



Planting Ceremony 2013



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Nishikita Elementary School



Japan



Nagasaki-shi, Nagasaki



20 Feb 2013

Daughter of Dr. Ebinuma, Ms. Hitomi, is currently teaching at Nishikita Elementary School.



Ioki Monument of the Faithful Plaza



Japan



Aki-shi, Kouchi



23 Feb 2013



She has launched the Kaki Tree Project Executive Committee in Aki, and planned the tree planting ceremony together with the Ioki Council of Social Welfare.

Then, in the exhibition room below, local high-school students conducted Japanese lantern painting and origami workshops.

Finally, all the participants sang together “Believe.” While people were still feeling the excitement from it, Ms. Kusunose delivered a few words to close the planting ceremony.

It was such an attractive ceremony, which was rare within the country and touched us deeply.



Lyra Creative Art School



Japan



Kaiso-gun, Wakayama



27 Feb 2013

Afterwards, they planted the “seedling from the bombed tree” in the school vegetable garden on the premises.

The female student who was the MC for the planting ceremony nicknamed the tree “Fusashi,” in hoping that the tree would grow well and become ‘bushy (fusa-fusa).’ Later they told us the nickname became the tree’s official name.



Shiraume Kindergarten



Japan



Aizuwakamatsu-shi, Fukushima



7 Mar 2013



The project first started at the Fukushima Geijutsu Keikaku x Art Support Tohoku-Tokyo's Kick-off Forum on 30 June 2012. In cooperation with the Fukushima prefectural government, Fukushima Museum and Fukushima Prefectural Museum of Art.

A teacher from Tomioka kindergarten attended the event and got inspired by the Project. The word passed around, and we received the tree planting applications not only from Tomioka kindergarten but also Shiraume and Higashi-gyonin kindergartens in Aizu-wakamatsu City.



Higashigyonin Kindergarten



Japan



Aizuwakamatsu-shi, Fukushima



7 Mar 2013

Volunteers made puffed grain snack in front of the children, as well. The snack is made by placing rice grains under high pressure. The children were loudly counting down the seconds until there was a big booming sound and squealed as the grains popped out. They coated the puffed rice with handmade caramel by a teacher and enjoyed eating together.



Tomiooka Kindergarten



Japan



Aizuwakamatsu-shi, Fukushima



7 Mar 2013



Mizuho Eco Park (Around Ardent Patriotism and Peace memorial)

🇯🇵 Japan

📍 Mizuho-machi, Tokyo

🌱 8 Mar 2013

Around the war memorial and peace monument in Mizuho-machi, the “sapling from the bombed sterculia” and the “bombed camphor tree” are also planted. The town has been working to foster the awareness about peace within the community over the years, so they planted the rose called “Souvenir d’Anne Frank” in eight locations within the town as well.

The municipal office has designated the planting day as the “9th Peace Message Awards Ceremony” day. It held a peace message contest prior to the tree planting ceremony and called for entries from children and local residents.

The second part took place in the Mizuho-machi community center, and the awards ceremony was held. After Mayor Ishizuka and Town Assembly President Aoyama made speeches, they awarded the winners and presented commemorative gifts and kaki tree files. Each prize winner recited his or her winning entry.

They planted the “seedling from the bombed kaki tree” in the Mizuho Eco Park as well.



Smile Kids Park



Japan



Motomiya-shi, Fukushima



8 Mar 2013



Plantings in Fukushima in 2013 took place in five locations as part of the Fukushima Geijutsu Keikaku (Fukushima Art Program) x Art Support Tohoku-Tokyo's "'Passing on Fukushima' Project." The Fukushima Geijutsu Keikaku x Art Support Tohoku-Tokyo is the Tokyo metropolitan government's support services for the earthquake-hit area through art and culture. Three public bodies, namely, Fukushima Prefecture, Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Tokyo Cultrure Creation Project (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture) co-organize and carry out art programs in cooperation with local organizations. They aim to provide, from the perspective of creation of local dynamism and mental health care through art and culture, assistance for restoration and reconstruction by creating opportunities to experience art and culture and facilitating interaction among local communities.

