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FROM POPOKI!

Popoki News!

Work begins in earnest on *Popoki, What Color is Friendship? Popoki's Peace Book 2!* The new book should be out by the end of March.

Popoki in Vietnamese! Popoki's supporter Vinh has translated Popoki into Vietnamese and is using it in his work at Global Village Foundation in Vietnam.

Popoki now on sale at Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Pittsburgh, PA

Popoki joins in a series of posters illustrating the World Declaration on Human Rights sponsored by the Buraku Liberation Institute of Hyogo. For more information see:

<http://www3.osk.3web.ne.jp/~blrhyg/sekaijinkensengen/paneru2.html>



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Popoki in Pittsburgh!



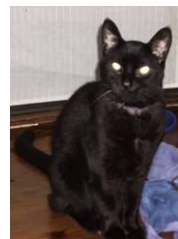
In September, Popoki traveled to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for a series of events in conjunction with the exhibit 'Remembering Hiroshima/Imagining Peace' including workshops at the Pittsburgh Children's Museum, commentary on the film 'Barefoot Gen,' media interviews and a lecture at the University of Pittsburgh. In October, he was back at Pittsburgh for the International Festival at Carnegie Mellon University. Here is a photo report of his adventures.



The logo for Remembering Hiroshima/Imagining Peace was designed especially for this event

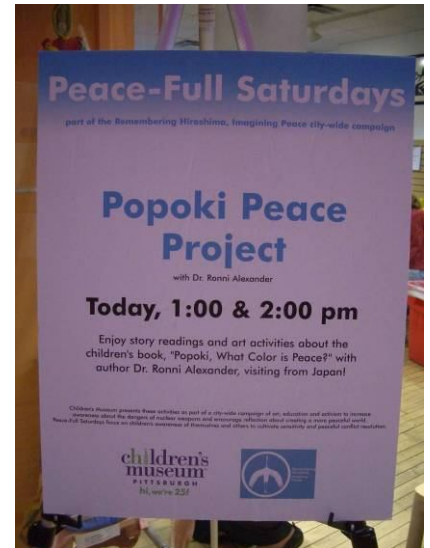


Remembering Hiroshima/Imagining Peace Exhibit in a downtown gallery

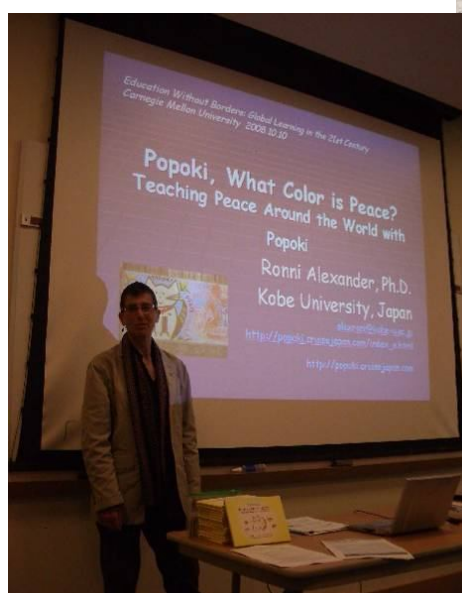
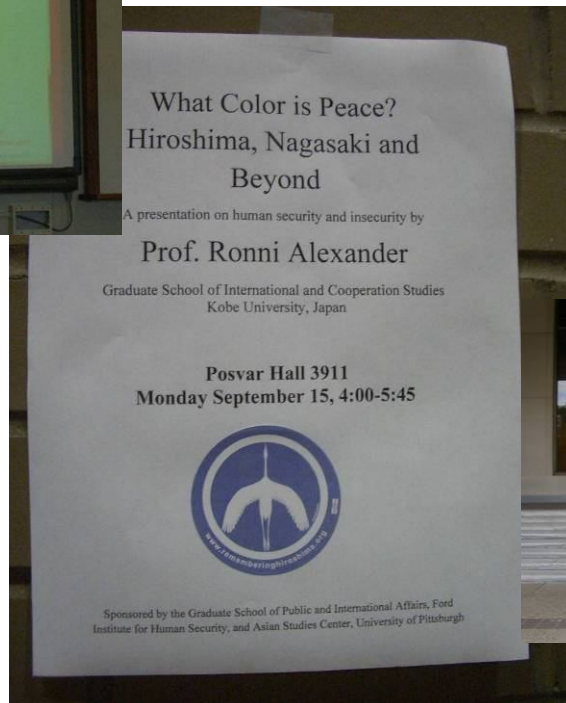




Workshops at the Pittsburgh Children's Museum



University of Pittsburgh



Carnegie Mellon University



It was a busy summer...

