

## ◆ Children's Art Turned into outdoor products!! "Charity goods from COLEMAN JAPAN Co., Ltd."

Each picture drawn by children of the world is one-of-a-kind. Such pictures are now designs for outdoor goods. The production of the original charity outdoor goods have been produced through the cooperation of COLEMAN JAPAN Co., Ltd., one of the top camping companies in the world.

### ■ Charity Goods

- Bottle Cooler 800 yen (840 yen tax-included)
- Jug with Cooler Cover 2,000 yen (2,100 yen tax-included)
- Tote Cooler 3,000 yen (3,150 yen tax-included)

※ A part of the proceeds are going to KIDS EARTH FUND as charity.

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## ◆ Briefing Session on Croatia was held on April 25th at KEF

Even though we would like to show all our volunteers and members our numerous activities held abroad and in Japan, unfortunately, it is difficult to do so by email and newsletters. We had hoped to tell everyone about our projects with videotapes and photographs, and thus, held our first briefing session on Croatia. First, a guest speaker talked about the history and reason why the ethnic war occurred in Croatia. Next, KEF explained why it went there to create a home, and later, showed footage of workshops and the home, No.1 KIDS EARTH HOME, that was established in 1996. Over the years, the needs of child visitors to the home have changed; children now face new problems even though there is peace now.

After the talk, everyone had Croatian herb tea and discussed main issues. Many members said that talking about what they could do as individuals and how non-profit organizations could help the children was inspiring.

## ◆ KIDS EARTH Award 2005

The second KIDS EARTH Award 2005 was given to Ms. Akiko Shindo and Ms. Yuko Miyazaki. Ms. Shindo not only has helped with several hands-on childcare workshops, but also has held other successful workshops on her own. Ms. Miyazaki has supported our daily office work and also baked some tasty cookies and bread for the children. It has been our pleasure to give this award to the two individuals or groups from all the volunteers who support the activities of KEF every year.

### This is given to

- One who is active as a volunteer
- One who has been volunteering for a long period of time
- One who has helped us
- in the public relations field - spreading information about our activities, and helping to accomplish goals by directly supporting the children.

### How is the winner selected ?

- Selected by the director members and staff.



## ◆ Charity Wine Party

The Charity Wine fundraising get-together is held on the first Thursday of every month. Special guests come to show their talents and entertain everyone. In the past we have had bossa nova, jazz songs, piano pieces, tea ceremony, and a puppet show. It is always a lot of fun. Please come join us.

Date: The first Thursday of every month (the next party will be on July 7th)

Time: 18:30-20:30

Venue: Kids Earth Gallery (3-29-9, Ebisu Shibuya-ku, Tokyo)

※ Please contact KEF by telephone or email if you would like to attend.



### 〈Tentative schedule for 2005〉

July	7/7	September	9/1	November	11/3
August	8/4	October	10/6	December	12/1

## ◆ Action for the Personal Information Protection Law

KIDS EARTH FUND adopt proper countermeasures to the Personal Information Protection Law as follows.

- Establishment of KEF private policy / -Staff signs agreement not to disclose information /
- Completed education of requirements by study and reading / -Complete confidentiality of the personal information

KEF will not release any personal information given by members. If any questions, please contact to KIDS EARTH FUND (Tel 03-5449-8161) or have a look at website ([www.kidsearthfund.org](http://www.kidsearthfund.org)).

# KIDS EARTH Report

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## School For Street Children in Ho Chi Minh

In Vietnam, school starts in September. The students at No. 4 KIDS EARTH HOME(KEH)\* are working very hard to wrap up what they have learned this year before their long summer holiday begins in July. Out of 300 students leaning at this Home, 40 of them who have lost home for a variety of reasons live in the dormitory.

And below questionnaire was given to 40 students.

Favorite Subject at School	Favorite Thing to Do
1. Mathematics 2. History 3. Writing 4. Other	1. Exchanging letters 2. Tennis 3. Exchanging Drawings 4. Table Tennis / Soccer

As you see, their favorite subject is Mathematics. Even those living outside KEH are good at calculation because they sell flowers and lottery tickets on the street after school in order to help their household expenses. Also, the children send letters to their foster parents in Japan 4 times a year. They are really excited about writing as well as receiving replies. Thanks to the wonderful supporters from Japan, they are all interested in Japan and working very hard towards their dreams for the future.

\*No.4 KEH: The home was built in 2002 at Ho Chi Minh with the cooperation of Urban Design System Co.,Ltd. and FFSC, KEF's local counter partner. This home is a free study home for children who cannot go to local public schools due to reasons such as no family registration, being unable to pay the tuition, and being an orphan. The home is managed by the Sisters from the Catholic Church.

## Messages from Vietnam

Phan Huynh Thien Thanh, 9 year old, Girl

Hello, I am a student at No. 4 KEH. It is very hot in Vietnam now. How is Japan? Here, we enjoy playing tennis on Sundays. The people visiting our home from Japan are always very nice and full of smiles. So all of my classmates, including myself, like people from Japan. Well, if you have any chance to come, you are welcome at our home. Best wishes to you all.



## NEW MEMBERS

These are KIDS EARTH FUND's new members since March 1th until May 28th ( In alphabet order)

### Individual Membership

Mr.Yoshiyuki Ono

### Corporate Membership

EDOMACHISHOKAI (REAL ESTATE) CO., LTD.

