



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!!!

HANDS! Project 2017 – 2018

For Disaster and Environmental Education + Creativity

Hosted by ASIA Center, The Japan Foundation

Application Deadline: July 21, 2017

**If you are young professionals or university students,
concerned about disaster and environmental education, please
read this page and apply!!**

What is HANDS! Project?

Hope and Dreams (HANDS!) Project is an annual youth exchange program, aiming to nurture a sense of common feeling and coexistence as a community shared by the people of Asia, initiated by The Japan Foundation Asia Center.

HANDS! promotes dialogue and exchange among youth in Japan and Asian countries in order to deepen mutual understanding. HANDS! also promotes the formation of a network among young leaders, as well as promotes collaborative efforts among them, in the field of intellectual dialogue on disaster and environmental education issues.

The intellectual exchange through knowledge and experience sharing between Japan and Asian countries within HANDS! Project will use a "two-way exchange" method, in which both sides seek to introduce and learn one another's knowledge and experience. By using this method, we believe a new creativity of knowledge and values will be created, and then by sharing, a sense of common feeling and coexistence will be fostered among the people of Asia especially among youths.

The HANDS! Project will connect youths, from Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Myanmar, Nepal and Cambodia. These youths will be given a trip opportunity to learn



about disaster and environmental education in Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines, and also a chance to have collaboration to create projects for the community in the second year.

Why HANDS! Project now?

The youths are the **agents for change** that determine what the future will be. In Asia, the wave of young people's participation in giving social contribution is growing fast in various issue-areas, including disaster and environment as major issues faced in this region. With dreaming on a strong bond of friendships between Japan and Asian countries and hoping on the fast-growing youth participation, the Japan Foundation Asia Center provides opportunities for youths in Japan and Asian countries to learn from each other, to inspire one another and to seek for seeds for collaboration through HANDS! Project. Therefore, within HANDS!, the youth are not only expected to improve their personal development but also to take action, as symbolized in HANDS!' logo, small and colourful hands forming a bigger hand. The logo shows how youths from different economic development with different background can learn to work together hand-in-hand, and take action in tackling common issues.

What am I going to do within HANDS! Project?

In the first year (2017), the selected fellows will have an opportunity to go on two study trips for 15 days to Philippines, Japan and Indonesia to learn about disaster education in each country. The first trip, is scheduled to visit Philippines and Japan from October 8th to October 19th, 2017 (dates are subject to change), while the second trip is scheduled to visit Indonesia in February 2018 (date TBC).

For the second year (2018), the selected fellows are expected to propose a new project as their **follow-up project**, on disaster and environmental education to the Japan Foundation Asia Center, to be implemented. There will be **seed funding** provided to implement the follow up projects, under condition the project



have to be approved by the Japan Foundation, Asia Center.

What will be covered?

Hands! Project will cover the whole trip, with details as follow:

- International airfare
- International travel insurance
- Domestic transportation
- Hotel Accommodation
- Visa
- Meals

Who can Apply? (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

a. Applicants have to be:

- a young professional who have great creative skills and/or organizing skills (creative worker, social worker or journalist) with at least one year of working experience

b. Applicants must have records of activities in the field of community building, desirably disaster and environmental education in their home country, such as conducting educational events for school children, helping post-disaster reconstruction, conducting social enterprise, etc. Applicants who worked on other social issues such as supporting children, handicapped & elderly, in deal with LGBT issues, women's empowerment, and others are also encouraged to apply.

c. Applicants who are eager to learn from other countries' experience of post-disaster recovery and disaster preparedness.

d. Applicants who are open to new ideas and methodologies.

e. Applicants who are willing to challenge oneself and willing to try out new settings for creativity.

f. Applicants who are passionate for creating his/her own follow-up project (individually or in a team), in collaboration with the Japan Foundation Asia Center.



g. Applicants must understand and agree to the aims of HANDS! Project.

h. Applicants must be citizens of India & Nepal.

i. Applicants have to be equal or under 35 years old, as of the date of application (July 21, 2017).

j. Applicants must possess the ability to conduct formal conversation in English and a good communication skill.

k. Applicants must be in good physical and mental conditions.

*Please note that this call for application is for Indian (2) & Nepalese (1) nationality ONLY.

**For citizens of Japan, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, and Cambodia, please contact the Japan Foundation regional offices in your respective countries.

***For citizens of Myanmar, please contact the Japan Foundation, Bangkok.

HANDS! Project 2017 - 2018 seeks skilled YOUNG PROFESSIONALS to apply!

What should I Prepare and Submit?

Young professional applicants:*

1. HANDS! Application Form for Young Professionals (can be downloaded below)
2. Photocopy of ID Card & Passport copy
3. Curriculum Vitae in English (must not exceed 5 pages in length)
4. Two samples of recent works (in English or local language), for example poster designs, comics, product designs, photography, web design, short essays, newspaper articles, journals, video, etc.

APPLICATION FORM: [Download Here](#)

Where and when should I send the Documents?

Please submit by attaching all the documents into an E-mail and



send it to HANDs! Project Committee at query@jfindia.org.in, under E-mail subject "HANDs - Young Professional / University Student - Applicant's Name", before **July 21, 2017 at 14:00 IST.**

***The whole documents should not exceed 5MB, we will not accept documents larger than 5MB. For video files (if any), please upload to Youtube and send us the link**

****For CV, please only submit attachments as Microsoft Word files or Adobe PDF. Photo ID should be a JPEG or Adobe PDF.**

Selection Schedule:

June 15 - July 21, 2017	Call for Application
July 19 - Aug. 3, 2017	Selection Process
Aug. 4, 2017	Announcement

NOTE:

- **Strict rule applied:** failure in submitting your application by the deadline will be **automatically disqualified.**
- **Strict rule applied:** failure to complete the required documents for application will be **automatically disqualified.**
- Learning from our past experiences, please **DO NOT** wait until the last day of submission to submit your application.

To learn more about HANDs! Project:

- HANDs! Project website: <http://handsproject.asia/en.html>
- Update on HANDs! Project: <https://www.facebook.com/HANDsProjectforDisasterEducation/>

If you have any questions or concerns about the application process or the HANDs! Project, please contact HANDs! Project, The Japan Foundation, New Delhi (contact below) or e-mail our Program Coordinator, Ms Rinki Roy at rinki.roy@jfindia.org.in.

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