

Planting Ceremony 2022



Revive Time • Kaki Tree Project

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Chiba City Museum of Art

 Japan

 Chiba City, Chiba Prefecture

 19 February, 2022

On February 19th, a tree planting ceremony for the "Revive Time: Kaki Tree Project" was held at the Chiba City Museum of Art, where a sapling of the A-Bombed Kaki Tree II from Nagasaki was planted.

This tree-planting ceremony was held as a related event to the "Tatsuo Miyajima | Chronicle 1995-2020" exhibition, which took place at the museum from September 19th to December 13th, 2020. Despite multiple COVID-19 related postponements, the ceremony was successfully held.

The ceremony was held in the Sayado Hall of Chiba City Museum of Art, which used to be the Chiba branch of the old Kawasaki Bank. The hall has a high ceiling and is a designated cultural property of Chiba City. Prior to the tree-planting, a photo exhibition of past "Revive Time - Kaki Tree Project" tree-plantings was held in the Sayado Hall. Additionally, a workshop entitled "Let's Make a Persimmon Tree Mobile" was held twice before and after the ceremony as a related event. Due to infection control measures, the workshop was limited to 10 groups per session, and participants were determined by lottery. Despite the use of kits provided by the museum, the children came up with their own creative ideas and made wonderful mobiles.



Before the tree planting ceremony, speeches were delivered by Mr. Keisuke Mori, the exhibition's curator, Director Yamanashi, and Miyajima at Sayado Hall. Dr. Ebinuma's message from Nagasaki was conveyed on his behalf, and artist Mr. Yuuki Hayashi, a collaborator on an exhibition piece, also spoke.

The kaki tree was planted in a very sunny location just next to the museum's cafe on the ground floor facing the street. The children used shovels to help plant the tree. Lastly, the museum's curators smoothed the soil, set up a supporting stake, and watered the tree generously to complete the planting. They hope that the tree will grow up to be big and strong together with the children in this location.



Community Public Park



Italy



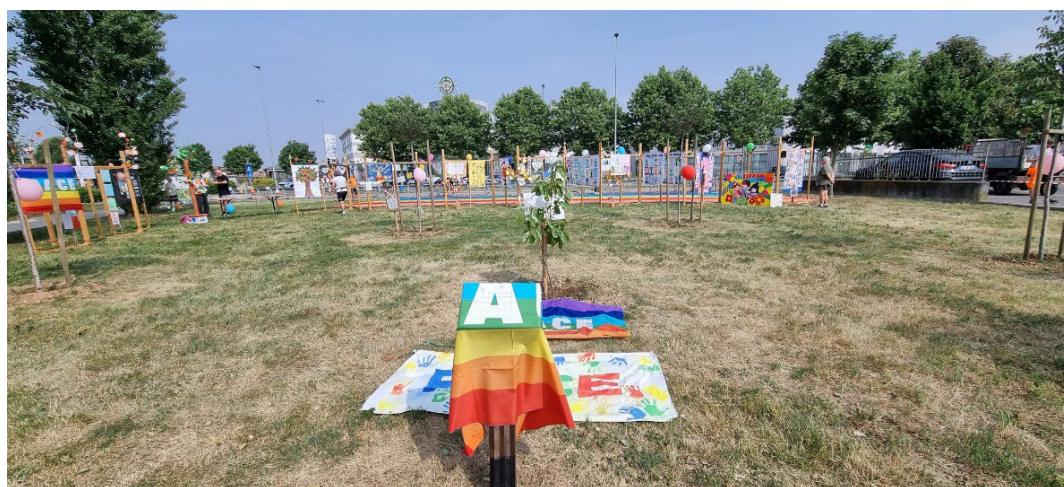
Lograto, Brescia



19 March 2022

The ceremony was carried out in two stages, with strict adherence to COVID-19 guidelines. Initially, a small group of children planted the tree. Later, on May 27th, 2023, the municipal administration and a local association called Gruppo Ambiente Lograto held a large celebration with the community and schools from the area. The mayors from neighboring municipalities were also in attendance, along with Giuliano Aradori and Prof. Antonio De Matola, who, with the Brescian committee, had visited Japan in 2018 and inspired the realization of project in this location.