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2012. In cooperation with the Fukushima prefectural government, Fukushima Museum and Fukushima Prefectural Museum of Art, foster parent recruitment campaigns for the "seedlings of the bombed kaki tree" also began. On 25 December 2012, a talk event on the Kaki Tree Project was held in the community center in Motomiya City.

On the planting day, 8 of March, after the school principal made a speech, Dr. Ebinuma talked about the kaki tree. Then, Miyajima conducted the workshop. Students cut their figures out from the photos that they prepared and attached a stick to the photo. There they made the fairies.

15 students representing the school moved to the Smile Kids Park, bringing all students' fairies. Locals were waiting for them there while preparing for rice-cake making. The Park is an indoor playground built for small children who cannot play outside due to the effects of radiation.

At the tree planting ceremony, the student representatives put soil over tree roots after hearing talks given by Dr. Ebinuma and the principal. After planting, they made rice cake and enjoyed eating 'mochi' together.

"A message to oneself ten years later" by students will be put inside a time capsule and buried in the Smile Kids Park ground.



Japan



Motomiya-shi, Fukushima



9 Mar 2013



Application for planting was sent by Mayor Yoshiyuki Takamatsu and the board of education. There are three junior high schools within the city. One of them, Motomiya Daini Junior High School has already planted the kaki tree on 14 February 2000. People wanted to plant the kaki tree at the other two, Shirasawa Junior High and Motomiya Daiichi Junior High Schools as well, and realized the plantings.

After the mayor, head of the board of education, Senior Staff of the Fukushima Prefecture Cultural Promotion Division made speeches, Dr. Ebinuma and Miyajima also offered a few words.



They prepared a brand-new shovel decorated with a big ribbon. Everyone wore a pair of white gloves and solemnly planted the tree.

Then each placed own fairy around the newly-planted kaki tree and took group photos.

Final rice-cake making was carried out in the Epoka's lobby. About eight people, each held a long stick and pounded rice, which was quite characteristic, and small children who came to Epoka also joined. Fresh rice cake, mochi, was served to everyone afterwards. It tasted very nice.

"A message to oneself ten years later" by students written when they made fairies will be put inside a time capsule and buried in Epoka. We look forward to seeing each other again in ten years.



“A. Badoni” High School



Italy



Lecco, LC



21 Mar 2013

The students introduced their Haiku and poems, and also gave guitar and flute performances.

Then, everyone moved outside and planted the sapling from the bombed kaki tree.

The student representatives put soil over the tree roots, and a nice-looking signboard was set up beside the tree.



Thameside Primary School



UK



Reading



25 Mar 2013

Thameside Primary School is a state school with 300 pupils from a wide range of cultural and social backgrounds. 30% of the pupils use English as their second language and 31 different languages are spoken within the school. One of the parents, Mrs. Katja Bailey, a friend of Yoriko Miyajima from the Kaki Tree Project head office has two children who attend the school. She has introduced the Project to the school principal, and the principal applied to plant the tree.

Prior to the tree planting ceremony, workshops were held on 12 and 13 March. The Parent Forum at the school is a very active parent association, and many creative parents take part in it. These parents mainly ran and conducted the workshops. Children made dolls from cloth and laces, padded (raised) cloth pictures of plants, and big leaves with colored paper during the workshops. Children also had a homework to make a drawing/craft of a kaki tree.



They first planted the tree in the schoolyard during the ceremony on 25 March. They decorated nicely around the tree. Then in the gymnasium, children presented their art works and played violin and piano.

They displayed those works of art in the gym later, and many parents and neighbors visited to see them. They also made sweets.

Yoriko Miyajima visited the school on 6 April, ten days after the planting and took the photo of the kaki tree.



SGI-UK Taplow Court Grand Cultural Centre



UK



Taplow Court



7 Apr 2013

SGI-UK (Soka Gakkai International – UK) National Centre, Taplow Court stands atop a hill beside the River Thames. It is about 30 minutes away from the Heathrow Airport by car, and a “historic building” considered a national heritage by the UK government. Since its opening in 1989, it has been hosting peace exhibitions, art festivals and family festivals. Locals enter and leave the house freely, and love this historic building. There is a library inside the house which displays its history (owners in the past, etc.) and related material.

