

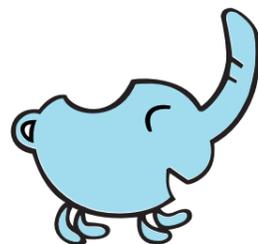
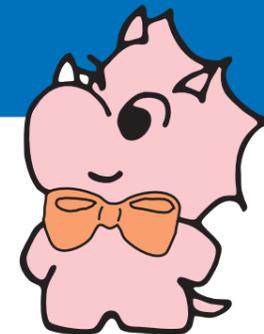


Send your work and join us at

The 17th EWC Eco-Panel Exhibition

March 3 - March 7, 2010

Nishinomiya Municipal Gallery
Nishinomiya City, Japan



Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your previous participation at the Eco-Panel Exhibition in Nishinomiya, Japan, and the Chikyu Kids Environmental Network at www.chikyu-kids.net.

This year, Earth Watching Club (EWC) Nishinomiya, Japan is holding our annual 17th Eco-Panel Exhibition, to be held between March 3 and March 7, 2010 at Nishinomiya Municipal Gallery, Nishinomiya City, Japan.

Please send your work to us, and let us share your activities, concerns, and ideas with you!

Participation is very easy!

Step 1) Prepare your work for presentation. Please make sure you include your messages to Nishinomiya kids as well!

Step 2) Send your work by post. Please attach the registration information with your work. If your presentation is prepared on the computer, you can send them by email, too.

Step 3) Our community volunteer members will translate your English presentation into Japanese, and have them displayed at the Eco-Panel Exhibition in Nishinomiya in March.

Earth Watching Club (EWC) is a community-based environmental learning project funded by the city of Nishinomiya, Japan. There are 29,500 schoolchildren who are participating. We take many kinds of "Eco-Actions" on a daily basis to make our community a better place not just for ourselves, but for all the people and creatures on the Earth -- for generations to come.

We know our planet is filled with like-minded young people who care about our environment, our cultures, our peace and our future.

This is an annual exhibition providing an opportunity for young people, both from Japan and overseas, to present their opinions, research, projects and activities on local and global environmental issues. We receive so many exciting works every year from Japan and overseas, from tiny, little craftworks to wall-size presentations on various environmental projects. We treat each and every work equally and present them ALL at the gallery.

So, let's share our visions, and make our voices heard!

THEME: Please introduce your thoughts, ideas, and activities related to your local environment/sustainability issues this year.

What happened concerning the environment in your community this year? What kinds of activities did you enjoy doing? Air Pollution, Climate Change, Human Rights, Water, Biodiversity, Nature Conservation, Food, Peace, Waste and Recycling and so on... Please send in any project, research, artwork, activity or study report

YOU THINK is related to local and global environmental/sustainability issues that interested you most this year.

WHO can apply? --- All Earth Lovers!

Any group or individual who is involved in studies or activities related to ecology and environmental issues is invited to take part in this exhibition. NO AGE LIMIT, either. As long as you consider yourself to be a youth member of your community, you are all welcome!

WHAT is the project size and medium? --- Be Creative!

Participants are free to choose any medium they wish to use for their presentations. Some ideas you might try are... wall-size newspaper, photography, video, drama, handicraft, drawing, newsletter, poster, written composition... Create your presentation in any medium that suits your ideas and imagination! There is only one limitation, though; language... All works will be presented in English and Japanese. If you are submitting your work in any other language, please provide an easy English (or Japanese) translation.

WHEN to submit? --- No later than December 31, 2009!

Your work will be translated into Japanese by our citizen volunteer translators for presentation. In order to give us enough time for the translation job, please send in your work as early as possible. Mark the date on your calendar so you won't miss it!

The Eco-Panel Exhibition is interactive!

You will receive comments and messages from the visitors at the Exhibition! All the visitors at the Exhibition will have a chance to let you know what they thought about your work. They will make comments and write messages to you at the message corner. We will translate all the messages into English and send it to you. Your participation will be recognized with a Letter of Appreciation from the Mayor of Nishinomiya City, and a Small Token from EWC, as well as Messages from Visitors at the Eco-Panel Exhibition!! Please note that your work will not be returned and will remain in the organizer archive.

A brief introduction of LEAF...

We are a non-profit organization founded through the initiative of Nishinomiya City, Japan. LEAF was established in 1998 as a partnership-based organization among citizens, businesses and the municipal government. Earth Watching Club (EWC), a Nishinomiya City Environmental Learning Project, is managed under this foundation. Our aim is to contribute to the development of a sustainable society by initiating community-based environmental learning activities at schools and in local communities, in liaison with various civic groups, corporations and government agencies. We hope our activities will target a wide range of citizens with a focus on youths and children, to raise the global citizens who act responsibly towards the global environment.

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Deadline for submission of works is December 31st, 2009.

Mark your calendar and plan ahead for your participation!