

# Planting Ceremony 2014



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# Public Park near the Municipality House in Passirano



Italy



Passirano, BS



16 Mar 2014

March 2014. People gathered at Teatro Civico (Civilt Theater) and first the musical band played the welcome song. Then speeches by the village chief, councilor for public education followed, and a concert by the middle school students who take music courses. Afterward, people walked in procession carrying the kaki tree from the Teatro Civico to Parco del Municipio (Public Park). The tree was planted in the park, and children read their essays of how they felt about the tree-planting.

The town officials will take care of the tree, and they will pass on “peace” to primary and middle school children through the tree.

In 2018, we received a booklet report from the Italians visiting us from Italy. The Kaki tree in Passilano are growing large and bearing lots of fruit.

# Silvano D'orb Kindergarten

 Italy

 Alessandria, Piemonte

 19 Mar 2014



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On 19 March 2014, a huge party was held to celebrate the arrival of Pannello in Silvano D'orba. Mayor Silvana Maggiolino, Father Don Sandro, Prof. Felice Arlotta, the director of the Comprehensive School, and Mr. Giovanni Calderone representing the cultural association "IR Bargiu" as well as children from Silvano D'orba nursery and primary schools and a number of parents attended. The mayor, priest, director, Mr. Calderone and a few parents read the fairytale of the peace tree in turn so that everyone could learn this moving story. Afterward, the children sang and danced for Pannello, and the priest also gave his blessings to the tree. All attendees could join help planting Pannello. At the end of the celebration, the children received the presents sent from Japan by the Kaki Tree Project Head Office and read the message from Dr. Ebinuma.



# Mirandola Kindergarten



Italy



Mirandola, MO



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# G. Rodali Primary School

 Italy



Bagnolo San Vito, MO



24 Mar 2014

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# Grasmere Primary School

🇬🇧 UK

📍 London

🌱 24 Mar 2014

Ms. Jennifer Isidore who applied for planting, is a social entrepreneur, and has been actively involved in the local community to promote grass-root peace movement. After participating in the tree-planting ceremony at Taplow Court in April 2013, she wanted to carry out the Kaki Tree Project as well, and talked to the school principal of Grasmere Primary School, which involves with the community arts programs. The principal showed a great interest in the Project and sent an application through Ms. Isidore.

Prior to the ceremony, a pre-event of the Kaki Tree Project was held on 9 March. Jazz vocalist Mr. Cleveland Watkiss held a music improvisation workshop, and played jazz and African drums along with the children. A lecture on the Kaki Tree Project and origami workshop were also held, and



children nurtured a positive mood to welcome the tree.

Fortunately, they had great weather on 24 March, the day of the ceremony, and they hung a thousand origami cranes at the planting site. Children, teachers, parents and local residents participated in the ceremony. They said that they felt the “spirit” of the Kaki Tree Project.



# Lorusso and Cutugno Prison, Garden for Female Prisoners

 Italy

 Torino, TO

 28 Mar 2014

 29 Mar 2017 Replanted

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Lorusso and Cutugno Prison was established in 1986, and then in 1995, the Arcobaleno section, which is dedicated for addicts, was built. The female section was built in 1999. It is a small section with the maximum capacity of 10 prisoners, for those females who intend to undergo rehabilitation.

Mr. Francesco from Brescia also attended the tree-planting ceremony on 28 March, and first a briefing on the Project took place inside the facility. Chorus was performed outside, and they planted the kaki tree.

In 2018, Tiziana Volta sent us a photo of her kaki tree. It hasn't grown yet, but it appears to have taken root well.





# Villa Zanardelli Garden (Fobap Brescia)

 Italy

 Toscolano Maderno, BS

 3 Apr 2014



FoBAP Onlus (Brescia Assistance Foundation for Psychological disorder, NPO) is an organization, which supports mentally-disabled persons. It was initiated and established by Anffas (National Association of Families of Persons with Intellectual and/or Relationship Disability). Tree-planting took place in the garden of Villa Zanardelli. In order to make the event more meaningful, about 200 school students, officials and other people participated in it, which is part of the Kaki Tree Project. Our encounter at

the lake side talks about invaluable asset called "Peace," and how important it is for us to protect the asset. The tree, which was planted in the garden of Giuseppe Zanardelli's residence has a history to reflect on.