8/12 Popoki Workshop at
JICA Center, Hyogo



8/19 Report on Popoki in
Palestine at Po-kai



9/6 Popoki in
Kumamoto

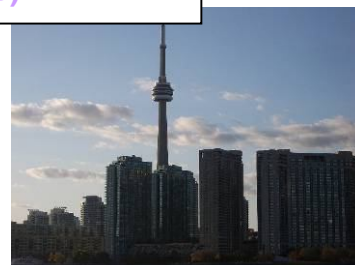


10/6 Popoki at the 6th
International Conference of
Museums for Peace

9/30
Po-kai



10/18 Learning Democracy
(University of Toronto,
OISE & Transformative
Learning Centre)



A Lesson from Selling Books at the Kengaikyo Conference

Uddin Bashir

On August 23rd and 24th 2008, the 29th National Conference of the Foreign Residents Educational Research Council was held in Kobe. Popoki Peace Project participated in the book sale at the conference in Kobe, to sell *What Color Is Peace? Popoki's Peace Book 1*. Although there were many other books on sale there, it was surprising to notice that Popoki was one of the best sellers among them. Everyone was curious about Popoki and he became popular again. Some people were asking, "What will we learn from Popoki?" Or, "Is it worth buying this book?" But after having a quick look on the book they bought it with great satisfaction. The questions I was asked kept remaining in



my mind. I started to rethink...what lessons can we learn from Popoki? Or, what messages does Popoki give to us? These are a few among the many questions that I have continued to ask myself ever since my introduction to Popoki a couple of years ago. We managed to sell a total of 58 books, so I guess many other people must be sharing my questions.



Report of the trip to Palestine at Kobe YMCA international cooperation bazaar!

On Sunday, October 19, we report on our trip to Palestine as part of the international work camp report at the Kobe YMCA International Cooperation Bazaar. Four Popoki members joined it: Mori Kyoko, Iwanaga Atsushi, Horikoshi Takeshi, and Urai Kana. We had 30 minutes during lunch time for the report.

Most of the audience were people who had come to the bazaar, and some of them were children. Unfortunately, not so many people came to see our report, and moreover they came in and out in the middle of the report. However, some of them listened to us very seriously. We did our best to tell them what we saw and how we felt during this trip. For example, we tried to tell them about the existence of the wall between Palestine and Israel and the checkpoints, and to describe the way Palestinian people try to go about their usual lives in spite of the dispute, and still, how warmly the people in Palestine smiled.

"It was a very nice experience for me, because I don't have so many opportunities to talk about my experience," said Horikoshi, one of the presenters. For all of us, it was a good chance to know both the difficulty and importance of telling others what we saw in Palestine and what we think and feel about peace. We greatly appreciate having had this opportunity and give our sincere thanks to the Kobe YMCA!

In addition, the panel exhibition of the trip to Palestine was held in both Kobe and Nishinomiya YMCAs. Nishinomiya YMCA had a bazaar in October 26. (Urai Kana)



Report of the trip in the chapel of Kobe YMCA












Photo exhibition



あなたにとって
「へいわ」ってなに色?

Bazaar participants
selected their color of
peace

へいわの色と思う色に投票してネ!

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- 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.
- 09.01.24 'What Color is Peace?' Suginami-ku, Tokyo
- 09.01.25 Ronni and Prof. Ikuro Anzai in Kyoto
- 09.02.07- YMCA Traveling Children's Peace Art Exhibit, Kobe

Popoki's Easy POGA

Lesson 5 HALLOWEEN POGA

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

1. Sit up straight, and make yourself look thin.
 2. Imagine you are a round Halloween pumpkin. Make yourself round to one side...,
 3. Now make yourself round to the other side....
 4. And now bring your head forward and make yourself round to the front.
 5. You did it! Very good! Time for the 'success pose.'
- Congratulations! You have successfully completed Lesson 5.



