



## Press Release

### Last 3 days at the NGO Global Village

NGO Global Village, situated at the foot of the enormous ferris wheel (with a giant LED panel in the middle) in the Fun and Participation Area, is a pavilion where 30 civic groups, all NPO(Non Profit Organization)s and NGO(Non Government Organization)s, are present. These groups initiate visitors into environmental and sustainability notions in an attempt to realize the concept of “learning for sustainability” by offering participatory programs with strong emphasis on face-to-face communication. The issues treated vary, among others; environmental education, aborigine cultures, city greenery, recycling, agriculture in Asia, world toilet problems, etc. Throughout the past 6 months, we at NGO Global Village have observed how visitors, for whom these organizations are at first rather distant, become interested and then start showing willingness to put themselves into action. This is the fruit of past 8 workshops which the secretary and participating organizations held before the exposition, for the purpose of refining presentation techniques to the general public – we are very proud of our visitors’ survey result in August, with more than 70% expressing satisfaction.

We are delighted to announce some of our major events during the last 3 days of this exposition:

#### Candle night

#### 23 Friday September

We will make 500 candles, all natural, which will be lit while electric light is lowered and we will reflect over “What we can do from now on?” after 6 months of activities. The candle making workshop is open to anyone, but number of candles is limited to the first 500 participants.



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| <u>18:00 to 19:00</u>  | Candle making workshop. You write your message inside the bamboo-made candle holder |
| <u>19:00 to 19:57</u>  | Live music by NUU   |
| <u>20:00 to 20 :30</u> | Candles will be lit. In the darkness, we sing a song together.                      |

#### All the civic groups are present

**24 Saturday September**

**13:00 to 17:00**

**25 Sunday September**

**12:00 to 16:00**

In the NGO Global Village, every month 5 NGOs/NPOs are present, which makes a total 30 organizations treating various environmental and sustainability issues. At this occasion of the closing of EXPO 2005 Aichi, all these participating civic groups, including the 24 organizations presented during preceding months, will have mini-booths. This will be a good occasion for you to get to know how different groups leading civic movements in Japan are trying to realize a sustainable society in their own ways.

Please look at the attachment for description of participating organizations.

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List of participating NPO(Non Profit Organizaiton)s / NGO (Non Profit Organization)s present in the NGO Global Village.

For more details , please consult <http://www.global-village.expo2005.or.jp/en/index.html>

Name of NPO/NGO	Activities
<b>Following 5 organizations are participating this month (bamboo pavilions)</b>	
SOMNEED (Society for Mutual aid, Networking, Environment, Education & Development)	Engaged in international cooperation by implementing projects that enhance self-sustenance in India and Nepal. Plantation and forest regeneration programs are the pillar of these projects.
Tanpopo-No-Ye Foundation	Supports the artistic activities of people with disabilities. We propose ways to further dialogue and coexistence.
Japan International Food for the Hungry (JIFH)	Striving to meet both the physical and spiritual hungers in approximately fifty countries around the world.
East Asia Environmental Information Express Messenger (EAEIEM)	This Japan-China-Korea NGO promotes multilingual environmental cooperation via information exchange on the internet.
NPO birth	Active in greenery development and protection projects for local green space.
<b>Following 24 organizations were present in the past months (present this time with mini-booths)</b>	
Whole Earth Research Institute	Efforts toward coexistence between people and nature through ecologism and natural experience-style environmental education.
Ainu Association of Hokkaido, Kushiro Branch	Engages in cultural exchange with ethnic minorities around the world and promotes the transmission of traditional Ainu culture.
ECOPLUS	Undertakes nature-experience activities and environmental education projects with a global perspective.
Okazaki Takumi no Kai	Working with the inherited traditions of our lands we seek the arts that will flourish in the twenty-first century.
Donguri no Kai (Acorn Club)	Promotion of conservation of forest ecosystem and constructs a model of sustainable forest environment near populated areas.
Child Abuse Prevention Network Aichi(CAPNA)	Protect children and to raise awareness on related issues through activities such as telephone consultation and investigative research.
World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP), Japanese Committee	Attain world peace through mutual understanding and cooperation between people of all faiths.
Renewable Energy Promoting People's Forum (REPP)	Promotes the reduction of energy consumption and a shift toward the use of renewable energy resources.
Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP)	Supports the quality of life of people in developing countries by promoting the safe motherhood.
Eco Platform Tokai (EPT)	Aims to enrich regional environmental education through deepening exchange between citizens, universities and government bodies.
Friends of the Earth Japan	Build a sustainable society with both global vision and grass-roots activities.
Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project (KEEP)	Based in the Kiyosato area of Yamanashi Prefecture, it is a new form of agricultural community that is concerned with nature and the environment.
Japan Toilet Association (JTA)	Makes numerous proposals and participates in worldwide conferences concerning the improvement of toilets and the environment.

Natural Mothering Friendship Association (NMFA)	Nationwide network that focuses on breast-feeding and the joy of natural child-rearing.
OISCA (Japan)	Active in village-building projects around Asia and engages in human resource training through agricultural technology advocacy.
Green Earth Center (GEC)	Supports "Green Volunteer" working for forest and conservation activities, and develops greening programs in China and Japan.
National Land Afforestation Promotion Organization (NLAPO)	Continues its citizen participation afforestation activities, which include "green fundraising" and nationwide tree-planting campaigns.
Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA)	Supports education development of Asian countries through library activities. school construction. books and teaching material development and teacher training programs.
Japan Campaign to Ban Landmines (JCBL)	JCBL is calling for complete worldwide prohibition of anti-personnel landmines in hopes of freeing the world from the suffering they cause.
CHUBU RECYCLE	Aims to realize a regionally based, recycling-oriented civil society and addresses various recycling and environmental issues.
Center for Ecological Education (CEED)	By putting ecological education into practice, CEED promotes making a society that allows for coexistence with wildlife.
International Cetacean Education & Research Centre Japan (ICERC Japan)	Studies the oceans, dolphins and whales and communicates the preciousness of our natural environment.
Shapla Neer-Citizens' Committee in Japan for Overseas Support	Supports economically disadvantaged people in Bangladesh and Nepal.
Girl Scouts of Japan	Through experiencing nature and through international exchange, Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting fosters the development of girls and young women who create a better future.