Developing sustainable agriculture working with Teatulia Teas in Bangladesh

Overview: This experience will allow participants to experience the sourcing of tea and the lifecycle of tea from farm to cup. Participants will hear and see the amazing origin story of Teatulia Teas. They will interact directly with local farmers to learn the organic farming process, how the land is prepared and planted and the crop procured and shipped. Students will also be introduced to Teatulia’s biopesticide & vermi compost making plant, and they will participate in different types of tea tasting followed by a debriefing on international certifications.

The service activities may include creating meals with the involvement of school children using the round balanced nutrition within that region. Students would also have an opportunity to become familiar with socio-cultural differences and current approaches to poverty alleviation, community transformation, impact measurement, traceability and environmental impact mitigation.

The Nitty-Gritty Details: Participants should be mentally and physically prepared for the travel time of 2 day travel to Bangladesh and 2 day travel back to Columbus. The trip begins on Friday, March 6, 2020, which is an academic class day. Individual participants are responsible for making their own arrangements with faculty regarding a missed day of class. Participants will be enrolled in supplemental travel insurance and are strongly encourages to have a travel consultation at Wilce Student Center as early as January 2020.

Additional Qualifications: In addition to the usual Buck-I-SERV participant expectations, applicants must have knowledge or ability in environmental sustainability or process and production improvement knowledge (Sig Sigma/LEAN, etc.). Participants are also required to know how to perform and teach first aid. Due to visa registrations (2 countries), all students must have a valid passport at time of interview. Previous international travel experience and completion of 1 year of university attendance prior to interview is desired.

Price: $3200

Trip Price includes:
- Transportation
- Housing
- Meals for the week
- Tools/supplies needed for service
- Passport not included

Transportation: Participants will travel by plane to India and travel via van to Bangladesh

Housing: On Site

Meals: All meals included

Social Justice Issue: 

Physicality Level: High

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