# Global Collaboration: Cheering Up Sri Lanka - Bridge to Brighter Futures

## (Overseas service tour) Information Sheet

The programme offers you immersive opportunities in the Sri Lankan culture. You will be engaging in the local cultures through cultural exchange, as well as experience the slow-pace living and simple lifestyle. Let's embrace with diversity as a global citizen.

| Duration                      | 27 Jul – 4 Aug 2024   |
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| Highlights                    | <ul> <li>To experience the local life and environment</li> <li>To understand the nature of local tradition, environment and community</li> <li>To share culture and experiences with village youths</li> <li>To develop solidarity with local community, understanding and sharing with international volunteers</li> </ul> |
| Destination                   | Nawalapitiya, Sri Lanka   |
| <b>Partnered Organization</b> | VolTra  |
| Eligibility                   | All students, priority is given to full-time higher diploma and undergraduates (First come, first served)   |
| No. of participants           | 15  |
| Accommodation                 | <ul> <li>Local family home staying</li> <li>Participants may be required do some household chores or cleaning work. 4-6 participants will stay in one room.</li> </ul>  |
| Meals                         | <ul> <li>Three meals a day will be covered, except the last dinner on Day 8</li> <li>The general diet at Sri Lanka is a bit spicy</li> <li>Beef and pork is not available due to religious reasons</li> </ul>   |
| Fee                           | HKD 16,500  |
| Financial support             | Each student will receive a subsidy of maximum 50% of the tour programme fee, subject to the availability of the student's GLEF^.   |
| ELAT                          | Global and Cultural Enrichment  |

<sup>\*</sup>The programme fee may various from the airfare and number of participants, excessive part will be served as deposit and will be refunded after programme

#### Remarks

- The tour will be led by the staff of VolTra.
- The participants will depart from Hong Kong by themselves and meet the Voltra staff at the Airport at Colombo, capital city of Sri Lanka.
- Participants should be able to use English (written and verbal) to communicate with local people during the tour.
- Participants are expected to share his/her own culture with the local villagers.

#### Schedule

| Date                       | Activities (tentative, subject to change)              |
|----------------------------|--|
| 26 Jun (Wed) 18:00 – 20:30 | Pre-camp briefing 1 (by Voltra) at EDUHK Tai Po Campus |
| 17 Jul (Wed) 18:00 – 20:00 | Pre-camp briefing 2 (by Voltra) at EDUHK Tai Po Campus |

<sup>^</sup>For the general principles governing GLEF and application procedures, please refer to their website.

<sup>#</sup>To find out more about Experiential Learning and Achievements Transcript (ELAT), please visit their <u>website</u>.

| 27 Jul (Sat)               | Departure from Hong Kong  |
|----------------------------|---|
| 28 Jul (Sun)               | Welcoming session & Introduction of Nawalapitiya,                         |
| 29 Jul (Mon)               | Visit a self-employment family (crafting/agriculture)                     |
| 30 Jul (Tue)               | Meeting local villagers for cultural exchange                             |
| 31 Jul (Wed)               | Meeting local villagers for cultural exchange                             |
|                            | Visit tea plantation field and tea factory in the Kandy town              |
| 1 Aug (Thu)                | Meeting local villagers for cultural exchange                             |
| 2 Aug (Fri)                | Visit tea plantation field and tea factory in the Kandy town              |
|                            | Meeting local villagers for cultural exchange, Farewell & Evaluation      |
|                            | session   |
| 3 Aug (Sat)                | Visit the Kandy town  |
| 4 Aug (Sun)                | Return to Hong Kong (with the returning flight at the midnight (00:40) of |
|                            | Aug 4 departing from Colombo)   |
| 13 Aug (Tue) 18:30 – 19:30 | Debriefing Session (SAO)  |
| 4 Sep (Thu) 09:00          | Submission of ePortfolio  |

### List of documents to be submitted

- 1. Bank-in slip or transaction record
- 2. Copy of travelling document and HKID
- 3. Roundtrip Boarding Passes/ train tickets (HARD copy)
- 4. Activity Evaluation Form
- 5. ePortfolio
- 6. Post-tour sharing materials
  - a. Photos and videos

#### Terms and Conditions

- 1. You are required to fulfill 100% attendance of all sessions, coming in late and leaving early will be considered as absent. You will be assumed to have withdrawn from the activity should you fail to fulfil the attendance requirement.
- 2. You are required to settle the programme fee and submit all required documents on time.
- 3. Withdrawing from the activity at any point in time or failing to depart, any of the payment made will NOT be refunded.
- 4. Applicants are responsible for checking their own validity of travelling documents and VISA, and your own GLEF balance before application.
- 5. You are required to submit and complete the application of the Global Learning Enhancement Fund (GLEF) for the activity, and observe the <u>GLEF User Guide for Students</u>.
- 6. Deposit will be refunded, upon your successful completion of the activity, within two months after the activity end date.
- 7. SAO may exercise their right to terminate the activity in the event of emergency, including but not limited to political instability, social problem, natural disaster, environmental hygiene, widespread of an epidemic, the World Health Organization or The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government issuing a travel warning of the destination before departure or during the tour, or international travel becoming restrictive.
- 8. You are required to exhibit appropriate manners and behaviours during the tour as I will be representing the EdUHK.

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9. The breach of the abovementioned terms and condition can lead to activity hours not recorded on the Experiential Learning and Achievements Transcript (ELAT), deposit being withheld, and/or immediate termination of my participation in the activity.