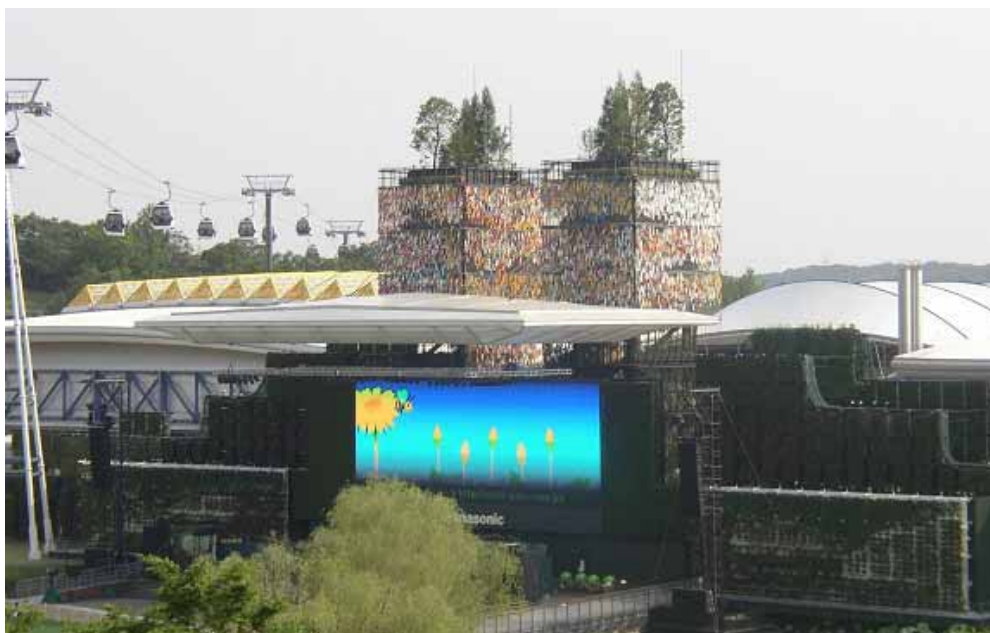


BIO LUNG at the Expo 2005 Aichi Japan

The Biggest Tanabata Decoration

~Achieved the aimed number of wishes, 50,000 ! ~

Report on Performance



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Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition

BioLung
50,000の願いの壁 - バイオラング

The world biggest Tanabata Decoration is completed in the Expo site !

~ Bio Lung towers were covered with 50,000 strips of paper written visitor's wishes ~

1. Summary

The world biggest Tanabata Decoration had been started making since 17 June and it was completed at Bio Lung towers, the symbol of the Expo site, on 12 July. Holding visitor's wishes, numerous colourful strips of paper streamed in the summer wind.

The content of wishes written on the strips of paper for the Tanabata event is 70% for about family or themselves and 30% for world piece, environmental issue, and so on.

Participants were varied, from children who have just about learnt writing to elderly people thinking fondly of their pasts. Also a lot of internationals seemed to enjoy this Japanese traditional summer event.

To the memory of this great Tanabata event participated 50,000 visitors, Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition is soon going to apply to the Guinness World Records for establishing the new record by its biggest size and the number of strips of paper with wishes not only in Japan but in the world.

2. Contents of Performance

【Writing wishes on the strips of paper】

- (1) Period : 17 June – 7 July, 2005
- (2) The number of strips : 50,000 pieces
- (3) Participants : Visitors at the Expo 2005 Aichi Japan (joined freely)
- (4) Site : the south end of Bio Lung corridor
- (5) Scene : see photos below



1. Writing wishes on the coloured strips of paper



2. Attach the strips of paper to the nets with paper strings

【Displaying Tanabata Decoration】

(1) Displayed period : From 1 July / Started hanging up the nets filled with wishes to the towers in succession.

12 July / Completed to cover all sides of towers with the nets

Till 11 August / Displayed until the Tanabata Day of the lunar calendar

(2) Place : Bio Lung Towers (two towers)

(3) Displayed overview : See photos below



The overall view from the Expo Plaza



The side view from Bio Lung corridor

3. Process of this event

- 17 June /
- Started making the strips of paper for writing visitor's wishes
 - As more visitors had participated the event than expected, we changed the aim from 20,000 to 50,000 pieces.
- 1 July /
- Started hanging up the nets filled with strips of paper to the Bio Lung towers in succession
 - Reached 35,000 pieces at the end of June (on the 14th day from beginning)
- 6 July /
- Displayed the local traditional cloth, *Narumi Shibori*, which represented the Milky Way.
 - The art of Japanese calligraphy was written on the cloth with the wish that everyone's wish would reach up to the heaven.

- 7 July /
- Reached the aimed number, 50,000. (on the 21st day)
 - Display the twinkling LED which represented the Milky Way between two towers from 18:30
- 12 July /
- Completed the process of hanging up the nets with wishes to the towers. (8 days in total)
 - 50,000 strips of paper with visitor's wishes were displayed on the towers and completed this year's biggest Tanabata decoration in Japan (in the world).
- Till 11 August /
- Holding visitor's wishes, numerous colourful strips of paper on the towers streamed in the summer wind.
(Detached on 12 August)