



[The Nippon Foundation News] Golden Week 2021

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. The week from April 29 to May 5 is known as Golden Week in Japan, with four national holidays falling during that period. This year, for the second year in a row, Tokyo and certain other areas were under a state of emergency because of an upward trend in coronavirus infections. Large department stores and entertainment facilities were closed, and sporting events were held without spectators. This year, the number of people going out or traveling was higher than last year, but still significantly lower than in normal years. The last of the Golden Week holidays is Children's Day on May 5, when families with young children wish for their children's happy and healthy growth. A popular Children's Day tradition is to fly carp streamers called *koinobori*, which appear to be swimming upstream – symbolizing courage and strength – as they fly in the wind. Elementary schools typically fly these streamers, and while many of these school activities were canceled last year, they resumed this year.



'Koinobori' streamers at an elementary school in 2021 (left); and a pre-pandemic display in a shopping arcade in 2019 (right)

"The Nippon Foundation DIVERSITY IN THE ARTS" is calling for entries for its 4th annual international art exhibition, an open-call exhibition for artists with disabilities inaugurated in 2018. Entry is open to artworks produced by people with disabilities who have not previously won awards. For more information, please visit the website via the link below.

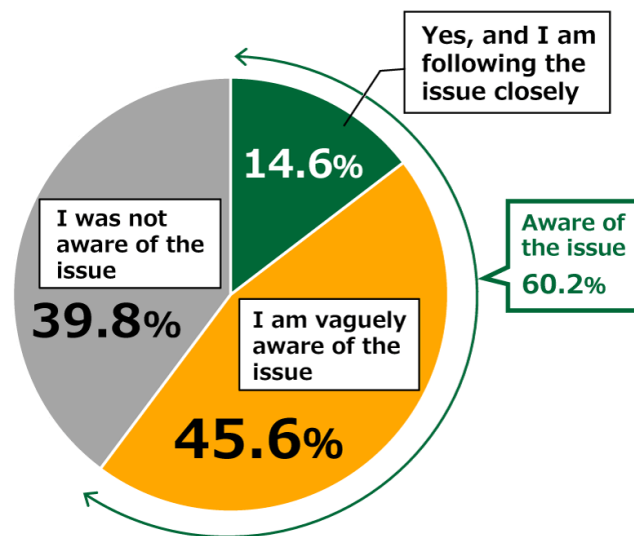
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Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds

Juvenile Law Revisions



Following the Cabinet’s approval of a bill that expands the scope of crimes for which 18- and 19-year-olds can be tried as adults in criminal courts, the 36th installment of the Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds was carried out in mid-March on the subject of “Juvenile Law Revisions.” The survey found that 60% of respondents were either very familiar or vaguely aware of the revisions, and 58% agreed with the expanded scope of crimes for which these “designated juveniles” can be tried as adults.

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Children with Psychological Scars Need Long-Term Support

Kidsdoor providing educational support to Tohoku children



Kidsdoor is an NGO working to support children and to achieve a society where all children can have hopes and dreams, and since 2011 has been providing support to children in areas damaged by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Kidsdoor's Yoshimi Tsushima discusses how the organization is supplementing the activities of schools and teachers, to give more children the ability to study and create their own future.

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'Children's 3rd Place Minuma' Opens in Saitama City

Neither home nor school, providing after-school learning, meals, and other experiences



The Nippon Foundation launched its Children's 3rd Place program in 2016, to build and support places where children can spend their after-school time with peace of mind and develop personally. Children's 3rd Place

Minuma, the 38th location nationwide and the fourth in Saitama Prefecture, opened on March 30, 2021.

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【TNF Journal】 Business's New Relationship with Disabilities

Series examines inclusion of persons with disabilities



This series of articles from The Nippon Foundation Journal section of our Japanese website focuses on the employment of people with disabilities at various companies and the development of products and services for people with disabilities, and introduces some outstanding initiatives. The link below is for the first article in the series, and other installments have been posted to the News section of our English website, with further installments planned.

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