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Dear Mr. Razzak,

Congratulations on the Volunteer newsletter.
It is very sharp looking newsletter and
I will now post it on the IYV web site in the
Bangladesh country section for the world
to see. Please continue to send us future
copies.

Best wishes,
Natasha
Team IYV

Editorial

We are working for the wellbeing of humanity- we know everybody, Civilization and development totally depend on our attitude and daily action to the human society.

Attitude derived from cultural education of the family, community and society. Therefore, we have to be started from the nucleus point - that nucleus point is our family. As the volunteer we should have a desire that our children would be a volunteer too.

Different organisation throughout world showing a great interest on Volunteerism that sounds very good. In Bangladesh several prominent organisations continuing their work- that must Encourage others to start up volunteerism in different part. That is really encouraging.

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South East Asia Regional Consultation On Youth and Volunteerism

Commonwealth Youth Programme, Asia Centre has organized the "South East Asia Regional Consultation on Youth and Volunteerism" during 24th - 30th June 2001 to commemorate the United Nations International Year of Volunteers (IYV) and enhance the IYV objectives.

The key aim of the consultation was to bring together volunteer leaders from the Asia region to share their experiences, deliberate on and develop improved and more appropriate methods and approaches to voluntary work. The Consultation also provided an opportunity to acknowledge the work of volunteers.

There was 26 participant in the Consultation meeting from India, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Brunei, Malaysia and Bangladesh.

The participants of the meeting made the following recommendations to themselves as individuals, to the voluntary organizations and communities to which they belong and to the governments and international bodies which formulate and influence policies :

- ◆ That International Volunteer Day (5 December) be observed at local and national level. This day may be used as an occasion to attract new volunteers, raise funds as well as to recognize the ones who have been doing exemplary work.
- ◆ That soft marketing approaches be adopted including the use of existing and prevalent channels of information and communication to attract people to volunteerism.
- ◆ That the support of youth icons such as celebrities be utilized as role models to inculcate and strengthen volunteerism in young people.
- ◆ That think tanks and consultative bodies of experts and elders on volunteerism be established to assist voluntary youth organizations.
- ◆ That data banks on volunteerism be established and maintained to allow for effective matching of volunteers and optimum maximization of their skills.
- ◆ That the value, concept and practice of volunteerism be built into the academic curricula in schools, colleges and universities.
- ◆ That effective management of volunteerism be recognized as a profession and offered in institutions of learning.
- ◆ That volunteerism and voluntary activities be systematically and scientifically researched, studied and documented.
- ◆ That voluntary organizations continue to be alert and quick to act in crisis situations and to have long-range vision to adopt preventive and primitive strategies.
- ◆ That voluntary organizations realistically quantify and project the contributions which they make to national development, as appropriate.
- ◆ That voluntary organizations enter into Strategic alliances with governments and corporate bodies in order to make effective interventions.
- ◆ That voluntary organizations and individual volunteers adopt for themselves Code of conduct through Quality assurance mechanisms at national and international level. This will help voluntary organizations to enhance transparency and accountability and allow the use of these criteria in the allocations of funds.
- ◆ That voluntary organizations motivate professionals to offer their specific areas of specialization as services to volunteerism, so that voluntary work become cost effective.
- ◆ That voluntary organizations engage themselves in effective public relations work, image building and publicity.
- ◆ That appropriate opportunities for learning and co-operation at transnational level be promoted through youth exchange programmes as a strategy.
- ◆ That the remuneration of volunteers be considered, where appropriate such that volunteerism would not be projected as selfless and sacrificial.

International Youth Volunteer Camp - 2001

"Volunteer for Peace and Sustainable Development" in observance of IYV -2001.

Date: 18 - 31 October 2001.

Venue: Sitakund, Chittagong, Bangladesh.

Jointly Organized by:

Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) and

YPSA Centre for Youth and Development.

