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INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM FOR KIDS **Activity Report**

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In 2020, the spread of the new coronavirus infection has resulted in difficulties in organizing activities under the state of emergency. Facing some troubles that are difficult to run as initially planned, we had no choice but to reconsider how to push the project forward. But thanks to our project members' passion and creative ideas, it was a year of trying our best while switching to conducting activities online. This year, SCC conducted a live telecast online tour with our member who is currently living in India. While making full use of IT technology, placed in the current adversity, we were able to plan an activity across borders. Overcoming difficult times, our team was able to climb up a step. Additionally this year, with the cooperation from Certified NPO AtHome, we offered a program for school children at the afterschool and conducted a children's intercultural activity with the elementary school children. As we expand our business to a wider range of school children in the future, we have received very valuable feedback. SCC would like to take this opportunity to offer our heartfelt gratitude. Docomo Mobile Communication Fund has supported the Children's Intercultural Exchange Project for two years and with the help of many people, we were able to proceed with our business this year. Thank you very much.

NPO Sharing Caring Culture Representative Director

01 SCHEDULE

Number of Participants 153 children (The Year 2019 103 children)

Participated children and country: Germany, Thailand, Philippines, China, Malaysia, India, United Kingdom, Canada, Indonesia, Australia, Pakistan, Japan

① October 31, 2021 Halloween (Tsuzuki Chuo Park)

② November 15, 2020 Multilingual Storytime - Chinese, English, Thai and Japanese (co-hosted with Tsuzuki Library)

③ December 6, 2020 A Virtual Tour to India for Kids and Families (Zoom)

4 December 20, 2020 Christmas Party(Yamauchi Chiku Center)

⑤ January 3, 2021 From South Korea - Learn the secrets of BTS music through experiencing percussion instruments (Zoom)

@January 31, 2021 Japanese Cuisine Online Cooking - Making Futomaki Sushi with Children and Parents (Zoom)

⑦ March 28, 2021 Easter (Tsuzuki Chuo Park)

® April 18, 2021 Multilingual Storytime - German, English, Spanish and Japanese (Tsuzuki MY Plaza)

9 July 31, 2021 Online Event SDG from the Health Viewpoint-Learning from Thailand (co-hosted with GranJapon Ltd. and

(1) November 21, 2021 Family Indian Cooking Class (co-hosted with Nakamachidai Chiku Center)

① November 28, 2021 Asia at A Glance (co-hosted with Tsuzuki Minka-en)

Program for Afterschool — Monitoring sessions for Certified NPO At Home 31 children

① December 23, 2020 What is India's Festival Diwali? (online)

②March 23, 2021 What is Thailand like? (online)

③October 30, 2021 Halloween - Comparing Asia's Ghost (in-person)

02 ACHIEVEMENTS

In addition to the implementation request by the Tsuzuki library, Kanagawa Plaza for Global Citizenship (Earth Plaza) requested SCC to run the Multilingual Storytime at their facility and conducted 'Asia Round the World of Picture Books' on March 21, 2021. Also, the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum noticed that our activities are giving benefits to children with foreign roots and asked for cooperation to run a diversity program. Based on a request by the museum, SCC co-hosted 'What makes the letter beautiful?' on November 23, 2021. SCC members did the translation and supported families of children with foreign roots. SCC has been doing our activities in the Northern Yokohama region, however, in the year 2020, requests have been pouring in from other areas as well. SCC also received a request from 'Casiotone' electric piano of Casio Computer Ltd. to shoot international families, which shows the growing awareness of diversity among companies and external organizations. Even in the Covid-19 pandemic, we have received requests to become SCC supporters one after another. The rapid increase of the supporters is something not seen in past years. Accepting requests to get involved as a supporter is a remarkable achievement this year. Since April 2021, just within half a year, SCC registered 10 new supporters. Although most are Japanese housewives who have had a challenging experience in parenting overseas, there are also single (not married) supporters in their 20's and 30's. That means the attributes that have centered around parenting groups have widened.

03 FUTURE PLANS

Since 2019, SCC has been pushing this project forward with instructors from Asian countries ranging from Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, South Korea, China, and also from the United Kingdom, Germany, and Costa Rica in an effort to enhance intercultural understanding among children. After each activity, each child engaged in the reflection time on the program by using stickers. Through this self-evaluation, we assessed children's awareness or interest in cultural differences. The 12 yrs old Japanese who joined the multilingual storytime remarked that even though she had not understood the language, it was impressing and inspiring. Also, the child who joined the family Indian cooking compared the differences of the rice shape by touching and even more smelling it. Based on these two years and the feedback from the monitoring after school, we will be moving forward to package the contents as an 'Intercultural Understanding Education Program' and provide it to afterschool and educational facilities to nurture children's global minds.

SPONSHORSHIP • COOPERATION

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