The festivities were accompanied by the school orchestra playing songs related to peace and the desire to eliminate the use of nuclear bombs and all other types of weapons.



Chiba Prefectural Wakamatsu High School



Japan



Chiba City, Chiba Prefecture



22 March, 2022



In 2020, during the "Tatsuo Miyajima | Chronicle 1995-2020" exhibition held at the Chiba City Museum of Art, Ms. Masae Sato, an art teacher at Wakamatsu High School in Chiba Prefecture, visited the exhibit of the "Revive Time: Kaki Tree Project." She applied to plant a second-generation kaki tree, which led to the realization of the tree planting ceremony.



In 2021, the high school had planned a school trip to Okinawa to learn about war and implement peace education at school. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the school trip was canceled, and the students lost the opportunity to learn about war. The art department of the high school took the initiative and started to learn about the project beforehand. They even exhibited works on the theme of the kaki tree project at the Chiba Prefectural High School Comprehensive Cultural Festival.

Despite the rain on March 22nd, all students convened in the gymnasium for the "ART in You - PEACE in ART" assembly. Principal Yuichi Miyagi spoke, followed by Mr. Tatsuo Miyajima presenting the Kaki Tree Project through a PowerPoint, sharing Dr. Ebinuma's message. The "A-bombed Kaki Tree II" was unveiled, and the student council representative revealed its name as "Megumi," meaning "blessing" or "grace," on a charming flag, evoking gratitude from the students.

The actual tree planting ceremony took place the next day, March 23rd, with the representative students. The athletes of the track and field team and the artillery throwers also helped in digging the holes for the preliminary preparations. They celebrated the planting of the persimmon trees together by using paper cups with designs of persimmon trees made by the students during art class prior to the tree-planting ceremony as shovels, pouring soil on the saplings, and attaching them to the trees around them. One month later, "Megumi" sprouted.



Lesignano Farmhouse

 *Repubblica di San Marino*

 *Lesignano*

 *27 March 2022*



After a year of programming together with Dr. Gabriele Geminiani, creator of the SAN MARINO GREEN FESTIVAL, also involving a primary school class coordinated by teacher Milena Ercolani, managed to carry out the planting ceremony. There were many authorities: the bishop of San Marino, the Italian ambassador in San Marino and the regents of the state of San Marino.

Under the great banner much loved also by dr. Ebinuma, peace games were held, and the work done by the boys of the school involved in the project was presented.

Together with the Nagasaki Kaki Tree, friends from Monte Magno in the province of Lucca planted a holm oak, offspring of a historic holm oak, which was to be found on the VIA FRANCIGENA, the historical road that led pilgrims to Rome on their way to the Pope's city. This holm oak it was the tree from which a great Italian artist named Giorgio Gaber took inspiration for his songs. The planting site is close to a small Shinto temple that the owner of the estate wanted as an "oasis of peace."



Kitakyushu Yamada Green Space

🇯🇵 Japan

📍 Kitakyushu, Fukuoka Prefecture

🌱 1 April 2022

Mr. Ryoji Fujita, president of Kyushu Landscaping, visited Kitakyushu City to receive "Kayoko cherry tree seedlings" at the city's request. During this visit, Dr. Masayuki Ebinuma informed him about the "Revive Time: Kaki Tree Project," prompting Mr. Fujita to apply for tree planting.

The Yamada Ryokuchi area where the "A-bombed Kaki Tree II" planting took place is a park managed and operated by Kyushu Landscaping, where there used to be an ammunition depot for the Japanese Army. The former site of the ammunition depot was used as a park, and the park owner wished to plant trees here out of a desire for peace.

