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Type of Organization	Japanese Government Specified Nonprofit Corporation
Domain	International Cooperation
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Established	April, 1993
Number of members	600 supporters (from 2 to 80 years old, approx. same ratio of male to female)
Membership Fees	Annual Subscription: 6,000yen/year Volunteer member: subscription free

TPAK: Background and Activities

In 1991, three Yokohama citizens visited an orphanage in Ayuttaya, Thailand and became aware of the situation of hill tribe people in Thailand, and felt the urgent need for international cooperation. They founded TPAK upon their return to Japan.

Since then, TPAK has been promoting sponsorship of the hill tribe children and poor children living in rural Thailand in order to enable them to attend school, with the cooperation of the Department of Primary Education of the Ministry of Education of Thailand. TPAK is also providing support for disabled children and conducting other charitable activities.

Our support is focused on approx.200 primary and junior high schools in northern and northeast Thailand (such as Bahn Mae-toh), female self-help groups in rural areas, and Wat Sra Kaew orphanage in Ayuttaya, which is the largest orphanage in the world. We provide scholarships to about 80 students every year mainly to students in the mountain areas. As of 2001, TPAK has also started education support projects and water supply assistance projects for hill tribe people in Shan State, Myanmar, and as of 2005, a health education project at public elementary schools in Chamoli, and Adolescent girls' self-sufficiency support in Vikasnagar, Uttarakhand State, India. TPAK activities have continued to focus on supporting minority children and adolescent youths throughout Asia. We also invite the hill tribes' children to Japan and dispatch Japanese youths to Thailand, and organize friendship activities with Thai students in Japan.

For Japanese youths, we promote a volunteer intern system for developing international cooperation, study tour visits to mountain and rural areas of Thailand, Myanmar and India twice a year in March and August. Many of those participants later become international cooperation volunteers.

Domestically, we conduct disaster relief and rehabilitation project for the Great Kobe Earthquake 1995, the Chūetsu(Niigata) Earthquake 2004 and the Eastern Japan Great Earthquake Disaster, 2011.

TPAK Overseas Projects in 2010

Country	Project name	Site	Particulars / Beneficiaries
Thailand	Scholarship fund of Maetoh school	Maetoh school, Maetoh village, Chiangmai city, Chiangmai province	Scholarship to enable mountainous tribe children to go to high school or professional school. / 56(80% of all) students.
	Construction project; a classroom used as both a science lecture room and a dormitory.	Maetoh school, Maetoh village, Chiangmai city, Chiangmai province	Reforming an old-damaged classroom. / 350 students Donator: Hiroshima Peace Stone international education foundation
	Lampoon dormitory project.	Lampoon, Lampoon city, Chiangmai province	Leasing a dormitory to enable gradulators of Maetoh school to go to high school in Lampoon. / one dormitory:5 students
	San Kamphaeng dormitory project	San Kamphaeng, Chiangmai city, Chiangmai province	Leasing a dormitory to enable gradulators of Maetoh school to go to high school in Lampoon. / 2 dormitories :8 students
	Chiangmai dormitory project	Chiangmai city, Chiangmai province	Leasing a dormitory to enable gradulators of Maetoh school to go to high school in Lampoon. / 3 dormitories :12 students
	Life-skills training	Maetoh school and Chiangmai dormitory, Chiangmai city	Life-skills training for self-defense / 100 Junior high 3rd students
Myanmar	Medical assistance	Pamoon clinic, shan state	Supporting medical equipment / clinic covering 5000 people managed by 1 nurse
	Emergency assistance for Naunde village	Naunde village, Shan state	Accommodating children suffering war damage into a safe dormitory supported by TPAK and offering education opportunities. / 12 boys and girls

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Myanmar	Cyclone recovery assistance toward Tanriene monastery orphanage	Tanrien monastery orphanage, Yangon region	Recovery assistance for orphanage damaged by cyclone. Reconstruction of dormitories. / 300 children, 25 monks and teachers
India	Adolescent girls self-sufficiency support	Vikasnagar block, Uttarakhand state	Health improvement, Leadership training, income generating activity. / 1200 girls, 20 villages Commissioned project of Japan International Cooperation Agency(JICA).
	Construction project of Gender Resource Centre	Vikasnagar block, Uttarakhand state	Construction of a centre for the above project. D15m × W20m, reinforced concrete one-storied house.
Global	<i>A Gift from ocean to mountain</i> project.	Chiangmai, Thailand -Japan	Nutrition improvement support to Asian mountainous tribe children. Corroboration with fishermen of Kisaradu, Japan
	<i>Dream Wakame (seaweed)</i> workshop project	Thailand, Myanmar, India, Japan	Culturing wakame at Minatomirai, Japan with 300 children and sending wakame to Asian mountainous tribe children lacking in Iodine. Collaboration with an environmental NPO.
	Mittokantanon project	Chiangmai city, Chiangmai province -Japan	Selling beadwork accessories made by street children as art therapy. Collaboration with a Thai NGO.

