

COMING OUT OF THE SHELL

I am Suzauddula an international master's student at NCHU. Normally graduate students passed busy schedule in laboratory for doing their project or research. But I think sometime student should also involve themselves with social activities. During the summer break of 2022, I expected to utilize my time in both laboratory works and social activities.

Surprisingly I found an announcement from the Office of Intentional Affairs

NCHU about an Animal Volunteer Program arranging by International Volunteer Cub, NCHU. I applied and got the scope to work with a team. I spend a couple of weeks with the team for planning some events and fixing schedule for a successful program. Finally we prepared our-self and step out of NCHU toward the destination.



Picture before departure from NCHU (OIA),

Volunteer Program

THE FIRST TOUCH OF LOVE



Trying to become friend

We reached our first animal shelter between one and half hours and many dogs received us with loudly bark. Nobody knows that it was the first time that I was touching a dog, actually, there was not one dog, there were

too many dogs. I was little scared but from an article I learned that dogs can smell fairness so I tried to overcome it and keep myself calm. I tried to touch the dogs and started to play with them.

It was unbelievable for me that dogs began to play with me, even some dogs started to like me and moving near me whole the time. We cleaned the shelter and took the dogs for a walk. Not only the dogs became very happy when they went out with us but also we were very happy to see their enjoyment of freedom. We spend quality time with the dogs until they became tired. We scheduled different activities at some other animal shelter like



Jogging with dogs

took care of dogs, cleaned shelters and other useful works. We also helped NCHU Veterinary team in performing neutralization of dogs.

PASSING QUALITY TIME WITH CHILDREN

Another heart-touching activity of our program was passing time with orphanage children. We arranged two days educational activity with them. Although we wanted to visit



Interacting with children

physically but due to COVID-19, we conducted our activity at online. The children were adorable and lovely. We played different game and taught them about animal welfare. I shared about the culture of Bangladesh with

them and they enjoyed it. They called me “Monzala Gaga” (it's meaning Bangladeshi Brother) during the activity.

CONNECTING HEART WITH HEART

The 7 days program created many good memories among the team members. We played, took care each other, shared our memories and enjoyed ourselves a lot. Sometimes we have visited some historical places and ate traditional cuisines. Within a short time, a good bonding up among us. I was unable to understand the local language which could be created many problems but all the members helped me to overcome every difficulty smoothly. Every evening we discussed our activities with each other for improve it.

The program was very memorable. I learned different skills and activities which I will not be able to learn from my classroom. I think, to expand our thinking capacity and socialism; such a program could be effective. We all should expire some time for such activities which definitely make our soul happy.



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