Regrettably, the tree-planting ceremony was canceled due to COVID-19. However, the history of this kaki tree will be shared with future elementary school visitors to the park in Kitakyushu City. The kaki tree will be taken care of by the staff and volunteers of Yamada Green Park.



CASTELPORTIAN Presidential Summer Estate

 Italy

 Rome

 4 April 2022

The municipality of Castegnato (very active in the KAKI project) and the board of KAKI TREE EUROPE after having had a surprise visit to their town by the President of the Republic on November 1, 2020 to remember the victims of COVID 19, have decided to offer a second generation persimmon tree to President Sergio Mattarella.

President Sergio Mattarella wanted the tree to be placed in the garden of his summer residence where all Italian citizens will be able to see it together with other plants donated by Kings, Queens and heads of state from all over the world.

The ceremony led with great availability by the president's staff and coordinated by the director Dr. Giulia Bonella also had as guests the representative of the Japanese Embassy in Italy, Tokuko Nabeshima.

A delegation of 35 people representing the municipality of Castegnato was present, represented by the municipal councilor with responsibility for peace, S.ra Giulia Bonomelli and the various souls of the KAKI TREE EUROPE project.



House of Peace “La Filanda”

 Italy

 Casalecchio di Reno, Bologna

 10 April 2022

The house of peace in Casalecchio di Reno is a beautiful reality where many people work together to bring the message to the world in various ways that VIOLENCE makes no sense to live together.

Led by Professor Maurizio Sgarzi they alternated during the ceremony: music, poetry, theatrical scenes and artistic performances that had a single message "PEACE IS THE THING THAT CAN GIVE BEAUTY TO LIFE".

Also in the presence of the local administrators, a primary school class took on the task of following the growth of the plant not only botanically speaking, but also with annual commemorative initiatives for this day.

At the same time all the associations working at the CASA DELLA PACE have asked the EUROPEAN committee that every year a plant can be planted in every school of the comprehensive school called "CROCE".



Andrea Mantegna Hospitality Institute



Italy



Brescia



11 April 2022



Revive Time: Kaki Tree Project and the ceremony initially set for spring 2020, took place in 2022 due to extensive COVID-19 school restrictions. The ceremony began with an online connection with Tatsuo Miyajima and his wife Yoriko who brought greetings from the Japanese committee. Subsequently we went to the school garden to plant the second-generation of the bombed kaki tree.

The Japanese consulate in Milan's representative and the mayor of the Municipality of Brescia, Dr. Emilio Del Bono, led the planting ceremony. Professor Rosa Scarpa, a KAKI TREE EUROPE board member, guided the reading of the messages that the students had prepared in these two years of waiting.

The event concluded as hotel school students presented a sizable lunch, emphasizing the connection between the meeting of the two realities—Italian and Japanese.



School of VALLI



Italy



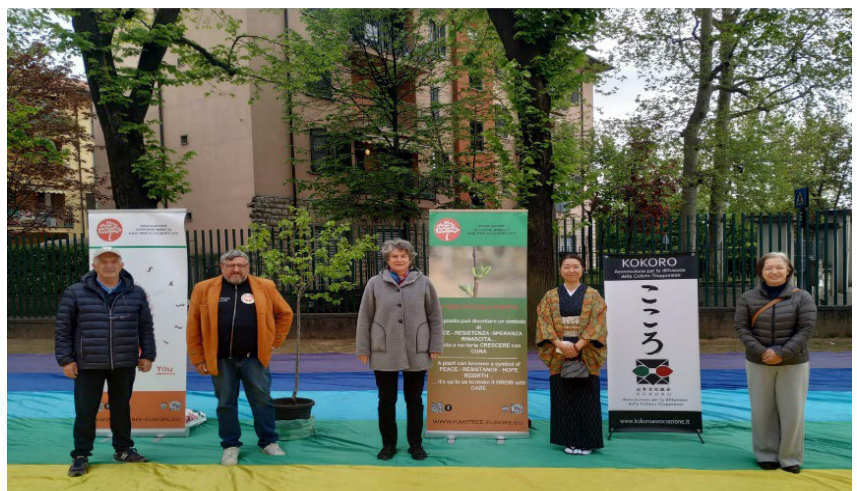
Bergamo



21 April 2022

The Kaki Tree Planting ceremony took place in this diverse primary school, where children from 42 different nationalities gathered, to share the story of Chiyoko Kitamura, a survivor of the Nagasaki atomic disaster. Maki Kitamura, the granddaughter of Chiyoko Kitamura, eloquently recounted the tragic experience her grandmother shared with her, which took place on August 9, 1945.

