

Tuvalu Project

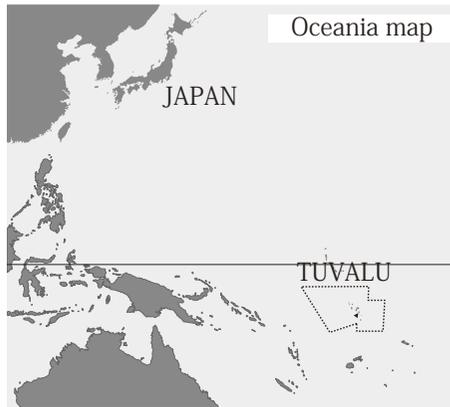
Build the Future with 10,000 Tuvaluans.



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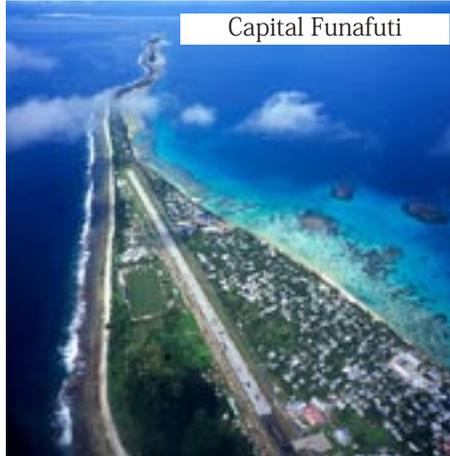
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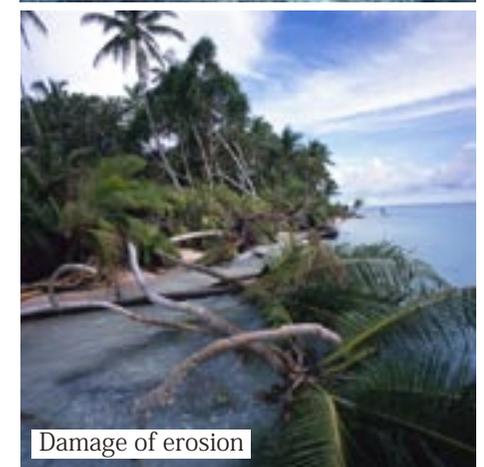
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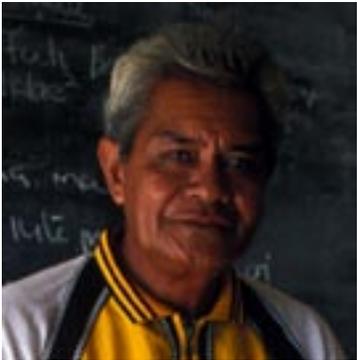
Tuvalu, a nation comprised of several small islands in the Pacific with a population of approximately 10,000, has become newsworthy not only because of the threat to its ancestral land but also for the potential loss of its rich culture due to changes in the sea level caused by climatic change. The lives of 10,000 Tuvaluans rests in the hands of the industrialized nations.

Fulfilling their simple hope to keep living in their land is not an easy task. The further cutting of greenhouse gases from all countries, especially from industrialized as well as newly industrialized countries, and the implementation of activities to affect serious climatic change are indispensable to build Tuvalu's future. However, science tells us that currently tabled and discussed ideas of post 2013 international framework on climate change by these countries is not enough to stop the sea level from rising. Hence, there is an urgent need of adaptation activities—activities that the small nation of Tuvalu cannot afford.

