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WFP SCHOOL FEEDING EXHIBITION LINKS CHILDREN IN JAPAN AND IN DEVELOPING WORLD

Aichi – The Global School Feeding Exhibition, featuring the United Nations World Food Programme’s school feeding operations in developing countries, opened today at the UN Pavilion at the Aichi EXPO.

The main objective of the Exhibition is to raise public interest in global hunger and WFP, particularly among primary and secondary school children. The Exhibition shows WFP’s involvement in school feeding through videos and photographs from 16 countries where WFP provides school meals, as well as food distributed at schools and other items used in daily lives of children in developing countries.

“WFP believes that providing a nutritious meal at school is a simple but sure way to give poor children a chance to learn and stay healthy,” said WFP Deputy Executive Director Sheila Sisulu, who opened the Exhibition today. “In Japan, school meals are widely provided in elementary and secondary schools. I hope we can use school feeding – a theme that many Japanese can easily relate to – to raise public interest in global hunger.”

The exhibition is organized by the Japan Association for WFP (JAWFP) from 24 July through 13 August. JAWFP is a non-profit organization which assists WFP in advocacy and private-sector fundraising in Japan.

WFP is the largest organization providing school meals in developing countries, with more than 40 years’ experience. In 2004, WFP fed 16.6 million school children in 72 countries. By the end of 2007, WFP aims to feed 50 million children at school.

Some 300 million children worldwide suffer from hunger, and 100 million of them, mostly girls, do not attend school. School meals not only improve nutritional status of children but also encourage parents to send their children, particularly daughters, to school. It costs just 19 US cents (JPY 20) a day to provide a child with a nutritious meal at school. Research shows that basic education is the most effective investment to create literate, self-reliant and healthy societies and improve economies.

WFP は世界最大の人道援助機関です。WFP は毎年 5,600 万人の子どもを含むおよそ 9,000 万の人々に食糧を支援しています。WFP は国連唯一の食糧援助機関です。

学校給食キャンペーン 1日わずか19セント(およそ20円)でWFPを通じて貧しい国の子どもたちに栄養のある食事を学校で供給する手助けができます。それは明るい未来への贈りもの。

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