### Foster Parents

(Foster parents of children at KIDS EARTH HOME, schools for street children, in Vietnam)

Ms.Kaori Sahoda



## "KIDS CARE Cambodia has become local NGO!"

"KIDS CARE Cambodia"(KCC) was established in October, 2002. From the beginning, many organizations have been involved in its administration, besides "KIDS EARTH FUND". Since KCC's Cambodian full-time medical doctor founded the new local NGO, "Cambodian Poor Children Fund Organization", it enabled further local-based administration to be independent and thus KCC could restart in April, 2005. Due to this status quo, KEF is no longer in charge of its administration however, we will continue to support them as much as possible.



## The Jikei University Hospital in April

The theme is "Message Boat in the Bottle." Children wrote their wishes on little folding papers, folded into a paper boat, hung with thread and put in the bottles. Mr. Yasuaki Igarashi, an artist was the leader. He's going to let the bottles flow to the sea, and is sailing for south islands for four months from July. Bottles filled with children's wishes will travel over the ocean while the children are in the hospital. Where in the world will the bottles arrive at the seashores?



## Friends Chain

On the 9th of April, the art workshop with the theme "For Sufferers of the Tsunami(tidal wave) in the Indian Ocean" about 100 children gathered at Nishimachi International School." Everyone made a charm bracelet with colorful strings and drew a circles on a canvas. Repeating this work twice, children wore one of two rings, the other will be sent to the Sumatra area. At the same time in this workshop, the pictures drawn by children in Sumatra were displayed, and they made children feel like sending their best wishes and condolences for suffers. (Photo →)



## Adventure Journey -Let 's sail to the ocean!-

Sakutaro paid its visit to the KIDS EARTH Gallery's courtyard. The boat named Sakutaro had played an important role in the workshop in Amakusa, Nagasaki and is supported by an artist group "Matatabi." The boat came all the way to Ebisu, Tokyo. Kids and Matatabi members painted the ocean for their coming journey scene. Everybody played his and her part to create the blue ocean. Kids on-board Sakutaro have set forth the journey in the blue painted ocean, with big fish and waves in their minds. (Photo ↓)



# SPECIAL NEWS

## Japan Inter-Design Award 2005

KIDS EARTH FUND has been awarded the "Japan Inter-Design Award" (Japan Inter-Design Forum) for having been contributing to the worldwide charity events and awareness programs through the artworks of the children. Our representative Ms. Torii and the staff members have attended the Forum in Nagoya on May 15th.

"The Grown-ups who have been working for the welfare of the children of the world."

"The Grown-ups who enjoy the creative activities with the childlike innocent spirit."

"Any individuals or organizations with cultural activities which connect the children and the grown-ups."

"A company who gives dreams to the once-children, and now-children."

These are the winners who were awarded the "Japan Inter-Design Award"2005 under the themes listed above.

### Japan Inter-Design Grand Prize

• Shuntaro Tanikawa (poet)

### Japan Inter-Design Award

• An-Pan-man (animation)  
• Shonosuke Okura (important intangible cultural asset holder, a member of Japan Noh-gaku kai, Noh-gaku Hayashi Okura-manner drum player)  
• KIDS EARTH FUND

### Special Award

• Yutsuko Chusonji  
• Kids Meal (a fantastic dish full of children's favorite food)



### What is Japan Inter-Design Award?

This is given to individuals or groups of people who have contributed to the society in creative ways, and from unique perspectives.



## Column DEAR KIDS, DEAR THE EARTH vol. 10

Jungo Kikuma

World Air Service co., LTD President / KIDS EARTH FUND: Adviser

It was about thirty years ago, when I was in charge of a travel agency's foreign language study tours department. One day, a gentle young lady came to see me accompanied by her father. In those days, it was highly unusual to travel to France for language studies; and it was clear that the father was very concerned about his daughter travelling alone. He came to the agency several times, while the young lady herself was completely calm. I accompanied her all the way to her home stay destination in France. Despite being young and this being her first foreign excursion, her inner fortitude left an impression on me.

Twenty-five years later, a lawyer acquaintance of mine asked if I would help a group of people who were trying to build a facility to care for children hurt by the civil strife in Yugoslavia. In my work I have had much experience overseas, especially with organizing tours to Eastern Europe and Middle and Near East, as well as Indochina. I have been thinking of a way to aid those countries having experienced their reality first-hand; and was glad to learn that a Japanese was already involved in such activities. I decided to meet this person.

KIDS EARTH FUND representative who knocked on the door of my office in Hibiya was Ms. Harumi, the young lady I had accompanied to France thirty years before. Meeting her again after thirty years, I was surprised by her powerful transfiguration. Her ambition was noble and convincing, and she was full of vitality. I became an active supporter of the projects such as KIDS EARTH HOME in Vietnam and the school in Cambodia as of that day.

It makes me very happy that young staff members at my firm also give their support to KEF. Many volunteered to become foster parents, and are actively communicating with several dozen children in Vietnam.

Tourism tends to focus on the glamour of foreign lands; but to learn more about the country and to try our best in giving support where possible is the way to true international exchange.

I would like to conclude by expressing my gratitude to the staff of KEF.



## Exhibition

### ● Aichi (Nagoya)

5/15 (Sun.)  
Yamabuki Elementary School  
At Japan Inter-Design Award Ceremony

### ● Tokyo (Shibuya)

6/2 (Thu.) - 6/14 (Tue.)  
TEPCO Gallery, Denryokukan

### ● Tokyo (Marunouchi)

Middle of July - Middle of August  
KIDS ART STREET

### ● Tokyo (Roppongi)

6/20 (Thu.)  
Art Fair Tokyo Shinbokuai