



Rainbow Times

Report of 2012 Open Lecture, December 1st 2012

"Nuclear Crisis and Children - insight to children's future"

Since the Great East Japan Earthquake, there have been various discussions on the effect of nuclear power plant and radiation. You probably know that it could be critical to children. There is a need to understand the effect toward children from physical, psychosocial, and other related perspective. We opened a lecture to consider nuclear crisis from the children's point of view.

Part 1 "Nuclear crisis and the children of Fukushima - Children's Homes"

Lecturer: Mr. Nobuyuki Kobe (Director of Aoba-Gakuen Children's Home)

Aoba-Gakuen is a Children's Home in Fukushima. The home has protected and cared children since the earthquake. Mr. Kobe described how the nuclear crisis has changed the survivor's living, being split from family members and facing uneasiness isolated from society. He says that they are facing challenges without solution and are concerned about the future of the children in the Home. Through the lecture, we realized that this is not only Fukushima's but a national challenge.

*Mr. Kobe's lecture is included in the DVD. Please contact CRC for request to rent this DVD.

Part2 "Nuclear crisis and the children's health"

Lecturer: Dr. Shinichi Kurobe (Pediatrician, Suzushiro Medical Office)

Dr. Kurobe, while running his medical office, supports the "Chernobyl Children's Fund Japan" and "Fukushima Children's Fund". With his experience as a pediatrician, he filled us with detailed practical information. There are a lot of survivors who are living with concerns such as the effect they can get from low-dose radiation exposure. He described the need to protect children, and gave us detailed advice on what we can do to support.



Report on The Sixth Orange Ribbon Tasuki Relay October 28th, 2012



October 28th was the Sixth Orange Ribbon Tasuki Relay marathon! We had three courses as last year: Shonan course, Urban course and Kamakura·Miura·Yokosuka (KMY) course. Additionally, we had two special courses this year; Hiratsuka course branched in Shonan course and Yokosuka course branched in KMY course. A total of 479 runners relayed the Tasuki to promote Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention. Our goal this year was "Shinko Chuou Hiroba" near by the Red Brick Warehouse where we spread the big orange arch and tents.

We handed out the orange ribbons, which hundreds of volunteers handmade and sent from all over Japan, at Shibuya Hachiko square, Shinsen Children's Home, and Kamakura Kotokuin where the start points of the relay were and also at each relay points such as Tokyo Tower.

We passed the Tasuki to Oyama City (Tochigi Prefecture), Gifu Prefecture and Shiga Prefecture. This movement is growing nationally. I once again promised myself to gather hands with others for the children's bright future. (Minamiyama)



For more information please visit <http://www.orange-tasuki.org/>

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Report on JaSPCAN~Kochi Ryoma Conference~

CRC joined the Japan Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (JaSPCAN) Kochi-Ryoma Conference held on December 7th-8th. This year's theme was "Looking over the weight of life ~supporting parent-child ties in community". There were a lot of workshops and lectures on prenatal care as well as support procedures after the identification of abuse.

CRC joins this conference every year to gather and send out information. A lot of people were interested in CRC and took pamphlets and research report bulletins back home. At the sectional conference, our staff presented a talk on "Training professionals in child abuse and neglect practice" and "Clinical psychology in Children's Homes" and "Thinking about fatal child abuse" as a research presentation.

Next JaSPCAN is at Shinsyu-Nagano on the theme "One Child, One Life ~live and grow feeling secure"



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