The kaki tree planted at the Villa Zanardelli is the 34th tree in the province of Brescia. Other saplings are also expected to settle in this place as their own home and grow to make the land of peace, the absolute asset, more fertile.

# Beato Luigi Palazzo Primary School

 *Italy*



*Lentini, SR*



*14 Apr 2014*

They applied for planting in 2012 through Mr. Rosario Scollo, who applied for planting in Sicily, Italy. Lentini is a mild-climate town on the island of Sicily, and orange tree is the symbol of the town.

The Mayor of the town, Mother Superior, elementary school pupils and teachers attended the tree-planting ceremony on 14 April. The children read their poems, sang a song and made "Peace" drawings.

After planting the kaki tree, the children released orange-color balloons with attached messages of written "Peace and Love."

All ate snacks together, and the day was quite significant for children as they learned intensely about "life" and expressed their gratitude to the tree.



# Amphitheater of the Peace, Artistic Polyvalent Center

 Italy

 Venaus, TO

 25 Apr 2014

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Venaus is a typical village located on the outskirts of the Alps where there is only one



main road. The road, built by Napoleon, is situated on the hill of Moncenisio, which was used to be in the French territory before 1806, and spans across the communities of Valley Susa and Val Sangone.



The road attracted people’s attention both inside and outside the country from November to December 2005 because they developed “No TAV” movement here. It was to oppose securing the premises for the construction of the high speed transport (train) between Torino and Lyon. Although there were some clashes, thanks to the efforts of Mayor Nilo Durbiano, Artistic Polyvalent Center was founded.

The place suffered from floods in May 2008, and sediment was carried in by water. Because of that, the mayor decided to build the Natural Amphitheater at this place where international arts activities were held for some time. The Amphitheater proudly imposes appearance into the Mount Rocciamelone, which is beloved by the residents of the Susa Valley. On the wall at the corner of the stage, a recess was built in the wall to plant the kaki tree from Nagasaki. The tree is planted as a symbol of reconstruction of the place and will watch over the Amphitheater.



# Community Primary School in Fansira Coro Village

 Republic of Mali

 Yelekbougou

 28 Apr 2014



Africabougou (ABG) is an Italian NPO, which has been undertaking activities in the Republic of Mali, the Northwest Africa, since 2005. The organization, working together with the rural community and local authorities, has been undertaking construction and management of educational and public health infrastructure in different places in Yelekbougou, a rural community about 40km north of the capital Bamako.

Specifically, four community schools (in villages of N'Tyeani, Djinindjebougou, Koba and Fansira Coro) and a medical dispensary (N'gorofala village) were built. The construction of these facilities came along with other projects such as health education, reforestation, horticulture, micro credit and water supply. ABG has, in cooperation with Italian missionaries who have been active in the region for 40 years, provided assistance for construction of a small library for students and a center for disabled children.

Due to the military coup in 2012, the democratically elected government was overthrown. The Touareg rebellions and

Islamic groups took control of the northern region of the country. Under the international pressure, an interim government was established to try to bring back legitimate democratic status. Considering that this country was experiencing internal tensions, which could develop into a civil war, conveying the Kaki Tree Project's message, that of peace and hope, is most important. That was the reason why they applied for the Project.

A number of various activities already took place a few days before the ceremony. The plate to be set up beside the tree was made, strategies to protect the tree planted in the bush from animals were considered, and a hole and soil for planting were prepared, as well as a theater piece was rehearsed. A drawing and writing contest on the theme of peace among four schools in Kati was organized and the winners were chosen, and decoration and for children were prepared. All these works were made possible thanks to many people, students, teachers, craftsmen, volunteers and new friends. We all would like to thank for their enthusiasm and energy, and the atmosphere created on the day by their presence.



# Community Primary School in N'Tyeani Yelekebougou Village

 Republic of Mali

 Yelekebougou

 29 Apr 2014

The first planting of the sapling from the bombed tree in Nagasaki took place in Fansira Coro, a village with 400 inhabitants situated in Savannah, 50km north of the capital Bamako. It was on 28 April. Despite it was still in the dry season, sudden amble rainfall during the ceremony welcomed the kaki tree.

