

Revive Time: Kaki Tree Project



Planting Archive 2016

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Park in Via Brescia Beside the War Memorial

 *BS, Italy*
 *Rodengo Saiano*
 *19 Mar 2016*

The kaki tree was planted on 19th March in the 5,000 sq meter park which is managed by local citizens. An edible landscape (where fruits and vegetables are planted) has been built in the park, and a number of plants and trees are also planted.



The tree-planting ceremony took place to commemorate the sister cities relationship between Rodengo Saiano and Lyon. Many second graders of middle school in Lyon participated in, too. They wrote messages and installed the low wooden fence around the tree forming a triangular shape, and placed a beautiful plaque beside it. Then, a peace meeting was held on 6th April.



SEIRANKAN the Museum of the Calligraphy

🇯🇵 Japan
📍 Konan, Aichi
🌱 20 Mar 2016



Scuola Primaria di San Giacomo della Segnate



Italy



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2 Apr 2016



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Scuola Elementare di Paderno Franciacorta

 Italy

 Castegnato, BS

 9 Apr 2017

Abrami Marilena, a teacher at Paderno Franciacorta Elementary School applied for tree planting, and it took place on April 9th. The school started projects on peace a few years ago, and has conducted a number of projects since then. They wish children to have a firm belief that war will not help people grow and thrive, and in order to do so, they have proceeded with the projects associated with the tree-planting.

Originally, they planed to plant the tree in their school yard, but it was planted in the park near the elementary school. At the ceremony, children, their parents and many people from local groups took part. They decorated a huge tree in the park, displaying promises of peace, made of cardboard, and celebrated the occasion with music and singing. Tiny buds already sprouted from the planted tree.





Planting Ceremony: Associazione Gaetano Negri ONLUS



Italy



Milano



9 Apr 2016

The tree-planting ceremony took place at Associazione Gaetano Negri ONLUS on the 9th of April.

The association was established in 1961 to support people with mental and physical disabilities. Since then, it has continued its activities with aims to raise awareness among the general public and people with mental and physical disabilities that they are also worthwhile and have equal rights as well, and to support art making and their works to build relationships based on spiritual values and ethical existence regardless of disabled people's production capability.

The association staff learned about the Kaki Tree Project through the Kaki Tree Story book, which was published last year (Italian translation), and were greatly inspired. Through the Kaki Tree Project, teachers wanted to create an opportunity for children inside the institution to meet children outside.

Ms. Tiziana applied for tree planting after meeting a person from the association. The person wanted to hold the tree-planting ceremony after having heard the Kaki Tree Project and the Kaki Story. At the ceremony, children under age made a number of works, including ceramic works with kaki tree motifs.

Scuola Media di Castiglione Olona

 Italy

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 9 Apr 2016

The town of Olona in the province of Varese applied for tree planting. They have learned about the Kaki Tree Project through Mr. Rosario Manisera of Fuji Cultural Association.

The tree-planting ceremony was held at Olona Middle School on 9th of April. Children from several schools and many local residents, including the mayor, participated. The Kaki Fusoshiki, wrapping cloth, designed by Katsuhiko Hibino was introduced, and they put medium-sized stones with pictures drawn by children around the planted tree. They also displayed drawings and other works of children inside the school, and a number of people went to see them. The local newspaper ran a big article on it as well.





Istituto Comprensivo "Niccolo Tommaseo"



Italy



Piacenza



29 Apr 2016

The city of Torino applied for tree planting.




The tree-planting ceremony took place on 29th April at "Niccolo Tommaseo" Comprehensive School. Children have learned about the "A-bombed kaki tree" at school.

At the ceremony, children wrote messages on stones, and the stones were placed around the planted kaki tree. Other activities included singing songs and Haiku reading.

Some of the children's works displayed at Seirankan (Kounan City, Aichi Prefecture, Japan) where the tree-planting ceremony took place on March 20th, prior to this school were displayed along with drawings created by children in Italy.



Biblioteca Municipal de Felgueiras

 Portugal
 HEARTS
 29 Apr 2016

An embroidery company called HEARTS applied for tree planting.

At HEARTS, they focus on quality products, and all embroidery works are made by hands of 8 embroiders. They use cork instead of leather, which is normally used for fasteners. They have a brand called “The Child Artist”, and its handmade women’s accessories capture children’s art works. They have started this line as they wanted to show children’s wonderful creativity to the world. They have been working on this project for some time, and have collaborated with institutions for underprivileged children over the past years and contributed a portion of their profits.

They found out about our project on the Internet. They asked us whether we were interested in developing collaborative products, and we met and directly discussed with Tiago Viera, CEO and Patricia Costa, who came to Japan from Portugal to take part in an exhibition held at Tokyo Big Sight.

Later, among the kaki tree drawings made by children who participated in the tree-planting ceremonies and workshops, three of them were chosen for “The Child Artist” brand and twill products (scarves) have been made. They are available on their website.



