



A Popoki Peace Project Team visited Palestine from 4-11 August. The last issue of 'Popoki News' was our written report; this one is photos of our visit.

Popoki in Palestine

The mostly photo version...

Palestine report

Photograph collection (Food)

Satoko

The season is SUMMER!!

In Palestine, summer is the season for the good harvest of fruit and summer vegetables.

The trees in the town were heavy with fruit (grapes, figs, pomegranates, etc.) and people generously shared it with us.



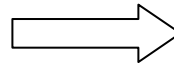
It is written in the Bible. (Matthew 7.16-18)

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.



The story of the prickly pear
It looks delicious.
We are adventurous.
We wanted to eat it.



Our guide
heard us. He picked and prepared one for us to
eat. The taste and our impressions are left to
your imagination.



Very wonderful spices make culinary
delights.



For example,
Rice with
noodles and beans, Spice salad, and
Yogurt.





With this kind of welcome,
everyone looks happy,
regardless of the situation.
Is this the face of peace?

We held two Popoki workshops



Youth
Organization
(Ramallah)



Mental
Health
Clinic
(Bethlehem)

(Ronni)



The people who work against oppression

by Kyoko MORI



< Israeli Soldiers in Jerusalem >



< Let's look for the wall! >



< The posters for martyred Palestinians were all over the town >



< The old man was attending the demonstration. >



< The university students have dazzling smiles. Learning gives "hope" to them. >

Atsushi's Palestine

① Palestinian present conditions



The wall



The building which was destroyed

② Palestinian magnificent scenery



Palestinian ravine



Palestinian desert



Palestinian evening sun

③ Palestinian leaders in the future



The students of An-Najah University



Children sitting down



The children who played together

④ Palestinian friends



The kitten to stared at me



The puppy which looks down



Sign board that regulates Israelis trying to visit Palestinian cities



A house that was destroyed by Israel



Statue of house that was made from metal from destroyed cars



The apartheid wall



The grave of Arafat



Children that joined in the demonstration

**PHOTOS BY
TAKESHI**



Bullet holes in the hotel window



A kitten in Palestine



A child in Bilin



A puppy in Palestine

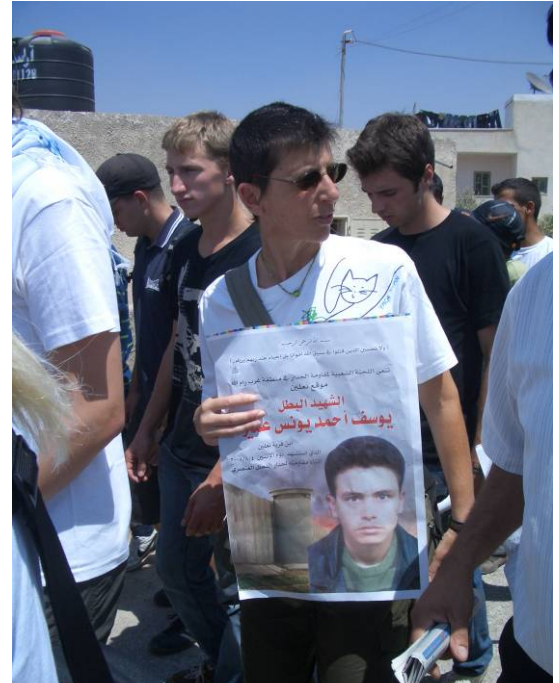
Photo Report of Palestine

URAI Kana

In Bilin, which is a village of Palestine, the demonstration is held every week to show resistance to the Wall which separates Israel and Palestine. The people of Bilin have lost a lot of their land. We joined this demonstration.



①The car in the picture above led people into the demonstration. Participants were not only people living there but also a lot of foreigners like us. And moreover, some Israeli people who were against the occupation took part in it.



②In Bilin, no participant has been killed so far. But a few days before the demonstration we joined, the boy in the picture was killed in a demonstration in another village. This poster was distributed to the participants. I wonder if this shows their sadness and anger.



③This is the picture of the front. The black shadows in the back are Israeli soldiers. They were confronting the demonstrators. And then...



④Israeli soldiers started to attack. On that day, as a new tactic, they sprayed water which included excrement of some animals. This smelled very bad, so a lot of people ran and retreated from the front.



⑤ Even if we take non-violent action, we suffer from violence. Does non-violent action always mean injury? If we want to keep taking action non-violently, do we have to be strong in a variety of ways? These are the questions that I need to think about. But anyway, we were relieved to finish the demonstration without any physical harm!

Please join us!