Junko Nashimori, the President of Kokoro, an association dedicated to serving the Bergamo area, conveyed warm greetings on behalf of the association, together with Dr. Marzia Marchesi, the Councilor for Peace of Bergamo. The Liceo Musicale Secco Suardo added a melodious dimension to the ceremony, skillfully punctuating crucial moments with musical performances.



Giorgio Perlasca Primary School



Italy



Quinto Vicentino, Vicenza



22 April 2022



At the "Giorgio Perlasca" Primary School, a great ceremony was held for the planting of the second-generation kaki tree. The event was filled with an enthusiastic and lively participation from all the students, who conveyed numerous messages of peace and joy.

Under the guide of teacher Roberta Albano, who wholeheartedly embraced Carlotta Antoni's dream of bringing a KAKI tree she had seen in Trento to fruition. Despite a light rain falling from the sky, their commitment remained unwavering.

The presence of the mayor of Quinto Vicentino added a touch of optimism to the occasion, as he emphasized the beauty of the project. It was noteworthy that this school delegation had previously participated in a planting event at the garden of the President of the Republic on April 4th. Alongside the youngest ambassador of KAKI TREE EUROPE, Angelo Garbin, certificates of adherence and participation in the project were presented to the teachers, Paola and Anna, as a token of appreciation.



Tokyo Fuji Art Museum



Japan



Hachioji, Tokyo



14 May 2022



In promoting the SDGs, the Tokyo Fuji Art Museum in Hachioji City, Tokyo, resonated with the activities of the "Revive Time: Kaki Tree Project". Of the 17 goals of the SDGs, "4: Quality education for all," "10: Eliminate inequality among people and nations," "11: Create cities where people can continue to live," "15: Protect also the wealth of land," "16: Peace and justice for all," and "17: Achieve goals through partnership" are the goals of the "SDGs x Revive Time: Kaki Tree Project".

Furthermore, we positioned actions toward these goals as the first step toward peace and happiness for people around the world and set the keyword as "Tsunagaru (connecting)." Under the theme of "Tsunagaru," one of the processes toward peace, we will launch the "Tsunagaru - Arts for Peace project," a series of projects to create peace by connecting our staff, the community, the world, and our hearts through the power of art, and 2022 will be the first year of the project.

Kaki Tree Project started in April 2022, and an exhibition was held to introduce the project. As a delivery class, a picture-story show "Kaki Tree Family Members" (author: Kidani Anken) was performed at a nursery school to give an overview of the Kaki Tree Project. In addition, several workshops by artist and executive committee member Kiwako Kitagami were held prior to the tree-planting ceremony, and flags were displayed by Misa Asano.

The tree-planting ceremony on May 14 was attended by many people, as it was the first unrestricted tree-planting ceremony in a long time amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Many university students majoring in "Museum Education" also participated as volunteers of the storytelling and workshops. Four workshops were held simultaneously from the morning, including a picture-story show about persimmon trees and making badges, and a workshop by Ms. Kiwako Kitagami was also held on the day of the tree-planting ceremony, where participants wrote messages on persimmon leaves and attached them to a large persimmon tree. (The number of messages reaches 2,000 over the next four months.)

