

Planting Ceremony 2018



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A Memorial Park in Montone

 Italy

 Montone, PG

 16 Mar 2018

Before the planting ceremony, a project titled “Seeds of Peace” where students of all elementary and junior high schools in Montone read the “Tale of a Kaki Tree” was commenced.

At each of the schools, initiatives to develop the spirit and culture of mutual respect, educational programs on civil rights and human rights, and contests of arts expressing visions on peace will be held on a continuous basis. These initiatives include agricultural experiences where students learn how to take care of the kaki tree.

Together with time capsules, the kaki tree was planted by children on top of a hill with a view.



Alfredo Szondi Library



Italy



Cassano d'Adda, MI



22 Mar 2018

As applied for by the Passato Prossimo Onlus, an organization promoting preservation of memories and development of peace cultures, a kaki sapling was planted at a garden within a town library.

At the planting ceremony, members of a volunteer book reading group Baule Magico of the library held a book reading session to raise aspiration toward peace in children of the local community. After the book reading session, an art workshop was held for children to express their ideas on the tree of peace.

Around the tree, peel of vegetables and fruits participants brought to the site was sprinkled and then it was covered by soil.

After 10 years from the planting ceremony, a literature competition will be held to recognize young writers' stories on the theme of the tree and peace and to celebrate its 10th anniversary.



Skuli Primary School

 Italy

 Bergamo, BG

 23 Mar 2018

The Associazione KOKORO, an association for social actions to promote awareness of Japanese cultures, applied for the project as its anniversary memorial event in which they planned to plant a kaki sapling together with hospitalized children.

Prior to the planting ceremony, a picture-story show about the Kaki Tree Project was performed at six classes of the Skuli Elementary School, Bergamo on February 26 and February 28, along with talks on peace and the A-bombed kaki tree and origami workshop to make origami persimmon.



On March 19, four flash mobs were performed on street by students of Suardi Music High School.

On March 21, following the introductory remarks by Ms. Marzia Marchesi, the president of the municipal assembly of Bergamo, a lecture of a photojournalist Mr. Pierre George Pescare was delivered at a lecture hall in Bergamo.

On March 23, the kaki tree planting ceremony was held at the Skuli Elementary School, Bergamo.

“A. Manzoni” Primary School

 Italy

 Venegono inferiore, VA

 26 Mar 2018

During the World War I, a number of lives were also taken at this small town, which created people’s yearning for freedom, love of family, equality, and peace. As a hundred years had passed since the end of the war, they applied for planting of a second generation A-bombed kaki tree sapling as a monument to preserve memories of the tragedy in the town and the A-bombing at the end of the World War II.



10 years later, all the people involved in the planting will be invited to an anniversary event to recall the planting ceremony. Stones painted by children were placed around the kaki tree sapling to express their resolution not to forget their aspiration for peace and to preserve the tragic memories.



Istituto Comprensivo “Marco Polo” Cesare Guasti Primary School

 Italy

 Prato, PO

 27 Mar 2018

The Comprehensive School of Marco Polo is an ethnically and linguistically diverse school attended by children of ages from 3 to 14, about 65% of whom are from 19 countries other than Italy. The school with mixture of students of different cultures and languages applied for the Kaki Tree Project as they believe the kaki tree would become a symbol of consort, hope, and peace for the students of great diversity.

The kaki tree sapling is taken care of by a “kaki tree friends committee” comprised of selected students from each class, teachers, and guardians so that as many students as possible can be involved in the project in ten years.

Several months prior to the planting ceremony, students started activities on the theme of the kaki tree and peace. At the planting ceremony, students, teachers, guardians, stakeholders in Prato community, and representatives of the school’s administrative department were present and students performed songs, poetry reading, and dances to convey their resolution to routinely take concrete actions to plant seeds of peace. Also, children put their hope and messages toward peace in a time capsule and buried it near the kaki sapling. The time capsule will be unburied at the 10th anniversary ceremony to be held 10 years later.



Camignone Primary School

 Italy

 Passirano, BS

 Mar 2018



Last March, teachers of the Camignone district who participated in a peace march (organized by another planting site organizer) in Paderno, Passirano and they were keenly inspired by deep yearning for peace expressed and shared in the integrated campaign promoted by schools and citizens of neighboring communities. Then, the teachers applied for planting of the kaki sapling.

Prior to the planting ceremony, children produced posters on the theme of peace, which were displayed to the public at an exhibition.

At the outstanding planting ceremony, members of the local community and municipal staff were invited and students sang songs and performed dances.



Basmetto Farm

 Italy

 Milan, MI

 20 Apr 2018

A kaki sapling was planted within a study farm designed for horticultural therapy at the バズメット Farm owned by the Municipality of Milan. Users of the institution engaged in care for the farm are the intellectually/physically handicapped in their ages of 16-70.

At the ceremony, the kaki sapling was planted at the center of a specially-prepared flowerbed and children of the local community and users of the institution covered the sapling with soil little by little in turns. Besides the planting ceremony, the first “birthday” of the kaki tree was celebrated with an origami workshop and balloon release with messages for peace.



S. Antonio Primary School

 Italy

 Piacenza, PC

 20 Apr 2018



It was a talk about the Kaki Tree Project by a Japanese fourth-grade student that raised sympathy of classmates and led this project to be introduced at the school.

The kaki tree will become a symbol of peace and a “testifier” that is handed over from the fifth-grade students (the last grade of elementary schools in Italy) to the first-grade students. First, the fifth-grade students take care of the tree for a year and will hand it over to the next first-grade students.

At the planting ceremony, craftworks primarily representing Japanese people’s respect for the nature and others, patience, and persistence were exhibited, involving not only students of the school but also local community members.

At the 10th anniversary, grown-up graduates (21- and 16-year-old) will be invited and gather together with senior students (11-year-old) under the kaki tree.