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

HANDs! Project promotes dialogue and exchange between youth in Japan and Asian countries in order to deepen mutual understanding, build networks among young leaders, and encourage collaborative efforts together in the field of disaster education through human capacity development.

Connecting students and young professionals from Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and India, HANDs! participants are given an opportunity during the first year to learn about disaster education through study trips in Japan, Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand, with a chance to collaborate and create projects for their communities in the second year.

HANDs! Project embraces the philosophy of the three elements: Soil, Wind and Water. Soil symbolizes the local people and community; Wind brings Seeds of greater changes to the land; Water nurtures the seeds within the soil so that one by one, they will flourish. All the elements complement each other. HANDs! participants are the Wind and the Water, bringing and nourishing positive changes and envisioning a better tomorrow for everyone.
Indonesia is the first country visited by the HANDs! Project’s participants in their study trip to learn about disaster education throughout Asia. Their stay started with a lecture on the “Wind, Water and Soil” framework to make successful community-based projects. The program continued with several interactive learning activities, such as discussion with Indonesia’s prominent film director Mr. Riri Riza, site visit to Mount Merapi’s post eruption area and dialogue with the people from Pager Jurang Permanent Resident, learning about disaster education games and simulations with community organizations, as well as taking part in a disaster education festival at Kampung Badran, Yogyakarta.

Philippines

The program in Philippines was designed with a focus on the recovery phase of a local community from the massive damage caused by Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013, one of the strongest tropical cyclones ever recorded. The program also included an interactive exchange with the students from San Fernando Elementary School, a full day of community-based activities with Philippines Communitere and a dialogue with Leyte Normal University.
The third destination to learn about disaster education was Thailand. The program in Thailand focused on the role of media and gamification, where the participants visited Thai PBS to learn about media and disaster, and TCDC to learn about gamification as a creative educational tool for children. The participants also learned about community empowerment for disaster risk reduction through social activities with Dong Larn Community and elementary school in Doi Chang, and the role of religion in post-disaster period by having an inter-faith dialogue with Venerable Phra Maha Vudhijaya, a young and prominent Buddhist monk in Cherntawan International Meditation Center.

As the final part of the study trip, the participants had the opportunity to visit Japan and learn about the role of community after the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011. The participants visited some local organizations in five cities to learn about their projects and the impact in their communities. The Japan program started with a discussion workshop in Tokyo, inviting key persons implementing community-based activities to support the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. One of the program’s most poignant moments was the visit to Fukushima and listening to the survivors’ stories. On the last day, the participants finalized their action plans, which will be implemented after they return to their respective countries.
Friendship
AMONG NATIONS
BRING JAPAN TO THE WORLD
ENCOURAGE

The Japan Foundation was established in October 1972 as a special legal entity supervised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the objective of promoting international cultural exchange through a comprehensive range of programs in all regions of the world. In October 2003, it was reorganized as an independent administrative institution.

In December 2013, at the ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit Meeting held in Tokyo, Prime Minister Abe of Japan announced a new Asian cultural exchange policy, entitled “WA Project: Toward Interactive Asia through Fusion and Harmony”. Based on this policy it has been decided that a new “Asia Center” is established within the Japan Foundation to further promote cultural exchange with Asia, with a central focus on ASEAN countries. Towards 2020 and the holding of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo, the Asia Center will implement a broad range of programs that promote and strengthen cultural exchange between Japan and Asian countries.

The objective of the Asia Center is to encourage the people of the Asian region to get to know each other well through exchanges and collaborative projects, and to nurture a sense of affinity and coexistence among people as neighbors living side by side.

DISASTER + CREATIVITY?
The HANDs! Project is developed in line with the reality faced by Asian countries: having similar disaster characteristics. These countries share the same awareness on the importance of disaster education in order to foster disaster resilient citizens.

We tackle the issue of disaster, utilizing creativity as a means to solve the problem. Our participants are highly encouraged to develop actual projects regarding disaster education through creativity.

The Asia Center aims to foster a sense of common feeling and coexistence among the people of Asia, as neighbors living side by side together, therefore, the Asia Center activities are centered on the “4 Cs” of Communicate, Connect and Share, Collaborate, and Create.
Country | City | Date | Program
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**Thailand** | Bangkok | Feb. 16, 2015 | • Country Program Orientation  
• Action Plan Progress Report  
• Site Visit: Tha PBS  
• Workshop on "Disaster Preparation of Public Media and Communication" with Tha PBS
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• Gamification Workshop for Disaster Preparedness Educational Tools with Club Creative Co., Ltd.
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• Artist Talk with Mr. Chalermchai Kositpipat  
• Site Visit: Dong Lam Community  
• Workshop on "Community Empowerment for Disaster Risk Reduction"  
• Social Activities with Dong Lam Community
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• Social Activity with Design for Disasters (D4D) in elementary school in Doi Chang
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• Program Reflection Session  
• Making Action Plan Session and Presentation  
• Special Lecture and Inter-Faith Dialogue with Venerable Phra Maha Vudhijaya Vajiramedhi on "The Role of Buddhism and Spirituality in Post-disaster Recovery Process."
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--- | Jakarta | Sept. 26, 2014 | • Country Program Orientation  
• Lecture from CDP  
• Lecture from Ms. Celina Agaton  
• Film Screening "November 8th 2013, Super Typhoon Yolanda Landed on Leyte Island," by Film Director Koji Imaizumi
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• Site Visit: Mount Merapi post-eruption area (Lava Tour)  
• Breakfast and Discussion with local people in Pager Jurang Permanent Resident  
• Disaster Education Games and Simulations with IKC Indonesia  
• Bokomi Festival with Bokomi Indonesia and local people
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• Making Action Plan Session & Presentation
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--- | Yogyakarta | Sept. 28, 2014 | • Site Visit: Mount Merapi post-eruption area (Lava Tour)  
• Breakfast and Discussion with local people in Pager Jurang Permanent Resident
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• Workshop on "Lost Homes" Model Restoration Project  
• Site Visit: Sendai Mediatheque  
• Site Visit: Ishinomaki City  
• Lecture and Dialogue with Ishinomaki 2.0
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• Site Visit: Ookawa Elementary School  
• Discussion with local people in Minami Sanriku Town  
• Lecture on Kiriko Project  
• Ochakko and Workshop on Kiriko Making
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• Action Plan Final Presentation
--- | Jakarta | Oct. 1, 2014 | • Orientation & Program Introduction at The Japan Foundation Jakarta  
• Workshop with Mr. Hirokazu Nagata  
• Site Visit: TVRI
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--- | Manila | Oct. 3, 2014 | • Country Program Orientation  
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--- | Manila | Oct. 4, 2014 | • Tour of San Fernando Elementary School to learn about Project Hope Art  
• Small Group Discussions between HANDs participants and local students
--- | | | • Introduction to Philippines Community's local initiatives: Makerspace Projects and Maker-to-Maker Program  
• Site Visit: La Granja Reyna Organic Farm & Local Silk Screen Printer (Youngfield, Tacloban)  
• Site Visit: Barangay Anibong
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• Presentation and Q&A with Philippine Country Adviser, LDLN
JOIN US

Following the success of the first HANDs! Project in 2014/2015, feel our most sincere welcome for you to join the next HANDs! Project. We cordially invite new partners, members & participants with the same vision to join us in creating an even better, more successful project with a greater impact.

Feel free to contact us at your nearest The Japan Foundation country office or simply visit our website at www.HANDsProject.asia or like our facebook fanpage.

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A BIG SUCCESS
And we look forward to 2015 - 2020 & beyond

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