

WHV – Borobudur the 25th anniversary listed in UNESCO WH List and beyond: An International Workcamp Program

Borobudur Temple Compounds, Indonesia

◆ Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 1991

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The Borobudur Temple Compounds is one of the greatest Buddhist monuments in the world, and was built in the 8th and 9th centuries AD during the reign of the Syailendra Dynasty. The monument is located in the Kedu Valley, in the southern part of Central Java, at the centre of the island of Java, Indonesia. The main temple is a stupa built in three tiers around a hill which was a natural centre: a pyramidal base with five concentric square terraces, the trunk of a cone with three circular platforms and, at the top, a monumental stupa. The walls and balustrades are decorated with fine low reliefs, covering a total surface area of 2,520 m². Around the circular platforms are 72 openwork stupas, each containing a statue of the Buddha. The vertical division of Borobudur Temple into base, body, and superstructure perfectly accords with the conception of the Universe in Buddhist cosmology.



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Project objectives: The project represents a special event for the celebration of the 25th anniversary since the inscription of the Borobudur Temple Compounds on the World Heritage List in 1991. It will also ensure the training for the 8th batch of the Young Guardian Club (YGC) of Borobudur, a group of local activists engaged all throughout the year to support the conservation and awareness raising efforts at the site.

Project activities: The volunteers will organize a Heritage Hunt event at the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Borobudur' inscription, and will coordinate and support the creation of the 8th batch of the local Young Guardian Club, from the election of the new members to their training about volunteer management, major

heritage issues, and conservation threats faced by the site. An important work will also be done in cooperation with the site management in order to discuss and contribute to the long term strategies put in place for Borobudur, between the challenges of tourist management and the conservation needs of the property; they will at this occasion also have the possibility to learn hands-on about the tools and techniques used to clean the stones of Borobudur Temple Compounds.

Partners: Young Guardians Club Borobudur, Borobudur Conservation Office, and Office of Education and Culture of Magelang Regency.

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