

Long Term Volunteering and Internship Experience of Leila Seddiki, 25 yrs. Sponsored by the French Government under Service Civique. Extract from her report...

“I’m graduate in Political Science... I wanted to discover new culture. new facet of volunteering. I chose Malaysia and for past 6 months every day I find myself discovering and learning something new, Malaysian culture is so rich.

The main activity of SCI is the organisation of Workcamps and promotion of Peace. I helped organised and participated in 3 exciting and interesting workcamps... The Belt and Road Rooftop workcamp in Penang, with the Orang Asli (indigenous) in Kg Pertak, and the Organic Farming in Cameron Highland. They are all so varied, special, educational and great bonding session, with a huge focus on community service, volunteering and promotion of Peace.

I had the opportunity to attend several discussion, seminars, workshops on National Building, Interfaiths, Peace Rally, Peace Concerts, and the amazing International Day of Peace event. I also had the opportunity to attend many local colourful festive events... the Deepavali, Christmas, Thaipusam, Chinese New Year and an Indian and Malay Traditional weddings. Wow...

I helped to produce e-zine reports and videos for several of the events and they are in the SCI Malaysia U-Tube.

The Malaysians are very friendly and the atmosphere within the organization is so nice, it's like a family.

What I learned ?

I learned a lot, about myself because i think when you are volunteer like this, you learn to discover oneself, to know what you want what you don't want. . And I also think I have learned to open my mind, to be more tolerant in meeting different cultures very different to mine. I am more rich from this experience, professionally and personally.

Just to finish I would like to thank all SCI members who have become like my second family .. I met here people passionate, caring and interested and I have the chance to be able to share many things as well.

So Terima Kasih and thank you SCI MALAYSIA for all these wonderful moments!!! **Thank you to all the lovely people I met here. ”**