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Report on the activities of the 'Send Books to the Philippines'

-----NPO Association of Supporting Seniors' Re-challenge-----



Director Toshio Hayashi

We would like to express our appreciation for your continued support. This is the third year of starting the activities to 'Send Books to the Philippines' since living in quarantine with anxieties of COVID-19.

Coronavirus has decreased and increased, but we must set up an online environment and infrastructure development in order to improve work efficiency of organizing translated data.

Mrs. Kaneko celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday last November. We are taking concrete steps to reconstruct the MAGATA LIBRARY 2, which is her long-awaited wish.

AMUAMU sale, hand knitting workshop, and charity concert by Ms. Daigo are scheduled.

We sincerely ask for your continued support throughout 2023.

AMUAMU SALE in 2022



↑ Sales event at
Apple House

Sales event at
Kate Salon ↓



2AMUAMU sale was held at Apple House in Omiya City and Kate Salon in Chihaya Toshima Ward with the following schedule. Sales revenue is expected to rise since the Coronavirus situation has calmed down.

- ① From July 1 to July 10, 2022 : APPLE HOUSE in Omiya City
¥158,000
- ② From September 1 to September 10, 2022: KATE SALON in
Chihaya Toshima Ward ¥43,200
- ③ From December 1 to December 10, 2022: APPLE HOUSE in
Omiya City ¥350,000

The Tokaichi Festival was held at The Hikawa Shrine in Omiya during the sales at APPLE HOUSE and profit increased. However, sales revenue at KATE SALON remained the same and improvement must be made. Please visit and support our initiative.



Engawa market

❖ Engawa store and Engawa market made profit as well.

- Profit at Engawa market (Apr. to Oct.): ¥6,000
- Profit at Engawa shop (Sept. 11): approximately ¥9,600

Report on Ikebukuro Library <picture-story show, book making, lecture>

As part of SDGs activities in Toshima ward, "Saichare" collaborated with Ikebukuro Library on three projects this year to promote understanding of the activities of "Sending Books to the Philippines" among children in Toshima ward.



Kamishibai performance of children in Magata

As part of SDGs kamishibai was performed at Ikebukuro library on July 30. It was held during the middle of a hot summer and only 4 children participated, but they listened to the kamishibai performance enthusiastically. They also showed interest in the life of people living near the library in Magata.



←Kamishibai reading by Ms. Hamaguchi

Making books in Tagalog

Children made books in Tagalog on August 8 and 22. Summer heat still lingered but 6 children participated on August 22. Although it was their first experience to make books, they made them very well. The translated books were sent to the Philippines in October.



Making books at the Ikebukuro Library→





Lecture by Mrs. Tamie Kaneko on November 23



Mrs. Kaneko, who is the representative of "Send Books to the Philippines", gave a lecture at assembly hall of Ikebukuro Library on November 23. Many citizens were impressed by the poem, "Our Library Sierra Madre". More information is available on the website. Ms. Yuko Iwabuchi, who is the member of "NPO Association of Supporting Seniors' Re-challenge", narrated the poem.



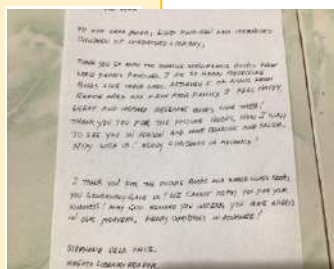
<https://senior-rechallenge.jimdo.com/event2212232/>

✎ Sending translated books and daily goods to Philippines
<We send books to Magata twice a year>



←Of the 4 pieces of luggage that arrived on site, the remaining 1 arrived later

199 Children's books from the readers, 13 translated books from Kashihara Rotary Act Club, and stationary goods from Otsuka and Japan Philanthropy Organisation were sent to Magata in October. Art works donated from Ms. Kino, translated books made by the children, and daily essentials arrived Magata in November.



←Reference: Thanks Messages from children in Sierra Madre.

Thanks messages from children in Sierra Madre

To our dear donor :Eiko Kino-san and Ikebukuro children of the Ikebukuro library.
Thank you so much for donating world famous books from world famous paintings. I am so happy receiving books like these ones. Although I am living from remote area and from poor family. I feel happy, great and inspired receiving books like these! Thank you too for the picture books. How I wish to see you in person and have bonding and solidarity with us! Merry Christmas in advance! I thank you for the picture books and world class books you generously gave us! We cannot repay you for your kindness! May God reward you instead. You are always in our prayers. Merry Christmas in advance!

Stephanie Dela Cruz / Magata library

* Click here for messages from other children.

<https://senior-rechallenge.jimdo.com/news221214/>



✍️ AMUAMU HAND KNITTING WORKSHOP



This year, 3 students have increased at KATE SALON in Toshima Ward. Students, regardless of their age and gender, showed each other their handknitted works made from the remaining yarns. Furthermore, they ask many questions by using LINE app, and video guidance is improving.

Students could see hand knitting works of other classes, and we share the joy with each other so the workshop is improving in a harmonious atmosphere. Many students are just starting to learn hand knitting at Senkawa workshop, but attendance have increased.

The goal for this year is to upgrade the workshop. Anyone who is fond of hand knitting including beginners are free to participate at any time. We look forward to hearing from those who are interested.

