

# Reports on the Activities of the Administrative Year 2008-2009 (October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009)

Japan District has promoted Kiwanis service activities beginning with Kiwanis Dolls, and made efforts to improve information exchanges with Kiwanis clubs while admiring their uniqueness through the Governor's official visits this year. By carrying on the long-range plan laid out in the past, we believe that Kiwanis service activities in the spirit of YCPO will spread throughout Japan, promoting membership growth. Details are as follows:

# 1. New Club building and Membership Growth

Efforts were made to actualize the aim to build two new clubs per year, but unfortunately, no club was established during the administrative year.

As for the Membership growth, we were aiming for the net increase of 5% (with small clubs securing the number of charter members), but resulted in 1,587 members by the end of September. A decrease can be observed compared to 1,608 members in September 30, 2008.

# 2. Establishment of Kiwanis Japan Foundation

To fund-raise and donate under the new institution of public interest corporations, we established and registered Kiwanis Japan Foundation, and now applying to get it approved as a public interest incorporation.

# 3. Active Participation to Kiwanis International Activities

- 1) Attendance at International Meetings
  - ① ASPAC Convention in Cebu

56 members from 7 clubs (including guests and staffs)

- (Target: 80 members from more than 7 clubs)
- $\textcircled{2} \quad \text{International Convention in Nashville}$

9 members from 4 clubs (including a staff) (Target 30 members from 7 clubs)

- ③ Kiwanis ASPAC Regional Training (at Kuala Lumpur)
  4 members (Governor, Governor-elect, Secretary, and a staff)
- Japan District Convention in Fukuoka
  436 members from 26 clubs (including guests, as of July 31)
  (Target: 400 members from 26 clubs)
- 2) Visits by Kiwanis International VIPs

No one other than the guests to the Fukuoka Convention visited Japan during the administrative year. Incidentally, International Trustee Oda became the counselor of the Japan District.

#### 4. Promotion of Service Activity Projects

Carried on from the previous year, Kiwanis Clubs worked on activities for children with the popularization of Kiwanis Dolls at the center. This not only served as the service activities, but publicized Kiwanis, and created the cycle of having more people to join us.

① Organization of Kiwanis Doll Symposium

As an activity on Kiwanis One Day, the KC's of Tokyo, Yokohama, and Saitama co-organized Kiwanis Doll Symposium, where reports from people who manufacture dolls and people who use dolls were presented. This was compiled into a booklet as well as a DVD, that are expected to be utilized in various quarters.

- Donation of Kiwanis Dolls
  We donated 6,157 dolls during the administrative year, to 199 hospitals.
- ③ Participation in Kiwanis One Day "Kiwanis One Day", which was started by Kiwanis International the year before last was conducted on Saturday, April 4 this year, when 24 clubs participated with service projects unique to each club.
- ④ Subsidies to Service Activities by Clubs

We started a system to subsidize service activities conducted by clubs from the donation account balance. The following five projects were subsidized during the administrative year. (Total: 920,000 Yen)

- (i) KC's of Tokyo, Yokohama, Saitama Kiwanis Doll Symposium
- (ii) KC of Senshu Donation of "Play Wall" to Osaka Medical Center and Research Institute for Maternal and Child Health
- (iii) KC of Chiba Mountain Nature Conservation Activities with Children
- (iv) KC of Saitama Parental Care Symposium
- (v) KC of Ashiya Community Youth Training

#### 5. Mutual Enlightenment Among Clubs and Members

Information exchange is necessary to conduct Kiwanis service activities. We held the first meeting in this purpose two years ago the day before the District Convention in Yokohama. Since then, we set up time for the same purpose every time we held Board Meetings, and at the District Convention in Fukuoka under the title of "Sharing Thoughts for the Future of Kiwanis", where many attendees reported the current status and challenges they are facing at each club, and had meaningful discussions. We believe that this kind of meeting will deepen members' understandings and widens Kiwanis activities. We would like to continue having such meetings in the future to enhance club activities.

## 6. Vitalization of Publicity Activities

With the effort of each club, Kiwanis service activities were publicized through media during the administrative year.

"Kiwanis Japan" was made solely for record purpose. We still need to upgrade the magazine to meet its subscription fee by incorporating the opinions of members.

