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Hosted "Lumberkids" for COP10!



"Lumberkids" for COP10 is intended to provide participants with an opportunity to learn how our daily life is linked with the rest of the world via biodiversity, and to think about what can be done now.

In the lead-up to COP10, the 2010 COP10 Lumberkids team was formed and tree-thinning events and workshops were held. Wood from the tree-thinning events was used to make hand-made conference equipment as a token of thanks to COP10 participants.

FY2009: 61 persons in total (27 groups of children and their parents, etc.)

FY2010: 90 persons in total (33 groups of children and their parents, etc.)



Details

• Ceremony celebrating the formation of the Lumberkids team and study meeting

On October 25, 2009, a ceremony was held at the Nagoya Congress Center, "site of COP 10," to mark the formation of the 2010 COP 10 Lumberkids team. The Executive Secretary of the COP 10 Promotion Committee handed a flag to one child and parent who had been appointed as team representatives. The ceremony was followed by a two-hour study meeting. In the first hour, the participants enjoyed learning about biological diversity through visual aids, with familiar insects and plants used as examples. In the second hour, a mock COP 10 meeting was held to discuss pros and cons of banning the release of invasive species of insects into the Japanese environment. The meeting enabled the participants to understand how difficult such discussions can be.



• Tree-thinning activities

Later, the participants took part in tree-thinning events under the guidance of experts in Nutazawa, Toyota, Aichi prefecture, and in Kashimo, Nakatsugawa, Gifu prefecture. They also enjoyed a log-cutting competition and a box lunch to complement the natural setting, which helped to raise awareness of the importance of the natural environment among the participants.

Toyota venue



Kashimo venue



• Woodworking class

At this class, the timber logged by the participants was used for hand-made conference items. These items were presented as a token of hospitality to the COP 10 participants who visited Nagoya from around the world.

Date: Sunday, March 6, 2010

Place: Aichi Kaisho Forest Center (Seto City)



● 2nd study meeting/an event to prepare messages

Under the guidance of Mr. Mikihito Tetsuzaki, an instructor in charge of the 2010 COP10 Lumberkids team, the Lumberkids team learned about the results of activities in 2009, the concept of COP10, and the importance of forest maintenance. Later, Dr. Toshiharu Yamamoto, M.D., Ph.D., Representative of Earth the Spaceship, was invited as a speaker to talk on “linking ourselves with the rest of the world.” The Lumberkids team saw pictures drawn by Tuvalu children about their most precious things, and were encouraged to learn (i) how environmental problems faced by children in different parts of the world are related to Japan, and (ii) what can be done by every individual.

The lesson was followed by a program to create messages for COP10. Messages about biodiversity and for COP10 participants were printed on the back side of nameplate holders (indicating country names, etc.) by woodburning art. Meanwhile, illustrations of living creatures and natural landscapes as well as biodiversity messages were painted on a plaque to be mounted on the chairman’s desk.

Date: Sunday, August 22, 2010

Place: Event Hall, Denki Bunka Kaikan (Naka-ku, Nagoya City)



● Presentation Ceremony

At the opening ceremony of COP-MOP5, a slide presentation was held to explain (i) activities by the 2010 COP10 Lumberkids team and (ii) forest thinning, Japan's traditional forest management technique. Children representing the team handed gifts to Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and Mr. Michihiko Kano, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Date and time: 11:00 on Monday (a national holiday), October 11, 2010

Place: Century Hall, Nagoya Congress Center (Atsuta-ku, Nagoya City)

Number of representatives: four children



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● Conference equipment produced by

(1)	Desks for COP10 (including the chairman's desk used at the plenary session): 18
(2)	Nameplates and their holders for indicating country names, etc.: 1,400 sets
(3)	Benches: 40
(4)	Nameplates and their holders for the City Biodiversity Summit 2010: 250 sets

After COP10 ended, the conference equipment was presented to the 2010 Lumberkids team, the Expo 2005 Aichi Commemorative Park (Ai-Chikyuhaku Kinen Koen), the Nagoya City Environmental Study Center (Ecopal Nagoya), elementary and junior high schools in Aichi Prefecture, and other organizations.



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