



AYF Spotlight

YUNGA JAPAN

YUNGA Japan won a special prize this year. During the Pasona progress meeting held last June, the company evaluation committee recognized that the YUNGA Japan Team under AYF division has made a lot of effort promoting SDGs including through the YUNGA Ambassador Program. This Award couldn't be possible without the AYF Alumni as the YUNGA project started as part of our AYF fellowship program. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



AYF became a Member of the Program of SDSN Youth Global Network.

Over a year ago, some AYF Alumni planted the seed to become SDSN Youth members and recently we could see the fruit of this great initiative. We are glad to become an official member of this youth network which gathers youth led organizations around the world. Thanks to the work of Erin and the SESAME team back in Gen 2!



AYF GLOBAL WEBINAR SERIES

AYF Global has started its inaugural webinar series last June with the theme of "the Power of Diversity" Webinars feature AYF Alumni and expert guests alternatively. Since the launch of the global platform over 300 people have registered, with new members joining everyday!

We also have plans to do more webinars as part of this series as seen on right.



July
Future of Education

August
SDGs and Sustainability

September
Arts and Culture

October
Food and Lifestyle

November
International Cooperation

AYF Alumni



Ankit Tomar



AYF Alumni 2019.

From Dehradun-India. Singer-Songwriter, Architect and Visual Designer

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“Words for you. Songs for me.”

Hello, I'm Ankit from Dehradun, India. Professionally an architect/designer and passionately a singer-songwriter. I come from a small town with big dreams, experiencing my journey and writing songs on the go.

What a roller-coaster it has been!

After a seven-month long lockdown in India, I was finally able to come back to Awaji. Currently, I am working as an interior designer in Pasona's In-house design team. Our team is responsible for the design of new offices that are being established in Awaji after Pasona decided to move its major operations here.

I'm also helping AYF with this newsletter as a graphic designer.

I've also been involved in some freelancing projects related to website design sourcing clients from India, Japan and the Netherlands; thanks to my wonderful AYF family.



“Music is my driving force and I've been writing songs constantly. Since 2020, I have released 3 singles, the latest one was released in June.

As Freddy Mercury says, “..There's no stopping me!”, I plan to release an EP album by the end of this year and constantly improve my musical identity. You can check my music on all major platforms like Apple Music, Spotify, YouTube and others.

If you need any creative collaboration or plan to have a conversation related to interstellar space travel, cryptocurrencies or I don't know, Damon Salvatore from The Vampire Diaries! Hit me up!”



Zulfadila Hira Permana (Ira)



AYF Alumni 2018.

From Indonesia. Consultant for sustainable Tourism Development

“I wanted to come back to my hometown to create a similar initiative to empower local communities there. “

Greetings from warm and sunny Wakatobi, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia! (Look it up! Treat your eyes to the dazzling blue ocean and colorful corals.)

Prior to working here, I was fortunate enough to work on yet another mesmerizing island, called Awaji in the Eastern Seto Inland Sea of Japan. Awaji Youth Federation (AYF) brought me and around 20 other youths from all around the world to learn about the charming Japanese culture as well as develop projects on regional revitalization. My biggest drive for joining AYF was that I also wanted to come back to my hometown to create a similar initiative to empower local communities there. Therefore, I really took the opportunity to improve my skills, especially in business and project management. The biggest treasure I got during my almost two years' stay in Japan was the new AYF family that I will cherish forever.

This job sparked my interest in sustainability. So, I'm also currently pursuing a Master's degree in Sustainability Management from one of the best business schools in Indonesia together with around 20 people from ASEAN countries. With this extra knowledge and network, I wish to start my own enterprise focusing on sustainable living and agriculture back in my hometown. Is anyone keen to collaborate? Let's connect! :)

For now, I am working with a global NGO to develop a sustainable tourism destination in Wakatobi. As one of the project leaders, I work closely with communities, businesses, and the local government to come up with the most suitable tourism products and services offer that will benefit the people and the planet; now and in the future.





Yibo (David) Sun



AYF Alumni 2019

From Canada. Tutor at Tokyo Academy with passion in Business Consultant

“It brings me enormous joy when I see my students being inquisitive and eager to solve problems.”

Teaching high school students has been enormously rewarding. They are at a critical stage of their lives when they can be so mature and thoughtful yet also have so much to learn. I see the value in my work, and that is what drives me to deliver the best service to my students.

Hello! I'm Yibo from Canada. I currently work as a Math and Economics tutor at an education company. I mainly tutor high school students attending international schools in Tokyo.

I would like to thank AYF and Pasona for helping me discover my path. Back in Feb 2019 when I first arrived on Awaji, I had no idea where I was going in life. I had been unsure of my academic and career choices up until then. Through working at Pasona as an AYF fellow for 12 months and then as a proper employee for another 12 months, the different teammates that I worked with and the diverse projects that I have contributed to all profoundly pushed me to discover myself further. I would not have gained the confidence necessary to be where I am today without the help of the amazing supervisors and colleagues I have met on Awaji Island.

In Tokyo, I spend a total of 2 hours every work day cycling to work and cycling back. During my days off, I often spend 4 or 5 hours cycling around Tokyo alongside the Arakawa river. Cycling makes me happy. I feel so free and refreshed when I cycle. Cycling also reminds me of how thankful I am of that fact that I live in Japan. Everyday, I would encounter something new on the streets that makes me marvel again at the beauty of Japanese culture.



Moving forward, I see myself eventually doing an MBA and then becoming a management consultant. My current company really helps me build the right type of work experience for MBA and consulting.

I am always eager to network with people. If you are in Tokyo and interested in getting a coffee, let me know!

Pasona Information



French Auberge

Auberge La Forêt Française is one of Pasona Group's new facilities located about 3 minutes from Awaji IC and consists of three buildings offering dining and accommodation. Each of the buildings have different themes and different types of French cuisine. La Rose is the first of three buildings opened this summer and featuring a fusion of "Japanese" and "French" cuisine. Auberge sits on top of a hill and looks as if it has been lost in a French fairy tale, with calming pink tones and a serene atmosphere



“La Forêt Française”

Dragon Quest Island

DRAGON QUEST ISLAND: Zoma and the Archipelago's Origin opened at the Hyogo Prefectural Awajishima Anime Park "Nijigen no Mori" on 15 May (Sunday) where visitors enjoy the world of "Dragon Quest" as an outdoor field RPG attraction where one become the protagonist of the story and explore on their own feet. According to the Nijigen Nomori Co. park operator, the attraction is built in an area of some 8,000 square meters, using rich nature and digital imaging.



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