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Report of the 2013 Open Lecture

Parent-Child Communication ~enriching the relationship~

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

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This year, we invited Professor Nobuo Masataka, who is the leading researcher of "Primate Communication", also a well-known commentator; intend to learn the characteristics of human child rearing and the importance of early parent-child communication.

The lecture grew lively on the topic of monkey families. It is said that monkeys do not bully or abuse. The Japanese macaque lives in a group of males and females, and the child's father is unknown. On the other hand, the Gibbon lives in a monogamous nuclear family, just like human beings...however, there are a lot of illegitimate children and replacement of the father is not uncommon. Child rearing is mainly done by female monkeys, and it is said that the new father takes good care of the child as well. There came the question, why does child abuse happen in human families? Prof. Masataka mentioned the keyword "consanguinity", in another word, blood relation. He pointed out that we are constrained by the concept of consanguinity and forgetting the basic idea of society raising children. He also alarmed us that the modern uniformized society excluding diversity is the background factor of abuse. Prof. Masataka stated that it is important for the society overall to raise children as well as the education valuing individuality and the consanguinity.

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A wish upon the Orange Tasuki

Report of the 7th Orange Ribbon Tasuki RelayOctober 27th (Sun), 2013

The 7th Orange Ribbon Tasuki Relay for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect was held under the fine sunshine. Ten to 20 each area, total of 510 runners ran through the three courses: Shonan course (7 relay points, 60km), Urban course (9 relay points, 40km), and the Kamakura・Miura・Yokosuka course (10 relay points, 70km). Each runner had a Tasuki with the message "Bright future for the children" hanging from their shoulder.

Various groups and organizations cooperated to this campaign and handed out handmade orange ribbons to the citizens at Hachi Square Shibuya, Kamakura Kotokuin Temple, Tokyo Tower, and other relay points. At the goal Yamashita park, a lot of families enjoyed the events including stage programs. Warm messages filled the "friendship orange quilt", started two years ago for the recovery from East Japan Earthquake.

This year had the greatest number of runners and both participants suggesting the growing interest towards the prevention of child abuse and neglect. *Tasuki* relay has become a national campaign. It was held at Oyama city (Tochigi prefecture), Gifu prefecture, Shiga prefecture, Kochi prefecture, and Yamaguchi prefecture. Furthermore, the *Tasuki* was passed on to the child abuse and neglect prevention event in our neighbor country South Korea this year. We actually feel the growing circle of orange *Tasuki*.

WHAT IS TASUKI?

A *Tasuki* is a sash often used to identify the marathon runner in Japan. We are enlightening Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention through passing this *Tasuki* colored in the symbolic color of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention.

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