Instructor at knitting classes Kotomi Shimada

Library news is updated on the website



In behalf of SPM, I have been
REITERATING MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE
since the very beginning of the SPM
PROGRAM in partnership with our
Japanese benefactors specifically Mr & Mrs
Kaneko whose bleeding hearts are there
WITH THE HEARTS OF INDIGEOUS
CHILDREN who had been oppressed,
marginalized, discriminated for many year!
Solomon Mendez



* For messages from other SPM members, please refer to the December Library Report.

<https://senior-rechallenge.jimdo.com/library-report2212/>

✍️ MANGGAHAN LIBRARY 1 (from the report of Nov,22)

Hello, I'm a new volunteer at Manggahan library. Children enjoy playing at the library. They read about animals, nature, physical, and medical books. Small children love to read biographies of great people. Thank you very much for your kind heart and non-stop support.

Manggahan Volunteer librarian: Rosemarie Padate

Manggahan children with new books from Japan, Arigatou gozaimasu!



Manggahan children
with new books
from Japan. thank
you.

Construction of gate and canal Manggahan Library 1



Doors and gutters of
the reconstructed
Manggahan no1 Library

✍ MAGATA LIBRARY 2 (from the report of Nov,22)

- The usage of the library deceased this month.
- Children are busy going to school during the weekdays.
- Magata library is open every day after school.
- Children are very healthy and they love to go to school and the library.
- The ceiling of the library has fallen and it is dangerous.

Magata Volunteer librarian: Jovelyn Ocampo

Picture books and Magata children newly arrived from Japan. Thank you to all the Japanese supporters.

Magata Children with new arrived books! Thank you our loving sponsors from Japan.



✍RATONG LIBRARY 3 (from the report of Nov,22)

Christmas season is near so Merry Christmas in advance! We hope Mrs. Kaneko and Mr. Kaneko are in good health.
Children in Ratong come to the library every day after school and I am thankful to work as a volunteer. Thank you very much!

Ratong Volunteer librarian: Emmalyn dela Cruz



Ratong children wrote a thank you letter for the kind hearted Japanese who donated books! We are sending our gratitude

Mariz reads kamishibai “Gusto Ko Ang Libro” to her pupils.
Her pupils like it so much that they even read it again after listening to the story. (She even shared the videos of kamishibai in Youtube to her pupils)



* The total number of library users per day for the three libraries is 46.9 in 2021 and 47.2 in 2022, which is almost the same as the previous year, but there is a slight increase. It is predicted that this number of users will increase when the impact of COVID-19 disappears.

		Library1(Manggahan)			Library2(Magata)			Library3(Raton)			Total		
Year	index	WD	User	Per/day	WD	User	Per/day	WD	User	Per/day	WD	User	Per/day
2021	Total	284	7,053	24.8	319	5,109	16.0	289	1,754	6.1	297	13,916	46.9
	Ave/Month	24	588		27	426		24	146		25	1,160	
2022	Total	286	7,423	26.0	340	5,263	15.5	264	1,616	6.2	297	14,302	47.7
	Ave/Month	24	619		28	439		22	135		27	1,300	

The graph shows the data of library usage in 2021 and 2022. Monthly report is updated by Alice by using Excel.

(*WD :Working day)

Introduction of new supporter <Zerra-san>



I would like to express my appreciation to work at JOES. This experience has enabled me to improve my Tagalog and gain a deeper understanding of Japanese language and culture. It also developed a sense firm of purpose, meeting new people, and advanced skills.

I cannot thank you enough for constructing and maintaining open library in the rural areas. People living near the library are very fortunate, and I am sure that they value your effort.

Transition from analog to digital is overwhelming and I must learn something new.

Finally, I hope that the municipal government will maintain the road so that visitors will have a pleasant trip to Sierra Madre.

Respectfully, Zella

Comment from Mrs. Kaneko/ Representative of this activity



Kaneko-san giving a lecture

I hope all of our readers are well.

Children are growing up very fast, and we thank you for your continued support.

I was concerned that I couldn't visit the Philippines for 6 years, but Mr. Hiroki Gouda gave me a valuable report. The road between Tanai and Maggahan was maintained, and municipal relief became easier at the time of a natural disaster. A Resort house was built near Maggahan which has expanded employment opportunities. However, cultural policies and measures have not improved. Although I do recognize the importance of sending books, restoring libraries because they are wearing out, and providing an education that meets the present times. There are few translators, and opportunities for independence by using automatic translation machine are necessary. We must solve many problems step by step. In Japan, the standard procedure of making and sending books, and various activities are developing. International relations are at a critical situation, and I hope to strengthen the bonds between our nations. I pray for a peaceful world soon!

Tamie Kaneko, representative of "Send Books to the Philippines"



The "Send Books to the Philippines" Newsletter, which was conducted by NPO Association of supporting senior's re-challenge, will continue to send translated books to the Philippines. Please support our initiative. Please also send donation money to the following:

★post office account

Name) < TOKUHI) SINIA NO SAICHARENNJI WO SIENSURUKAI >
Code-Account) 00150-6-420797

★Remittance from bank

Post Bank Branch :zero ichi kyu(019) Account type :(current) Account number : 0420797

Please scan the QR code bellow to complete the registration process if you have interests to support our initiative.

(Membership information) ➡



(Become a member) ➡

