

## ★ Exhibition at the Embassy of Spain "HAPPY BIRTHDAY EARTH '06"

KEF held an exhibition of children's vivid and pure paintings at the Embassy of Spain. The walls of the modern spacious space at the embassy were covered with about 80 paintings from places around the world such as Asia, Europe and America. Not only paintings but also three-dimensional artworks such as a chair and a house which had been created by Japanese children whom KIDS EARTH CAR had met were displayed. There was an opening reception the day before the exhibition began and approximately 250 people joined there. They enjoyed passionate songs and guitars played by Spanish musicians and that night became a Spanish night filled with a Latin atmosphere. Also there was a raffle prizes during the reception and will be used for supporting children through KEF activities. A total of 504,895 yen was raised at this charity party. Thank you all for supporting the activities of KEF.

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Art Exhibition : 8 - 14 September 2006

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## ★ Charity Christmas Card 2006

This year's Christmas cards have been made! The project of the pictures drawn by the children in the KIDS EARTH HOME No.1 which would be the Christmas card's design is coming four times this year. At last, by Smile Heart Club's\* joint effort, we started selling the Christmas cards. The sales of these Christmas cards will be used for supporting activities not only for the children in former Yugoslavia but also this year, for the children in the disaster area due to the Pakistan earthquake. You can buy charity cards from the advertisement. (\* A social action program by the employees of Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Group)



Children drawing Christmas card's design eagerly



We have many unique cards

## ★ Collaboration of a NY Artist and Children - Shu Uemura

A portion of the proceeds of Shu Uemura's Cleansing Oil Limited Edition 2006, "Shu Project by J.T" will be donated to KIDS EARTH FUND. On June 17th, KIDS EARTH Gallery was honored to have the artist himself who facilitated creating the bottles for Shu Uemura's limited edition, John Trembley, from NY. At the gallery, in his attempt to experience optical arts with children, he proposed children to create some "potato stamps" - stamps crafted by curving slices of potatoes. The children and John were utterly content with their success in crafting their potato stamps.

Shu Uemura Cleansing Oil Limited Edition is available on September 8th, 2006 at Shu Uemura boutiques.



Children remark of John, "He is so kind!"



Children's art works will be displayed at Shu Uemura's exhibition



Horses  
Steven Waijaya Halim  
Indonesia

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Special  
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## Restoration aid to Sri Lanka where a Tsunami struck in 2004

From 17 to 23/Jun, Takahashi and Murai, KIDS EARTH FUND (KEF) secretaries, went to Hambantota in Sri Lanka, the disaster-affected area of the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004, where they performed workshops with children. They were conducted in cooperation with NPO JEN, with support of Smile Heart Club. (\* A social action program by the employees of Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Group)

### [Current issues in the Tsunami Stricken areas]

In December 2004, a Sumatra earthquake occurred and a big tsunami struck. Many people were affected by them. Hambantota is one of the most disastrous areas. Lots of people in Hambantota lost their houses and household goods in the Tsunami. Some lost their families. Fishermen lost their means of living. Restoration is currently in progress. We saw destroyed houses and fallen trees, even though over a year passed since the disaster. We can't find works to express how deeply they suffer from the incidents. We held art workshops 5 times for 157 children gathered from 14 villages, to help them ease their trauma.



### [Delivering heartwarming messages]

To cheer up the sufferers, children in Japan and Croatia made arts, bracelets and an energetic picture. Japanese children created pairs of good luck charms made of colorful strings. One is kept by him/herself and the other is connected to others to form a long friends' chain. Children in Croatia KIDS EARTH HOME No.1 painted an energetic picture on a large paper. Messages are written on the paper such as "friend", "love" etc. Children in Sri Lanka wore friends' chain of their favorite color on their arms. And they received their heartwarming messages.



[Let's show how long we wait for full restoration in school!]

"Describe your friends' faces"succeeded to children in Sri Lanka, which was passed from children in Croatia, where it took place in June, and from children in Vietnam, where it was done in February. The basic rules are unchanged except one thing; models on the canvas hold hands with each other. The rules are simple, models lie down on the canvas and choose their poses and others outline his/her silhouette, and then paint them. They painted 5 pictures with a message "We lost something by the tsunami, but we keep the friendship and help each other for good and all."

Behind the models, they painted lots of animals, such as peacocks and elephants, and colorful flowers; those are very familiar to them. It would remind you of the scenery in Sri Lanka. Those paintings are displayed at the schools, where children go, in order to be seen by their families and other children.



[Look at those special post cards with our drawings!!]

