

Planting Ceremony 2012



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Inayadochu Kabuchan Mura (Closed)

🇯🇵 *Japan*

📍 *Iids-shi, Nagano*

🌱 *3 Mar 2012*

Mr. Takeya Kaburaki, President of Kabuchan Nouen (Farm) had an interest in the Kaki Tree Project, and he went to see the kaki tree planted in the Finsbury Park when he visited London in 2009 on his business trip. Then, he also visited the kaki trees planted at Takaho Elementary School in Suzaka City, Nagano Prefecture as well as Ryuhoku Park in Taito-Ku, Tokyo. He has been supporting the Project since then in many ways by publishing an article on the Kaki Tree Project in the company's PR magazine, launching a photo rally on the website, and handing out the leaflets of foster parent recruitment at local events.

Although he sent us the application form to plant the kaki tree at Kabuchan Nouen in 2011, we had to give up the planting that year due to the Great East Japan Earthquake. We postponed it for 2012.

The planting site was changed from the

Kabuchan Nouen company head office to Minami Shinshu Kabuchan Mura, which is about 20 minutes away by car.

About 30 elementary school pupils in the first and second grades, who were visiting the facility, and staff from the Kabuchan Nouen attended the tree planting ceremony. President Kaburaki, Tatsuo Miyajima, and Dr. Masayuki Ebinuma made speeches, and the kaki tree picture-card show, by the facility's staff member, followed. Then, they planted the trees at the Kaki Tree Shrine.

When they planted the trees, Mr. Kaburaki, Dr. Ebinuma and Tatsuo Miyajima stood in front of each of the three trees. They asked children to play the rock-paper-scissors hand game. Children split and gathered around the person who showed the same hand-sign, and then they planted the trees at three locations at the same time.



6 districts in Takaho Area

🇯🇵 Japan

📍 Suzaka-shi, Nagano

🌱 4 Mar 2012

Tree Planting Ceremonies in Six Districts of Takaho Region, Suzaka City, Nagano Prefecture (Districts of Nobe, Muraishi-machi, Kami-Haccho, Shimo-Haccho, Bogakudai, Myotoku).

Mr. Seiji Arai, who read the article on the Kaki Tree Project in the Shinano Mainichi Shimbun, applied for the Project. The planting took place on 1 March 2001 at Takaho Elementary School in Suzaka City. Members of the Takaho regional development committee had been watching over the two kaki trees since its planting in 2001. Since the trees have started producing fruit, locals took initiatives in passing on the story of the seedlings of the bombed kaki tree to children through a kaki fruit peeling competition and other events. They also have been consistently providing peace education to children, and three pupil representatives from Takaho Elementary School took part in the Nagasaki Peace Memorial Ceremony in August 2011. When Dr. Ebinuma joined the peeling contest held in October 2011, they discussed plantings in these six districts.

The plantings in 4 districts took place on 3 March prior to the tree planting ceremony. The ceremony was held at 9 am on 4 March, in front of the Art Print Museum in the Nobe District. They decorated the venue with a red-and-white curtain, and Suzaka Mayor Masao Miki, Takaho Regional Community Center Director Shuji Isshiki, the Takaho regional development committee member Hiroaki Nakazawa, Takaho Elementary School Principal



Akinori Horigome, and six district directors attended. 20 pupils, including the three who went to Nagasaki in August 2011, from Takaho Elementary School also attended the ceremony. After the organizer's greeting, they planted the tree, and afterward the guests of honor made speeches. They applied hay around the seedling immediately after the planting to keep it warm. People in Takaho know how to take good care of plants as the region is well-known for fruit growing.

Then, they moved to Muraishi-machi District and held the tree planting ceremony at the community center at 10 am. Mr. Susumu Aoki, Director of Muraishi-machi District, first made a speech, then Dr. Ebinuma and Tatsuo Miyajima delivered messages. After the planting, local volunteers played ocarina and guitar, and a total of 50 people including 10 Takaho Primary School pupils sang "Furusato" together.

The Takaho regional development committee members' caring attitude toward the community and its people moved us deeply.

Beck Way House

 Japan

 Akiruno-shi, Tokyo

 30 Mar 2012



Mr. Shinichi Yano, who teaches at the two kindergartens as art teacher applied for the Project. Mr. Yano has also applied for the plantings at Yumenomori Kindergarten on 13 May 2005 and Yokohama Civic Art Gallery Azamino on 9 June 2006, and has been engaging in the kindergarten art education over many years.

The 26 alumni of the Green Hill Kindergarten and their parents came by bus from Hachioji. The Tama Art University students also came to offer their help.