History of TPAK

1991	Ms. Chikada, Mr. Matsuzawa and Mr. Oshima visited Thailand, feeling it necessary to support international cooperation activities that led to the establishment of TPAK.
1992	They survey mountain area in Chiangmai with Mr. Janaron, social worker coordinator in Thailand.
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They each provide 10,000yen as joint capital and establish <i>TPAK</i>. • Mr. Akira Joko (at that time, principal of <i>The Matsushita Institute of Government and Management</i>) is appointed as president. • School equipments and life improvement assistance are started in the northeastern area, northern mountain area, and Ayutthaya orphanage in Thailand.
1994	April: Launch ceremony at <i>Landmark Tower</i> , Yokohama. 100 participants
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to The Great Hanshin(Kobe) Earthquake TPAK sent 30 volunteers from January to March. • Educational support, school farm and life improvement assistance at Maetoh School, North area in Chiangmai, Thailand. • School farm project in northeastern area of Thailand. • Study tour <i>Chikyutai</i> in Thailand.
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing aids support in northeastern area of Thailand. • Poultry raising project in Chiangrai and Chiangmai, Thailand. • <i>Little earth</i> project in Kanagawa ; international exchange program with foreign students living in Yokohama
1997	Maetoh school fund; scholarship fund is established in Thailand.
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome Thai mountain tribe children</i> ; Invitation program to Yokohama. • President is changed from Mr. Akira Joko to Mr. Kanji Matsuzawa.
1999	Plant-dyeing craft center for women's self-sufficiency is established in Udonthani, Thailand.
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of student dormitories of mountain tribes in Chiangmai, Chiangrai in Thailand. • Support for a plant-dyeing craft center in Laos. • Emergency assistance toward Wat-sakeo orphanage suffered flood damage in Ayutthaya, Thailand.
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project in Myanmar is started. • Study tour in Myanmar is conducted. • <i>Learning together</i> : Hearing aids support in northeastern in Thailand.
2002	Muu-Muu project; a long-stay survey projects in Wat-sakeo orphanage by college students.

2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Janalon, the coordinator in Thailand and the person who triggered the establishment of TPAK, passed away. • A water storage tank is constructed in Pontan village, Shan state, Myanmar. • Support to school in Taunggyi district, Myanmar. • Baseline survey in Uttarakhand state, India.
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A boy's dormitory of Mong tribe is constructed in Maetoh school, Chiangmai, Thailand. • Mobile library project is northeastern Thailand; a collaborative project with ACEC Thailand. • Nanpaun school dormitory is constructed in Shan state, Myanmar. • Sent volunteers to The Chūetsu(Niigata) Earthquake.
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) commissioned two year project, Improvement of Social Consciousness of Health and Hygiene project in Uttaranchal state begins. • <i>Rainbow bridge, South-South cooperation</i> project between Thailand and Myanmar. • High school dormitory lease project is started in Chiangmai, Thailand.
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dek</i>, the award-winning documentary film of Maetoh school, is showed. • <i>Terra People Association Kanagawa</i> is incorporated and registered as a Japanese government registered Not-for-Profit organization, <i>Terra People Act Kanagawa / TPAK</i>. • Chief executive officer is changed from Ms. Machiko Chikada to Mr. Yoshiyuki Igota. • Farpuratan dormitory is constructed in Maetoh school, Chiangmai, Thailand. • Health survey in Tanrien monastery orphanage, Yangon and Shan state, Myanmar.
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Schooling project 'food and health' is started in Khon kaen province, Thailand. • UNIFEM commissioned one year project, Sahki Project (Adolescent girls' development initiatives program), Uttaranchal state, India
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nargis, cyclone attack in Myanmar. • Myanmar Cyclone Rehabilitation Project • Emergency reconstruction assistance to Tanrien monastery orphanage.
2009	<p>JICA commissioned three year project, Adolescent girls' self-sufficiency support project in Uttarakhand state, north India begins.</p>

2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JICA commissioned two year project, Adolescent Girls' Health and Hygiene Improvement Support project in Uttarakhand state, north India begins. • Received Kanagawa Prefecture Governor's Award for children's activities with Kamaishi Fisherman's Association (KFA) in both Kamaishi City and our local community in Yokohama for the past five years.
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Eastern Japan Great Earthquake Disaster • Provided logistical support and dispatched doctors and emergency supply goods to Ishinomaki City, Miyagi Prefecture and Kamaishi City, Iwate Prefecture. • The Kamaishi Nursery Tsunami Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation Project in Kamaishi City, Iwate Prefecture began. • The Unosumai Nursery Tsunami Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation Project in Kamaishi City, Iwate Prefecture began.