# **NEWS**

# Tokyo Bay Maihama Hotel 3rd Anniversary Event "Thanks **3rd Anniversary" Kids Earth Gallery**

A Tokyo Bay Maihama Hotel is now holding "Kids Earth Gallery", celebrating its 3rd anniversary on March 3rd, 2010. During the period from Wednesday, March 3rd, their foundation day, to Wednesday, April 7th, about 20 paintings which were contributed to Kids Earth Fund by children from the world are exhibited at the lobby of the hotel. Also, for a limited time (Wednesday, March 3rd to Friday, July 16th) Tokyo Bay Maihama Hotel is offering a special accommodation plan. They have prepared a gallery-like "Kids Earth Room" which is a guest room filled with pictures drawn by children from the world. Additionally, Tokyo Bay Maihama Hotel's own Kids Earth Fund eco-bags will be given to all the guests of the plan. Would you like to stay in a room which can heal and refresh you?

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TEL:047-355-1222(main)/FAX:047-355-6777 (Room Reservation) TEL:047-355-8222 URL:http://www.maihamahotel.jp/plan/thanks3rd\_anniversary/kidsearthroom.html





### Kids Earth Fund 2010 Event Schedule

Kids Earth Fund has been holding a number of events in the past, and year 2010 will also be filled with a lot of events! We are looking forward to your participation.

May 23 (Sun.)

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Charity Concert 2010 @ Nikkei Hall, Tokyo

May 29 (Sat.) & 30 (Sun.) 2010 19th Herb Summit Ono & KEF Art Workshop @ Himawari-no-Oka Park Ono-city Uruoi Community Square, Hyogo

May 31 (Mon.) - June 12 (Sat.) Kids Earth Fund Exhibition @ Le Café, Kyoto

June 13 (Sun.) - June 19 (Sat.) Kids Earth Fund Exhibition @ Bandanohana, Kyoto



[As of March 31] Please note that schedule is subject to change under unavoidable circumstances. For further details, please contact Kids Earth Fund Office.

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### **Haiti Quake Relief**

Kids Earth Fund is raising funds to help children victimized by the 7.0 earthquake in Haiti on January 12. Innumerable children are in need of a safe place to stay, food, clean water, and medical care. In disasters like this, it is children that suffer most. As we hope for the earliest possible reconstruction - and the return of smiles to the faces of the children, we would appreciate your cooperation and support.



Below is the bank account information for donations.

Sumitomo Mitsui Bank

Branch name: Ebisu branch Brach number: 656 

Account holder's name: KIDS EARTH FUND



# KIDS EARTH FUND x PMI Co., Ltd.

KIDS EARTH FUND and PMI Co., Ltd. produced charity wine and grape juice collaborately. You can purchase individual bottles or gift sets which consist of red and white wine / grape juice. 100 yen will be donated to Kids Earth Fund as you purchase one wine or juice bottle. And also 100 yen will be donated to KEF as you purchase one gift set.

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We hope you enjoy the wine with a sweet taste and fruity scent and freshly made, delicious grape juice.

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## Kids Earth Fund Eco Bags & Shopping Bags

Pictures drawn by children from all over the world have been printed on these cute Eco bags and shopping bags. Spring is coming and as it gets warmer and the weather it will be great to pack your own lunch and bring it to a picnic in the Eco Bag. Shopping trips will also be nice knowing that you are benefiting Kids Earth Fund with every bag you purchase. The Eco Bags are produced by the Takaroh Bussan Co. Ltd and The shopping bags are produced by Misuzu Co. Ltd. Both types of bags will be available in many shops and stores.





■ NEW MEMBER Individuals and companies that newly joined KIDS EARTH FUND Membership. (Individual Members) Mr. Hitoshi Nishina Ms. Hiromi Mitsuyama Ms. Junko Harada Mr. Yutaka Fukita

(As of March 31, 2010 Title Omitted/Alphabetical Order)





# Special Kids Earth Fund: Art Workshop in the Old Wing of the French Embassy



On Saturday January 30th, we held an event called "Kids Helping Kids Artwork Event: Repainting the Earth with Children's Pictures" in the old wing of the French Embassy, Welcoming EFAP JAPON, a business school for public relations, our event was held as part of the "No Man's Land" exhibition at the French Embassy.

The number of participants exceeded our expectations as more than 30 children gathered together at the event. Upon arrival, an "Art Event Tour" was held and the children saw various works of art exhibited





throughout the old embassy building.

