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Edgerton Cemetery



UK



Huddersfield



26 Mar 2006

Mr Jonathan Adamson, who initiated the planting at Edgerton Cemetery on 26th March 2006, applied for another planting. Mr Adamson has been promoting the project in the area where he lives since the first planting in 2006 and has sent a number of letters introducing the Kaki Tree Project to more than a dozen neighboring schools and churches. Two places among those have expressed their keen interest in the project and the planting finally took place at Fylingdales Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. The school is located in northern England.

The planting related events took place for two days, on 24th and 27th of February. The



tree planting ceremony on the 24th of February was held at the primary school and an original story based on a Japanese old story of Benkei and Yoshitsune was told. In the story, Benkei and Yoshitsune became friends again in the end because of a kaki tree. Then the kaki tree was planted as a choir from the town sang.



Yokohama Civic Gallery Azamino



Japan



Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa



27 May 2006



Although two kaki trees were planted at Toride Daini Junior High School on 20th February 2004, one of them almost died. Mr and Mrs Tokuura, then PTA members, took a great care of the tree for 5 years at home and wonderfully revived the tree. It was their wish to plant this tree at an elementary school, which led to the planting

at neighboring Terahara Elementary School.

At the tree planting ceremony on 12th February, pupils from two 5th grade classes planted the tree with other participants. Mr and Mrs Tokuura and Mr Toru Nukui, the PTA president of Toride Daini Junior High School at that time and who initiated the planting, also attended the ceremony. Children first watched the Kaki Tree Project DVD at the assembly room and then moved to the schoolyard to plant the kaki tree, which looked still thin even though it had become much better. Each child put soil over the tree. At the end, there was a group photo shoot.

Everyone including Mr and Mrs Tokuura will watch over the tree so that the tree can firmly take root in Terahara Primary School.



Giovanni Pascoli Primary School

 Italy



San Giuliano Terme, PI



5 Jun 2006



Istituto Comprensivo “G.B. Niccolini” learned about the Kaki Tree Project from a person in Poggibonsi, Italy where the tree planting took place on 1st of April 2000 and they wanted to have the tree planted in their city as well, so Mr. Andrea Famiglietti, principal of the school, and Ms. Sonia Pieraccioni, project leader, applied for the project. Giovanni Battista Niccolini School is a public school, which consists of 10 individual schools, with about 1,200 students ages from 3 to 19 and is the second largest school in the province of Pisa. As the planting site, one of the 10 schools, the schoolyard of Giovanni Pascoli Elementary School was chosen. On the day of the tree planting ceremony, a big persimmon tree and olives were painted on the wall of the entrance of the school and large drawings done by children were displayed in the schoolyard.

Children of Giovanni Battista Niccolini School gathered to the site one after another by bus. After the Japanese and Italian national anthems were performed, there were speeches given by the deputy mayor, concerned parties and Mr. Ebinuma and then the song “Il dottore e le piantine” and a cute dance were performed by the children of Agnano Kindergarten. Afterward

the tree was planted in the middle of the schoolyard, within the big fence that was made especially for the seedling. During the planting, a trumpet song called “Silenzio” was performed and created a solemn atmosphere. Then, the Kaki Tree Project and its local office exchanged a plaque and the project’s wrapping cloth, and concluded the ceremony with taking ceremonial photos. For this ceremony, Ms. Masako Suzuki, who helped us at the tree planting ceremony in the republic of San Marino, helped again as an interpreter.

The other tree will be planted in the Peace Park in the city of San Giuliano Terme.

From 6pm on the same day of the tree planting, “Briciole di Pace,” an annual event which is held at the end of a school year with the theme of peace, was held in the schoolyard of G.B. Niccolini School Main Building. This year’s theme was persimmon tree and the event featured singing, dancing and artworks by children and students from kindergarten to high school. Everything was inspired by peace and persimmon tree, and the event was a huge success with 1,400 visitors from the city.

Boden Lake

 Switzerland

 Kreuzlingen

 9 Jun 2006



Kreuzlingen is a beautiful city located on the Bodensee, on the border with Germany, about 60 km away from Zurich. The person who applied for the project is Ms. Colina A. Blanco W., who learned about the Kaki Tree Project on the BBC website and discussed plans of workshop and planting site with her friend, Mr. Walter Bartschi. They asked the city of Kreuzlingen for their cooperation so the project was realized. The planting site is a vast garden of a mansion nestled along the Bodensee, which is now owned by the university, and the well-kept garden is under the management of the city of Kreuzlingen.

Children from neighboring elementary schools and many people from the city of Kreuzlingen including the mayor and manager from city's education division (市の教育課長) attended the tree planting ceremony. After an opening address given by Mr. Walter Bartschi, there was a traditional sitar music performance of Nepal and then the tree planting followed.

Children took turns in putting soil in a pot with both hands. Considering that the temperature goes down to -10 degrees Celsius during the winter there, they will see how well the tree can adapt after planting it in a big pot and putting inside the glasshouse for three years. After the tree planting, children together played the song "Sakura Sakura," sang a song and read their poems, which was followed by a speech given by Mr. Ebinuma. Following a jambe performance, presentation of Kaki-no-ki Furoshiki (Persimmon wrapping cloth) and a speech made by Ms. Colina A. Blanco W., finally, children put 1,000 origami cranes around the seedling, concluding the ceremony. The seedling looked very beautiful surrounded by the colorful origami cranes. Those 1,000 origami cranes, based on the Sadako's Story, were made prior to the ceremony by the children at four elementary schools, each pupil making three of them.



Puerto Rico Museum of Contemporary Art



Puerto Rico



San Juan



11 Sept 2006

Puerto Rico's annual mean temperature is about 25 degrees Celsius and there is one rainy season and one dry season annually. The person who applied for the project was artist Ms. Elias Adasme Apablaza. As Ms. Elias took the lead, Puerto Rico Museum of Contemporary Art, Amnesty International Puerto Rico and several other cultural agencies cooperated and joined, and proceeded with the preparations for the tree planting to be held at the garden of the museum. Since Ms. Elias strongly desired to plant the tree on 11th of September for world peace, the seedling was sent from Japan to Puerto Rico in the spring time when transport of it was possible, and it was stored in a safe place in a pot from April until September.

The garden of the museum was a huge and beautiful, and many children gathered to attend the ceremony. Children covered the seedling with soil and tree planting was carried out without any trouble. A few children who dressed as persimmons were cute and left an impression on us.

After the tree planting ceremony, the Kaki Tree Project exhibition was also held from 15th of September through 22nd of October. Ms. Elias wishes to plant the seedling in her home country of Chile as well.

