

The End of a Long Journey

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The Tsunami Relief project has been an experience that I will never forget. At the beginning I was skeptical towards its place in a comparative politics class. As the project progressed and as I learned more from the lectures, the project fell into place. The trials and tribulations of interest articulation were emphasized as our group work through our project. The frustration of conflicting ideas, different schedules, and meticulous paperwork became real, instead of learning about it in a lecture. Yet, the satisfaction of doing something that improved the international community overpowered the aggravation.

I am saddened that the Tsunami relief project is coming to an end. The individuals I had worked with were the hardest working and focused people I had ever met. They made this project easier with their willingness to experiment and an open mind. My group members made the project fun, and I had a great time working with them. Yet, among all things, the project has inspired me to participate more in the political community, so in a way, the spirit of the Tsunami relief effort will never end.