

# Rainbow Times

Report on the 17<sup>th</sup>

## International Foster Care Organization (IFCO) World Conference

@ Osaka-JAPAN 13-16<sup>th</sup> September 2013

CRC joined the IFCO 17<sup>th</sup> World Conference last month. This year's main theme was "Moving Forward Hand in Hand for Foster Care!" We heard that 130 people from 23 countries, total of 3,700 people including youth delegates joined the conference. The conference went on for 4 days raising awareness on the reality of social care.

At the opening ceremony, Mr. Watanabe from the nonprofit organization Key Asset sent a passionate message "first and foremost, we adults should take hands to avoid the risk children in social care are saddled with".

At the keynote lecture introducing guidelines for the "Alternative Care of Children" emphasis was made on "multilayered team network" to share the child-centered purpose which will lead to focusing on supporting children and their families along the child's needs.

At the symposium "Voices of Youth who have experienced out-of-home care", each youth spoke about their own experience in the foster family and children's homes. The youth's experience gave us a strong message that we should not forget to listen to the children's words.



IFCO (from the homepage)  
The International Foster Care Organisation (IFCO) is an international network dedicated solely to the promotion and support of family based foster care across the world. Founded on 1981, it is spread across more than 60 countries



## The 7<sup>th</sup> Orange Ribbon Tasuki Relay

October 27<sup>th</sup> (Sun), 2013

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year of Orange Ribbon Tasuki Relay, the campaign on child abuse and neglect prevention. Runners with the orange Tasuki will relay through three courses, **Shonan course**, **Urban course** and the **Kamakura・Miura・Yokosuka course** to the goal **Yamashita Park**.

At each starting areas and some major relay points such as Hachi Statute (Shibuya), Kotokuin(Kamakura), Tokyo Tower and more, we will be handing out handmade orange ribbon and pamphlets. And at Yamashita Park, there will be stage events as well.

The campaign was also held at Oyama city, Tochigi on October 20<sup>th</sup>, and will be held at Shiga prefecture on October 27<sup>th</sup> and Gifu prefecture on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking forward for your support!!



### ★2013 Open Lecture★

"Parent-Child Communication:  
Encouraging a rich relationship"

**Lecture:** Professor Nobuo Masataka  
(Primate Research Institute, Kyoto University)

**Time:** Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> 2013/13:00-15:30

**Participation fee:** free

\*The lecture will be on Japanese only

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