That was easy, wasn't it! Remember to practice every day for at least 3 minutes. See you next month for lesson 6!



Popoki in Print

- " KFAW College Seminar: What Color is Peace for Women? Thinking about Peace, Violence and Gender with Popoki. " Asian Breeze No. 54 October 2008, p. 8 (Ki takyushu Forum on Asian Women)
- " Peace Seminar in Kumamoto: What does ' peace' mean to you?" Kumamoto YMCA News 10 Vol. 437 October 2008, p. 1 (Japanese)
- *Kobe Shimbun* " Human Rights Declaration Exhibition Panels: 6 Local Hyogo Artists Illustrate all 30 Articles" 2008.10.8. p. 10
- " An Interview with Dr. Ronni Alexander. " *The Newpeople*, Pittsburgh' s Peace and Justice Newspaper, Vol. 38 No. 9, October 2008, p. 5
- " Nuclear Security is Inhuman Security – Dr. Ronni Alexander speaks about Hiroshima and Nagasaki. " *The Newpeople*, Pittsburgh' s Peace and Justice Newspaper, Vol. 38 No. 9, October 2008, p. 4
- 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

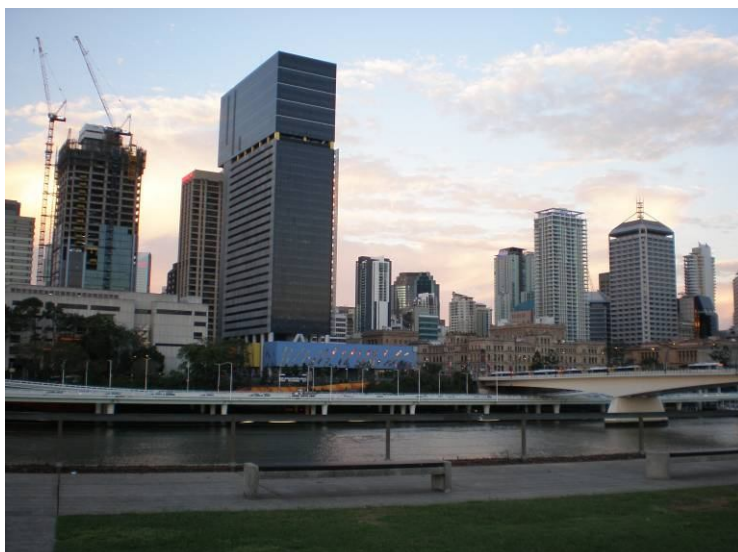
What Popoki Means to Me

Takeshi Horikosi

I went to Australia and stayed in Brisbane to study English for about a month in September. Before I went, I had thought of Australia as one of the developed countries and peaceful. In addition, I knew about the problem of the social status of Aborigines, and thought that the problem was steadily being dealt with.

To be sure, Brisbane's weather was very comfortable and people were very kind, so I felt at peace. However, when I saw Aborigines who were sitting or lying on the road near a station, I felt I was seeing the real situation of Australia. It is true that Australia is peaceful country for most people; at the same time it is true that Australia is not a peaceful country for Aborigines....

I gave a copy of *Popoki, What Color is Peace?* to my host family, and they were very pleased. Popoki could make friends in Australia! What can Popoki do in Australia? My host family has two children who are now one and three years old. By the time they become adults, I hope that Australia has become a peaceful country for indigenous people.



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A row of houses along a city street in Brisbane

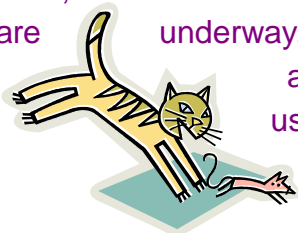
PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE POPOKI PEACE PROJECT!



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

US\$20.00 plus tax.

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

There are various ways.

From the publisher, Epic: TEL: 078-241-7561 • FAX: 078-241-1918

From Amazon.co.jp or your local bookseller

From the Popoki Peace Project (popokipeace.yahoo.co.jp)

Contributions are always welcome!

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