



The Project

Journey to Forever is a pioneering expedition by a small, mobile NGO (Non-Government Organization) involved in environment and rural development work, starting from Hong Kong and travelling 40,000 kilometres through 26 countries in Asia and Africa to Cape Town, South Africa.

Our route will take us away from the cities and populated districts to remote and inaccessible areas (usually also the least developed and poorest areas), where we'll be studying and reporting on environmental conditions and working for local NGOs on rural development projects in local communities.

The focus will be on trees, soil and water, sustainable farming, sustainable technology, and family nutrition.

The aim is to help people fight poverty and hunger, and to help sustain the environment we all must share.

Seats for everyone

This is a participatory project. It's both a real journey and a virtual one via a high-speed satellite link with the vehicles and interactive forums online at our Website, where participants -- expert consultants or anyone with a PC and a modem, and especially schoolchildren -- can take an active part in the project as it unfolds.

Participation will be real, not just a token: the project team will organize the expedition, undertake the journey and do the work, but we'll be looking to our online participants to help give the project its shape as the journey unfolds.

Whoever you are and wherever you are, you can make a real difference! Everybody's welcome -- it's free, and open to all.

Schools

Schoolchildren are a special part of Journey to Forever -- this is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about the issues that are so vital to the world they'll inherit.

At the same time they'll learn how to use the new information technology in innovative and creative ways, linking and collaborating with other children in other lands, learning together, and contributing to real issues.

It's open to schools everywhere -- via satellite link, we'll take participating schoolchildren into classrooms in villages very far from anywhere.

Good news

Environment and development issues are usually bad news: millions of children starve, tropical forests are destroyed, pollution spreads everywhere, there's even a hole in the sky.

But that's only one side of the story. Journey to Forever will cross a huge expanse of the globe, and we expect to find plenty of good news and cause for optimism -- and to help demonstrate that ordinary people, even children, can make a positive contribution to the health and future of this most beautiful planet.

First stop

Japan! -- not indeed a poor Third World country. Our stay here is the final part of project preparation before starting the journey.

We're living in a 100-year-old traditional farmhouse in a rural village up in the mountains near Kyoto, with farming land and workshops, we're much involved in on-the-ground sustainability, Appropriate Technology and biofuels projects here and elsewhere in Japan. We're giving all our technology and resources a final, real-world test-run, finding and filling in the gaps, adapting what needs adapting, developing what's missing. When we're ready, we'll leave, and the Journey-proper will begin.



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