

Children's Rainbow Center Newsletter

Rainbow Times

Nov. 20th is...

The Universal Children's Day & the 10th year since the enactment of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Law!!

November is the promotion month of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention ! **Orange Ribbon Campaign** is held in various places all around Japan !

Open Lecture Nov. 9th

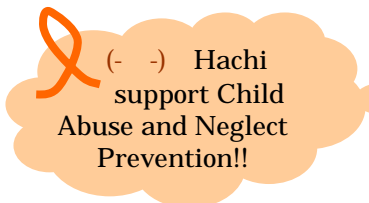
Once a year in November, Children's Rainbow Center opens a lecture to public. This year, it was held on Nov 9th (Tue) with the theme "**Childcare and Tenderness**". Mr. Noboru Kobayashi (CRC Honorary Director) spoke about the contribution of tenderness to children's development, and the hints to build a child friendly society. Mr. Hitoshi Takatsuka (Tottori University Medical Department) talked about the practice of "Infants' School Day", which elementary, junior high, and high school students experience the value of life through relationships with babies. The talks made all 130 participants think what the "essential elements for a child" is...

The 4thShonan · Tokyo Orange Ribbon TASUKI Relay Oct .31st

A "tasuki" is a belt hanged from a shoulder to the other waist, and is often used to identify the relay/marathon runner in Japan. We are enlightening Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention(CANP) through **passing this tasuki colored in the symbolic color of CANP; orange**, by marathon. It was the 4th Shonan · Tokyo Orange Ribbon Tasuki Relay this year. There was a typhoon heading to Tokyo area on the day, and we were concerned we might have to suspend the relay... Fortunately, we were able to make the Typhoon swerve with our guts (!?), and passed the Tasuki on Oct 31st. This year, a runner who works at a children's home ran **153km from Oyama city**, the origin of Orange Ribbon Campaign, and passed the Tasuki to us. Our relay had two courses, the Shonan course starting from Yurikago Children's Home, Odawara, and the Tokyo course **starting from "Hachi" statute**, Shibuya (we put the tasuki on "Hachi"!)). The 190 runners who ran on the 31st (Sun) were surely multidisciplinary: child welfare professionals, general publics, school teachers, business men and etc. We handed out **10000 handmade orange ribbons**, had music and panel discussion events at the halfway point Tokyo Tower, and the goal Yamashita Park. We appealed CANP to lots of people including the 20,000 people visited Yamashita Park that day!! Now the Tasuki is passed to Gifu, where the next Tasuki Relay was held on Nov. 14th.



He ran 153km from Oyama city to CRC in Yokohama...
(^_^) / wow !!



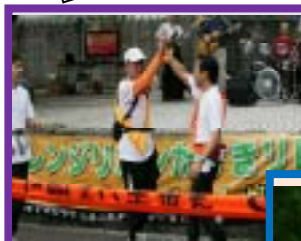
(- -) Hachi support Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention!!



Tokyo Course: Tokyo Tower



Shonan Course



The two courses joined at the goal Yamashita Park.



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