As the children arrived there, the Beckway house, which is located in a quiet mountainous area, at once turned into a lively place filled with children, and then the tree-planting ceremony began.

Everyone sat on the veranda and listened to the principal's talk and Dr. Ebinuma's message. The picture-card show "Kaki Tree Parent and

Child" performed by Chisato Ito followed.

After watching the picture-card show, the principal and pupils have decided to name the trees "Chikyuu"(Earth) and "Mirai" (Future) after considering them together.

Then, everyone enjoyed eating their packed lunch, and Suiton, a simmered dish with vegetables, meat and wheat flour dumplings. It was prepared by Mrs. Iketani, Mr. Iketani's mother and other local women. They also enjoyed nice pizzas. The Beckway House manager prepared the ingredients and baked them in the pizza oven.

At last, the planting took place. The Tama Art University students made a signboard with the tree names the children decided earlier in the morning. They placed it in front of the trees and took group photos.

The "Kaki Jewel Box" is kept at the Beckway House, and the children can see it whenever they come over to the Beckway House.



Gerolamo Cardano High School

 Italy
 Milano, MI
 13 Apr 2012



Over the years, Gerolamo Cardano High School has been supporting the projects that evaluate historical events, with contributions from IpR (the Pedagogical Institute of Resistance) and ANPI (the National Association of the Italian Partisans), especially those related to concentration camps or by visiting the concentration camp in Auschwitz.

The school applied for the Kaki Tree Project because by deepening the learning of the tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and through knowledge and recollection of the events, they want to prevent it from happening again. High school teacher Ms. Daniela Campiotti applied for the Project but the entire school welcomed the kaki tree.

Prior to the tree planting ceremony on 13 April, the general meeting was held at the school hall, and there were presentations

by teachers as well as seven student representatives. The Japanese Consul General also attended from Milan. There were piano and cello performances at the beginning and end of the meeting.

A workshop was ongoing at the same time as the general meeting. A local partisan artist was invited and created with students a work of a huge kaki tree drawn on the wall. Messages were written on big kaki fruit, and a big picture of the sun was put on top of the center of the drawing. They prepared a small garden in Japanese style in front of the school building and kaki tree was planted there.

Behind the tree, the bamboo fence of 1.2 meters is built and the short bamboo hedges are surrounding the tree. After Dr. Ebinuma's speech, several representatives of students and teaching staff added soil over the tree roots with shovels.

San Giovanni Park

 Italy

 Trieste, TS

 14 Apr 2012

San Giovanni Square was used to be occupied by residences but in 1908, a psychiatric hospital was built, which was administered first by the municipal office, the provincial government, then by the University of Trieste, and the square is now open to the public and serves the community. There is a rose garden with 5,000 varieties of roses where local children, and the elderly can relax and enjoy.



Ms. Tiziana Volta, editor of an Italian magazine called “Gardenia,” has applied for the plantings at Parco San Giovanni as well as Conservatorio Botanico della Valle d’Itria, Province of Brindisi, Italy, and the National Gallery in Kabul, Afghanistan.



About 30 people from the neighboring community attended the planting ceremony, and Ms. Tiziana made a speech, which was followed by a few more speeches made by the guests, then Dr. Ebinuma made a speech.



Afterward, the seedling of the bombed kaki tree was planted in the flower garden, which is located in the center of the square, about 2 meters in diameter and surrounded by white gravel. About 10 children took out the tree out of its pot and put soil over the tree roots with their bare hands. Finally, all the participants held hands with each other surrounding the kaki tree and delivered messages. The Kaki Tree Furoshiki was also presented.

After a girl made a speech, a Brazilian dance performance with strings and tambourines was held. Although the planting ceremony was held on a windy and chilly day, people from the local municipal and provincial offices as well as school will work in collaboration to take care of the tree.

Sonico Kindergarten



Italy



Sonico, BS



16 Apr 2012

The planting in the kindergarten yard of Sonico kindergarten was initiated by Mr. Giacomo Fanetti, a retired local resident. Mr. Fanetti hopes that each of the children and youth who are going to live there have an interest in the idea of “peace” and want these children to become familiar with this important value.

He had contacted local primary school teachers so that themes related to peace would be taken in the class and ask them to teach tolerance, acceptance of God, settlement of dispute through dialog and peaceful exchange of opinions during the class.

The planting ceremony was first held inside the kindergarten’s classroom. Pupils from the kindergarten and primary school sat on the chairs placed in a circle, and adults were standing behind them. After speeches by Mr. Fanetti and Dr. Ebinuma, primary school pupils



presented their poems one after another. Seven primary school children each held a large piece of paper in red, orange, yellow, green, light blue, pink, and navy, and presented their drawings and messages written on the other side of the paper.



