



TAIWAN

CHIANG KAI-SHEK MEMORIAL HALL, TAIPEI

Zone 5

HIGHLIGHTS | ZONE 5

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
China	2	35			
Hong Kong	2	554	167	1	
Japan	27	341	28	1	
Taiwan	2	102	49		
TOTAL	33	1,032	244	2	



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China

On 22nd April 2018, SSIO volunteers distributed packets containing rice, oil, milk, bananas, cakes and Yakult (yogurt drink) at the Huiling orphanage, a centre for the mentally disabled in Tianjin Province. It was an opportunity for many volunteers to count their blessings and reflect on their responsibility to take care of the less fortunate.

In November 2018, seven SSIO volunteers distributed packs containing rice, soya sauce, noodles, cakes, Yakult, cooking oil, milk, bananas, shower gel, and hand wash soap to the residents of a home for the disabled and children with special needs.



China



Hong Kong

SSIO volunteers in Hong Kong conduct an array of heart-warming activities to serve the needy. Each month, ten volunteers serve breakfast comprising of cheese sandwiches, cupcakes, fruits, tea, crackers, cup noodles, soya milk, and water bottles to more than 90 homeless people. Twice a month, SSIO volunteers also serve dinner and distribute essentials to 200 people in need. A similar project is organised in Kowloon, where breakfast and dinner are served twice a month to 250 less fortunate people.

A Go Green Fun Fair titled 'Let's Green It Up' was held at Kowloon Park on 12th May 2018. Around 150 children and parents, including some from minority and underprivileged communities, participated in this joyful event. SSIO volunteers set up seven stalls around the park providing information on conservation and reduction of plastics. Gifts such as school bags, stationery, and an information pamphlet containing practical tips on protecting the planet, along with an environmentally friendly bag bearing the SSIO Go-Green logo were given away.

On the second Saturday of each month, YA volunteers deliver English lessons to disadvantaged students at a local primary school. Initiated in 2010 by an SSIO educator, Margaret Taplin, the Buddies in English and Educare (BEE) programme aims to instil students with human values, as taught by Sathya Sai Baba. Instructions are given in English – to improve the reading, writing, and speaking abilities of these children.



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Japan

For more than two decades, SSIO volunteers have served freshly prepared hot meals to the destitute in Tokyo. This humble project has grown to provide food to about 400 needy people near Shinjuku Central Park and at Yoyogi. A typical meal box containing vegetable curry, rice and pickles is usually served with tea. On special occasions, the volunteers serve red rice, considered auspicious in Japanese lore.

The Sathya Sai Centre of Tokyo commemorated Easwaramma Day on 6th May 2018 with a special programme by the SSE children and a graduation ceremony for the senior class. More than 80 people, including parents, enjoyed the array of presentations featuring melodious hymns, devotional prayers, songs, and values-based skits.

To alleviate the suffering of people affected by widespread rainfall in western Japan in 2018, SSIO volunteers refurbished houses damaged by floodwaters in Okayama and Hiroshima prefectures, during July and August 2018. On 9th April, SSIO volunteers also worked tirelessly to provide humanitarian relief to those affected by the 6.1 magnitude earthquake that damaged over a thousand homes in the Shimane prefecture.

Japan





Taiwan

On 12th May 2018, 11 SSE students participated in 'Shoes for Africa', a project that collects shoes for the underprivileged in Africa. Organised by Step 30 International Ministries, a non-profit organisation, the students helped sort shoes that would be sent to Africa for children in kindergarten.

On 30th June 2018, 110 enthusiastic Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) students, volunteers, and teachers along with their families and friends participated in the annual cultural programme to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of SSEHV in Taiwan. SSEHV students made wonderful presentations on the theme 'Protect the Planet'.

SSIO of Taiwan strongly supports protecting the environment. On 20th October 2018, 59 volunteers, including SSE students and teachers, along with their friends and families, cleaned up a beach in Northern Taiwan.

On 17th November 2018, 28 adults and 27 children participated in a 'Walk for Values' event organised by the SSIO of Taiwan. SSE students prepared and carried posters on the theme 'Protect the Planet.'

For more than 20 years, SSIO volunteers in Taiwan have organised numerous blood donation camps.

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