## **NEWS**

## ★ Westin Hotel Tokyo's Christmas charity cookie sales donated to KIDS EARTH FUND

A wonderful Christmas charity was conducted by the Westin Hotel Tokyo located close to KIDS EARTH FUND in Ebisu, Tokyo.

Pastry chefs of the hotel baked crispy cookies, and many people including hotel guests, visitors who came to listen to the Christmas carols, and small children bought these charity cookies sold in the hotel lobby.

In the lobby, there was a Christmas tree decorated with colorful ornaments, and the exhibition of children's works which belong to KIDS EARTH FUND was also held there. The total charity cookie sales of 66,200 yen were donated by the Westin Hotel Tokyo to KIDS EARTH FUND and it was used for the purchase of school supplies for children in Vietnam.



### ★ Children's picture to the poster of Hand washing! By Johnson & Johnson K.K.

Children's Pictures of KIDS EARTH FUND were selected as the poster to tell "Hand washing" in the hospital by Johnson & Johnson K.K.. We are going to visit to the hospital by our KIDS EARTH CAR. After painting with much joy, children begin to wash their hands with smiles as their poster was hanged. The fund from Johnson & Johnson K.K. was paid for KIDS EARTH HOME No.5 in Vietnam and was helpful to buy drugs and cover the health examination fee of 176 children.







### ★ Marunouchi Nakadori will changed to "Kids Art Street"!

The event "Kids Art Street" related to the Art Fair Tokyo is in its fourth year this year. Pictures drawn by children around the world, which are kept by KIDS EARTH FUND are exhibited in shops, cafes and showrooms mainly located in Marunouchi Nakado-ri from Tokyo station to Yurakucho station.

Exhibition period : March 8, 2007 (Sat) through April 12, 2007 (Thu)

Place : Event supporting companies and shops mainly located in Marunouchi Nakadori

Sponsor : Art Fair Tokyo



("Kids Art Street" held in 2005)

### **NEW MEMBERS**

There are KIDS EARTH FUND's new members since 1 December until 28 February (in alphabet order)

### [Individual Membership]

Ms. Miho Takahashi /

Ms. Satoko Yamaga Macdonald /

Ms. Sawa Murai / Ms. Yoko Murashige /

Ms. Yoshimi Yamaguchi / Mr. Yukihiro Akimoto /

Ms. Yuriko Murakami / Ms. Yuriko Sakuraoka / 4 anonymnous

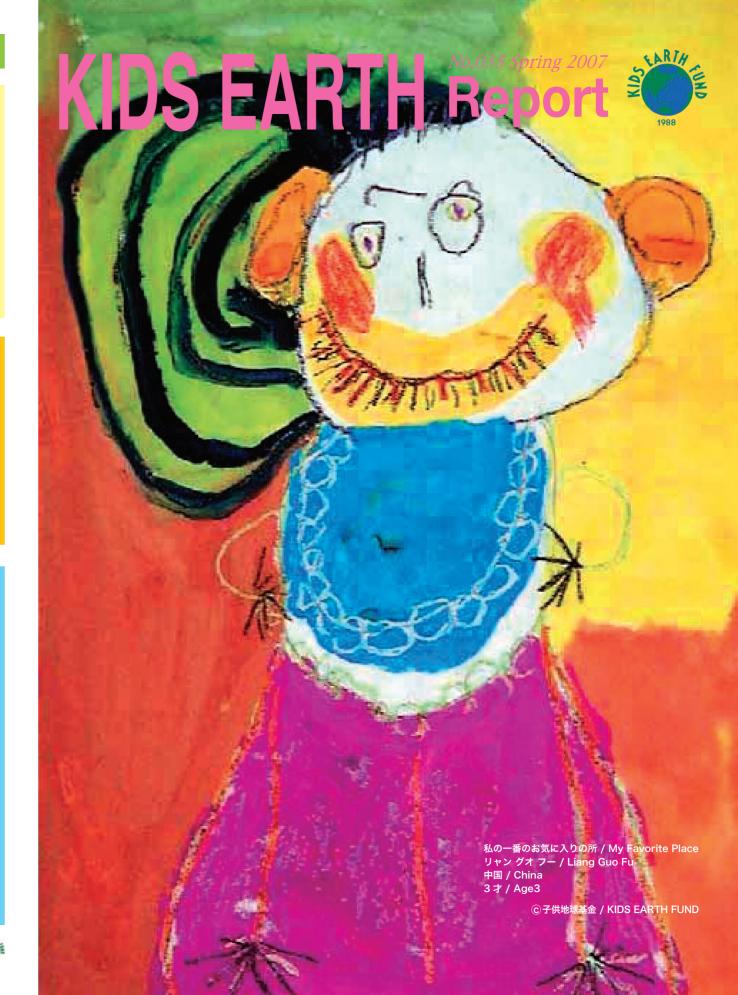
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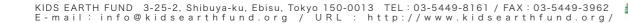
### [Corperate Membership] FUND CREATION CO., LTD.

