



It's still summer here!

Are you having fun?

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It has been a really hot summer in Japan. When it is hot, Popoki likes stretching out and snoozing in the shade. Ronni likes to swim. How about you? We hope you are enjoying your summer (if you are in the northern hemisphere) and looking forward to it, if you are in the southern hemisphere.

Popoki's Hot News!



Check out this new book! Lots of Popoki's friends, including co-editor Betty Reardon, Ronni and a fabulous group of feminist scholars/activists have made contributions. The book, addresses the question of human security in our heavily militarized and armed world. If you are interested in the gendered aspects of human security, state security and militarization, this is the book for you!

Authors: *Betty Reardon and Asha Hans, eds.*

Title: *The Gender Imperative: Human Security vs. State Security*

Please order from: Taylor and Francis Books India Pvt Ltd. 912, Tolstoy House, 15-17 Tolstoy Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi 110 001 Tel: +91-11-4315-5100; Fax: +91-11-2371-2132 ISBN: 978-0-415-58577-4



It is really too soon to tell you this, so please keep it secret. Popoki and Ronni have begun working on a new project. It might take about 100 years to complete, but they are making a peace studies text for young people.



Popoki and Ronni are taking a little break this autumn, so we haven't scheduled much. Don't worry, though. Popoki Peace Project will be back to its usual frenetic schedule soon! Thanks for your continued help, support and participation.



Report: Reading of *Popoki, What Color is Peace?* at the Habikino City Special Peace Exhibit

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JICA Osaka

On 7 August, we held a reading of *Popoki, What Color is Peace?* and made plastic key holders at the JICA Osaka booth at the Habikino City Special Peace Exhibit.

Children are on vacation from school for the summer and they come to this special peace exhibit with their families and friends. When 3-5 people gathered at our booth, we began reading *Popoki, What Color is Peace?* and talked about peace together. When we finished, each person drew their own image of peace on plastic which we then heated in an oven toaster and made into key holders.

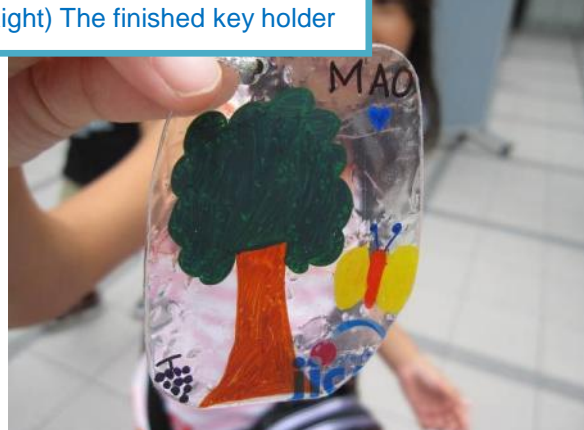
After listening to Popoki's questions, the children, even those who at first looked askance after just hearing the word 'peace,' seemed able to create a concrete image of peace. They drew a variety of images, including their own or others' favorite flowers and trees. They were all pleased with their key holders, which they took home with them. I think that these key holders will be a very small reminder to the children to think about peace in their everyday lives.

Through this event, I was surprised at the power of Popoki's questions and the rich sensitivity of the childrens' responses. It reminded me of the importance of thinking about peace in one's own context and made me want to promote such opportunities.

Thank you for your understanding of our reading of Popoki at the JICA Osaka booth.



Top: (Left) Reading. (Right) Reading with a different group
Bottom: (Left) Drawing on plastic. (Right) The finished key holder



Tosabori YMCA Summer Seminar

Popoki, What Color Is Peace?

~The workshop which thinks about friendship and peace with Popoki~

Popoki Peace Project

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Hirayama, Yu Hirose, Ronni
Alexander

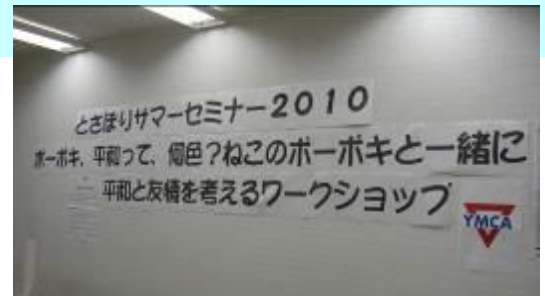
Editor: Shiro Nagashige

Using Ronni Alexander's power point
slides

<http://popoki.cruisejapan.com>

2010.7.25

10:30-12:30



'10. 7. 25. (Sun.) Popoki Peace Project (Leader: Ronni Alexander) performed a workshop about friendship and peace at the Tosabori YMCA Summer Seminar. There were 16 participants (12 women including 2 children and 4 men). They all cooperated actively and happily and were able to make the mobile.

We thank Tosabori YMCA and staff for all their help.

Self-introduction



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First, we were divided into four groups and began with the self-introduction of the participants. Most people seem to like cats. The colors most of the members of my group associated with summer were primary colors such as orange, blue, or red. How about the other groups? Everyone relaxed and we were ready to begin.



What shape is *friendship*?