- **9.30 Po-kai 19:00~ Kobe YMCA EVERYONE WELCOME !**
- **10.6-10 The 6th International Conference of Museums for Peace, Kyoto & Hiroshima Information: 6peace-m@st.ritsumeai.ac.jp**
- **10.10 Popoki at Education Without Borders: Global Learning in the 21st Century, Carnegie Mellon University**
- **10.11 Popoki at Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Pittsburgh, PA**
- **10:11 Popoki at the Penguin Booshop, Sewickley, PA, USA www.PenguinBookshop.com**
- **10.16-18 Popoki at "Learning Democracy by Doing: Alternative Practices in Citizenship Learning and Participatory Democracy" Conference, OISCE/University of Toronto, Canada**
- **10.19 Kobe YMCA Bazaar Kobe YMCA Sannomiya Center, Photo exhibit**
- **10.26 Kobe YMCA Nishinomiya Branch Bazaar Photo Exhibit**
- **11.16 29th Hyogo Prefecture Buraku Liberation Institute Conference. Lasse Hall, Kobe. Ronni will give a keynote, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 60th Anniversary Posters will be on display.**

Popoki's Easy POGA

Lesson 4

Time to relax with our next easy Poga lesson! Have you been practicing?

1. Sit up straight, and make yourself look thin.
 2. Standing up straight, stretch both of your arms above your head, your left leg out to one side and your tail out to the other. Say 'oooooo!'....
 3. Now raise your right leg and switch your tail to the opposite side. Don't forget to at least smile...laughing is even better!
 4. Finally, with both feet on the floor, bend forward, bring your hands down to touch your ankles (or your legs or the floor, wherever you are comfortable). Your tail should be straight up!
 5. You did it! Very good! Time for the 'success pose.'
- Congratulations! You have successfully completed Lesson 4.



That was easy, wasn't it! Remember to practice every day for at least 3 minutes. See you next month for lesson 5!

Popoki in Print



- Popoki in Pittsburgh. Check out the Remembering Hiroshima/Imagining Peace URL: <http://www.rememberinghiroshima.org/>
- Global Campaign for Peace Education News #57 August 2008 (The Global Campaign for Peace Education (GCPE) e-newsletter. Sign-up to receive the newsletter and review back issues online at www.tc.edu/PeaceEd/newsletter.)
- Editorial "The Anniversary of the End of the War" *Kobe Shimbun* 2008.8.15
- "Looking toward the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons." *Chugoku Shimbun* 2008.7.27 (A three-hour interview about nuclear deterrence. Even though I spoke a lot about Popoki, he wasn't included!)
- *Hyogo Buraku Kaiho*, 2008.6 (Summer). Buraku Liberation Research Institute of Hyogo. This features some of the Human Rights Posters.

* **Back issues of Popoki News:** http://popoki.cruisejapan.com/archives_e.html

What Popoki Means to Me

Atsushi IWANAGA



I first met Popoki in April of this year. Maybe I am just beginning to make friends with Popoki? After Prof. Alexander became my academic supervisor, I participated in a workshop of Popoki in Mikage.

At first, I was very nervous, but it was very pleasant imagining peace and reading the Popoki book. I am interested in peace education in conflict zones, but when I participated in the Popoki workshop, I realized that I had never thought about "peace" slowly and carefully. When I was asked, "What color is peace?" I didn't understand how I should answer. At first I thought it should be the color which one likes. My favorite color is "blue," but other people answer with "green" or "white." I think that it is good, and it is natural that other people like other colors. However, "blue" is not a color of peace for the person who dislikes "blue." But my favorite color does not change from being "blue," because I like it, even if someone else does not. Each person feels peace differently; a certain person might feel peace in one thing, but another person might not feel peace. I thought that the difficulty of creating peace might lie in this difference.

I don't yet understand what kind of thing peace is, but I think that a key point is how to get over the differences in ways of thinking. I think that Popoki may give me



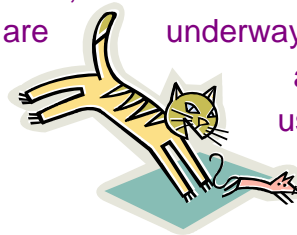
the opportunity to think more about it. If I become better friends with Popoki, I think that I will get more hints. What color is peace for Popoki? What color is peace for the kitten which was in Palestine that appears in the photograph? Is it same as for an Israeli kitten? Is it an entirely different thing? I wish I could ask the kitten for its opinion.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE POPOKI PEACE PROJECT!



If you would like to translate Popoki, or have a way to have the book sold at your local bookstore, please let us know.

The Popoki Peace Project is a voluntary project which uses Popoki's peace book and DVD to promote peace through various activities such as peace camps, peace workshops, seminars and other activities including work on *Popoki's Peace Book 2. Popoki, What Color is Peace?* has been translated into Thai, Chinese, Korean, Khmer, Indonesian, Tetun and Bengali. Farsi, Lao, Swahili, Arabic and Hebrew translations are underway.



How to purchase *Popoki, What Color is Peace? Popoki's Peace Book 1* from outside of Japan



1. Go to your local Japanese bookstore: Kinokuniya, Maruzen, etc. (or their website)
2. In North America, thanks to a very satisfied customer, *Popoki, What Color is Peace? Popoki's Peace Book 1* can be ordered from Kinokuniya Bookstore in Los Angeles. The bookstore is at www.los_angeles@kinokuniya.com and the telephone number is 213.687.4480. The price is

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