

BUAISOU Internship Programme 2023

CHAT (Centre for Heritage, Arts and Textile) is proud to announce that applications are open for the BUAISOU Internship Programme 2023, which will take place in Tokushima in Japan during the 2023 Summer period.

The exclusive 3-month internship programme follows the [*Absolute Blue: BUAISOU Works with Japanese Natural Indigo*](#) exhibition presented in CHAT's Winter Programme 2022. Open to application from Hong Kong residents, the successful candidates will join BUAISOU in their studio and farm in Tokushima and experience their unique farm-to-closet practices, from farming and harvesting indigo to learning about fermentation and dyeing techniques.

4 shortlisted candidates will be invited to join the [*Master Class: BUAISOU Intermediate Indigo Workshop*](#) as participants as part of the audition process. Two candidates will be selected for the internship programme.

Applicants are required to possess substantial knowledge in indigo dyeing, show great passion for the craft, be independent and are dedicated to learning about Japanese indigo farming traditions. The internship will require proficiency in Japanese or English and involve outdoor work. An international driving permit is also recommended.

ABOUT BUAISOU

Based in Tokushima, Japan's largest producer of traditional indigo dye, the young craft collective BUAISOU pursues the craft of Japanese natural indigo dye through traditional fermentation methods. From cultivating, processing and fermenting indigo, to dyeing, most of their production procedures are performed manually using traditional methods.

While upholding the revered traditions of the centuries-old craft, BUAISOU has pushed the boundaries of Japanese natural indigo dyeing beyond textiles to furniture items like stools and coasters. Effectively transforming this time-honoured craft, BUAISOU communicates with contemporary audiences through diverse collaborations with international brands and designers from Jimmy Choo, Tory Burch, NIKE, to Artek and more.

Application Procedures

Application Deadline: 14 October, 2022

Internship period: 22 May – 19 Aug, 2023

- ❖ Please kindly complete the [internship application form](#)
- ❖ CV
- ❖ 300-500 words in English on your motivation and rationale for applying for the internship

- ❖ 4 shortlisted candidates will be invited to a briefing and audition during the *Absolute Blue: BUAISOU Works with Japanese Natural Indigo* exhibition at CHAT; the candidate will be assessed by the BUAISOU and CHAT team throughout the audition period; shortlisted candidates are expected to attend the Master Class workshop at their own expense (a discount of HK\$200 will be applied to the workshop fee)
- ❖ 2 final successful candidates will be selected after the audition

Notes

Working hours are from 9:00am to 6:00pm on weekdays, as well as every second and fourth Saturday of each month. Interns are expected to cover their own airfares, insurance and the required visa for the internship prior to their trip to Tokushima.

Although having an international driving permit is recommended, interns will also be able to get around via public transport and bicycle. Interns are responsible for arranging their own rental car or bicycle.

Duties

Selected interns will work at BUAISOU's farm and assist the team in growing and harvesting indigo. Depending on the individual's indigo dyeing skills and experience, interns may also have the opportunity to assist BUAISOU in the indigo dyeing process.

Who Should Apply

Indigo Enthusiasts

BUAISOU welcomes interns from all over the world who are interested and have prior knowledge in indigo dyeing. Candidate has to be passionate about indigo dyeing and have experience in indigo dyeing.

Art and Craft Practitioners

Learning from BUAISOU's farm-to-closet practices, interns will be able to experience indigo dyeing from harvesting to product development. Candidate with art and craft background will benefit from BUAISOU's dedication and obsession on indigo dyeing.

Japanese Culture Enthusiasts

Indigo was used in Japan dated back to the Edo period, and Tokushima was and remains a major indigo producer for a very long time. Intern can explore the heritage and history of indigo production in Tokushima and experience authentic Japanese agriculture lifestyle and craftsmanship during the internship.

Criteria**Attitude**

- ❖ Interns should expect working outdoor at the farm
- ❖ Open to different duties
- ❖ Able to communicate in English or Japanese and be open to cultural differences
- ❖ Proactive and studious with a can-do-spirit
- ❖ Passionate about preserving indigo production techniques and Japanese traditions

Practicality

- ❖ International driving permit preferred but not mandatory
- ❖ Proficiency in Japanese or English
- ❖ Must be a Hong Kong resident
- ❖ Able to take part in the audition at the end of October, 2022
- ❖ Be committed to the whole internship period

To apply, please fill out the [application form](#) by 14 October 2022, 23:59 HKT (UTC+8).
Shortlisted candidates will hear from us within 2 weeks of application.

Personal data collected will be used for recruitment purposes only. Applications will be destroyed within 2 months.