

# NEWS LETTER No.66

## HEART CONNECTION

日本からイギリスへ、みんなを励ます絵を贈ろう

Manchester, England

In receiving the News of Manchester Terror Attack on May22, we have launched a project to send children's paintings and cheer British people to show our appreciation for the children's paintings that was a gift from England to cheer Japanese people when the huge earthquake struck Tohoku, Japan. The children's paintings we sent were exhibited at Japanese Embassy in UK for a week.

On July 12, Manchester honorary consul visited Tarleton Community School which 8-year-old victim used to go, and donated the children's paintings. He met the school director and class representatives. The school director is planning to use the children's paintings at their art project in the next semester starting on September and also to exhibit them next May.



## Symposium at Todaiji Temple



We held an exhibition of children's paintings at a small hall in the Todaiji Cultural Center, and held a symposium to consider "children's life" by Fumon Sagawa, the 222nd general manager of Kegon Sect at Todaiji Temple.

A workshop of Japanese music by Mr. Kanjuro Fujima, Original Fujima Style VIII was held, and Mr. Takanosuke Nakamura and Ms. Aiko Watanabe showed Japanese dance. At the Todaiji Temple Welfare and Treatment Hospital, we held a workshop to paint for children with severe disabilities. These children, who rarely have chances to go out in their daily life, enjoyed painting outside.

# ART WORK SHOP

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## Cambodia and Vietnam

We held art workshops at KIDS EARTH HOME (KEH) in Vietnam and Cambodia on 5-18 March.

50 children live and study at KEH Vietnam and 52 children live at KEH Cambodia. Countless children still live under poor environment. However in the workshop, they enjoyed painting with art materials that KEF staffs brought from Japan and smiled



## Croatia

We held an art workshop with many children at No.9 Kids Earth Home Croatia.

There are children who live in houses which remains of bullet holes, suffering from domestic violence and child abuse by their parents as well as for children whose parents are addicted to alcohol and drugs. In such a serious situation, children drew pictures that appeal for peace.



## Flood disaster area , Japan

On 5 July 2017, heavy rain struck northern Kyushu. Many houses were damaged and people were forced to leave them. Three days after that, Torii went around four evacuation centers (Asakura Shiritsu Haki Junior High School, Rakuyu-kan, Asakura Regional Lifelong Learning Center, and Pipoto Amagi) to hold art workshops. Torii met a woman who lost her husband by the flood, disabled people, and an old man who was at a loss what to do next. The painting which the children drew made them cheerful.





## Tohoku

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Six years have passed after the Great East Japan earthquake. We've been supporting the affected areas since we started up the KIDS EARTH HOME TOHOKU at Watari-cho, Miyagi Prefecture in July, 2011.

In a painting workshop on March 25<sup>th</sup> (Sat), children drew paintings of the moon, which were displayed in a charity event held in the Todai-ji Temple (Nara Prefecture) on April 15<sup>th</sup>. When the children were told that the theme of the workshop was about the moon, they were so excited and drew many pieces of paintings maximizing their imagination.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sat), we invited a stone painter to our workshop as a guest. The children started collecting stones on the ground first and once they found their favorite stones, they added colors on it. They left unforgettable ideas as an art that were far beyond our imagination.

On June 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat) and July 17<sup>th</sup> (Holiday), we held a painting workshop with the management support team at the Firefly Festival in Watari-cho, Miyagi Prefecture. Local children were excited about the opening every year and more than 12,000 guests visited the festival. The theme of the workshop was about "your own face", so the children faced themselves by reminding their own faces.



## Child Ward

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We held workshops for children at Kanagawa Children's Medical Center, Jikei University Hospital, Tokyo Dental University Dental hospital etc. every month.



# Charity Party 2017 in KYOTO



We had a charity party at Hyatt Regency Kyoto and got a lot of donations (1,170,700 JPN) in a night. At the party, Yumi Okazaki (pianist) performed wonderful music and guests had a great night, thinking of children around the world.

## COLLABORATION コラボレーション



Calbee  
product name : Jagabee



## MUJI

product name : My bag with children's paintings



ASKUL  
product name : Memo pad