

資料 1

Reinbow by FIA (福岡市国際交流協会英文機関紙) 所収

Think Globally, Act Locally

Written by Mr. SUMI Masanobu,
Chairman, Fukuoka Citizens Volunteer Center

Rainbow

No.204
October
2001



Edited and Issued monthly by FUKUOKA INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION *Rainbow Plaza*
IMS 8F, 1-7-11 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka City 810-0001 (Tel: 092-733-2220) (Fax: 092-733-2215)

Think Globally, Act Locally

This year is the United Nations "International Year of the Volunteer." It is a year which aims for citizens, by their own will, to become the driving force behind various groups in society which aim to tackle various issue throughout the world. The 20th century, a period of war and peace has ended and the 21st century is to be the century of globalization. This year's "Volunteer" theme is most appropriate for the first year of this century of "Living together on the Earth in peace." However, global problems such as poverty, refugees, human rights violations, environmental destruction, racial disputes and terrorism are as great as ever. Thus, it is extremely significant that volunteers turn their efforts toward international cooperation and tackle these worldwide issues.

This summer I visited various NGO booths which were opened as part of the United Nations Conference on Global Warming which was held in Bonn, Germany. Meetings and negotiations regarding the Kyoto Protocol continued amongst Germany's abnormal weather which was a mixture of cold skin piercing drizzles and blistering sun. During this period, a boat resembling Noah's Ark was constructed from planks of wood on which were messages written by people from all over the world, and was carried from the square in which the statue of Beethoven stands to the United Nations Conference Center. Men and women, young and old joined the ever expanding, yet peaceful



• Lessons in medical care by a volunteer

procession which resulted in a crowd of a couple of thousand people.

In the end, apart from America who did not sign, the Protocol was agreed to, however its future seems unstable. I saw the difficult birth of the protocol four years ago in Kyoto and truly feel that the most important international cooperation is prevention of climate changes. It may seem like a difficult problem, however, many of the causes are linked directly to our lifestyles. Each of us must strive to live eco-friendly lifestyles, or the quality of our lives will be changed forever. An action toward living together in harmony and protecting our environment which starts with "learning" and "thinking" has already begun.

This international cooperation includes various people undertaking various activities including volunteers and specialists. Of course such positive action can be carried out not only overseas but domestically as well, and anyone can participate. Thanks to the mass-media, activities which are carried out overseas are attracting a lot of attention from people of all ages. Moreover, international cooperation and support activities carried out by NGOs tackling global problems are on the increase. Such projects differ from large scale ODA funded development projects in that most are carried out by grass-roots international cooperation volunteer groups. These NGO activities include a wide range of



• Teaching sewing skills using a sewing machine

fields and while some volunteers head to various countries in Asia and Africa to carry out specialized work, others are working close to home in our communities.

Some examples of international cooperation activities carried out overseas are assistance and support to developing countries (health and sanitation, education, development, environment protection etc.), overseas NGO and UN volunteer activities, JICA's youth international volunteer and senior volunteer activities, and emergency aid to refugees and casualties of domestic disturbances and disasters (medical, supply provisions, shelter etc.). On the other hand, domestic activities which one can take part in include development education, international understanding education, NGO public relations (publishing and dispatching of newsletters), fund-raising activities (bazaars and street fund-raising), management and office duties (provision of venues, secretarial and treasury duties),

- continued on page eight

Rainbow Plaza will be closed on
October 16th (Tue).

Rainbow Plaza internet homepage:
<http://www.rainbow.gol.com/>

This month's National Holidays

October 8th (Mon)

Taiiku-no-hi

(体育の日)

Health-Sports Day

-continued from page one

volunteer interpreting and translating as well as the teaching of Japanese for overseas residents, support for returnees from overseas and various cultural exchange activities. There are also various activities we can do in our daily lives which contribute to international cooperation.

1) Take an interest in global issues in newspapers and on the television and internet and participate in NGO meetings, seminars and lectures.

2) Collect used stamps, postcards, telephone and bus cards.

3) Donate unwanted books, education materials, glasses, toothbrushes, clothing etc to NGOs carrying out collections.