YPSA (Young Power in Social Action) is very delighted to announce the International Youth Volunteer Camp -2001, which is a regular yearly programme of

YPSA. The theme of this year's camp is "Volunteer for Peace and Sustainable Development" and this camp will be devoted to the International Year of Volunteers - 2001. As the United Nations declared the year 2001

as International year of volunteer and the main objectives of this year are recognition, promotion, facilitation, and networking of volunteers worldwide. Volunteers have been celebrating the year worldwide since the kick off of IYV on 5 December 2000, YPSA has also taken many initiatives to celebrate this year successfully and as a part of that programme this International camp is specially organized to celebrate IYV-2001. Here It can also be mentioned that the year 2000 was the International Year for the Culture of Peace. Further more, the UNESCO has declared the first decade of the 21st century i.e. 2001 to 2010 as an International Decade of Peace and Non-violence for the children of the world. It is in this context that the promotion of the culture of peace and non-violence should start in the hearts and minds of the young people through the spirit of volunteerism. YPSA strongly believes that the culture of volunteerism makes possible sustainable development, promotion of the culture of peace and personal fulfillment of each human being

With a view to promote culture of peace and sustainable development, YPSA is going to hold this International camp.

This camp aims to bring together young people from all over the world to celebrate the IYV - 2001 through working for poor people and environment and enlightening themselves with the various plenary sessions, workshop and ecological tours.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAMP:

01. Camp Site and Date: The camp will be held at the foot of the Chandranath Hills in Sitakund of Chittagong district, Bangladesh from 18 -31 October 2001.

02. Participants: We anticipate 40 participants (twenty from abroad and twenty from home). Participants age limit are 18-35.

No special skills required for participating in the camp but you will have to be self motivated, energetic, easy going and willing to work hard.

03. Working Language: English will be the only working language of the camp.

04. Programme Information: In the camp there will be workshops and thematic sessions on different topics such as Youth and Volunteerism, Youth for Peace, Role of Youth in Bio-Diversity Conservation, Youth Participation in Community Development, Youth and Disability issues, Youth and HIV/AIDS, Advocacy for Good Governance, IYV -2001 and Agenda for Action etc. Besides campers will have to do some manual works such as Planting of saplings, Nursing of Trees, construction works , Cleanliness campaign etc. At the end of camp an extensive Eco-Tour will be arranged to different places of historical and touristic interest and visit to other like minded voluntary development organizations. All participants will be awarded by official camp certificate and memento. After camp interested International Volunteers could work with YPSA for specific projects as International Volunteer for one to two months period.

05. Accommodation and Food: All participants will stay at a huge dormitory situated in the foot of the Chandranath hills and room arrangements will be made considering gender and country balance. And the during the tour participants will be staying in modest hotel available and Bangladeshi food (plain rice, chicken, fish, vegetables, salad etc.) will be served in the camp.

06. Participation Cost: The camp participation fee is US\$ 150 that covers expenses for food, accommodation and local transportation must be paid upon their arrival at the camp site. All other expenses such as air fair, medical treatment, Insurance, hospitalization etc will be borne by the participants themselves.

07. Further Correspondence: For further information and inquiries regarding the camp please contact the following address:

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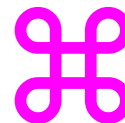
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Volunteering for Nature and Environment through Greening Asia" work Camp started

On the occasion to celebrate the International Year of Volunteer (IYV) 2001, Integrated Social Development Effort (ISDE) and Bangladesh Work Camps Association (BWCA) organized a 10 day long International Work Camp at Faitong, Lama under Bandarban hill district from last July 11, 2001. Last 13th July, 2001 the Work camps is formally open by the Deputy Commissioner of Bandarban Mr. Bishnu Pada Shaha.

He planted saplings at the premises of Fitong Government Primary School. A number international/foreign and local volunteers from Germany Ms. Theresa Mellios, Nora Ruhlig, Hwang Soon Young from South Korea, and Mr. Mazim from Venuzola and other 08 local volunteer are participating the work camp.

The main aim of the work camp to create awareness about environmental issue and encourage the community to plant trees, take care and protect forest for better interest of environment and safety. The foreign volunteer will introduce with the local custom, tradition and culture.

On the occasion Mr. Bishnu Pada Shaha the Deputy Commissioner highly encourage the work camp and the participants who contributing the volunteerism for the better interest of nature and environment. He emphasis to the theme of IYV, "Think Globally and Act Locally".

