

The Mangrove plantation activity in Nagura Bay, Ishigaki Island

The INPEX JODCO FOUNDATION (the Foundation) co-hosted a mangrove plantation activity in Nagura Bay, Ishigaki Island with Yaeyama Lions Club and International Society for Mangrove Ecosystems (ISME). This event was held on December 17, 2025, in presence of the Director of the Foundation, H.E. Mr. Shihab Ahmed Alfaheem, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Japan.

The UAE has announced a target to plant 100 million mangrove trees by 2030 in their own country. This activity, now in its third edition, has been an initiative put forward by Ambassador Alfaheem since 2023, the year COP28 was held in the UAE. It is part of efforts to tackle climate change and promote environmental exchange between the UAE and Japan.

About 60 participants took part in the activity, including Ambassador Alfaheem along with other members of the UAE embassy, the members of the Foundation, the Yaeyama Lions Club, ISME, students from Yaeyama Agricultural and Forestry High School, including those who participated in last year's mangrove plantation exchange program in the UAE. The cross-generational group planted 500 *Rhizophora stylosa* Griff seedlings.

The activity, as part of an initiative for environmental conservation to pass a sustainable natural environment onto future generations, provided a great opportunity to raise awareness of climate change measures not only in Ishigaki Island but also in the UAE, Japan, and the world.





The Foundation will continue to promote projects that facilitate environmental exchange between the UAE and Japan.