They held hand-made rainbow flags, sang songs, and children holding hands as they danced in the middle of the classroom.

Then, everyone went outside, and kindergarten and primary school pupils planted the tree in the yard. Although Sonico kindergarten is located at the foot of a mountain, it lies close to the city’s main street. Thus, anyone can see and observe the kaki tree’s growth and primary school pupils can water the tree on the way to the library. The kaki tree will be looked after by not just kindergarten and primary school pupils and teachers but also by the local residents.

Green Space of Roncadelle

 Italy

 Roncadelle, BS

 17 Apr 2012

Green space where the kaki tree was planted lies between “Gianni Rodari” Primary School, and “Antonio Gramsci” Lower Secondary School, both of which are comprehensive schools located in the city center. The city of Roncadelle applied for the Project.

The tree planting ceremony was attended by pupils from both schools and “Ode to Joy” was performed after child mayor’s greeting. Dr. Ebinuma and then the mayor made speeches.

Mainly, primary school pupils helped plant the tree and held the flags of Japan and Italy. After they put soil over the tree roots with their bare hands, they bowed like Japanese and thanked Dr. Ebinuma by saying it in Japanese “Arigato.”

The national anthem of Japan “Kimigayo” was played and then the Kaki Furoshiki was presented. Afterward, primary and lower secondary school children read their poems, which was followed by musical performances of a traditional Japanese folk song “Sakura” and John Lennon’s “Imagine.”

At the end of the ceremony, a seedling of the bombed kaki tree and the Kaki Furoshiki were presented to the representative from the town of Zavidovici, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, which was severely damaged by the Bosnian war. Zavidovici is Roncadelle’s sister city, and when Roncadelle city applied for the Project, the plan to send the tree to its sister city was already included.



Sopraponte Primary School



Italy



Brescia



18 Apr 2012

Primary school in Sopraponte is one of the schools that belongs to the Comprehensive School in Gavardo, and the planting at the school was initiated by Ms. Nicoli Emilia, who initiated the planting at the secondary school in Gavardo, Brescia, as well. As a war-time command center was recently discovered in Gavardo, locals' hope for peace is growing. Teachers also have strong aspirations to teach their pupils peace and ethnic friendship through the planting of the kaki tree.



The tree planting ceremony was held in the open space in front of the school building and kindergarten pupils were also invited.

The workshop mainly consisted of recorder and singing performances by primary school pupils in the upper grades, and there were "peace" poetry readings between musical performances. They played an Asian-style song with a Buddhist singing bowl and a gong, and many other lively songs. Reading the

lyrics to the song "Imagine" by children while the song was played was quite impressive.

At the end of the workshop, they performed "Ode to Joy." Lower primary pupils held and waved the Italian and Japanese flags while keeping the rhythm.

The tree was planted in the enclosed square flower garden, and adults carried out planting and tidied up afterwards. Then, many colorful balloons with messages were released into the sky to celebrate the planting. Group photos were taken at the end.

Gavardo Middle School

 Italy

 Garvardo, BS

 18 Apr 2012



The plantings at the Comprehensive School in Gavardo as well as at a primary school in Sopraponte in Brescia was initiated by Ms. Nicoli Emilia. As a war-time command center was recently discovered in Gavardo, locals' hope for peace is growing. Teachers also have strong aspirations to teach their pupils peace and ethnic friendship through the planting of the kaki tree.

The street in front of the lower secondary school was closed when the tree planting ceremony was held, and more than 300 children attended. After primary school children played "Ode to Joy" on the recorder, the mayor made a speech. Four primary school pupils also read poems on peace in turns.

Then, the primary school pupils again played a song on the recorder and sang a song, which was followed by the speeches delivered by representatives and poetry

reading by secondary school pupils.

Afterward, only adults moved to the planting site and planted the seedling of the bombed kaki tree while children were watching over the fence. They released many colorful balloons carrying messages into the sky as they closed the ceremony.

Then, secondary school pupils went back to their school building and watched a stop-motion animation film made by two pupils in a big class room. The film was an inspiring work because it delivered messages of "peace" and "antiwar," that peace on Earth is ensured by each person's desire for peace, clearly to everyone who watched.

They had learned about the atomic bombing well in advance and the exhibited information materials on the bombing as well as children's works in the school showed the result of their efforts.

Villanuova sul Clisi Primary School

 Italy

 Villanuova sul Clisi, BS

 19 Apr 2012

The municipal government of Villanuova sul Clisi applied for the Project as the association “Tavolo della Pace” in Brescia introduced them the Kaki Tree Project. The municipal government held a briefing session on the Kaki Tree Project at primary and secondary schools prior to the planting and ask pupils to create works.

