



## 【Urban Farmer @ Houli】 Volunteer Holiday

Come to feel the Mother Earth.

ENJOY A JOURNEY MEETS SOCIAL ENTERPRISE of HYDROPONICS, HYDROVEGE.

### 【Project Info】

<b>W</b>	Type of voluntary work	<b>T</b>	Terminal (The closest big international airport)
<b>S</b>	Study theme	<b>LA</b>	Leisure Activities
<b>A</b>	Accommodation	<b>PF</b>	Participation Fees
<b>L</b>	Location	<b>SR</b>	Special Remarks

### New schedule from March 2019 to December 2019

IHV071(2019/3/28-31)	IHV078(2019/7/4-7)	IHV085(2019/10/3-6)
IHV072(2019/4/18-21)	IHV079(2019/7/11-14)	IHV086(2019/10/17-20)
IHV073(2019/4/25-28)	IHV080(2019/8/1-4)	IHV087(2019/11/7-10)
IHV074(2019/5/9-12)	IHV081(2019/8/8-11)	IHV088(2019/11/21-24)
IHV075(2019/5/23-26)	IHV082(2019/8/15-18)	IHV089(2019/12/5-8)
IHV076(2019/5/30-6/2)	IHV083(2019/9/5-9)	IHV090(2019/12/12-15)
IHV077(2019/6/27-30)	IHV084(2019/9/19-22)	-

### 【Our Story】

Since 2009, Meishan Christian Church has taken care of kids from underprivileged families free of charge. Now there are 30 kids in total from elementary school to high school. In 2016, HYDROVEGE, a new social enterprise, with an economic point of view, got involved. With new farming ideas and techniques, HYDROVEGE was established a social purposes towards a financially sustainable way.

In each project, there will be some high school students take the leadership for helping and leading the group. The profits from the project will be used part as their part-time allowances and support their families.

Part of the profits will be used for supporting Meishan Christian Church organizing the after school project for local kids.

Join us and take a look at how we share these values to our kids and see how these values influence their future.



### 【Objective for project】

1. To build an educational farmland of eco sustainable social business to support the local after school project.
2. To share international culture to underprivileged families' kids and to make friends with local people
3. To enjoy typical Taiwan lifestyle in Houli



### 【Cross-Culture Education】

We encourage all volunteers to share their culture to kids. With your accompany, the kids can broaden their horizons by knowing stories and experiencing cultures from different parts of the world. And of course your presence will give them the chance to use English.



### 【HYDROPONICS × It's not a new technology, but a new IDEA.】

Meet the pioneers changing the way of city farming! The social enterprise 'HYDROVEGE' comes from the words 'Hydroponic' and 'Vegetables'. Hydroponics is a method to grow plants without soil but water reaches as nutrients directly. Unlike other Hydroponics farms, our vegetables are grown in towers in order to deal with the limited farming areas in Taiwan.

Watch our stories here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rkhCncdfw8>





### **【HYDROVEGE's Vision】**

Our educational farmland includes traditional farming, chicken coop, ecological pool, herb garden, etc. We need you! Come to feel the Mother Earth and be part of us!



### **【Carpentry Workshop】**

We start to teach kids to learn Carpentry skills since 2017 summer. We built chair, table, chicken coop and shelves by ourselves. This is the best way for kids to be creative and patience. You will make your own craft, too!



### **【HYDROVEGE Catering】**

Food is our proud. We are getting in the spirit with fresh ingredients and spices. From either local market or the HYDROVEGE garden, 'dining with seasonality' is not only a slogan, but also a practice. Come to HYDROVEGE, where delicious food is integrated with good taste, farming lifestyle and values.



### **【Local Tourism】**

Houli has many educational and cultural spots, such as Lien-Cheng Saxophone Museum, Yuemei Tourism Sugar Factory, etc. Participants will have opportunities to visit these enjoyable places, chat with local people and enjoy the passion of Taiwanese People.



