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NGO Global Village: 30 Units Chosen

The NGO Global Village is a project planned by the Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition, and the 30 "units," groups of nongovernmental and nonprofit organizations, that will participate have been selected (see attachment 2). The participating NGOs and NPOs were chosen from the 81 organizations that had applied prior to the deadline of November 28, 2003.

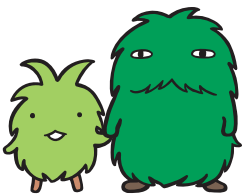
With the idea of being a place for learning about sustainable development, the NGO Global Village will present enjoyable study programs for visitors. Making use of a pavilion and an existing facility, the former Aichi International Children's Year Commemorative Hall, the NGO Global Village will host the pavilions of NPOs and NGOs, as well as events sponsored by the Association.

Japanese NPOs and NGOs will team up with similar organizations based overseas to form the 30 units, 5 of which will take part in collaborative exhibits each of the six months of EXPO 2005. Of the 47 participants, there are 23 from Asia, 10 from North America, 10 from Europe, 3 from Africa, and 1 from Oceania.

As the year 2005 is the first year of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (see attachment 1), the NGO Global Village will be a place for promoting education on this important topic. A "Citizens Village Workshop" will be held in the future for the purpose of empowering the various groups and helping them to create appealing exhibits and programs.

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Attached documents: United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, list of participating NPOs and NGOs



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United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development

In order to construct a sustainable society, it has been pointed out that education to effect a change of consciousness is as important as technological and institutional reform. (This was mentioned in "Agenda 21," the action plan adopted at the 1992 Earth Summit.)

In order to expand education that brings about changes in consciousness around the world, in 2002 the government of Japan proposed a "United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development" at the fifty-seventh session of the UN General Assembly, where the proposal was adopted. Future efforts will be led by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization and will involve, among others, national governments, international organizations, and NGOs. At present the Japan Council on the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, chaired by Rikkyo University Professor Osamu Abe, is promoting educational activities around the country and making policy proposals to UNESCO.

As for the contents of the education necessary for realizing sustainable development, in addition to education on the environment and development, UNESCO points to "poverty, population, health, food, democracy, human rights, peace, morals and ethics, cultural diversity, and traditional knowledge." This effort has also been referred to as "Education for Sustainability," "Education for Sustainable Development," and "Education for Sustainable Future."

30 Units of NGOs and NPOs

Unit number	Month	Organization	Overseas partner(s)
01	4	NPO Institute of Whole Earth	meta ELANG (Indonesia)
02	4	okazaki takumi no kai	Korean Craftsmens Association (South Korea)
03	4	ECOPLUS	The Missing Link-Society for Environment and Communication (India), Russian Mission Community Group (USA)
04	4	MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES JAPON	MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES (France)
05	4	AINU ASSOCIATION OF HOKKAIDO KUSHIRO BRANCH	Abu-Ali Education and Community Development Project (Thailand)
06	5	Donguri no Kai (Acorn Club)	L'Association Japonaise Benevola de la Croix du Sud (Madagascar)
07	5	Child Abuse Prevention Network Aichi	Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (UK)
08	5	World Conference on Religion and Peace/Japanese Chapter	World Conference on Religion and Peace (USA), International Association for Religious Freedom (UK)
09	5	Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning	UMATI (Tanzania)
10	5	Renewable Energy Promoting People's Forum (REPP)	FOJ-Betreuungsstelle (Germany), Cooperative Community Energy (USA), Mali Folkecenter (Mali), Ecological Planning and Bauhaus University (Germany)
11	6	Eco Platform Tokai	Development Research Communication and Services Centre (India)
12	6	Friends of the Earth Japan	BUND jugend (Germany)
13	6	KIYOSATO EDUCATIONAL EXPERIMENT PROJECT INC.	Cordillera Green Network Inc. (Philippines)
14	6	Japan Toilet Association	World Toilet Organization (Singapore)
15	6	Natural Mothering Friendship Association	Northwest Attachment Parenting (USA), Active Birth Centre (UK)
16	7	OISCA (Japan)	OISCA Thailand (Thailand)
17	7	Green Earth Center	Yijinhuluo-banner Greenery Center (China)
18	7	NATIONAL LAND AFFORESTATION PROMOTION ORGANIZATION	British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (UK)
19	7	Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA)	SVA Phnom Penh (Cambodia), SVA Vientiane (Laos), Sikka Asia Foundation (Thailand)
20	7	Japan Campaign to Ban Landmines	Cambodia Campaign to Ban Landmines (Cambodia), Korea Campaign to Ban Landmines (South Korea), Ban Landmines Campaign Nepal (Nepal), Sri Lanka Campaign to Ban Landmines (Sri Lanka)
21	8	CHUBU RECYCLE	GREEN MAP SYSTEM (USA)
22	8	Center for Ecological Education	Trust for Urban Ecology (UK)
23	8	International Cetacean Education & Research Centre Japan	the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (UK), Interspecies Communication Inc. (USA)
24	8	Shapla Neer = Citizens' Committee in Japan for Overseas Support	One or two of the following: Centre for Self-help Development (Nepal), PAPRI (Bangladesh), STEP (Bangladesh), Aparajero Bangladesh (Bangladesh)
25	8	Girl Scouts of JAPAN	WORLD ASSOCIATION of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (UK)
26	9	SOMNEED	Intergrated Rural Development of Weaker Sections in India (India)
27	9	TANPOPO-NO-YE Foundaion	Access Arts Incorporated (Australia)
28	9	Japan International Food for the Hungry	Food for the Hungry International (Thailand)
29	9	East Asia Environmental Information Express Messenger	Greener Beijing (China), Korean Federation for Environmental Movement (South Korea)
30	9	NPO Birth	Urban Resource Systems/Neighborhood Parks Council (USA), Earth House (USA), Sustainable Agriculture Education (USA)