

## **Associazioni Giapponesi**

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### **CIEE**

Who we are:

The Council on International Educational Exchange, known as CIEE, is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to helping people gain understanding, acquire knowledge, and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world.

Founded in 1947, CIEE has developed a wide variety of programs and services for students and teachers at secondary through university levels and for related constituencies. Today, CIEE is one of the world's leading operators of international exchange programs and related services around the globe.

What we do:

Each year CIEE Japan organizes international work camps in Japan. Work camps enable people to experience the joy of working and cooperating with new friends from overseas. These camps are sponsored by each local organization such as welfare centers, universities, individuals and so on. CIEE Japan International Work camps offer the participants practical tasks which benefit the local community as well as Japanese cultural experiences. Most of camps are held between July and the beginning of September when most of Japanese students have their summer vacation.

### **NICE**

Who we are:

NICE was founded on the 4th Feb. in 1990 by the 7 youth who had done the workcamps or other types of voluntary service programs abroad.

In Sep. 1990, the first international workcamp of NICE was held at the foot of the Mt. Fuji of Japan.

It has been developing rapidly and variously with huge needs projects & motivations of people!

What we do:

Organize Short Term (1-6 weeks/ mostly international) Workcamps mainly in Japan. Although each WOs and workcamps have their own aims, the common aim is to achieve peaceful, healthy, just and sustainable world by

- a) Creating/ supporting voluntary movements for ecology, human rights, self-sufficiency, etc.
- b) Activating and involving new people to local communities and NGO/NPOs
- c) Promoting global understanding, friendship and solidarity

The types are varied from:

- a) Environment: Cleaning rivers, planting trees, protecting animals, creating eco-villages, etc.
- b) Agriculture: Picking fruits or seeding in organic farms, reviving uncultivated fields, etc.
- c) Construction : schools, toilets, renovating castles, converting farms into youth centers, etc.
- d) Social work: With/ for children, refugees, mentally/ physically disadvantaged, elders, etc.
- e) Arts/Education: Organizing festivals, performing play against AIDS in schools, archaeology, etc.
- f) Others: Making proposals of town planning, recycling & sending bicycles to India, etc.