The “sapling from the bombed kaki tree” was planted in the “Garden of Remembrance” in its vast grounds.

Mrs. Katja Bailey, a friend of Yoriko Miyajima from the Kaki Tree Project head office, lives in London and took the initiative in the planting at Thameside Primary School. She also introduced the Project to Mr. Phil Rollingson, Head Gardener, so Mr. Rollingson applied.

Many children and their parents attended the tree planting ceremony. They displayed big “MEET THE KAKI TREE” letters and photos of fully grown kaki fruit on the brick wall at the planting site.

A lady from the “Youth Peace Committee” and Yoriko Miyajima made speeches, and then Mr. Rollingson read the message for Dr. Ebinuma.

Children put soil over the tree roots with a shovel

in turn. A nice gold plate was embedded in the brick wall for the kaki tree and two children representatives unveiled it.

They introduced a child’s poem and watered the tree in turn

from a dipper decorated with a ribbon. Then, everyone joined in the group photo.



Then they moved inside the house, and about 20 children did a theater performance. They brilliantly played the piece which described a story of a weakened kaki tree due to the atomic bomb became strong and well with full of hope. At the end, each child and the Youth Division member who instructed the performance expressed their determination to conclude the performance.

Lastly, everyone moved to the vast lawn and made a circle with Mr. Rollingson standing in the center. Many children who did not participate in the earlier theater performance also came along. Each child held red, blue and yellow balloons in their hand and counted down to release the balloons up into the sky. The children cheered and sent off the balloons of three colors in the sky. It was a great ceremony.

Park near the Former Mayor's House

 Italy

 Berlingo, BS

 7 Apr 2013

Franciacorta Peace March 2013 started from Berlingo.

Berlingo Mayor (at that time) met Mr. Francesco Foletti in December 2012 and told that he wished to plant the “sapling from the bombed kaki tree” in 2014. Unfortunately, the then Mayor passed away due to a tragic accident a few days later. When Mr. Foletti learned about the incident, he contacted the Kaki Tree Project head office. We asked Dr. Ebinuma for a special permission and the tree presentation ceremony to the town of Berlingo was planned to express condolences for the former Mayor. The former Mayor's wife and children attended the ceremony on 7 April.

After the tree presentation ceremony, the Franciacorta Peace March started. With a leading car which was carrying the “Pace (peace)” flag, many children and adults marched through the town for about three hours holding and carrying the big PACE flag. All the participants held their hands and prayed for peace on the way.

The March went on and police cars also joined the front of it and arrived at the Don Angelo Colombo Foundation.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the former Mayor of Berlingo.



“Vivaldi” Middle School



Italy



Bovezzo, BS



8 Apr 2013



As Mr. Francesco Foletti took us to the town of Bovezzo in his car, we saw kindergarten pupils walking in a long row. Being led by teachers, they were heading to Vivaldi Middle School to participate the tree planting ceremony.

When we arrived at the school and entered the gymnasium, many people, including the Mayor, deputy mayor, middle school and primary school pupils, teachers and parents already gathered there and greeted us with applause. The entire town was welcoming the tree.

They decorated the gym walls with displays of children's works such as their studies on kaki, cooking recipes using kaki and origami kaki fruit. They also hung many origami kaki fruit in the corridor which showed their enthusiasm for the Project.

Two middle school teachers took the role of hosts, and started the tree planting ceremony.

At first, there was choir performance by the elderly from the community, then

seven members of the Children's Congress came forward, and the chair offered a few words. After the deputy mayor, the Mayor and Mr. Foletti made speeches, children's performance began. Kindergarten pupils performed songs and dancing. Primary school pupils played the recorder and read their poems.

Middle school students performed their original dance piece. It was very impressive when they made human letters of PACE at the end of the dance. Then, other students read their poems and performed songs.

Lastly, teachers who instructed these children offered a few words.