After the tour, the main workshop event

took place. The children squealed in delight

at the sight of the big white sphere-the

Earth made out of Styrofoam - and using

different colored pens, they decorated the

Earth in bright, vibrant colors. The children

completely immersed themselves in draw-

ing and lost track of time. Their artwork will

be exhibited in the upcoming Kids Earth

Fund events around the country and



# **Dear Supporters of KIDS EARTH FUND vol.27** Founder of KIDS EARTH FUND **Harumi Torii**

Thank you so very much for your support in the twenty-two years since the Kids Earth Fund was established! The time surely has flown by, hasn't it? In this period of time, many disasters have happened such as Chernobyl, various wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan, Rwanda, Bosnia and Croatia, and earthquakes in Chile, Haiti, Kobe and Niigata. We came to see the transition of history firsthand through those experiences right before our eyes. Abnormal weather patterns, political confusion, economic downturns, and the overall state of society have accelerated the pace of change; also, disasters, such as earthquakes and various societal troubles, seemed to give us dire warnings. However, even in the darkness of this age, children are surviving and growing up in severe

Even though the number of wars and the suicide rates did not decrease, and we live in a chaotic world, because of this, we as adults need to show children how to have hope and to keep on living to make a bright future. Now more than ever, we need to redouble our efforts to set a good example for the kids in order to lead them in the right direction. While politicians or companies, who should lead society, lack a sense of morality, it can be difficult to provide our children with their own goals and dreams

KIDS EARTH FUND holds art workshops with children who suffer from trauma under the severest of conditions all over the world, and promotes the importance of self-expression. Drawing pictures can be an opportunity which can serve as a form of self-help to help young people find healing and discover themselves and their own possibilities.

KIDS EARTH FUND keeps operating in order to make opportunities for children to have their own hopes and dreams around the world.



### **Kids Earth Home in Vietnam**



In late January, for the fist time this year, we visited the Kids Earth Home in tropical Vietnam to hold an art workshop. As soon as we finished setting up for the workshop, the children started painting the landscape of their home, using many different colored pencils. When the art workshop was finished, the children presented the paintings they worked on. The workshop was a great success as evidenced by all the wonderful smiles on the children's faces.



Thanks to the generous donations from many people, we could fix the broken gate of the Kids Earth Home. Additionally, we could deliver books, candies and painting supplies to the children which had been donated by our sponsors. The children were so very happy to receive them and the home was filled with laughter and cheers. The children and all concerned with the Kids Earth Home appreciate your great support. Although challenges remain, we are excited to continue this work for the children of the Kids Earth Home.







### The Kids Earth Home in Cambodia

As part of our January outreach activities, after visiting the Kids Earth Home in Vietnam, we made our way to the Kids Earth Home in Cambodia. There we made a donation and held an art workshop. The children were very happy and excited about this year's first art workshop. They intently focused on their work using different colored pencils on their own canvases and sheets of paper. Their drawings depicted scenes of the Cambodian community in which they live. They were all wonderfully drawn and beautifully colored.



We also delivered books, snacks and painting supplies provided by our sponsors. There were cheers and squeals of happiness all around as the gifts were passed out. The children asked each other "What did you get?" and said, "This is great!" and "This tastes good!" They all looked very happy and excited to receive these gifts. It is due to everyone's ongoing support that we have been able to see the smiling faces of children such as these, and we hope to expand our activities in order to bring







### Art Workshop @ Futaba Gakuen



Welcoming 5 volunteers, an art workshop was held at Futaba Gakuen for the first time in a year. 7 boys between the ages of 3 and 5 participated in the workshop and painted pictures freely on a big white canvas without pre-determined titles.

The workshop was filled with smiles and laughter from children, teachers and volunteers. We were all energized through bonding the lively children.

### Artwork Workshop at Toho **University Omori Medical Center "The Earth Where We** Like to Live"



The artwork workshop on February 10 was quite a unique event. The theme was "The Earth Where We Like to Live" and we used 15cm white globes. To protect the children, they had to work in separate rooms to prevent the spread of gastroenteritis. They smiled even before picking up the pens, imagining "What should I do? What should I draw?" with the white globes in their hands. They drew on the globes with permanent markers and created many designs that were very colorful and full of originality. They had difficulty drawing on the round shape, but they were creative, some poked holes in the globes and others used every

color of the markers. One of them showed us a completed work with a theme of global warming and said with big smile, "this will knock their socks off". The works completed in the workshop were decorated beside beds in the hospital ward, and we saw some children enjoy explaining their works to the hospital staff. Children who seemed to be a little shy at first showed huge smiles after they completed their creations, thinking about the theme of "The Earth Where We Like to Live".





### Let's Draw Your Earth!

On February 18th Thursday, 2010, at the Pediatric Ward of University Hospital of Medicine in Tokyo Medical and Dental University, we held first art workshop this year. This time, not as usual, art activity was conducted in private rooms.

Children were so active even in their private rooms! By using colorful marker, they drew white styrene ball with their own sense. Children had very much fun to feel soft touch which is different from drawing on paper by paints. A lot of colorful earth was made at the end of the workshop.

The fist workshop in this year at the Pediatric Ward of University Hospital of Medicine in Tokyo Medical and Dental University ended with a great success.