The planting ceremony was held at the primary school of the comprehensive school where children from age 3 to 15 attend. Many children as well as the mayor and child mayor took part in the ceremony.

The national flag of Japan was raised. Children read their poems. Representatives from the pupils put soil over the tree roots.



Costorio Primary School

 Italy

 Concesio, BS

 19 Apr 2012

Costorio comprehensive school applied for the Project, and the kaki tree was planted at the primary school of Costorio.

Many children as well as the mayor attended the ceremony.

Everyone gathered in the school's gymnasium after the planting where dance performances were held under the hung folded cranes (Orizuru) from the ceiling.



Plaza Market

 Italy

 Ome, BS

 20 Apr 2012

Botanist Antonio De Matola, Manager of the botanical garden in Ome (Orto Botanico Ome), is the person who applied for the Project. The kaki tree was planted in the Mercato Square, which is located in the middle of the town. The square is next to the “Fra’ Tomaso Bongetti” Comprehensive School.



Many children from the comprehensive school as well as the mayor attended the tree planting ceremony. They decorated the tree with beautiful flowers after the planting.



Then they moved to the school gymnasium where a variety of workshops and performances, including karate and children’s dance in Yukata (Japanese summer kimono) were held. The Kaki Furoshiki was also presented to the mayor.



“M. Calini” Primary School

 Italy

 Brescia, BS

 20 Apr 2012

The primary school of M. Calini is one of the schools that belongs to the Istituto Comprendivo centro 3 and children at the school have been engaged in creative dance activities over the years. Ms. Aurora Castiglioni, a teacher of the school, applied for the Project because she believes that revitalization is possible by sowing seeds of hope for a peaceful world.

Children first gathered in the school library and surrounded the potted kaki tree in the middle, and heard a talk on the tree.

Then, they went outside and planted the tree on a bit sloping ground, which can be seen well from the school building.

After the planting, the Kaki Furoshiki was presented to the children, and they shook hands with Dr. Ebinuma.



San Girolamo Farmhouse



Italy



Mantova, MN



21 Apr 2012

Mantova is one of the most beautiful cities in northern Italy.

Mr. Agostino Mantovani of G. Folonari Cultural Institute (Istituto di Cultura G. Folonari) applied for the Project. He wants to spread the Kaki Tree Project, which has been spreading in Brescia, also in Mantova.

The kaki tree was planted in green space of the agriturismo where tourists from all over the world, and local children visit on their school trip and the old 15th century monastery stands.

The agriturismo is located 2km away from the city center, and it is also part of the Mincio Natural Park where many different types of trees are planted.

Children from the neighboring area attended the tree planting ceremony.



Tavarnuzze House for Peace



Italy



Tavarnuzze, FI



23 Apr 2012



Pax Christi, a Non-Profit and a Non-Governmental Organization, is an international Catholic peace movement. Its movement involves in a variety of issues such as human rights, human security, arms reduction, demilitarization, just world order, religion, and violent conflicts. It also has launched several peace movements and campaigns, and works especially together with children and the youth.

Pax Christi applied for the Project, and the planting took place in the garden of the "House Peace," which belongs to Pax Christi Italy.

The "House of Peace" is located on the hill near Florence and holds various events such as peace and nonviolence enhancement week and meetings as well as workshops for children.

To the tree planting ceremony, children and adults from the neighborhood were invited.

First, inside the building, a briefing on the Project was held. It was followed by Dr. Ebinuma's speech, and flute and violin performances. Then, everyone went outside where a vast land of olive trees spread. They planted the kaki tree there, and also put up a wooden board in front of the tree. Afterward, they went back inside again for a couple more events such as a Japanese tea ceremony and flute performance.



Valle D'itria Botanical Green House

 Italy

 Cisternino, BR

 24 Apr 2012



The town Cisternino, in which Valle d'Itria Botanical Conservatory is located, is in the center of Puglia, and situated between two ports (Taranto and Brindisi). The conservatory is established by Mr. Paolo Belloni in 2004, which shows abundant examples of biodiversity. Therefore, pupils and students visit the conservatory for their research. 300 varieties of fig trees, biblically a symbol of peace, are planted and grown here.

Ms. Tiziana Volta, editor of an Italian magazine called "Gardenia," has applied for the plantings at three locations; the conservatory, the National Gallery in Kabul, Afghanistan, and Parco San Giovanni, Trieste, Italy.

On the day of the planting ceremony, children came by a school bus that shuttled between the primary school in Cisternino and the conservatory many times.