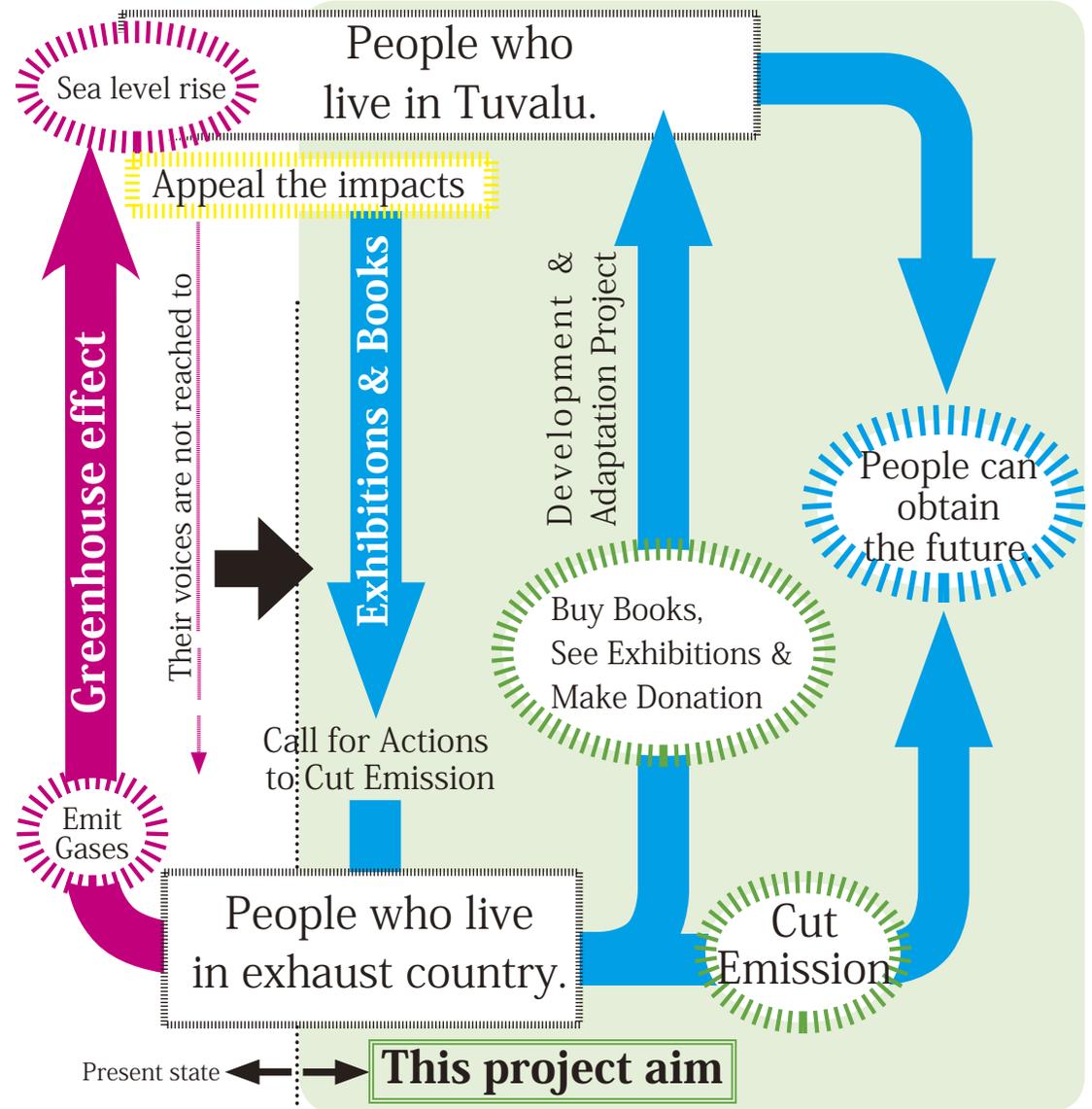


Damage of erosion

Purpose



Tuvalu Overview has launched a project “Build the Future with 10,000 Tuvaluan” to support the Tuvaluan's dreams of living in their native land. The project hopes to create a mechanism to call for people in the world to understand the grave situation in Tuvalu and make contributions to their future development by not only cutting more greenhouse gases but also by providing funds for development and adaptation activities in Tuvalu. The actions of the world's citizens will result in supporting to build not only Tuvaluan's future but also their own future. Tuvaluan's future is everyone's future.



Abstract



The project starts from when 10,000 Tuvaluans talk about Tuvalu's future they want to build. Their future vision will be compiled into books and exhibitions with 10,000 Tuvaluan's photographs to call for people in the world to cut their emissions. And parts of profits from sales of the books and exhibitions are used for development and adaptation activities in Tuvalu.

Your actions result in supporting to build not only Tuvaluan's future but also your future.

