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# Hands On Tokyo

Assisting individuals in discovering their own potential to contribute to society

**H**ands On Tokyo, Tokyo's only bilingual, nonprofit, volunteer clearinghouse, is holding a "Day of Service" on Sep. 29. The purpose of the day is four-fold: To draw increased attention to the growing volunteer movement in Japan, to give back to the Tokyo community, to provide a meaningful experience for those who wish to volunteer, and to raise awareness and funds for Hands On Tokyo.

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The Day will engage approximately 200 foreign and Japanese volunteers to serve at three different service projects throughout the city. Projects have been designed in partnership with the participating nonprofit organizations and Hands On Tokyo leadership. Such projects include partnerships with Second Harvest Food Bank, Sakuragawa Senior Home, and Saiseikai Hospital.

In addition to the Day of Service, Hands On Tokyo operates three weekly projects for volunteers. Hands On Tokyo serves as the "middle man" between volunteers

and nonprofit agencies, helping the agencies determine the best use of volunteers, and assisting individuals in discovering their own potential to contribute to society.

Each Hands On Tokyo project is "pre-tested" prior to sending volunteers to help ensure there are fewer surprises for either the volunteer or the agency to which the volunteers have been sent. In addition, each project has a bilingual project coordinator on site, enabling those with limited Japanese speaking skills to also contribute.

Founded in January 2007, Hands On Tokyo is part of the international Hands On Network based in Atlanta, Georgia in the United States. The Hands On Network serves as an umbrella organization for more than 70 affiliates throughout the world, thereby helping to develop a worldwide service movement. In October 2007 Hands On Network will merge with the Points of Light Foundation to form the world's largest volunteer organization with 370 branches.

Hands On Tokyo is actively looking for corporate and individual sponsors for the Day of Service. To become involved with Hands On Tokyo as a volunteer or an individual or corporate sponsor, please contact Yuko Takahashi at [handsontokyo@hotmail.com](mailto:handsontokyo@hotmail.com) or call 03-5404-3563.