## 7. Awards

#### (1) The Japan Kiwanis Culture Award

The award was presented to Mr. Tetsuya Matsueda, who has been working on and enlightening Kurume-gasuri in the community for a long time.

(2) Awards by Kiwanis International

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•	2007-08 Distinguished District:	Imm. Past Governor Naohiro Kiyoshige
		Imm. Past Secretary Taizo Yokoyama
•	2007-08 Distinguished Division:	Imm. Past Lt. Governor Fusatomo Yonezawa
•	2007-08 Distinguished Club:	KC of Kumamoto
•	Annual Club Gift Campaign:	Imm. Past Governor Naohiro Kiyoshige
		KIF Committee Chair Mitsuaki Sato
•	Benefactor:	Kakujo Hayashi (Fukuoka)
•	Popularization of Kiwanis Dolls:	Kimiko Horii
•	Heritage Society:	Naohiro Kiyoshige (Kumamoto)
•	Hixson Fellowship:	Hiroshi Ichizawa (Yokohama)
		Kazuko Koike (Nishinomiya)
		Shigeru Kurosawa (Sendai)
		Yoshiharu Umeda (Yokohama)
		Kazunari Fujisawa (Tokyo)
		Kenkichi Tanaka (Senshu)
		Takeshi Tanisho (Senshu)
		Yoshitaka Nakamura (Senshu)
		Yoko Mizohata (Senshu)
		Hiroshi Yanagigawa (Senshu)
		Michiko Oda (Sendai)
		Makoto Nakagawa (Tokyo)
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### (3) Awards by the Japan District

Based on "The Award Criteria" approved at the Board Meeting last October, following awards were presented.

#### <Awards for Clubs>

- Membership Growth: Highest Award: KC of Nishinomiya
   Performance Awards: KC's of Takamatsu, Kanazawa, Fukushima, Oita
- Donation of Kiwanis Dolls:

Highest Award: KC of Saitama

**Performance Awards:** KC's of Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, Sapporo, Yokohama Kyoto, Shinjuku, Niigata, Senshu, Nishinomiya, Kanazawa, Matsue, Ashiya, Fukushima, Oita

• Donation Activities:

Highest Award: KC of Senshu

• Attendance Rate:

(more than 60%): KC's of Kobe, Shinjuku, Niigata, Nishinomiya, Shibuya, Matsue, Fukushima, Oita

(5% or more improvement): KC's of Osaka, Yokohama, Kyoto, Chiba, Shinjuku, Niigata, Nishinomiya, Fukuyama, Ashiya

- Attendance to ASPAC Convention and International Convention: KC's of Tokyo, Sendai
- Special Awards from the Governor:

KC of Tokyo (for co-organizing Kiwanis Doll Symposium)

KC of Yokohama (for co-organizing Kiwanis Doll Symposium)

KC of Saitama (for co-organizing Kiwanis Doll Symposium)

KC of Nishinomiya (for introducing "Club Satellite")

# <Awards to Individuals> (for those who introduced two or more new members):

 $23 \ {\rm members} \ {\rm from} \ 10 \ {\rm clubs}$ 

# 8. Fund-raising and Contributions

During the administrative year, with the support of each club, we raised 2,950,000 Yen for Annual Club Gift Campaign, 370,000 Yen for Holiday Box (called for by KIF for the first time), 343,000 Yen for the Cochlear Implant of a Girl in Pakistan, and 923,000 Yen for the Earthquake in Italy.

The Japan District added some amounts from the balance and donated 1,950,000 Yen (US\$20,000, the difference from the raised amount was transferred to KJF as its grants, donations, and administration fees) as Annual Club Gift to KIF, and 370,000 Yen for Holiday Box also to KIF. We donated 640,000 Yen (around US\$7,000 with 300,000 Yen addition from the balance) for the Cochlear Implant of a Girl in Pakistan to the KC of Karachi in Pakistan, 738,000 Yen (after the deduction of administration fee) for the Earthquake in Italy. Also, 920,000 Yen from the balance were subsidized for commonweal activities by each club as was reported earlier.

Fund-raising and Contributions will be done by KJF from the following term, and thus the donation account was transferred to KJF. Fund-raising for disaster relieves to typhoon victims in Taiwan and in Philippines were made after the transfer.