

Meiji Gakuin University

Volunteer Center

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History of the Volunteer Center



The Meiji Gakuin University Volunteer Center was established in 1998 at the Yokohama campus for the purpose of supporting the areas affected by the Great Hanshin Earthquake in 1995, and the center opened its Office in 2001 at the Shirokane campus.



Educational philosophy: “Do for Others”

The Volunteer Center is guided by the university educational philosophy: “Do for Others,” which was espoused by the university’s founder Dr. James Curtis Hepburn. The Center promotes humane education and supports Meiji Gakuin students’ participation in a variety of fields in which students’ volunteer activities can be involved.

Volunteer Center’s Mission

1) Develop Service Learning Program

As a part of humane education, the Center organizes service learning opportunities which raise students’ awareness of themselves and social issues.

2) Support Student’s Initiatives on Volunteerism

Volunteer Coordinators support student volunteers in the development of their problem-solving skills.

3) Develop Volunteer Opportunities through Collaboration with a various Communities

In collaboration with communities in a various areas and on a various level, the Center and students promote volunteer actions for social issues.

4) Collect and Distribute Volunteer Information

The Center receive various information on

volunteer opportunities outside campuses. We distribute such information to the students.

5) Partner with Student Members

Over 100 students register with the Center to get actively involved in the management of the Center. Partnering with the Center, they not only take initiatives on the Center's regular volunteer programs but also encourage other students to start volunteer activities. They are a bridge among students, university and communities.

Activities at the Volunteer Center

Local Activities

Seventy percent of Meiji Gakuin students are interested in volunteer activities. The Volunteer Center coordinators and student members encourage other students to take the first step in participating in volunteer activities. Meiji Gakuin student volunteers, from various fields and with a range of talents such as music or sports, are welcomed by the local community. We have many collaborative programs and the administration around the campuses.



International Volunteer Program

The International Volunteer Program was developed in response to students' high motivation to participate in volunteer activities abroad. This program offers internships at international organizations in Yokohama to students in which students can have hands-on experiences of international exchange and cooperation. We believe such experiences would broaden students' international outlook and helps connect practical experience to their studies at university.

Tsunami Relief Project @ East Japan

This project started immediately after the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11th, 2011. It supports the reconstruction in three Tohoku coastal areas, Otsuchi (Iwate), Rikuzentakata (Iwate), and Kesenuma (Miyagi), that suffered extensive damage from the tsunami. Meiji Gakuin University has also signed a Volunteer Partnership Agreement with Otsuchi township. In these three areas students participate in various projects such as mentoring junior high school students, and cultural preservation.



Other Support by the Volunteer Center

Through discussion with student members, the Center implements other programs to support students'

volunteerism. Such programs include:

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We invite people from various fields involved in social actions both in Japan and abroad to give presentations to students. Speakers can be good role models for students to motivate them to step into action.

©Student Volunteer Challenge Subsidy

The Center provides student groups with fund to encourage them to challenge social issues. The fund comes from sales of university's original goods..

1 Day for Others

This program offers students chances to learn about social action by experiencing short-term or "one-day" internship with various volunteer groups, NGOs, non-profit organizations (NPOs), social entrepreneurs and social enterprises. The ultimate goal of this program is for students to embody our university philosophy "Do for Others". Through the program, students deepen their understanding about society, its problems as well actors who tackle such problems. Such experience make students raise their consciousness toward society and learn practical skills including communication skills.

