



THE DHAKA PROJECT

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TOMOO OKUBO'S FEEDBACK

Hello, I am Tomoo Okubo, a volunteer to The Dhaka Project from Japan. I would like to share my special experience here in Dhaka for the supporters and the college students who have interest in developing economics like me.



I am staying here for two weeks as a volunteer to teach English, Social Science or General Science to elementary school children.

As I had spent 20 years in Japan, I had rare chance to learn how the slum was, how the children are in developing countries or how the schools are. Of course, I did know that I had to

something for them, and I saw a lot of pictures of the school and children smiling to the camera, but honestly speaking, I thought that those pictures are only a small part of their life, and the education for children from a slum must be quite different and difficult.

I really appreciate all the members of The Dhaka Project, (of course including kids!!) for giving me an opportunity to change my mind. In this school, every child is really always smiling, curious to talk with me in English. That's why I really love my days here. Some one said 'Work Hard, Play hard', but I have never found people following this quote than the kids here!!

They do not have textbook, what they have is only a small notebook and a single pen, but still, they try to learn everything from me. I have one another week to stay, so I am very motivated to teach older students the basic idea on what is happening in the world, like



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global warming, since decades of years later, I believe that they are going to change the world. For younger kids, I will teach them basic English conversation for their future and some English songs as well to let them love English.

The Dhaka Project itself, including education for kids, providing living condition to families and trainings for men and women are also organized so well, with the passionate works of the friendly staff here. I have to especially thank Jewel for always being a help for me as a volunteer manager.



I will try to find out some ways to help this project even after I go back to Japan, since I think Japanese people can easily help this project in many ways. If you are thinking about working in a developing country to have an new and exciting experience, I do recommend you to fly here, since all the kids are waiting for you with their lovely smile.

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