Performance Time



Different people took different poses, some modest, some depending on others and some very positive. Their movement shows their potential consciousness.



Popoki Theater!

Satoko



Popoki looked for peace and friendship, and found various sounds, shapes, encounters with others and smells.

There were no barriers, and communication using the five senses is useful.



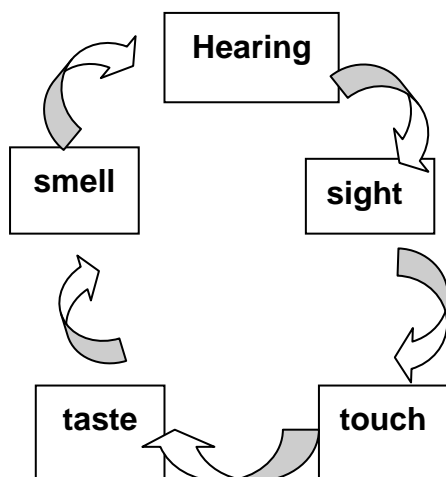
I'm purrrfectly happy since
I've been able to
communicate!!

Reading....

廣瀬 優

Reading *Popoki*, *What Color is Friendship?*

Five senses
Interaction



☆☆☆

Along with the five senses, words are an important means to think about friendship and peace.

《 Big issues 》

Is friendship eternal?

Is peace eternal?

There is a concept called “transience” in Buddhism.

Nothing is permanent. All things live and die and change, always moving like the wheel of life.

Let's count aloud together from 1 to 10

Preventable deaths of children under 5

3 deaths/10 seconds

1200 deaths/hour

270,000-300,000 deaths/day

War is not the only thing threatening peace

We need to learn about how complicated situations are interrelated

Kotaro Hirayama

Where do you stand?



YES: Is recognition of each individual a condition for friendship?

NO: Is unrequited love friendship?

It is natural that there are various opinions. I think the correct answer for you is in your heart.

“ 情 = sympathy ” has nothing to do with nationality. It is the common feeling that we have as human beings.

Popoki's Peace Mobile

Hints for mobile making

- Popoki's friends? The earth? Things around you?
- Don't forget colors, scents, textures, atmosphere...



A wonderful mobile was completed through the collaboration of the 4 groups. The sensitivity of all is expressed in the mobile.



*Thank you
very much!
Popoki made friends with
a very small crane.*

Popoki's Easy Poga

Lesson 27

Our theme this month is sumo! We hope it makes you feel strong and good!



1. As always, sit up straight making yourself look thin.
 2. Now assume a sumo pose, with your legs spread wide, knees bent, your hands on your knees, and your torso straight.
 3. Next, with your knee and hand in the same position, bring your right shoulder forward.
 4. Next, switch sides and bring your left shoulder forward.
 5. Did it? Good for you! Time for the "I did it!" pose!
- Congratulations! You have successfully completed Lesson 27. Do you feel refreshed? Please remember to relax, breathe, laugh and practice for 3 minutes every day.

Please join us!

Next Po-kai: 8.23. (Monday) 19:00-21:00 Kobe YMCA, Rm.421 All welcome!
*** Please note that it is a different room than usual



Popoki and Ronni are taking a little break



September Po-kai: 30 September (Thursday)
Kobe YMCA 19:00

Announcements from Popoki's Friends

9.11 Lecture about Inoue Hisashi by Komori Yoichi. Kobe Chuka Kaikan, Toa Hall.
Tickets: 1000 yen. Information: 078-222-8651

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- *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, Oct. 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.)



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



What Popoki Means to Me



Marie Tsuruda

POPOKI, to me, is like a symbol of PEACE

I believe Popoki's heart had many words inscribed on it, such as, Peace, Love, Respect, Generosity, etc., words that Popoki wanted us to learn and sense their true meaning.

I believe Popoki wanted us to know that it is important to work toward achieving peace in the world, but we should start from our home and then gradually widen the area. Today, there are many cruel incidents caused by selfishness. Home is where we are taught and learn the meaning of 'Love' and the importance of how to share with others. I strongly feel that is what Popoki is telling us because that is what he learned when he was living with his best 'friend', Ronni.

I can imagine Popoki jumping up and down with a big smile knowing that his friend Ronni whom he loved very much, is going around the world relaying his message.



PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE POPOKI PEACE PROJECT!

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. *Popoki, What Color is Peace?* has been translated into Thai, Chinese, Korean, Khmer, Indonesian, Tetun and Bengali, Vietnamese, Arabic and Hebrew. Spanish, Farsi, Lao, Swahili, translations are underway. If you would like to translate Popoki, or have a way to have the book sold at your local bookstore, please let us know.

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 the US, 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. It is also available at Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Pittsburgh, PA.

Popoki, What Color is Friendship? Popoki's Peace Book 2 is not yet available at these bookstores.

Some ways to purchase *Popoki, What Color is Peace? Popoki's Peace Book 1* and *Popoki, What Color is Friendship? Popoki's Peace Book 2* from inside Japan

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\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:popokipeace@gmail.com))

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