

20 July is Marine Day! Did you have a good time? Popoki loves the ocean, even though he is a cat. He especially likes his friends who swim in the sea. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the seas were clean and healthy and nice for swimming! If you go to the beach this summer, have a great time!

## Popoki's Hot News



It's summer. In Japan, summer is a time to be with friends, think about peace, and give summer gifts. A peace book about friendship fits the bill perfectly. If you would like to purchase copies of Popoki's new book, *Popoki, What Color is friendship? Popoki's Peace Book 2* (Epic, 2009, ¥1500) please let us know. ([popokipeace\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:popokipeace(at)gmail(dot)com))



Popoki and Mimi are taking another peace journey on DVD! The latest in the Iwanami DVD Book Peace Archives Series, *Tokyo/Guernica/Chongqing: Learning Peace from Air Raids*, has just been released! The new 'Peace Machine Journey' is a 17-minute documentary about aerial bombardment. Like the others in the series, this DVD (about 15 min.) will also have English subtitles.



Popoki's books are on sale at a bookstore in Kobe specializing in books in English. Please pay Random Walk Books a visit!  
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You can still hear Kiyo HARA reading *Popoki's Peace Books* on her web radio show on KIZZNA FM (in Japanese). She introduced Popoki's first book, and this time she has devoted two programs to reading from *Popoki's Peace Book 2*. Listen on demand at the following sites:

17 June Broadcast:

[http://www.kizzna.fm/php/ondemand\\_pop.php?fid=956&refid=40&chid=6](http://www.kizzna.fm/php/ondemand_pop.php?fid=956&refid=40&chid=6)

10 June Broadcast:

[http://www.kizzna.fm/php/ondemand\\_pop.php?fid=951&refid=40&chid=6](http://www.kizzna.fm/php/ondemand_pop.php?fid=951&refid=40&chid=6)



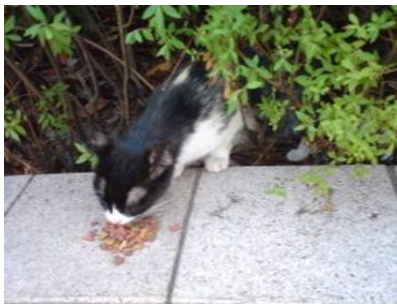
The photos are not very good, but Ronni has been making new friends all over the place,  
Let me introduce a few of them:



The friends at a temple→



A mother and four shy kittens at Kobe University !



← Neighborhood pals →



## NOTICE!

### Now is the time for Article 9!

The discussion at the International Lawyer's Panel Session at last year's Global Article 9 Conference has been made into a book and released recently. The title is *How Lawyers around the world can make use of Article 9 (Kyujo wo ikaseru)*. Robin Alexander, Ronni's sister of whom she is very proud, was on the panel and her presentation is included in the book. Please make it an addition to your own library, or that of your school of community

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A5判 176 pages ¥1890 (tax included)



## Report of the trip to Palestine at Higashiosaka City Hall

Kana URAI



It has been almost one year since our trip to Palestine last August, but still, there was an opportunity to give a report of that trip on June 28<sup>th</sup>. In Higashiosaka City Hall, we gave that report at a workshop which was organized by HYAKUMANNIN SHOMEIUNDOU OSAKATOBU RENRAKUKAI.

After our talk, there was time for questions

and comments. One person asked, "How is the health care system of Palestine going?" A participant gave his impressions. He said, "The Israeli settlement reminds me of the bases in Okinawa, and the Wall in Palestine reminds me of the fence which surrounded Narita airport in order to prevent access to the residents who opposed its construction." Another participant told of his expectations for us. He said, "I want you to make the best use of the experience in Palestine for the society in the future." So this was a very good opportunity us.



In addition, many participants bought copies of *Popoki's Peace Book 1* and *2*. We appreciate the people who organized this workshop and people who joined it.



# Popoki's Easy POGA

## Lesson 14

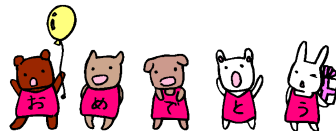
How are you? How about stress? It is time to relax with a little Poga.

1. As usual, sit up straight, making yourself look thin.
2. Now just roll over onto one side, and raise one leg.
3. And now to the other side, raising the other leg...!
4. And finally face down with your arms and legs stretched out to the sides...and stre---tch that tail up!
5. Good, you did it! It's time for the 'success pose.'



Congratulations! You have successfully completed Lesson 14. Now you are ready for a relaxing summer! Remember to practice every day for at least 3 minutes. See you next month for lesson 15!

\* Enjoy the heat and keep yourself healthy by eating well, getting enough sleep, and washing your hands...and of course practicing your poga.



