

Impression 2

Day 1, November 28, 2013 at 10:30 am when me and my two other friends arrived the port of Oshima Island it was quiet, clean and friendly neighborhood we were greeted and welcomed by the car rental officers where APFS managed to arranged our transportation to move along the area. At 11:00 am we went and report to Oshima Volunteer Center we were introduced and given short orientation for the purpose of our visit as volunteers. At 1:00 pm after lunch we went back to volunteer center, wheel burrows lined up lot of shovels and picks, tents for foods and drinks and uniforms were coordinately well displayed from its arrangements. After a shortwhile of briefing immediately we went to the main site which is Tsubaki Hotel, perhaps one to the most prestigious hotel in Mototamachi. Along the road hundreds of filled 1 ton sand bags already lined up ready to be moved to another area. As we approach the site little by little I felt terrible I cant belive what my eyes saw that very hour. I felt cold run over my whole body because of the devastation caused by the typhoon, lots of houses and families lost their lives and love ones and as well as their livelihoods, houses and hardly earned properties were totally destroyed. I can feel the pain and agony, how hard it is to face and have the courage to live and restart a new life, a new beginning to stand and fight the hardships, especially physically emotions, spiritually and psychologically. Peoples around the vicinity of island and among neighboring mainland volunteers comes everyday to pour out and extend to lend a hand to help and brings back the spirit and courage to live life to the fullest. Every single effort lift up one spirit and brings harmony, encouragement and determination of every citizen young and old. Students contributed great numbers as volunteers I was inspired by their inspiration to help and so eargerly and willingly to bring back hopes to those who are affected. Giving and sharing brings hope and relieve no matter what we are, who we are or where we from we're all the same in times like this. Giving solemn comfort to anyone brings smile and relived is the most precious gift and no one and anywhere in the world can buy. Thru my most inspiring experience in my life as a volunteer I am extending and willingly to devote and do more volunteering in the future and I solemnly promise to do more anytime anywhere I will join the force at any cost. I will do more to support humanitarian activfity, as the day one ends.

Day 2 and day 3 finished in hard work with lots of aspirations, hope and dreams that one day life in Motomachi will be back as normal as before and enjoy the rest the beauty of life with smile.