The Child Artist: <http://www.thechildartist.com/en>. A portion of their sales will be contributed to the Kaki Tree Project office.

The biggest challenge this time was transportation of the kaki tree. It had smoothly arrived at an airport in Portugal, but then a large amount of customs duty was charged, and the invaluable phytosanitary certificate was lost, so HEARTS had to prepare a heap of documents. Of course, we sent a number of documents from the Kaki Tree office to help them. Nevertheless, the kaki tree that was dispatched on 3rd February from Japan arrived on 24th March in Portugal, and it was alive although it had taken a month and a half after shipping.

The tree-planting ceremony took place on 29th April, delayed by a month, in the garden of the municipal library of Felgueiras. Children first listened to the story of the kaki tree inside the library, and made kaki fruit and pasted them on the big kaki tree drawn on paper during the workshop. Then, they planted the sapling from the bombed kaki tree in the garden. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the people at HEARTS for putting themselves through the difficult situations and communication with the customs authority.

Parco Ubuntu

 Italy

 Lurate Caccivio, CO

 17 Sept 2016

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DOMENICA 18 SETTEMBRE 2016

Olgiate e Bassa Comasca 43

L'albero della pace Il prefetto ai giovani «Siete stati bravi»

Lurate Caccivio. Bruno Corda ha partecipato alla piantumazione di un kaki arrivato da Nagasaki «Siete un esempio di rispetto del bene pubblico»

LURATE CACCIVIO

«Bravi ragazzi, avete dato un bell'esempio di rispetto e valorizzazione delle cose pubbliche». Così il prefetto **Bruno Corda**, intervenendo ieri pomeriggio alla manifestazione "110 note per una vita", si è complimentato con i giovani dell'associazione Parco Ubuntu che hanno strappato dal degrado l'area comunale di duemila metri quadrati ai piedi di villa Pini per riqualificarla e restituirla alla collettività.

Da Nagasaki

Nella parte del Parco Ubuntu più esposta al sole, ieri è stato piantumato un kaki di Nagasaki, figlio dell'albero sopravvissuto alla bomba atomica. Cerimonia abbinata al maxi-concerto di duecento musicanti dei Corpi musicali di Lurate Caccivio, Brugherio, Meda e Triuggio, per i 110 anni della banda cittadina.

«Siamo qui per la bellezza della musica e per il fatto che tanti giovani abbiano contribuito a sistemare un'area che era deteriorata - ha sottolineato il prefetto - Questo vuol dire avere rispetto dei luoghi in cui si vi-

ve, metterci tempo, coraggio e voglia per rispettarli e valorizzarli».

Un sincero ringraziamento ai ragazzi anche dal sindaco, **Anna Gargano**, perché: «Hanno lavorato per farsi che nell'arco di un anno si realizzasse questo bellissimo parco a disposizione della collettività e significativo per tutti i simboli che contiene. Abbiamo lavorato come amministrazione affinché si realizzasse questo sogno».

Rivolgendosi alla banda, Gargano ha rimarcato: «È un'istituzione che ci invidiano ovunque si presenti. Ringrazio la banda per il lustro che dà alla nostra cittadina. La banda di Lurate Caccivio, in cui suonano giovani e meno giovani e intere famiglie, ha realizzato il sogno di unire i giovani alle nuove e vecchie generazioni».

Anche il nuovo parroco, don **Angelo Fontana**, si è complimentato con i ragazzi che hanno dato forma al Parco Ubuntu. «Questo parco non è solo un punto di ritrovo, ma all'interno ci saranno aree tematiche che potranno fornire spunti di riflessione. Darà la possibilità di

imparare qualcosa in modo diverso, senza vecchi libri di scuola - ha sostenuto **Riccardo Molaro**, uno degli artefici dell'area verde - La gente, mentre sarà qui a grigliare e parlare insieme, potrà ritrovare il senso di appartenenza al nostro paese».

L'ispirazione

Il nome è ispirato alla frase di Nelson Mandela "Io sono ciò che sono per merito di ciò che siamo tutti": «Questo parco non è frutto del lavoro di un singolo, ma di tutti insieme. Non è il nostro parco, ma tutta la comunità è parte di quest'area verde».

Simboli di fratellanza e pace l'ulivo, donato dall'amministrazione ai ragazzi del Parco Ubuntu, e il kaki di Nagasaki. «Questo è il figlio della pianta che ha resistito a 300 metri dall'epicentro della bomba atomica - ha ricordato **Francesco Foletti**, referente italiano del progetto "Kaki tree project" - è l'esempio della resistenza. Ringrazio questi ragazzi perché stanno dando un segnale agli adulti di quello che vuol dire mettersi a disposizione per una cosa nuova».

Manuela Clerici



I ragazzi del parco Ubuntu con il sindaco Anna Gargano e il prefetto Bruno Corda



Un momento della cerimonia



Il colpo di vanga del prefetto



La Filarmonica Santa Cecilia schierata



Il parroco, don Angelo Fontana

Istituto Comprensivo Azzano Mella



Italy



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