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Temporary Exhibition at the UN Pavilion - World EXPO 2005 Aichi

Great Apes Survival Project (GRASP) ~ **Save the Great Apes**

Organized by United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization and GRASP Japan Committee & United Nations Environment Program

The United Nations Pavilion will host an exhibition and a number of events on the great apes from 14 August to 3 September (see Annex 1). This series of events is co-organized by United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, GRASP Japan Committee & United Nations Environment Program and sponsored by the Japan Monkey Center.

On 14 August, Ms Maria Helena Henriques Mueller, United Nations Pavilion Director and Mr. Toshisada Nishida, Emeritus Prof. of Kyoto University, (and GRASP/UNESCO-UNEP Goodwill Ambassador) will deliver speeches for the exhibition opening. Well-experienced Kamishibai readers from the Japan Monkey Center will be reading a story on Great Apes in the front of the UN-Pavilion on this Memorial Day. Young staff will continue the Kamishibai during the entire three-week GRASP exhibition period.

From 22 to 28 August, the internationally prominent orangutan research scientist, Dr Akira Suzuki (GRASP-Japan Executive Committee Member) will read compelling orangutan stories to the audience. He will remain available to answer specific questions related to orangutans in particular and other great apes during that week.

On 29 and 30 August, during the last days of school summer holidays in Japan, GRASP-Japan will host a puppet show for the UN-Pavilion visitors.

Press conferences are being planned on special occasions such as courtesy visits from VIP guests, i.e. HIH Takamadonomiya, Ms Keiko Takeshita, Director of Japan Pavilion, and Ms Tokiko Kato, UNEP Goodwill Ambassador.

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Period: 14 August to 3 September 2005

Venue: United Nations Pavilion

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Hours: 9h00-21h30

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