

Regular Chat Room
April 15th and 17th, 2025
Theme: Volunteering (ボランティア)

Self-introductions for new participants:

- What is your name?
- Where are you from?
- What do/did you do for work (job title, raised children, etc.)?
- What do you like to do for fun?

Questions:

1. How would you define volunteering?
2. Why do people volunteer? Why would you volunteer?
 - a. What are some personal benefits that you would get from volunteering?
 - b. Do you think volunteering is good for your resume? Why or why not?
 - c. Should you volunteer if your main objective is your own benefit? Why or why not?
3. Does the time period you volunteer for matter? Is long-term volunteering more meaningful?
 - a. How can volunteers measure the impact of their work?
4. What is the most recent volunteer work you did? What did you do?
 - a. How did you feel about the work before, during, and after doing it?
 - b. Did you make any new friends while doing the work?
 - c. Have you ever volunteered to help after a natural disaster? What did you do?
5. Have you ever regretted volunteering?
6. What is the most memorable volunteer experience you've ever had?
7. What volunteer work should more people do?
8. Do a lot of the people in your life volunteer? Why or why not?
9. What volunteer work would you be interested in doing?
10. Have you ever benefited from someone else's volunteer work?
 - a. What kind of work did they do?
11. What are some organizations that do volunteer work and what work do they do?
12. What is the difference between professional and amateur volunteer work?
13. Should schools encourage volunteer work? Why or why not?
 - a. How can they encourage volunteer work?