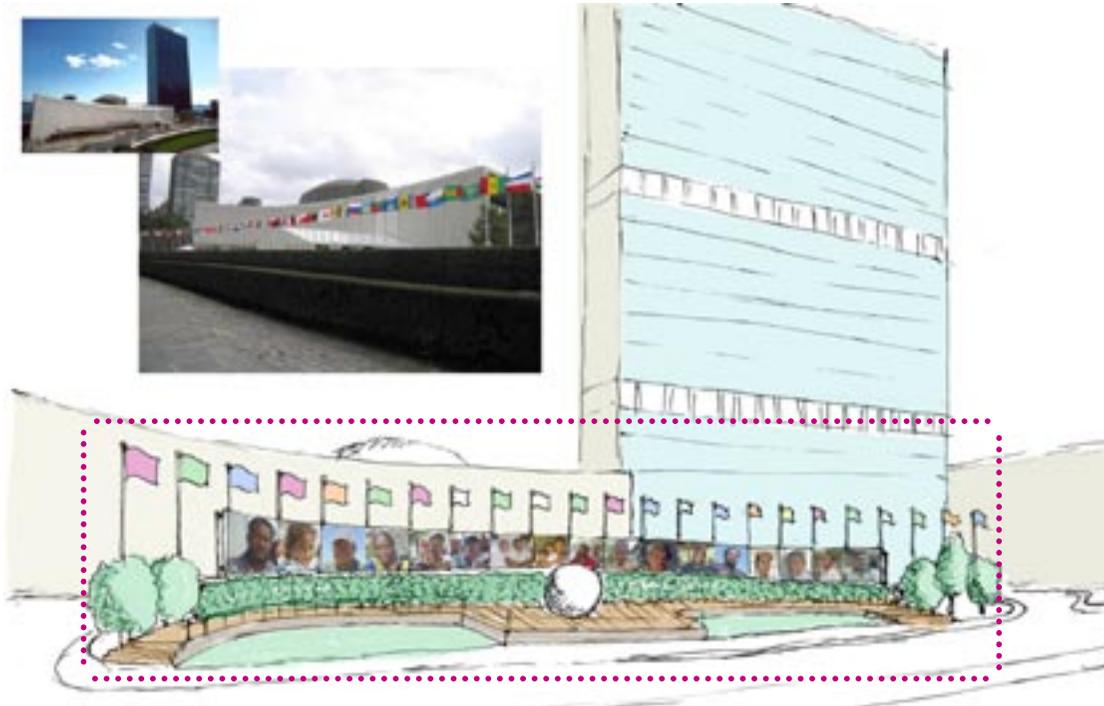


Image of photograph exhibition in The United Nations Headquarters building (If it is possible.)

It will plan to open it in an American major city, Japan, EU, India, and China, etc. starting with the exhibition in the United Nations.

Photograph book

Contents

-10,000 Tuvalu people's portraits

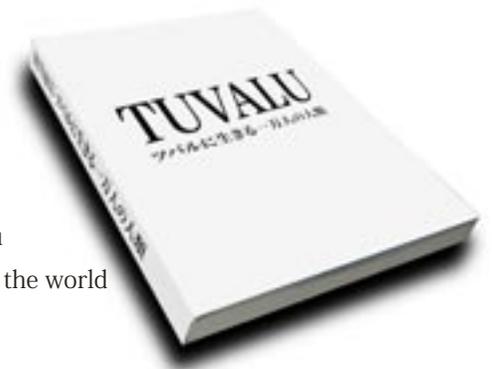
-Natural scenery

-Living and culture

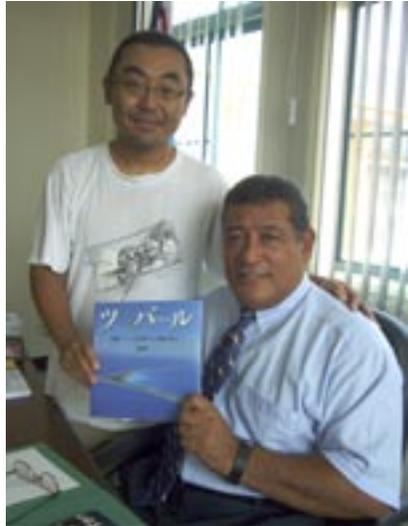
-Damage of sealevel rising in Tuvalu

-Damage of global warming all over the world

(color 300 page)



Message from Tuvalu



Sad to say, our country, Tuvalu, is gradually sinking into the sea. Sea level rise occurred from climate change caused by greenhouse gases from industrial countries puts us into this situation. So far, it is happening although this fact is very difficult to accept. However, I do not give up. Our life and culture with 2000 years history can not be existed at atolls where bristle with palm trees in a beautiful pacific ocean. Please imagine what will you do if you are forced to emigrate from familiarized land to places you have never been? No one is willing to accept the situation. Everyone in the world has right to realize your own dreams and rise children in your homeland. The project launched by my friend, Shuuichi

Right : Hon, Apisai Ielemia
The Prime Minister of Tuvalu.
Left : Mr, Shuuichi Endou
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and his colleagues is significant. I am very excited when I imagine that people in the world will learn about our dream, our hoping, our future and our smiles through this project. And I hope it will lead you to take action to cope with climate change, which will make us possible to continue to live in our land. Our country fully supports this project. Please join in to enjoy our life in the beautiful earth forever.

Hon, Apisai Ielemia : The Prime Minister of Tuvalu

<What is Tuvalu?>



Tuvalu, consist of 9 beautiful atolls with about 10,000 people, located just below equator in the Pacific Ocean. Total area of 9 atolls is 26km² and average altitude is about 2m. Therefore, it is the most vulnerable country

to climate change in the world. Their lands are projected to be under the sea within 50 to 100 years. Flood damage from high tide has been observed for these 20 years. Tide water which influx into the island blend in scarce ground water and give salt damage to their fields.

<Tuvalu Overview>

Tuvalu Overview is established in 1998 to the purpose of raisint public awareness of the situation of Tuvalu and supporting development and adaptation activities in Tuvalu. It was approved as non profit organization of Tuvalu in April 2005 and of Tokyo, Japan in January 2006.

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