4) Donate the interest on your savings account to 'International Volunteer Donations' (Ministry of Post and telecommunications)

5) Make money contributions

6) Participate in volunteer activities: Fukuoka NGO Network (FUNN) and the 18 member NGOs.

7) Become a member and provide continued support to an NGO

8) Buy products sold for fund-raising such as handicrafts made by developing countries

9) Join workgroups and study tours to

developing countries

Why don't you do your bit too for International Cooperation in this 'Year of the Volunteer'!



• The man in the back with the beard is Mr. Sumi!

Written by SUMI Masanobu, Rev. Chairman, Fukuoka Citizens' Volunteer Center

For your reference:

NGO Question and Answer Booth:

Rainbow Plaza, every Thursday 10:00 - 18:00

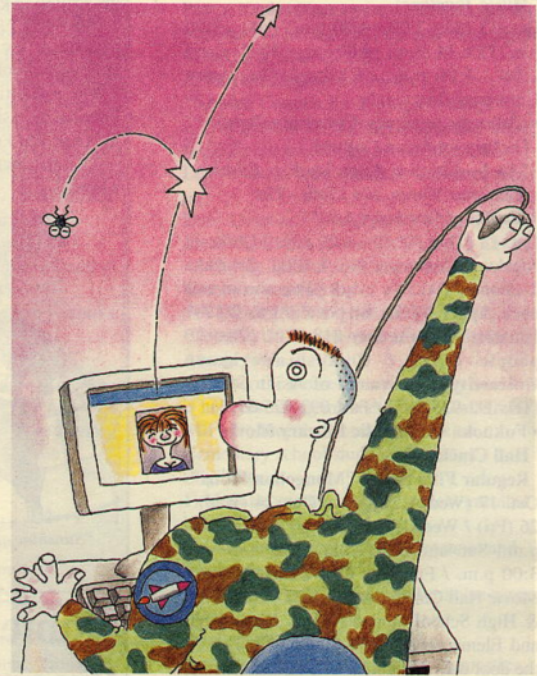
NGO Fukuoka Network (FUNN)

<http://www1.doc-net.or.jp/~ninosaka/funn-1.htm>

Tel: 092-526-9627,

E-mail: funnjapan.aol.com

Cartoon Corner by Seigo Sakai



Fukuoka Citizens' Volunteer Center

<http://www.fvoc.gr.jp>

Tel: 092-915-7500, E-mail: sumi@fvoc.gr.jp

International Cooperation Fair 2001

"International Cooperation" (or *kokusai kyoryoku* in Japanese) has been attracting much attention around the country in recent years. However, this topic may not be a very familiar one to Fukuoka's international residents. International Cooperation has been helping those in need all over the globe, much of which work is carried out by volunteers.

On November 10th, 11th and 18th the Fukuoka International Association will be sponsoring an International Cooperation Fair (*Chikyu Shimin Dontaku*). So why not come along and find out how you can lend a hand too!

1 NGO Booth Fair and Stage Presentations

When: Sat. 10th and Sun. 11th, November 11:00~18:00

Where: Solaria Plaza 1F Zephyr (Tenjin) and Kego Park

NGOs involved in a variety of international cooperation activities will open booths displaying photo panels and selling handicrafts as well as providing the public with information about their activities. There will also be a stage with music and dance performances as well as a fashion show and auction. (No admission fee or application required)

2 International Cooperation Seminar

When: Sunday 18th, November 13:00~17:00

Where: Tenjin Bldg. 11F Conference Room

① **Presentation** by Secretary General Ungsongtham Hata Prateep of Thai NGO "Duang Prateep Foundation." (Max: 250 people)

② **Three International Cooperation Workshops:** A: "Present Condition and Problems," B: "Int. Cooperation & Education," C: "Introductory Workshop."

Applications: Apply for free admission ticket for presentation and seminars by e-mail or fax with your address, name, sex, tel. no., workshop you wish to attend. FIA will send you an admission ticket.

Contact address: Person in Charge, International Cooperation Fair (Fukuoka International Association), 1-10-1, Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka, 810-0001. E-mail: fia@gol.com, Fax: 092-733-5635.



• A scene of last year's Fair

R2100
Recycled paper, with 100% used paper