On the opening ceremony presided by ISDE Director Mr. S M Nazer Hossain and other guest speaker are Mr. Rafique Ahmed Chairman Aziznagar Union Parishad, Advocate Illias Arif President Chakaria bar Council, Mahmudur Rahman Coordinator, SHED-BINP, Mr. Mahmudur Rahamn Chakaria Press Club, Ms Teresa Mellios International Volunteer from Germany, Mr. Shamsul hoque BWCA and Mr. Gias Uddin ISDE.

International Workshop

The University of Wisconsin-Disaster Management Center (UW-DMC) and InterWorks cordially invite you to Madison, Wisconsin, USA, in August 2001, to attend two premier events on distance learning.

The first event, the 17th Annual Conference on Distance Teaching and Learning, August 8-10, 2001, offers more than 140 presentations, featuring keynotes, workshops, panel discussions, and information sessions, that examine a wide range of critical success factors, practical applications, teaching methods, course designs, and future developments in distance learning. For more information on conference sessions, fees, and lodging reservations check out the conference website at <http://www.uwex.edu/disted/conference/>. If you would like a paper copy of the 16 page brochure, please respond to this email to request it, and be sure to include your mailing address.

The second event, the Symposium on Distance Learning Strategies for International Humanitarian Organizations, on Saturday, August 11, 2001, will explore distance learning needs, options and solutions unique to United Nations agencies, NGOs, government organizations and donors with mandates in international humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and/or human rights. This symposium, organized by the UW-DMC and InterWorks, builds on your and your colleagues attendance at the Conference. For more information on the symposium, see the attached symposium flyer.

Registration procedures for the conference and the symposium are also explained on the attached "Combined Registration Instructions," form. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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1. Cover letter
2. Justification
3. Action and output
4. Resume
5. Two recommendations

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News from IYV Team

Douglas Campos, the UNV Programme Officer in Mongolia, has informed us that the National UNV IYV Coordinator, Ms. Enkhtuul J. has been awarded with a scholarship to pursue studies in India from the end of July onwards.

Douglas writes, "Enkhtuul did a wonderful work towards the promotion of the IYV in Mongolia and played a key role in Kazakstan, during the CIS, Europe and Mongolia regional conference early this year." We all wish you the best Enkhtuul!

Here is a quick introduction from a new addition at RONA: "Hello! My name is Stephanie Rea and I recently started with UNV/RONA as part of the Junior Professional Consultancy programme. I am from Calgary, Alberta, Canada where I completed my degree in Communications with a major in Journalism. I am looking forward to working with UNV as it will give me an opportunity to use my knowledge of communications and explore New York.

THE IYV NUMBER OF THE WEEK: 8 IYV City Committees To date, Team IYV has 8 IYV City Committees : in Choibalsan, Mongolia; Hong Kong, China; Madrid, Spain; New York, USA; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Prague, the Czech Republic; Braj (parts of Uttar Pradesh) and in Hyderabad, INDIA. See below for more information on the Indian IYV Committees.

THE PROMOTIONAL ITEM OF THE WEEK : IYV PENS

Need a pen to write your Flash contributions? Well, IYV has in stock two different styles that are equally chic and practical for pen-lovers around the world.

See below for picture of white and blue pen
See below for photo of yellow and blue pens

To view other IYV promotional items online please visit:
http://www.iyv2001.org/iyv_eng/toolkit/products.htm

<http://www.iyv2001.org/iyv_eng/toolkit/products.htm>

IYV LOGO OF THE WEEK :

This week's fashionable logo comes from the Netherlands IYV See below for IYV logo from the Netherlands committee.

NEW ON THE IYV WEBSITE: VOLUNTEER CREATIVITY AND YOUNG PERSONS WEBPAGE

The section on the website entitled: Volunteer Creativity has been upgraded. This section contains songs, lyrics, poetry and artwork:

http://www.iyv2001.org/iyv_eng/world/creativity/index.htm
<http://www.iyv2001.org/iyv_eng/world/creativity/index.htm>

The Youth page of the IYV website is currently being updated. Please visit to join the new youth discussion board, see the first issue of "Empowerment" youth IYV newsletter and learn about the Youth CD-Rom kit. We are always looking for contributions on youth activities.

http://www.iyv2001.org/iyv_eng/world/youth/index.htm
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RONA NEWS SECTION

Work is progressing on the SG Report on Governments and the UN system support for volunteerism for the 5 December plenary session at the General Assembly. The session will be the first time that substantive discussions on volunteering will occur at the General Assembly (GA).

