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Ryuhoku Elementary School is the first participant of the project that planted "Second-generation of Bombed Kaki Tree" in their school on March 5th, 1999. Ms. Yuko Hatakeyama, a teacher

who saw an article in the newspaper and 16 students of third grade wanted to raise a kaki tree. Their wish was made come true when the tree-planting ceremony, "meet the KAKI", was held.

They named one kaki tree as "Kaki-Kaki-kun," and the other as "Yume-Kaki-chan". Kaki-Kaki-kun means bombed kaki tree and its junior. And they placed their hopes in Yume-Kaki chan. (Yume means dream in Japanese).

At the same time, Miyajima and students held a workshop to think about the Kaki Tree in 10 years. L.E.D. digits were attached to drawings that Miyajima drew, and each student signed on two of those. They adjusted the speed of the clock on their own and promised they



would adjust another when they will meet again someday.



They kept in touch even after the "Second-generation of Bombed Kaki Tree" was planted. They formed an executive committee of Kaki Tree Project and continued until they

graduated. They said "we would keep raising and watching it." or "when something bad happens, we will remember the Kaki Tree and get over it."

On August 19th 2006, the 10th anniversary ceremony, "The Harvest



of Kaki" was held. Miyajima, Dr. Ebinuma, teachers, 13 students and people who were involved in the project reunited under the Kaki Trees. Finally, they completed the drawing by adjusting the speed of the clock. They celebrated their growing and reunion by putting red L.E.D. lights on kaki trees as well. It was like a Christmas tree in midsummer.

In 2016, kaki fruits were bore for the first time since the tree was planted 20 years ago. Since then, the kaki tree has been bearing fruit once every two years.