



SOCIAL LEARNING EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES

Habitat Vietnam

GV WORKSHOP | JUNE 2024

ABOUT

Activity name: Cultural exchange with the Local Youth Union

- **Timeline:** 3 hours
- **Avenue:** Local government building
- **Agenda:**
 1. **Welcome speech** from local partners and Team Leaders of each team
 2. **Warm-up game** - facilitated by Habitat Vietnam/ or local youth union
 3. **A traditional game/** music performance from Vietnam
 4. **Traditional performances/ games** of volunteer teams to introduce Japanese culture/ your locality culture
 5. **Closing & Group photos**



OBJECTIVES

- 1.To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Vietnam and Japan.
- 2.To improve English, make friends, share about the country, people, culture, and social issues, especially housing.
- 3.To break the distances so that the young volunteers can come closer to see and learn behind the scenes, such as the lives of families of the local youth they interacted with.

Highlight in CY2023

05 culture exchange events
183 Japanese volunteers,
100 members of local youth unions
20 leaders in Cao Lanh district and Thap Muoi district, Dong Thap province







Resources

Material, financial resources

It cost 200-500USD per event, depending on the number of volunteers who joined.

Logistics: water, snacks, electricity, meeting room, big yard, sound system,...

Games and performances are prepared in advance and may need tools for those activities.



Stakeholders

key actors that need to be involved in this activity

Volunteers,
Local youth union,
Local partners (leaders of the commune),
Habitat staff
Homeowners.

Challenges



Language barrier

Language barrier: local youth union speaks English very little => hiring an interpreter for the event is an option.



Availability of local partner

- The number of local youth union members participating was not stable => plan early so that the community can arrange their work.
- The content from local partners is flexible => alert the volunteers for the change if any



Culture difference

Performance that caused the event quite serious and formal. => feedback for local partner but due to the culture, this may stay the same from local partner's side.

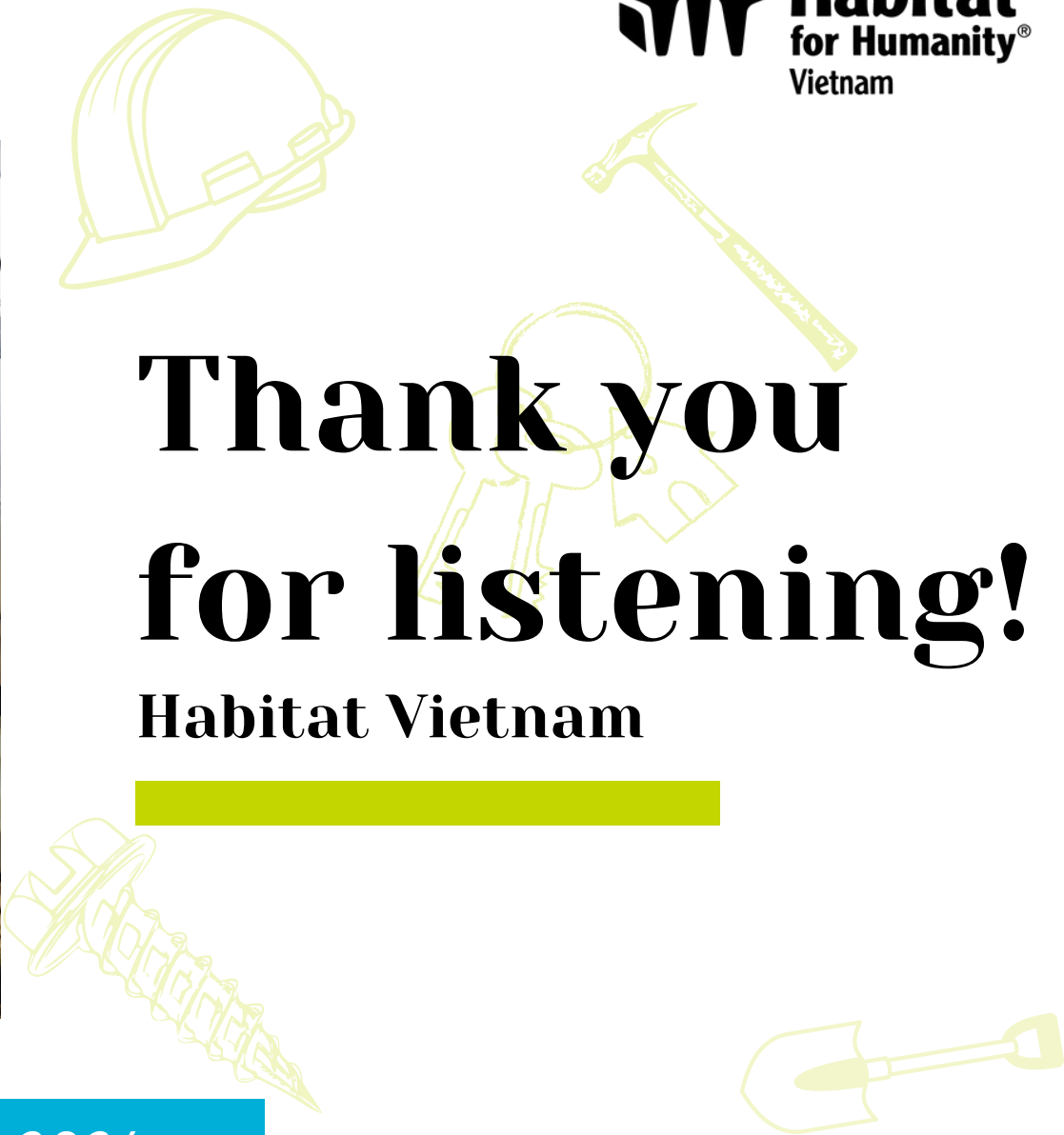


Evaluation

How will you measure success of the activity? What reflective activities will be included?

- Ask for volunteer feedback after the event, and through the GV Feedback & Evaluation of the team after the GV build shared by Sending Countries.
- Ask local people and local government to share feedback

We received positive feedback from the young volunteers and applied to other adult volunteer teams. For adults, we will work with other local partners such as women's unions, farmer unions, and veterans,... to diversify the activities depending on the nature of the volunteers. (For example: with Citibank Team - Corporate Build.)



**Thank you
for listening!**
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