Children whose lives are surrounded by wonderful nature individually drew paintings on a white canvas with their favorite themes, selected out of 'Flower' 'Garden and Nature' 'Fruits' 'Friends' 'Animals' 'Sports' and 'Festivals'. Flowers and gardens became very popular themes and illustrated many post card designs, and the benefits from the sales of the post cards are going to be used for children all over the world. Those children in Sri Lanka who were cheered up by their friends' messages from around the world will at this time support other children in different countries. We just had one more friendship chain of the Kids Helping Kids.



### [Children's Comments]

• I enjoyed painting very much and I think my drawing looks good!!

• We understood each other more through group work communication.

• I was glad that I had many friends abroad.

• Even if you are in very difficult situations in your life, don't forget you are not alone, my friends!!(in Croatia and Japan)I'll be there for you when you are in trouble, because we are united by our friends' chain.

• This time you brought our friends' messages from Japan to us, so please send our messages next time.

• I really want to continue this kind of cultural exchange.

Those comments above are only a few of them. So many children gave us sweet heart-warming messages taking care of others. Those young children looked very mature when they made comments like this.

### [Japanese xylophones traveling to Sri Lanka]

On the trip to Sri Lanka this time we brought ten Japanese xylophones to children, which were sponsored by BORNELUND INC. We donated two xylophones each to five different schools. It was the first time not only for the children but also for their teachers to see a xylophone in their life. They told us that there is a very similar instrument of many containers with different amounts of water to create diverse sounds. One of the teachers happily said they would introduce these xylophones into their music classes. Probably you can now hear beautiful sounds of the xylophones in Sri Lanka.



## KIDS EARTH CAR Project Traveling Workshop

### KIDS EARTH Soccer World Cup Japan vs. Croatia

This year, in the midst of a World Cup sensation, children in Japan and Croatia began deepening their friendship through art using soccer as a theme.

#### "Soccer Art Match"

This is an artwork depicting a soccer game, and painted by children in both Japan and Croatia. This project was titled "Soccer Art Match". The children who participated in this project in Japan are from Shisei Gakuen Children's Home and Nippon Medical School Hospital. In Croatia, children from the KIDS EARTH HOME No.1 participated in the project. These children in both Japan and Croatia modeled themselves to capture life-size players to paint on the canvas as large as more than 1x5 meters in size. Although the children from Shisei Gakuen Children's Home were astonished by the size of players already painted by the children in Croatia, they too painted players competitively, looking strong and tenacious. Just like an actual soccer game in the field, the finished painting, "Soccer Match", challenges us to name the winning team. The project such as this one entailed combined efforts of children from two different countries, and the fact that they complimented each other's artwork. The great artwork was born, given that the portion of the painting already done by the children in Croatia was honored and cherished by those in Japan who completed the painting.



## NEW MEMBERS

There are KIDS EARTH FUND's new members since June 1until August 31 (in alphabet order)

#### Individual Membership

Ms. Akiko Kondo / Mr. Aroon Maben /  
Ms. Hiroko Nakae / Mr. Hiroshi Matsuo /  
Ms. Izuho Sotani / Ms. Kazuko Kondo /  
Ms. Kyoko Suzuki / Ms. Masako Kiyohara /  
Ms. Michiko Kasai / Ms. Reiko Shinohara /  
Mr. Shunji Ohashi

#### Corporate Membership

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#### Big Family Members

Ms. Kyoko Suzuki / Ms. Masako Kiyohara /  
Ms. Reiko Shinohara / Mr. Shunji Ohashi /  
Ms. Taiko Nakazawa / 1 anonymous

### "Exchange of Uniforms"

Professional soccer players exchange their uniforms after a game by tradition. Just as professional soccer players do, children had an opportunity to exchange their uniforms as well. Children designed and painted their uniforms using plain T-shirts and paint. Each uniform has, on the chest, a logo that is uniquely designed by each child. Some heartfelt designs included animals, food, and soccer ball that also looks like a globe.

The children who participated in the project in Japan are from : Ainoie Family Home, Nippon Medical School Hospital

The children who participated in the project in Croatia are from : KIDS EARTH HOME No.1

KIDS EARTH FUND is dedicating to build a bridge between children in Japan and in Croatia.

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## Exhibition



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(ART FORUM AZAMINO)

#### ● TOKYO • Minato-ku

Fri, 9/22  
Mori Art Museum

#### ● TOKYO • Minato-ku

Thu, 9/7- Thu, 9/14  
Embassy of Spain

#### ● SAITAMA • Kawaguchi-shi

Sat, 10/21 - Sun, 11/19  
Kawaguchi Art Gallery ATLIA

#### ● TOKYO • Setagaya-ku

Wed, 11/15 - Mon, 12/25  
Tamagawa Takashimaya S •C

#### ● YOKOHAMA • Aoba-ku

Wed, 8/23 - Sat, 9/9  
Yokohama Civic Gallery Azamino