They built a flower garden with a diameter of about 20 meters in the vast grounds, planted

a lot of lavenders in the garden, and built paths like a maze.

Children's brass band welcomed people by as they came toward in the field.

They gathered outside the red tape surrounding the garden, and heard a briefing on the Project and a message from Dr. Ebinuma. Then, three girls who stood in the middle of the flower garden read poems.

Afterward, children were led by adults and walked on the maze-like path through the garden toward



the center where the tree was about to be planted. To welcome the tree and Dr. Ebinuma, children sang a Japanese children's song "Yuyake Koyake" and an Italian song, and a woman did a prayer-like performance. Children put soil over the tree roots in pairs and released kaki colored balloons into the sky. A tree-shaped message board was put up outside the field, and children wrote messages on kaki fruit shaped paper and pasted them on the board.

Twenty-six people from the Italian planting community came to Japan in 2018. At that time we received a report and photos from Tiziano that the kaki trees were growing well and bearing fruit.

Imbaccari City Hall

 Italy

 Imbaccari, CT

 26 Apr 2012

Mr. Rosario Scollo, who applied for the planting in Sicily, is responsible for SCI (Service Civil International) activities in the entire province of Catania. SCI was established in 1920 and is one of the largest volunteer organizations in the world. It promotes a culture of peace by breaking down prejudices and barriers between people with different social, cultural and national backgrounds. They organized a photo exhibition of atomic bombings in the spring of 2011.

On the day of planting, children from the primary school gathered in the schoolyard where they hung the big national flags of Japan and Italy on the wall.

Several participants made speeches, and


secondary school pupils played the Japan's national anthem, "Kimigayo," as well as the Italy's on trumpet and clarinet. Then, they planted the kaki tree.

After the planting, children gathered around the tree. Primary and secondary school pupils read their poems one after another, and a man and woman singers performed beautiful songs at the end.

After the tree planting ceremony, about 30 adults gathered to attend screening of DVDs of "Hiroshima," "Mother's Prayer," and the "Kaki Tree Project." Then, there was a lecture by Dr. Ebinuma, and many questions were asked and answered. Finally, an artist presented his painting to Dr. Ebinuma.



“The Garden of Peace and Hope for Kabul” Kabul National Gallery

 Afghanistan

 Kabul

 9 Jun 2012

The “Garden of Peace and Hope” was created in collaboration with Global Hope Network International and Afghanistan’s Ministry of Information & Culture. It is located inside the National Gallery in Kabul.

The garden and its facilities were designed and accomplished with the purpose of providing beauty and inspiration to the art fields and contributing to peace and hope. The garden gives a sense of “paradise” or oasis, in which people seek refuge from the oppressive and hostile elements that often exist in society. It should be the place of reflection, creation, opinion exchange, and aspiration for development and well-being of the art fields. The garden is hoped to be a source of joy, peace and hope for many Afghans.

Ms. Tiziana Volta, editor of an Italian magazine called “Gardenia,” has applied for the plantings at three locations; the National Gallery in Kabul, Afghanistan, Conservatorio Botanico della Valle d’Itria, Province of Brindisi, Italy, and Parco San Giovanni, Trieste, Italy. The kaki tree was sent from Japan to Italy and transported from Italy to Afghanistan.

Prior to the tree planting ceremony in Kabul, the tree presentation ceremony was held on 15 April in Castegnato, Italy and attended by Dr. Ebinuma. Ms. Volta and Dr. Ebinuma made speeches in the stone pavement square surrounded by large buildings.

Inside the building, a briefing of the Peace March held at 9am in Franciacorta, Castegnato was held. There were guitar and singing performances. When participants received the

passed-around yellow and white tapes, they wrote messages on them. There were speeches by Ms. Volta and Castegnato mayor, as well.



The tree sent from Italy to Kabul had arrived safely in Afghanistan, and people held the tree planting ceremony in the “Garden of Peace and Hope” at Kabul’s National Gallery.



A few soldiers with guns were around the premises and watched over the ceremony. The garden is surrounded by walls and filled with roses. There is also a water fountain. The tree was planted in the brick edging flower bed. After the representatives’ speeches, people enjoyed the guitar performance. The Kaki Furoshiki was hung on the wall of the building inside the garden decorated with ribbons. They prepared a lovely cake with “KAKI TREE PROJECT” letters placed on top and shared it with the participants after the ceremony.

We, the members of the Kaki Tree Project hope that the seedling of the bombed kaki tree from Nagasaki would become a light in the hearts of people of Afghanistan, and keep praying for it from Japan. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude and respect to Ms. Tiziana Volta for her efforts for this planting.

Villa Maioni Park

 Italy

 Verbania

 1 Sept 2012