## Please join us!

7.7 Po-Kai at Kobe YMCA 19:00-21:00 Room 304

All Welcome! We will talk about plans for the next few months

7.26-8.2 July Popoki in Hungary

8.11 "Popoki, What Color is Peace? Can We Make it Together?" Seminar for International Understanding and Development, JICA Hyogo (8/10-11). Open to anyone interested in development education (in Japanese).

For information and reservations contact: 078-261-0342. e-mail:jicahic-event@jica.go.jp

<http://www.kobeymca.or.jp/kobe/inter/200908kaihatsu/pdf>

8.25 Po-kai Practicing Reading Aloud! Kobe YMCA, room 304 19:00-

9.5 Special Reading of Popoki at a facility for severely physically and/or mentally disabled people. From 2pm, place: Nonprofit Organization WING-Michiwo Hakobu in Osaka. NPO Tamariba in Nishinari-ku, Osaka.

<http://www.yourwing.org/index.html>

9.7 Popoki, What Color is Peace? Popoki at Kansai Chapter Meeting of

(Pan-Pacific and South-East Asia Women's Association of Japan (PSIWA),  
Hotel Granvia Osaka, 13:00-14:30

- 9.9 UNU Global Seminar Kobe/Hyogo Session. Ronni is giving a lecture on gender, but Popoki will no doubt show up there, too!
- 9.26 "Popoki and Japanese Literature" !?! (Osaka Sangyo University Umeda Satellite Campus Lecture Room) 13:30-
- 9.26-27 Peace Education Symposium (Hiroshima) (Kasumi Tamura)
- 10.25 'Kobe Kita-ku Mothers' Conference' Meeting, Shiawasenomura
- 12.23-31 Popoki in Palestine/Israel Part 2?

## Popoki in Print

- 'Yujotte...Kangaeru Ehon.' Asahi Shimbun 2009.7.2 AKUZAWA Etsuko
- 'Yujo wo kangaete – Ningen to, Neko to, soshite Jibun to,' RST/ALN, No.259 2009.6.28, p.11
- 'New Books: Popoki, What Color is Friendship? Popoki's Peace Book 2 ' (Rebecca Jennison) "Cutting-Edge," Vol.35 2009.6, p.3
- 'Thinking about Peace with a Cat: Second Peace Book Published.' (SAITO Masashi) *Kobe Shimbun*, 2009.4.21
- 'Popoki, What Color is Peace?' Kobe YMCA News, 2009.3.1. No.593. p.2
- 'Popoki, What Color is Trash?' Kobe YMCA News, 2009.1.1. No.592. p.2
- 'Tomodachi ni Natte Kuremasenkai,' RST/ALN, 2009.2.22
- Popoki on the radio. <http://www.kizzna.fm/> Click on 6CH to hear the program and reading of Popoki in Japanese
- *Yasashii kara hito nann desu* Exhibition Organizing Committee 'Universal Declaration of Human Rights.' Hyogo Buraku Liberation and Human Rights Institute. 2008.10. ¥500. For information contact: blrhyg@osk3.3web.jp
- "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 (Kitakyushu 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, 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](http://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 (Autumn). Buraku Liberation Research Institute of Hyogo. This features some of the Human Rights Posters.
- *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](http://popoki.cruisejapan.com/archives_e.html)



## What Popoki Means to Me

HIROSE Yu

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to join Nada Challenge festival. I had the chance to talk with visitors about “the color of peace.” At that time, I asked one girl who looked about 5 years old, “What color is peace?” and she answered, “I don’t know. What is peace?” I tried to explain to her the meaning of peace in an easy way, but I couldn’t do it.

Before I participated in Professor Alexander’s seminar, I didn’t think deeply about the meaning of “peace,” but now I am taking her classes and my way of thinking has been changing gradually. Many things are new for me, so it is still difficult to understand everything easily. I used to think that some things were right, but sometimes they are not proper, and finding that out usually shocked me. When I think about peace, humanitarian assistance, the role of NGO, conflict, and etc, I am surprised because of my stereotypes. It takes me a long time to accept the new and different ideas. A word that I use as a normal word is not necessarily universal and there can be many meanings behind it.

For instance, the way I knew and understood the meaning of peace when I was in sixth grade of elementary school in Hiroshima. In those days I didn’t understand why war



happened. Also I thought that the opposite of “war” was “peace,” and that I was living in complete “peace”. Talking to the girl at the festival reminded me of that time. I had a good time at Nada Challenge and I am truly grateful. Now I can think about different meanings of “peace” from Popoki. Thank you, Popoki.

## 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 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, 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](mailto: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 and Read For You Life Book Shop, Waterloo, ON, Canada.

***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)



Thank you!

**Contributions are always welcome!**

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<http://popoki.cruisejapan.com>



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