All students, teachers, educational officers and villagers participated in many activities. Thanks to the beautiful work by Mr. Anken Kidani, the history of the kaki tree was described and shared with the participants. They pasted sheets of cardboard together to make a large kaki tree picture, and each child drew a self-portrait under the tree's branches. The other group challenged to make origami kaki fruit, and they placed them on the tree with its branches and leaves made on the ground. Orange-colored stones led a small procession from the school to the planting site. The presents from Japan were delivered and the time when the message of Mr. Ebinuma was read out, it was an especially profound and touching moment.

The village chief expressed his pride and honor on behalf of the community to protect the kaki tree. At the end of the day, to express their appreciation for becoming a gathering place of the entire community, village women danced all together surrounding the tree.





# Park Sarah Riace

 Italy



Riace, RC



1 May 2014

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Sarah Park is an appropriate place for the story of the ancient Greek bronzes (now these are known as Riace Bronzes) found in 1972. In 1999, the Association ‘Città Futura’ was founded and then the establishment of four other associations, namely, Lampedusa, Il Girasole, Real Riace, and Riace Accoglie followed in the southern part. With the foundation of the association, the immigrants program was born. It is nowadays the best-known model for the immigrant integration program. Domenico Lucano, the mayor who has been in office since 2004, was awarded third place in the 2010 World Mayor Prize for his endeavor in helping immigrants. Now, approximately 150 immigrants have been accepted by local inhabitants, found jobs with the support of the local authorities, and contributed to the economy of the suburbs. One of the innovative approaches following the local traditions is diversified harvesting using donkeys.

Mayor Lucano has always been wanting Sarah Park, dedicated to the bearer of water, to be the place to plant a tree for each new Riace citizen regardless of race. The kaki tree from Nagasaki was also planted in the park as a symbol of hope towards dignity of life.

# Public Library

## “Key of knowledge”

 Republic of Mali

 Kati

 2 May 2014



It was a lively tree-planting ceremony filled with about 400 children from the school in Kati, who participated in the drawing and writing contest held a few weeks earlier. The entire library was decorated with the children’s drawings. It was an opportunity for many children to get to know the library, thanks to the message of Mr. Paul, library director. He asked them to come to the building where the place of encounter and knowledge exchange. To leave an evidence that they were there and to share the message, each participant pressed a kaki leaf, fruit or a hand print, and contributed to a big kaki-tree-shaped work of art, which was hung at the entrance. During the theater performance of a group called the Amis de Kizito, all children fell into silence. They were surprised and lost for words when they heard a roaring sound of the atomic bomb. They cheered when they saw pieces of kaki

fruit were reproduced as the tree was healed thanks to the care of Mr. Ebinuma.

Then, they planted the tree. The children provided the tree with soil and water, and Dr. Ebinuma’s message was read out. They concluded the ceremony with awarding prizes to the contest winners. The younger school children were awarded colored pencils, and the older children were awarded the right of free access to the library for one year. This was a significant award strongly supported by the library committee, which thinks that peace can be built through culture as it destroys ignorance and intolerance. As a result, the contest winners already came to the library for the first time in the following week. We hope that the kaki tree grows strongly together with children in the Republic of Mali.





# Alessandro Volta Higher Education Research Institute

 Italy

 Pavia, PV

 21 May 2014

Pavia is an important town near Milan, Italy, where historical architectures and monuments remain. The applicant, Prof. Dario Molinari, saw the exhibit of the Kaki Tree Project in 1999 at the Venice Biennale and have wanted to participate in the Project since. Prior to the planting, they held the event entitled “Wings and Roots for Peace (A Journey through Space-Time from Nagasaki to Pavia)” on 17 May 2014 at the Istituto D’istruzione Superiore “Alessandro Volta.” The high-school students took the initiative to ask many people at nearby kindergarten and a primary school to participate in the event. Exhibition panels of children’s essays on the tree of peace, drawings, writings and slogans were on display at the event.

Thanks to high-school students’ enthusiastic activities, various productions and art works were created. They pasted the kaki tree posters on windows in the town, and many people gathered in the courtyard of “Alessandro Volta” school on 21 May 2014, the day of the tree-planting ceremony. They celebrated the day by forming the large human peace sign in the vast yard.

We have received a fantastic cartoon story of the kaki tree made by these students.



# Educational Center for Handicapped Children Elvira Vatovec



Slovenia



Strunjan



19 Jun 2014





# Clinic in N'Golofala Village

 *Republic of Mali*

 *N'Golofala*

 *Oct / Nov*



# Jigiya So Rehabilitation Center

 *Republic of Mali*

 *Kati*

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