

I went to the mountain villages of northern Thailand three times and participated in international economic promotion volunteer activities there. Specifically, two weeks in spring 2012, two weeks in summer 2013, and three weeks in summer 2019. These activities were overseen by the late Professor Tatsuhiko Kawashima of Gakushuin University (father-in-law of Prince Fumihito Akishino. Ph.D. in Regional Science from Pennsylvania University. 1940-2021). (1) Tree planting work by transplanting seedlings in the tropical forest, (2) infrastructure development work such as the construction of flush toilets in the village. In 2019, I received a request from a local villager, "Could you help us with mountain village promotion measures? Also, we want you to help us with the village's big Christmas event." However, I could not do so over the last few years due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

From 21st December 2022 to 10th January 2023, I stayed at a Karen village in northern Thailand and worked on the following volunteer activities. (1) Activities to introduce and disseminate indigenous honeybee beekeeping agriculture that promotes the mountain village economy. (2) Christmas carol accompaniment activities using electronic keyboard instruments to liven up village events.