The tree-planting ceremony started at 11:00 a.m. with the beautiful sound of a violin, and Akira Fujiwara, a fifth grader, served as the host. It was raining until just before the tree-planting ceremony started, but as soon as it began, the rain stopped, which was truly miraculous. After a talk by the curator in charge, Ms. Mikako Hiraya, a curator, "Matsuhime Mappy," a mascot character from Hachioji City, also showed up and buried a time capsule containing letters and drawings with the children. Dr. Masayuki Ebinuma, a tree doctor from Nagasaki, also came to the event and expressed his gratitude to all the participants. Tatsuo Miyajima then introduced the project and joined the large crowd in planting Nagasaki's 2nd generation of "A-bombed kaki tree." It was truly a lively tree-planting ceremony.

In the afternoon, Dr. Masayuki Ebinuma spoke, and a cross talk was held between Mr. Katsuhiko Hibino, who has been the president of Tokyo University of the Arts since this April, and Tatsuo Miyajima. Mr. Hibino has been a longtime supporter of the Kaki Tree Project, giving workshops in Venice when the project participated in the Venice Biennale in 1999 and also designing the Kaki Tree Furoshiki.

At the end of the event, a commemorative photo was taken with Mr. Hibino, Dr. Ebinuma, and everyone else involved in the project. It was a truly productive day, with people from all over Japan and from the tree-planting areas gathering to meet with Dr. Ebinuma.



La Boschina Community Park

 Italy

 Calcinato, Brescia

 5 June 2022

In this newly established park, dedicated to culture and passionately supported by the municipal administration of Calcinato, a town located between Brescia and Mantua, the KAKI TREE of NAGASAKI was warmly welcomed. Spearheaded by lawyer METILDE CAFFETTO, numerous cultural initiatives have been brought to life, with the first being the ceremonial planting of the persimmon tree in this very park.

The atmosphere was further enhanced by the enchanting performances of the children, who passionately sang peace songs. Their remarkable choir was even invited to Brescia for a meeting with Tatsuo Miyajima, where they showcased their musical talents and shared their artistic work.

The presence of Mayor Dr. Nicoletta Maestri and other esteemed authorities gave life to the municipality's official commitment to the European project. The large flag of peace that is now always present at the ceremonies, concluding this well-attended ceremony on a high note with lively dances for peace.



Garden of Continenti



Italy



Scampia, Napoli



2 October 2022

It was a long journey to get to this ceremony. In 2020 two plants should have been planted in two schools in the Scampia district of Naples, but the difficulties of customs clearance made the plants suffer and died shortly after.

Scampia is a neighborhood that in the years 1970-1990 experienced many crime problems. The mafia called Camorra killed people almost on daily basis, and drugs were the main problem alongside the absence of essential services and social engagement. Some people by choice of life decided to come and live here to give a new vision of life and today there are many associations that try to make this place better through sport, music, theatre, cooking, and other activities. In the "garden of the 5 continents" where a landfill previously existed, the persimmon plant coordinated by the PANGEA network has been planted.

It was a wonderful celebration, with each association contributing their unique strengths. Aldo Bifulco, a retired professor, and Mirella, partner of the talented mural artist Felice Pignataro, were among the first to arrive in Scampia, initiating change. Today, Scampia's transformation is ongoing and remarkable.



Oliveta Park



Italy



Sesto Fiorentino, Florence



21 November 2022

A plant had arrived in Sesto Fiorentino in 2019, but the travail of the journey weakened it. Vladislav Gavryusev, the project contact person together with the MONDO SENZA GUERRE association, requested a new plant. After the difficulties of COVID-19, Vladislav managed to unite a school, the municipal administration, and some pacifist friends to be able to plant the Nagasaki KAKI in a city park of olive trees.

At the ceremony, together with the local authorities of Sesto Fiorentino, some primary school classes and a class of very young children were present. The representatives of the municipality of Camaiore (Lucca) who are starting the process to carry out the KAKI project also took part in the ceremony. After a few weeks, the beautiful sign installed to explain the project was broken by vandals... Vladislav and his family immediately repaired it to give a sign of resistance even in the face of this gratuitous violence.

