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Creating a Commotion for Volunteer Activities

Volunteer Circle : 66 Students led by Mayuko Kikuchi



Principle 6: A commitment to encouraging global citizenship through education

1. Overview of Initiative

The goal of the circle-activity is to build connections with the local community and the residents who live there, through the students' volunteer support. In addition, this circle works by inheriting the know-how of locals, a huge record of previous activities, and a passion for volunteering which the elder graduates have gained over the years.



2. Main Activities

This circle was organized for the reconstruction assistance for afflicted areas of the 2007 Earthquake in Niigata prefecture. There are 66 members from all faculties of our university. Current activities are to support fishery activities and to provide opportunities for exchanges with people as reconstruction support for areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011.



Also, the circle has contributed to various community activities such as disaster prevention and mitigation activities with local residents, organizing local disaster prevention drills, participating in children's cafeterias, and calling for food bank donations.

3. 2020 Prefectural Governor's Award and Going Forward

The Iwate Prefectural Governor's Award for 2020 was awarded to this volunteer circle in honor of their regional outreach-activities at the Iwate Prefectural Social Welfare Convention. The circle members were determined to further strengthen volunteer activities that are close to the local community and local residents, making full use of our rich local support and knowledge and the vast activity records inherited from seniors through past disaster support activities.

