

# Revive Time: Kaki Tree Project



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# Scuola Primaria

## “Don Remo Tonoli”

 Italy

 Brescia

 6 Mar 2008



As Cansorzio Travolo Della Pace Franciacorta – Monte Orfano took the lead in organizing, tree plantings at six municipalities in the Province of Brescia were realized. One of the sites was Don Remo Tonoli Primary School in the town of Coccaglio. When Mr. Ebinuma and others arrived, children who were eating the school lunch at the cafeteria welcomed them with a big applause. Prior to the tree planting ceremony, they showed us the models of a ruined city with a huge mushroom cloud and a beautifully revived city with a big persimmon tree which stands in the middle of the city, as well as art objects, drawings, collage works, and a story of persimmon tree whose projected images were displayed on the ceiling using a projector. All of those were very nice and teachers at the school

provided us detailed explanations.

The tree planting took place in the front schoolyard of the primary school and all the pupils sat around the big flag. Then a talk by the principal, an explanation about the project by the teacher in charge, delivery of Mr. Ebinuma's message, singing by children, presentation of Kaki Tree Furoshiki (Persimmon wrapping cloth) and poetry reading followed. There was a game, in which they played in pairs doing dance movements like the Japanese Tea-picking song.

Afterward all the participants including all the children and Mr. Ebinuma wore the handmade medals and three children on behalf of all the children planted the tree, covering it with soil. Nice wood fences were built around the tree and a white monument was also built. Mr. Ebinuma lowered the red cloth that covered the monument and that concluded the ceremony. Even after the ceremony, children swarmed over Mr. Ebinuma asking for his autograph.



# Scuola Media Statale “Leonardo da Vinci” via Solferino

 Italy

 Brescia

 6 Mar 2008



As Cansorzio Travolo Della Pace Franciacorta – Monte Orfano took the lead in organizing, tree plantings at six municipalities in the Province of Brescia were realized. One of the sites was Scuola Media Statale “Leonardo da Vinci.” Prior to the tree planting ceremony, peace march started from Istituto Comprensivo “Don Milani.” Children from Milani Primary School hung handmade cards around the neck and all of them held a big flag with dimensions of about 30m x 20m, and marched through the city being led by policemen and following Mr. Ebinuma, who held the seedling, to the planting site. As they approached the planting site, children called out “Pace (peace)” to the rhythm of their procession. When they arrived at Leonardo da Vinci State Middle School, teachers and a few students welcomed them holding the city flag and messages in their hands. Then, all the students and even neighboring kindergarten children, who were led by the hand by teachers and their

parents, also came. Each kindergarten child held a handmade flag of “Pace.”

During the tree planting ceremony, there were singing by kindergarten children together with many other children, delivery of Mr. Ebinuma’s message, an address made by the mayor, a presentation of studies by a group of middle school students, poetry reading as well as primary school children’s singing. Then, the representatives planted the tree in the schoolyard near the school gate.

At the end of the ceremony, everybody sang a song together and released a lot of balloons into the sky. The ceremony reached its climax at the end as teachers started dancing and kindergarten children waved the flags to the song.

After the ceremony, children presented origami cranes to the mayor, Mr. Ebinuma and others.

# The Nursing Home for Older People “Evaristo Almici”

 Italy

 Brescia

 7 Mar 2008

As Cansorzio Travolo Della Pace Franciacorta – Monte Orfano took the lead in organizing, tree plantings at six municipalities in the Province of Brescia were realized. One of the sites was the nursing home for older people “Evaristo Almici” in the city of Rezzato.

When Mr. Ebinuma and others arrived, a lot of people such as children from elementary and middle schools nearby and neighbors already gathered and gave them a big welcome together with the mayor of Rezzato. The national flags of Italy and Japan were put on the windows of the nursing home. During the tree planting ceremony, there were an explanation about the Kaki Tree Project, speeches by guests, an address made by the mayor which was followed by Mr. Ebinuma’s speech. Then, Mr. Ebinuma presented the seedling to the elderly at the nursing home and it was planted in the front courtyard of the nursing home by the representatives from children and adults. Afterward a priest said

prayers and gave a talk to “plant seeds of peace inside your heart and let us not forget about this day.”

Some children in pairs read their poems and there was also a drama performed by middle school students. The drama featured children who were playing peacefully (a boy playing with a ball, a girl jumping rope and a girl tossing rings) all of a sudden fell over and got covered by the white cloth. Then the next scene depicted these children being revived by a girl who looked like a fairy holding a tree branch, which seemed to be symbolizing the Kaki Tree Project. Afterward, participants received origami cranes and children’s music performance, poetry reading by middle school students followed.

Finally, presentation of the Kaki Tree Furoshiki (Persimmon wrapping cloth) concluded the big ceremony lasted over two hours.





# Scuola Elementa Statale



Italy



Brescia



7 Mar 2008

As Cansorzio Travolo Della Pace Franciacorta – Monte Orfano took the lead in organizing, tree plantings at six municipalities in the Province of Brescia were realized. One of the sites was Scuola Elementare Statale in the city of Leno.

A welcoming mood was created at the primary school as they hung a big banner with a message “To the world without nuclear weapons” written on in Japanese and orange balloons from the ceiling as well as decorated with origami cranes. When Mr. Ebinuma and others arrived, children came out from the classroom with big art works that they made for this day and welcomed them in the schoolyard.

