

Worldwide Projects

● The Possibility Project (2024-2029)

A project to impact 10 million children over 5 years by raising more than \$25 million.



● The Eliminate Project (2010-) (Elimination of Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus)

A project commemorating 100 years of service by the Kiwanis International, to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus that causes tragic deaths to new born babies.



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Together with UNICEF, we have provided vaccinations to 61 million mothers in developing countries by raising \$110 million.

● IDD Project (1993-2005)

A project to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorder which started from 1993 was successfully completed by 2005 with the goal amount raised.

Kiwanis Japan Foundation

Kiwanis Japan Foundation was authorized as a public interest incorporated foundation in March 2010. Kiwanis Clubs throughout Japan is conducting service activities with the support of the foundation.

40 Clubs in Japan

Hokkaido Tohoku Division

(Sendai, Sapporo, Fukushima, Aomori, Yamagata)

Kansai Division

(Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto Wakayama, Wakayama, Senshu, Ashiya)

Chugoku-Shikoku Division

(Hiroshima, Takamatsu, Matsue, Tokushima, Ehime, Okayama, Yamaguchi)

Kanto Division

(Yokohama, Chiba, Saitama, KVC Nippon)

Tokyo Division

(Tokyo, Niigata, Kanazawa, Chiyoda, Fukui, Utsunomiya, Gumma)

Chubu Division

(Nagoya, Shizuoka, Ogaki)

Kyushu Division

(Fukuoka, Kumamoto, Kagoshima, Oita, Nagasaki, Miyazaki, Saga, Okinawa)



Sister Clubs

Japan District x Indiana District (U.S.A.)

Japan District x Taiwan District

Tokyo x Lafayette (U.S.A.)

Tokyo x Manila (Philippines)

Kobe x Yokohama

Kagoshima x Brixton (U.K.)

Kagoshima x Gumma

Ashiya x Purple Heart of Luzon (Philippines)

Ashiya x Mont-Dole (New Caledonia)

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NUN-Kee-Wan-Is



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The word “Kiwanis” derives from native American language “Nun-Kee-wanis”, meaning to gather together. Established in 1915 in Detroit, U.S., Kiwanis is one of the world’s three major volunteer organizations along with Rotary and Lions. It’s headquarters is located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Fact Sheet (as of October 2025)

	Members	Clubs	Nations
Kiwanis Club	155,419	6,317	83
Action Club (Adults with disabilities)	7,712	429	13
Circle K (University students)	6,265	480	19
Key Club (High school students)	233,274	5,568	47
Builders Club (Middle school students)	21,733	1,044	22
K-Kids (Elementary school students)	24,826	1,182	25
Total	449,229	15,020	

Objectives

(Adopted at the Kiwanis International Convention in in Denver, Colorado in 1924)

- ★To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material value of life.
- ★To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- ★To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- ★To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- ★To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- ★To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

The Japan District



The Kiwanis Club of Tokyo was established in 1964 as the first club in Asia Pacific region. In 2014, international convention was held in Makuhari to commemorate its 50th anniversary.

The Japan District was formed in 1977. As of today, there are around 1,850 members in 40 clubs.

Activities of the Japan District

● **Kiwanis Doll**

Originated in 1988 in Melbourne, Australia, Kiwanis Dolls were introduced to Japan in 2001, and quickly spread to the clubs throughout the country. Around 40 cm in height and 50 g in weight, with no features, these dolls encourage children fighting diseases. More than 120,000 dolls were donated to hospitals or related facilities so far. Dolls are all handmade, by Kiwanians, middle school/high school students or in a corporate as a volunteer activity. Symposiums where manufacturers and users (hospital staffs) gather and exchange opinions are also conducted.



● **Child-abuse Prevention**



Most of the clubs in Japan are conducting child-abuse prevention activities specific to the community. Major activities include cooperation to Orange Ribbon Campaign, support to establish DV evacuation facilities, and support to childcare institutions.

● **Community-based Activities**

Many clubs engage in community-based activities that contribute to their society, such as:



- Utsunomiya: Field Trip for Preschoolers
- Fukuoka: The Butterfly Project
- Wakayama: Child-abuse Prevention Campaign
- Tokushima: Disaster Prevention Camp for Children

● **SLP – Kiwanis for Younger Generations**



SLP (Service Leadership Programs) is a leadership development opportunity for youth. It is a feature that distinguishes Kiwanis from other volunteer organizations.

Type	Name
Circle K (University students)	Ashiya
	Musashino University
	Miyagi Gakuin Women’s University
	Heisei College of Music
	Nagasaki University
Key Club (High school students)	Ehime
	Zama American High School
	Kobe Kiwanis
	Clark Memorial International High School Saitama
	NK Kobakusha
Builders Club (Middle school students)	KIST
	Ashiya Kokusai
	Otemae Junior High School
	Junshin Junior High School
	Kobe Kiwanis

● **Disaster Relieves**

Relieves are sent for disaster victims all over the world.

Recent relieves were sent to the victims of Earthquake in



Nepal, Noto Peninsula Earthquake, and the Earthquake in Hualien. Evacuating children in Noto were invited to soccer games, or to pizza-baking event, to help ease their anxieties.