The planting took place in the schoolyard. In front of the newly planted kaki tree, Dr. Ebinuma told a message and presented the Kaki Tree Furoshiki. Dr. Ebinuma gave an autograph on the shovel stock which was used for the planting. It has become common practice recently. After the planting, middle school students surrounded Dr. Ebinuma asking for his autograph.

Garden of Malegno City Hall



Italy



Malegno, BS



9 Apr 2013

Malegno is a town located about an hour by train from Castegnato.

Primary school teachers were the ones who applied. As the school informed the town about its participation in the Kaki Tree Project, it received the full cooperation of the town hall for the tree planting ceremony. The municipal library has also been cooperating with the Project in its publicity through various activities.

As we arrived in the town, we saw a big rainbow-colored "PACE" flag placed on the front wall of the town-hall building. There were already many people gathered in the front yard of the site. The tree planting ceremony invitation was sent to every single elderly person within the village. The elderly, other inhabitants of the town, all the kindergartens, primary schools and middle schools participated in the ceremony.

The ceremony began with the Mayor's speech. After a primary school teacher offered a few words, children's performances took place. Primary school pupils read their

poems and played 'Blow in the Wind' on the recorder. After their singing, 16 children held the paper on which a letter was written above their head as they presented the 'Malegno's Peace Message.' It was a wonderful presentation and received a cheerful applause.

The planting took place after Mr. Francesco Foletti and Dr. Ebinuma made speeches. Two representatives, a boy and an 83-year-old man put soil over the tree with a big shovel. A priest sent a congratulatory message to the planted kaki tree, and all the participants prayed. Lastly, the priest gave the blessing and offered a silent prayer for the tree.

After the planting, middle school students and kindergarten pupils did their performances. Children placed the pebbles painted with many colors around the tree. After the Kaki Furoshiki presentation, they closed out the ceremony with primary school pupils' singing. It was very cute and impressive as they held origami cranes in their hands and fluttered the crane wings at the end of the song.



“Guglielmo Marconi” Primary School (Park near the church)



Italy



Mura, Brescia



10 Apr 2013



Mura is a peaceful village that is situated 20km from the Lake Idro and surrounded by beautiful mountains.

The principal of “G. Marconi” Primary School applied for the planting, but the actual planting site was the park near the Catholic Church in the village. The park has fertile land, and many trees and flowers are growing well.

The tree planting ceremony began off with Banda Musicale di Casto’s “Ode to Joy.” Dott. Andrea Crescini made a speech, and it was followed by primary school pupils’ singing. Then, Prof. ssa Mariuccia Mascadri, Principal of “G. Marconi” Primary School, offered a few words. After kindergarten

children and primary school pupils read their poems and performed songs, Dr. Ebinuma made a speech.

While Banda Musicale di Casto played music, the planting took place. They placed prettily colored stones that were bigger than adult’s hand and put up a nice signboard. On the signboard, the following message in Italian, English and Japanese are written, “It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn’t enough to believe in peace. One must to work at it” (Eleanor Roosevelt).



“Guglielmo Marconi” National Science High School

 Italy

 Foggia, FG

 10 Apr 2013

Then, Dr. Ebinuma's message was read out, and another presentation on the “Kaki Tree Project” by the students was given. There was a talk on the Yugoslavian War during the 1990s by Mr. Milka as well.

They put a signboard on a big stone and placed it beside the tree. When they put a wreath made of white flowers and tied a white ribbon to the tree, it drew loud cheers from other students who were watching from the window. That was the end of the planting.

Then, they went back to the auditorium and listened to the report of the Roots and Wings network and a singing performance with guitar and flute. Female students showed their skill of rhythmic gymnastics ribbon, and male students sang a song. Finally, everyone got together surrounding the performers and closed the three-hour long planting event with big cheers.

They will take care of the tree in cooperation with the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Foggia.



“Ugolini” Primary School



Italy



Brescia, BS



11 Apr 2013

At “Ugolini” Primary School, the 5th graders are taking ‘peace’ themed classes during the 2012-13 academic year. During the process of learning, they observe 27 January, the Day of Remembrance (International Holocaust Remembrance Day – “COMMEMORA L’OLOCAUSTO PERPETRAO NEI CONFRONTI DEGLI EBREI DURANTE LA SECONDA GUERRA MONDIALE in Italian) to think about the victims of the Holocaust during the World

War II. At the same time, when they pass on the horrible stories of the war, they also talk about the dropping of the first atomic bombs in Japan and its devastating aftermath. There is another day in

Brescia for people to talk about peace: 28 May. A bombing incident took place in 1974 in a square in Brescia and took eight lives that were participating in a peace gathering.

