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What's up for SJ Vietnam in September?

SJ VIETNAM IS LOOKING FOR INCREDIBLE VN OU INT VOLUNTEER!

SJ Vietnam is looking for new long-term volunteers to join its projects in and around Hanoi. Here it is our current situation for October :

• In Hanoi :

- *Youth House* project, we need volunteer to teach Vietnamese, English, and Mathematics, to help cooking, cleaning and join leisure's activities with kids from 5 to 16 years old.
- *Blind School* project, we need volunteer to teach English, IT ... to several class levels for blind kids, teenagers and young adults.
- *National Pediatrics Hospital*, we need volunteer to create and set up leisure's activities in the Hospital for sick kids.
- *Bo De Pagoda*, we need volunteer to play, create activities, teach English, clean the Pagoda, and help the teacher and the nannies to take care of the orphans aged from few months to 18 years old.

• Around Hanoi :

- *Hai Duong Welfare Center*, we need volunteer to take care of the babies and help the nannies in their dailies tasks.
- *Xuan Thuy National Park*, we need volunteer who love green and nature. There, the volunteer will help the park's guardian in their dailies tasks.

Contact our LTV department: ltv@sjvietnam.org

Please check the description of the projects on : www.sjvietnam.org



News from our Ex-Volunteer by Modi

Modi, one of our 50 years-old Israeli volunteer, who were on *National Pediatric Hospital project* for 3 months and who left in July, sent us some news. Thanks Man!

“What’s going on? So I’ll write you an article about my volunteer and what I am doing now. I am a medical clown and a cook, who retired from work in the postal authority after 23 years of work. I didn’t plan to go to Vietnam, I came because I’ve seen an article in the internet about volunteering in hospital for children in Hanoi and it was the best experience of the life for me. I liked every moment of been in the hospital and making the children happy and of course I like my friends in LTV’s house, they are like a family to me and I am still in touch with them and they are welcome to stay at my house when they will come to Israel. I remember a lot of beautiful moment of me been in LTV’s house like the Israeli culture night whom I enjoyed very much to make something from the Israeli food although most of the food was actually my personal daily food. This evening was awesome. Now I am traveling in Asia, I’m in Battambang in Cambodia, I’ve participated in a diving session in Na Tran (Vietnam), I’ve learned to ride a motorbike but only automatic one. I will come back to Israel in 30 September. Tomorrow I am going to Bangkok to make visa to Laos and from there I will go to Laos for a month. I want to send my regards to my friends in LTV’s house. I believe that we will see each other again and will make a motorbike tour like we did in Bavi. Take care, love and peace.”



Children from the *Youth House*

A meaningful training course by Ngoc

In the beginning of September, Ngoc joined the *Training for local volunteers* in the Youth House, right after he decided to send us some words:

First, let us introduce ourselves. We are all newcomers of SJ Vietnam. We are very young and desire to do volunteer work for society. However, we do not know much about this field. Luckily, once being members of SJ, we had a chance to broaden our knowledge about volunteerism, through a meaningful training course.

9 a.m : we were present at Youth House, 16 An Xa, Phuc Xa, Ha Noi. This is a voluntary place of SJ Vietnam, where international and national volunteers help children from poor families, fishing families, living on the Red River, and homeless children. Besides us, there were 3 staff members of SJ : Son, in charge of PR, Lan, responsible for projects and Hang, long term volunteer coordinator.

Not as we imagined before, the course, in fact the discussion, took place very comfortably and excitingly. Our guider, Hang, looks friendly with flexible teaching. The course has 3 parts: introduce personal information, who is a volunteer and about SJ Vietnam.

At the first time, we were rather timid and nervous, but when Hang divided us into 2 groups, offered some questions, we became gradually confident and active. We excitedly talked about our thought, our views about volunteerism. We also added a lot of knowledge. To be a volunteer, you can help and share poor people to have a better life, especially children and the old, altogether protect the environment and a lot of meaningful activities. To be a volunteer, there are new doors open to you, chances to train yourself. According to this, you must have responsibility, patience, social knowledge, living skill, etc,...

The final part is about SJV (Solidarites Jeunesses Vietnam). SJV is non profit, international, non political and non religious volunteering organization based in Hanoi. In Vietnam, SJ has various voluntary projects, for example the Youth House, the Bo De Pagoda, both of them in Hanoi, and several other in these Provinces: Haiduong, Namdinh, Quangninh...

Especially, through Hang's introduction, we have known a brand new activity of SJV : workcamps in Vietnam or abroad. It means that if you are an active member of SJV, you will have the opportunity to participate in a voluntary camp with other international volunteers in Vietnam, and maybe in other countries like Thailand, England, Middle East...

After the course, which only lasted few hours, we collected much more new information helpful for our volunteerism in the future.

Thank you, Son and Lan for your share, Hang for your interesting guide.

Travelling with the Blind School Orchestra by Tomas

Do you like travelling? Well, there are not many of those, who don't?

It was so great to visit the concert at *the Blind School*, the 12th of September. Talented musicians of the school's orchestra took the visitors on a journey around Vietnam and performed wonderful pieces of music both from the north and the south of Vietnam, as well as from the mountains side. The atmosphere in the auditorium cheered up even more when Marius, a new long term volunteer to the Blind School, took the opportunity and performed on the piano two very romantic pieces from his portfolio.

The visitors of the concert, the long term volunteers, the staff members of SJ Vietnam and Mr. Stephane Rousseau (Asian Development Bank) with his wife, really enjoyed the concert and appraised it with applause.

SJ Vietnam thanks *the Blind School* for the concert, wishes it all the best in the future and is looking forward to further cooperation.

Xin Cam On (Thank you very much)



The excellent musicians from the B.S. and Marius



The Musicians before one performance

Bo De Pagoda's children met up with Capoeira



One of the kids from the Pagoda



Posh, our Capoeira

In the beginning of September, Posh from Philippines, a friend of one LTV's, was travelling for 4 months in all South-Asia and stopped in Hanoi. Here, we caught him. When I told him, we have some beautiful small monsters who would like to see what's Capoeira is, Posh jumped on his hands and we run to see the children living in Bo De Pagoda.

First, Posh and the children were both shy. When Posh put some music and started to show them some capoeira's jumps, the children were so surprised and then so happy!

Thank to him and thanks to the children to have been so cute and enthusiastic!

Thank you

See you next month ☺

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