINE Stamps are now available!

We collaborated with ACEF Youth to create LINE stamps. In addition to everyday phrases in Japanese, we also included phrases in Bengali...! It's a deluxe set of 16 stamps. Be sure to get yours from the link below!

https://store.line.me/stickershop/product/25719047