These are the reasons why people there hope to plant the “concept of peace” through the ‘kaki tree.’

There were many people from the town gathered at the school. After Ms. Rosa

Scarpa, a teacher of the school who applied for the Project made a speech, they solemnly hoisted the Japanese and Italian flags in order while children played “Kimigayo” and the Italian National Anthem on the recorder under the direction of L’ASSOCIAZIONE DEGLI ALPINI. The children wore white and red clothes in honor of Hinomaru, the Japanese flag and sang cheerfully the Italian National Anthem.



Children representatives read their poems followed by speeches by Mr. Francesco Foletti and Dr. Ebinuma. Then the Kaki Furoshiki was presented. A pennant and a

book were presented to Dr. Ebinuma by the planting site.

Then, they moved to the planting site led by the members of L’ASSOCIAZIONE DEGLI ALPINI. The planting took place after the school’s teacher offered a few words.

Lastly, the upper-grade students sang the song “We are the World” in English to finish off the ceremony.

B & B Joyful People



Italy



Alberobello, BA



11 Apr 2013

Some of the Executive Committee Members voiced concern that a B & B was a private property, thus unsuitable for the Project. However, people come to visit his B&B from all over the world, and he planned a great tree-planting ceremony. He made the town of Alberobello, local schools and people get involved in the discussions of what each of us should do to contribute to the world peace in our everyday life.



Stanisci gave a talk about the location of Nagasaki, kaki tree, the Kaki Tree Project and other planting sites as he was showing photos of the atomic bomb “Fat Man” and such.

After the mayor and the school principal made speeches, they planted the sapling from the bombed kaki tree. The representatives of children put soil over the tree roots, and poured water in turns from the watering-pot.

Dr. Ebinuma’s message was read out. Then, the children who hung an alphabet letter from their neck recited their poems and sang a song.

Everyone released white balloons into the sky. They also placed the kaki fruit shaped board with a stick that they had prepared around the tree. They set up a signboard beside the tree as well.



“Augusto Righi” National Science High School



Italy



Rome, RM



13 Apr 2013

Liceo Scientifico Statale Augusto Righi applied for planting in remembrance of a student named Lorenzo, who died in August 2011.

The school building which holds about 1,000 students is actually located in a different place. However, the tree planting ceremony took place in the front yard of the early 20th century building.

In the building, they aired images of the late student, and hung many messages from the ceiling with thread.

After the school principal and an art teacher made speeches, students who wore the same white shirts read poems and introduced one act of the Greek tragedy during cello performance. They also introduced the seven benefits of a kaki tree that handed down in China. These remarkable benefits are: 1)

it lives long, 2) it provides a lot of shades, 3) it does not invite birds to nest, 4) it does not invite

insects, 5) it provides beautifully colored autumn leaves by frost, 6) it provides nice fruit and 7) it provides fallen leaves that are rich in nutrients and big. Then, the students performed singing followed by speeches by Mr. Francesco Foletti and Dr. Ebinuma.

Each student took turns putting soil over the tree roots at the planting.

Finally, they put an orange ribbon on the tree. The Kaki Furoshiki was presented to the family of the deceased and Lorenzo's father offered a few words. We pray for the repose of Lorenzo's soul.



Orchard in Manoppello

 Italy

 Manoppello, PE

 13 Apr 2013

Arboreto Giancarlo Cipressi is a newly opened arboretum in Santa Maria Arabona. The sapling from the bombed kaki tree was planted there. The vast arboretum which surrounded by the beautiful mountains collects more than 90 species of trees. They planted the kaki tree in the middle of the arboretum as they consider it the most important.