The tree planting ceremony started as neighbors and students from nearby middle school gathered in large numbers. First, the principal explained about the Kaki Tree Project and continued with a talk on the atomic bombing. As the Japanese song “Sakura Sakura” was played, guests were introduced. Then the Japanese national anthem “Kimigayo” and the Italian anthem were sung beautifully by children, which was followed by speeches given by the mayor of Leno and Mr. Ebinuma. When Mr. Ebinuma said during his speech that “Today is my birthday,” children immediately responded with a gift of the song “Happy Birthday.”

While the song “Imagine” was played, the tree planting took place and a lot of balloons were released into the sky. Primary school children read their poems and sang a number of songs. A few representatives of middle school students also read their poems and lastly, all the participants received origami cranes. They had a really great time at the ceremony.



# Park in the City of Castegnato



Italy



Brescia



8 Mar 2008

As Cansorzio Travolo Della Pace Franciacorta – Monte Orfano took the lead in organizing, tree plantings at six municipalities in the Province of Brescia were realized. One of the sites was a park in the city of Castegnato, wherein Cansorzio Travolo Della Pace Franciacorta – Monte Orfano is based. The park lies adjacent to Scuola Primaria E. De Amicis and the nursing home for older people. A makeshift stage was set up in the big open space inside the park and the big flags that were used for the tree planting ceremony a day before were put on the wall.

Although it was drizzling on the day of the tree planting ceremony, children from Amicis Primary School came in neat lines to the park, being led by their teachers. Each child held origami cranes with a string tied. Many adults gathered



also. After addresses made by Mr. Giuseppe Orizio, mayor of the city of Castegnato and Prof. Elia Ravelli, principal of La Scuola Elementare di Castegnato, Mr. Ebinuma gave a speech. Mr. Shozo Tanaka, who is an atomic bomb survivor and now resides in the city, talked about the experience. After children introduced their poems, while everybody sang along to guitar, the youngest children covered the tree that was planted in a big pot with soil on behalf of other children. There was a surprise present of the song “Happy Birthday” to Mr. Ebinuma from children at the end. Although the tree was planted in the park after its improvement, it died unfortunately. So, on 14th of March 2009, the tree planting ceremony took place again with children invited. This time the tree was directly planted in the park, so it is believed to thrive.



# Convento dell'Annunciata



Italy



Brescia



9 Mar 2008

As Cansorzio Travolo Della Pace Franciacorta – Monte Orfano took the lead in organizing, tree plantings at six municipalities in the Province of Brescia were realized and to round up a series of tree plantings that took place in the Province of Brescia, they organized a tree planting in the open space adjacent to Convento dell' Annunciata. Prior to the tree planting ceremony, there was an exhibition on the theme of "The atomic bombing in Hiroshima" in the cloister of the convent.

Participants first gathered in the town of Coccaglio. A white tent was prepared in the rain and the mayor and the organizer gave speeches, and a story was presented to the accompaniment of a guitar. Five mayors from the municipalities of Rovato and Coccaglio, where tree plantings took place on 6th March, that of Leno and Rezzato, where tree plantings took place on 7th of March, and that of Castegnato, where tree planting took place on 8th of March, participated in the project and then they started to march down the "Franciacorta peace road" from Coccaglio to Monte Orfano. Heading the procession were three girls who were hoisting the national flags of Italy and Japan, and Mr. Ebinuma, holding the seedling, interpreter Mr. Atsushi Ito and high school students musical band playing drums followed. There were also those mayors, children and local residents in the long procession. Since it was

a procession of so many people, it was guarded by policemen. Along the way, people

rhythmically sang along and called out "Pace! Pace! (Peace)." They arrived at the convent that stands on the small hill of Monte Orfano after about 40 minutes. There, after speeches made by the representative of Cansorzio Travolo Della Pace Franciacorta – Monte Orfano and Consul Hiroshi Higashi from the Japanese Consulate in Milan and a talk by Mr. Ebinuma, finally the tree was planted. The Consul, mayors, Mr. Manisera and children's representatives covered the tree with soil and that concluded the ceremony. After the ceremony, a mass was held at the convent so the participants firmly believe that the tree will thrive.





# The Bernard Buffet Museum



Japan



Sunto District, Shizuoka Prefecture



23 Mar 2008



The Bernard Buffet Museum in Shizuoka Prefecture is located on the Clematis no Oka (Hill of Clematis) and also close to the Vangi Sculpture Garden Museum. The museum has a Children's Museum and not only families from the surrounding area but also families from the Kanto region make a little trip to visit here. One hundred parents and children took part in a total of ten workshops that were held from January until March 2008 and learned about the Kaki Tree Project through making collagraph (print).

In the morning of the day of the tree planting ceremony, a workshop was held and persimmon leaves drawn by children were collaged on the "Tree of Life," which was painted by artist Mr. Miki Mochizuka, who is based in Shizuoka Prefecture. A thousand leaves will be added to this tree of life in the next ten years.

Being surrounded by the paintings of Buffet, people enjoyed a memorial concert with Ms.



Reiko Komatsu on the Marimba, Mr. Hirotake Kitakata on the piano and Mr. Yoshiyuki Miyaji on the drums in the afternoon. They played their original song "Tree," composed by Ms. Komatsu and Mr. Kitakata, inspired by "the Kaki Tree Project."

Afterward two trees were planted in the front courtyard and a big time capsule that contained the

collagraph of persimmon leaves with children's messages



written on was buried next to the trees. The capsule will be opened at the "Harvest of KAKI" celebration ten years later.

Mr. Ebinuma also came over from Nagasaki and it was a ceremony with children's cheerful voices echoed throughout the museum that is surrounded by a rich natural environment.

# Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical

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