Parallel to this, work is ongoing on the completion of the reports on volunteering and poverty reduction and on Volunteering and the UN System.

Main elements of these report will be included in the SG Report to the GA which is anticipated to be completed by the end of July.

IYV MISSIONS

On 17 July 2001, Brian Cugelman , IYV Webmaster, visited Volunteer Canada, one of the lead organizations promoting IYV in Canada. One of the outstanding features UNV staff may find valuable include the Canadian Government has produced a booklet called "Communications Tool Kit for Members of Parliament" which is an IYV kit designed to help politicians advocate and encourage volunteerism. It was sent to Members of Parliament, Senators, Directors General of Communications and Deputy Ministers.

As well, Volunteer Canada has collected statistics about IYV in Canada. It is estimated that:

See below for Volunteer Card from Canada over 5,000,000 persons have heard news about the 5 December 2000 IYV Launch Event

1,000,000 promotional products have been distributed through IYV superstore 600,000 hits in the web site's in the first 6 months 200 Volunteer Centres receive IYV planning toolkits To view more items please visit: <http://www.iyvcanada.org> <<http://www.iyvcanada.org>> .

"UNV was everywhere" is Astrid Patch's, IYV Promotion Specialist, statement about the World Conference for Civil Protection and Volunteering in Caserta, Italy last week. Astrid moderated several sessions along with the other UNV guests attending.

IYV PUBLICATIONS

The June issue of UNDP News highlights the work of the NUNVs working for the promotion of volunteering. Congratulations to all of you, the 38 NUNVs currently serving!

BREAKING NEWS FROM

CHINA Wang Xin, the Programme Officer from the Division of International Personnel Exchange at the China Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE), announces that there is a new website for Beijing International Volunteers Association (BIVA). BIVA is a newly established NGO and is initiated by CICETE and is further supported by UNDP. BIVA is engaged in volunteer activities and currently manages and coordinates the UNV program in China. BIVA also works with national and international organizations and NGOs to promote volunteerism and promote human resource exchanges and development.

Please visit:

www.civa.org.cn <http://www.civa.org.cn/>> for more information.

NIGERIA On 23 May the inauguration ceremony of a new state IYV Committee of Nassarawa took place in the state's capital of Lafia. The Executive Governor, his excellency Alhaji Abdullahi Adamu (Sarkin Yakin Keffi) attended the event and recognized the role of IYV2001. The NUNV, Joseph Oji, described the event as a success, commending Adamu as the first Executive Governor in Nigeria's 37 States to personally grace an IYV2001 event.

During the formal inauguration, the Governor demonstrated firm understanding of the concept of volunteerism. His speech was a wake-up call on all to volunteer their talents and resources not only in Nasarawa State but also in the whole Federation. He acknowledged the fact that volunteers can be a driving force in wealth generation. He said that it will be difficult for the Government to do everything alone. He called on all to support the ideals of IYV2001. Describing IYV2001 as a partner in the development process, the Governor pledged his Administration's support to IYV2001 activities.

The Governor's wife, Her Excellency, Hajiya Khadija A. Adamu, is executive Director of Child Rights Foundation and is the Focal Person for IYV 2001 in Nasarawa State.s

INDIA has two IYV City Committees:the Braj IYV Committee, launched on 5 May and the Hyderabad IYV Committee, launched on 19 June.

The Braj IYV Committee is the first IYV Regional Committee comprising of Mathura, Vrindavan and parts of Agra district of Uttar Pradesh. A "shramdan"(workcamp) to revitalise a polluted tank was organised to commemorate the launch.

COLOMBIA Andrea Vélez, an Asociación Antioqueña del Voluntariado (Adevol) advertiser from Colombia has helped in the See below for Colombian IYV posterpromotion of IYV 2001 by producing IYV posters in Spanish.