Ms. Cinzia Toto, a journalist who applied for the Project, hopes that the new arboretum will become open, accessible space to the people nearby where anyone who wishes to learn more about the plants and trees can come. She also especially hopes to raise children's awareness for respecting others and nature through the trees in the arboretum.

The tree-planting ceremony took place on 13 April, and children arrived one after another from the neighboring primary schools by bus. They participated in a guided tour in small groups in order of arrival. The tour is conducted by the organization called

MuseAlia. The organization was founded in 2012 in order to conduct guided tours within the arboretum. Ms. Toto is also a founding member of MuseAlia. The guide explains the many kinds of trees as they move during the tour. Finally, the children planted seeds in the small pot of the size of a pudding cup. As all the tours for the children finished, people gathered at the planting site.

The primary school pupils sat in a circle and many others such as their parents and neighbors also joined.

The tree-planting ceremony started with the nice violin and cello performance by high school students. The children recited their poems. Then, they removed the long tube which covered the kaki tree, and two gardeners planted the tree. The musical performance continues as the tree was being planted. Then, everyone listened to the priest's message.

At the end, three groups of children sang beautiful songs. Afterward, everyone celebrated the occasion as they enjoyed the light meal at the arboretum.



“Alema” Association Headquarters



Italy



Cava de' Tirreni, SA



27 Apr 2013



Mr. Bruno Bertone from the Association ALEMA, a volunteer association, applied for the planting in Salerno. The association consists of people of a wide range of ages. For the past 25 years, it has been striving for the objectives such as friendship, solidarity, peace and respect for nature through various activities. The association has set an opportunity to think about how the tragedy of the World War II affected Salerno and learn about Mamma Lucia this year. That is why they wanted to plant the sapling from the “Kaki Tree” that survived the atomic bombing during the WWII so that they can learn about the tree together with children. The association is also deeply liked with the local schools and kindergartens, and engaged in children’s education by setting themes like “Learning Vegetable Garden/ Garden,” “Bats: Friends we have to save,” “Butterfly Garden” and “Crop Cycles.” The Kaki Tree Project is carried out under the theme of “Learning Vegetable Garden/ Garden.”

The planting took place on 27 April. Children and their families from the elementary school

of the city’s third circle, representatives from the city of Cave de’ Tirreni, the school principal and the representative from the Association ALEMA participated in the ceremony. First, the representative from the Association ALEMA, Mr. Lambiase Domenico gave a few words, and the Dr. Ebinuma’s message was read out. Mr. Bertone gave a talk on the history of the Kaki Tree Project. He introduced the kaki tree as a symbol of peace while showing some photos to the children. Then, the kindergarten and elementary school children’s workshop took place.

They painted a huge rainbow and hung the Japanese national flag on the concrete wall of the Vegetable Garden/Garden at the ALEMA Main Office. The tree was planted right in front of it. People in the traditional costume played trumpets, and the representatives of children put soil over the tree roots.

At the end of the tree-planting ceremony, they recited the poem “la scatola di colori (Box of Colors)” by Tali Sarek. The pupils also shared their impression of the event.

Planned Environment Therapy Trust (PTT)



UK



Toddington, Gloucestershire



15 May 2013

The Planned Environment Therapy Trust is an enterprise which supports children and adults who have emotional and psychological wounds.

Mr. Jonathan Adamson, who applied for the planting at the Tower House in Edgerton Cemetery, took the initiative in the planting at the Planned Environment Therapy Trust.

With the help of Mr. Bruce Allan (applicant for the planting at Nature in Art, UK in 2002), Mr. Adamson set up a small table top exhibition for the day to provide information about kaki tree.

Children from Willersey Primary School attended the tree-planting ceremony, and their paintings and poems that they made beforehand were displayed on the wall of the PETT.

The participants went out to the garden and gathered around the planting site. Mr. Adamson first made a short speech. Mr. Allan also gave a brief talk on the Project. Then, pairs of children took turns putting soil over the tree – the sapling from the bombed kaki tree.

They moved inside the building afterwards, and the children did the music and dance workshop.

At the end, the children sang a song, which they did it beautifully and other participants all joined in.

During the lunch time, Mr. Ernie Thomas played barrel organ for the children.