## 【something more of HYDROVEGE】

Host Org: VYA Taiwan and HYDROVEGE

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hydrovege.tw>

Website: <http://www.volunteermatch.org.tw/IW/Promotion/HydrVege.htm>

- W**
1. Traditional agriculture work such as planting, weeding, harvesting, watering and etc.
  2. Hydroponic agriculture area maintenance such as planting and harvesting and etc.
  3. Carpentry Workshop, DIY Key chain for yourself.
  4. Constructing new devices in farm.
  5. After school, cultural and educational activity for children
- (Remind: Every team will have different types of voluntary works based on local/season status.)
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- S**
1. Agriculture / Hydroponics
  2. Carpentry / Craft
  3. After school project for local
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- A**
1. At HYDROVEGE center. Sleep in shared room with wooden bed and mattress, **no need to bring your own blanket and pillow**, unless you have personal needs. Showers and toilets are available.
  2. Please prepare enough clothes, or **the clothes need to be washed by hand**.
  3. Paid Telephone for international call is available in 7-11 where is just nearby the accommodation in 5 minutes by walk.
  4. First Aid: Local Hospital is nearby accommodation in 10 minutes by walk.
  5. Accommodation is about 10 minutes drive distance from Houli Train Station.
  6. **Emergency local call for 24 hours:**  
**Mr. Manwife HUANG, +886-975-668365** For local logistic issues such as get lost around meeting point, reception, schedule, service, accommodation and transportation...etc  
**Mr. Klaus DING, +886-935-461760.** For international communication such as registration and application, cancellation, int payment, emergency case...etc
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- L**
1. HYDROVEGE center, a small farm in Houli, Taichung City where located in the middle of Taiwan.
  2. Google Map: <https://goo.gl/ZI5EIs>
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- T**
1. Taoyuan International Airport (IATA: TPE) (<http://www.taoyuan-airport.com>)
  2. In case of Asia Countries, it could be in Taichung International airport, too.  
(<http://www.tca.gov.tw/eng/index.php>)
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- LA**
1. Excursion, culture exchange events with local people, etc.
  2. Volunteers should cover all the expenses by themselves of their free time/free day.
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- PF**
1. USD 150. The fee includes three-day overnights accommodation, food (**excludes all breakfast, but**



lunch and dinner), snacks and drinks, excursion fee on Sunday in Houli and all activity materials. The fee does not cover local transportation from and to the HYDROVEGE center.

2. We will provide basic insurance, but we highly recommend you to have your own insurance.
3. We ask our sending partner to collect the fee in advance and pay during global meeting or by Bank transfer.

- SR**
1. Strong motivation for learning and respects to local culture.
  2. HYDROVEGE keeps the right to refuse late application.
  3. Number of Volunteer: 10 foreign volunteers with and 10-14 local participants.
  4. Things to Bring: towels, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, tissue, slippers, clothes, working clothes, sunscreen, hat, water bottle, umbrella, pens or notebook and etc.

**【A bird's eye overview Schedule】 Could be changed based on local needs.**

	DAY1 Thursday	DAY2 Friday	DAY3 Saturday	DAY4 Sunday
<b>Breakfast</b>		* On your own expense	* On your own expense	*On your own expense
<b>Morning</b>	-	Orientation of Project Farm work I	2 days project orientation Farm work III	Houli Trip (LC Saxophone Museum, Yuemei Tourism Sugar Factory)
<b>Lunch</b>		Hydro GOOD FOOD	Hydro COLD NOODLE	Hydro PIZZA
<b>Afternoon</b>	Arrive at 3 PM (Houli Railway Station) Orientation of Living	Farm work II	Carpentry Workshop	Evaluation/POST CARD Departure at 3PM (Drop at Railway Station)
<b>Dinner</b>	Hydro GOOD FOOD	Hydro GOOD FOOD	Hydro BBQ	
<b>Evening</b>	Welcoming	Free	Hydro STORY HOUSE	-

**【Welcome to HYDROVEGE!】**