GOLDWIN INC.

### [Big Family Members]

Mr. Shingo Nakao





# KIDS EARTH CAR Project Traveling Workshop

### Let's draw what you have in your mind!

The first workshop for the year 2007 was to draw with paints. There was no theme this time, but just to draw whatever was in mind. One girl said, "I usually cannot draw what I like in classes because there is always a theme. So I am really excited today!", which, of course, made us happy. At the end of the session, many wonderful drawings came out, the drawing of Oni for Setsubun, unique characters, rainbows and beautiful polka dots! The colors children used were also really amazing.

## Jikei Medical School Let's decorate the hospital with flower drawings! ~

March-we drew many flowers imagining the coming of spring, using paint on canvas. Many unique and spring color drawings were made. All the drawings were put up on the wall and brought an early spring feeling to the hospital.



(Colorful flowers were painted)



Photo by Laurent Ziegler



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### KIDS EARTH HOME Project KIDS EARTH HOME

Harumi Torii, the founder of KIDS EARTH FUND, visited Vietnam and Cambodia from Feb 7th through Feb 12th to see the situation of the management of the three KIDS EARTH HOMEs(KEH), and to open the art workshop with children there.

### KIDS EARTH HOME No.6 Cambodia Newly built toilets and Renewal of the library

As is well known, Cambodia has many historical problems such as a civil war, mines, refugees, starvation and poverty, as well as the environmental problem that the Mekong River overflows in the rainy season. In KEH No.6 Prek Treng Primary School, which is located near the Mekong River, about 500 children are given compulsory education. They enjoy coming to school on foot from far away from the school, even though the streets and the school playground are flooded in the rainy season.

The number of toilets had been really small compared to the number of children, and also they didn't work since the water didn't flow and so they were blocked up. Furthermore, the children went to draw water from the river that was away from the school by 200m, in order to flush the toilets. This meant very hard work for the children, and it was also a serious problem for the children who were mostly barefoot that the unsanitary toilets might cause infection. This time we attached pumps, and repaired and built more tiolets, under the co-sponsorship of Sumitomo-Mitsui Banking Corporation.



The clean toilets helped the children stop the hard work of going to draw water from the river, and also they are good for their health.



The library was also renewed. Necessary teaching materials were filled, and the study room to help children who are eager in thier studies, new teaching materials and children's books were fully equipped. The renewed library is a new space for children to study freely after school and to read books.



All the children are serious about drawing at KEH No.4 in Vietnam. They really concentrated on it.



One scene in the art workshop at KEH No.5 in Vietnam. We will unite the square canvases that the children draw and make a tapestry.



Job training is given using new sewing machines. The children are clever with their fingers and do well.

### Kids Helping Kids

#### Introduction to Kids Volunteer Activities

In Kindergarten Class at New International School (New IS) in Ikebukuro the children have enjoyed participating in fund raising activities for KIDS EARTH FUND. Last year they presented a charity art exhibition of paintings made by the children in Kindergarten and Primary class. Money was raised at the exhibition to give to and also the paintings were donated as a gift for the children at KIDS EARTH HOME No.6.

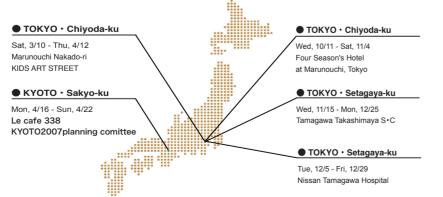
This year, the students have been into fund-raising activities and presenting self made paintings. This time they decided to support the 40 children staying at KIDS EARTH HOME No.4, with the "Child Lends Project" unique to their school. In the first stage of the project they sold handmade straps, bracelets, etc. at New IS. With the profit from the sales they bought disposable cameras for the children of Home No.4. The children from the home took photographs using the camera. The New IS students took some of these photographs along with thier own photography and held an exhibition in the school. At the exhibition also, the New IS students collected funds from the teachers and other parents. The funds were then used to buy clothes. for the 40 children from the Home.

This is another example of the widening circle of the 'Kids Helping Kids' programme organised by.





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Akiko Shindo / Director of KIDS EARTH FUND

I feel that the arts created by children reflect the feeling of those of us who look at them, like a mirror that reflects our face. Even when we just look at the arts, we unexpectedly realize our emotions at the same time. There might be some adults who don't know what they feel or what they should feel, and just look around. We sometimes ask ourselves whether we still have an eye to appreciate the arts.

It is curious that the arts say to us "Come and see me", while we see a lot of the arts created by children. Then I approach the arts and find that I'm just happy in front of the arts, appreciate the value of them, and hope to let everyone become happy as well. This is the "KIDS EARTH FUND" magic spell. I believe that this magic causes some chemical reactions in several places over the world, and unites peple.

That is because it's me who has been under the magic for 18 years.

(\* Column "DEAR KIDS, DEAR EARTH" is written by directors and advisors of KIDS EARTH FUND)