

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2009
MEDAL OF COMMENDATION

COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES (TEAM)

NUSSU VOLUNTEER ACTION COMMITTEE



“It begins with the smallest act of kindness, to touch the heart and soul of others.”

The NUSU Volunteer Action Committee (NVAC) was conferred the Singapore Youth Award for Community and Youth Services in 2002 for inspiring its members to give back to the community. Since then, NVAC has played an active role in both the global and national communities through its numerous initiatives to promote volunteerism among youths in Singapore and to raise awareness for global causes.

NVAC recognises the importance of developing volunteerism and offers a myriad of opportunities for volunteers. These include regular local interaction programmes at institutions such as the Moral Welfare Home and the Institute of Mental Health as well as international youth exchange programmes aimed at setting up medical and education wings in neighbouring ASEAN countries.



Since 2002, NVAC has organised several significant events, notably Charity Fiesta '07-'08 and Con Amore '08, in collaboration with organisations such as the National Council of Social Service, Singapore Pools and the Central Singapore Community Development Council, to promote volunteerism among members of the public. These novel methods reflect its innovative and extensive efforts in community outreach.

Internationally, NVAC made its mark by being at the forefront of several fundraising projects for victims of natural disasters such as Cyclone Nargis in 2008. The team has also been organising ongoing programmes such as Project Sang Khem (Cambodia) and Project Pinnya Tazaung (Myanmar), in aid of villages with limited amenities. These projects are expected to benefit an impressive 3,200 villagers.



In 2008, NVAC received the prestigious Commonwealth Youth Silver Award for demonstrating excellence in community work and promoting the spirit of volunteerism among undergraduates through Charity Fiesta, its flagship fundraising event.

For its achievements, as well as contributions to the local and global communities at significantly higher levels after being awarded the SYA, the NUSSU Volunteer Action Committee is conferred the Medal of Commendation 2009.