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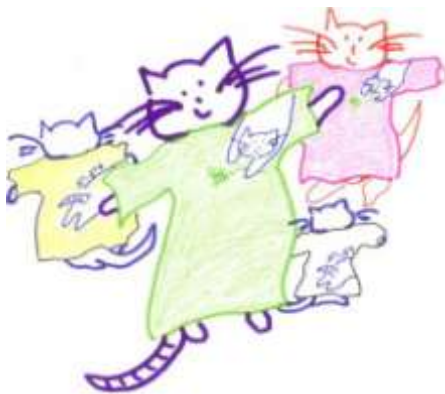
Season's greetings! Popoki (and Ronni) wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season. Thanks for being our friend!

Popoki's Hot News



Popoki Peace Challenge in Nada!
Using the key words 'Life' and 'Peace', Popoki will host "What Color is Life?" Takashi MORIZUMI Photo Exhibit (2010.1.8-14), lecture by Takashi MORIZUMI "Looking at peace and Life through a Lens" (2010.1.8) and Peace Map Making in Nada (2010.1.9). See pp.2-3 for more details.

Hope to see you there!



POPOKI T-SHIRTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

SIZES: SS, S, M, L, LL (They run a bit large)

COLORS: Green, Pink, Yellow, and White.

PRICE: ¥1500 How to order: Send an e-mail to: popokipeace@gmail.com If you order before the Po-kai on 24 November, you can get your shirt at the meeting.





Please join Popoki the peace cat to look for peace in Nada!

Popoki Peace Challenge!

PART 1 Photo Exhibit for Peace "What Color is Life?" Takashi MORIZUMI (Photo Journalist)

2010.1.8 (Friday) – 1.14 (Thursday) Admission: Free
Hours: 09:00-22:00 (1/8 opens at 15:00; 1/14 closes at 15:00)

PART 2 Lecture: "Looking at Peace and Life through a Lens" Takashi MORIZUMI, Photo Journalist <http://www.morizumi-pj.com/index.html> 2010.1.8 (Friday) 18:30-20:30 (Hall opens at 18:00) Fee: ¥300

PART 3 Peace Map Making in Nada 2010.1.9 (Sat) 13:30-17:00

WHO: Anyone who can walk for about 1 hour
COST: ¥500 (Primary, Junior High School Students: ¥300)
RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION: Send your name, contact information, emergency contact, age, to Popoki Peace Project by e-mail (popokipeace@gmail.com) or Fax (078-803-7295; Kobe University, GSICS office).
RESERVATION DEADLINE: 21 December 2009

Schedule

13:30 Workshop
14:00 Talk by MORIZUMI
14:15 Group Time
14:30 Let's go!
15:30 Map making
16:30 Sharing our work

Venue: Kobe Student Youth Center

こうべがくせいせいねんせんたー
神戸学生青年センター

(5 min. walk from Hankyu Rokko Station)

Tel: 078-851-2760; Fax: 078-821-5878

Yamada-cho 3-1-1-1, Nada-ku [URL: http://ksyc.jp](http://ksyc.jp)

What color is
peace in Nada?



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*This event was made possible by a Kobe University/Nada Ward Community Building Challenge Grant

Popoki's 2009

January



← ANZAI Ikuro and Ronni ALEXANDER 'Peace Talk' 1.25

Peace Walk in Sannomiya 1.25 →



February

Meeting to Create Peace with Popoki: Palestine
2.12



Leadership Training Session
held by the Council of Youth

Organizations (Kobe YMCA, 2.28) →



March

← Popoki at the beach

3.17 Reading Popoki with
children in Himeji →



April



*Popoki, What Color is Friendship?
Popoki's Peace Book 2 is released!*

May



← The new flu arrives !

Popoki is welcomed at
Chiang Mai YMCA ! →



June



← 6.7 Nada Challenge festival

Workshop at the Children's Village
6.19 →



6.28 Popoki at "Nakba 1948"
film showing →



July

Popoki in Hungary
IPE 7.29~



August



← Popoki's Multicultural Workshop
Seminar on Intercultural Education for Multicultural
Living Together JICA Hyogo 8.11



September



← Workshop at NPO W·I·N·G—Michi-wo-hakobu—
Tamariba 9.5

Popoki at PSSEAWA
(Pan-Pacific & SE Asia Women's Association of
Japan) 9.7 Osaka Granvia Hotel



Popoki in Okinawa
9.25



Popoki at the '24th Cultural Salon'
9.26

October



Popoki at the 37th Kita-ku
Mothers' Association Gathering
Shiawase no Mura 10.25 →



← Popoki at Hyogo International High School 10.16

November

Popoki T-shirts!



December

Popoki in Palestine/Israel 2
2009.12.23 – 2010.1.4



Popoki at Peace Meeting,
Nishinomiya 12.13

Popoki's Easy Poga

Lesson 19

It's the season for presents! Now you can practice your poga while opening presents!

1. As always, sit up straight making yourself look thin.
2. Next, keeping your legs straight, reach down with your right hand and grab the ribbon. Stretch out your left hand and take the ribbon with that hand, too.
3. Holding the ribbon in your left hand, pull it firmly up to the left. Don't forget to use your tail, too!
4. Finally, raise your right hand and finish up by pulling the ribbon firmly!
5. Good, you did it! Do the 'success pose' with the ribbon.



Congratulations! You have successfully completed Lesson 19. Remember to practice for 3 minutes every day. We hope you get a lot of presents so you can practice your poga.



Please join us!

12.19 Planning for Peace Map Event: meet at Kobe Student Youth Center at 14:00; Po-kai 18:00; (Nada-ku Pharmacists' Association, Welv Rokko, 6F); Ponenkai! 19:00

12.23-2010.1/4 Popoki in Palestine/Israel Part 2

2010.1.7 Set up Popoki Peace Challenge Photo Exhibit. Volunteers welcome! 17:30

2010.1.8-14 'Popoki Peace Challenge' MORIZUMI Takashi Photo Exhibit

1.8 MORIZUMI Takashi lecture, 18:30~ (In Japanese). Kobe Student Youth Center
Staff: 11:00

1.9 Peace Map-making event. 13:30~ Kobe Student Youth Center. (English OK)
Staff: 11:00

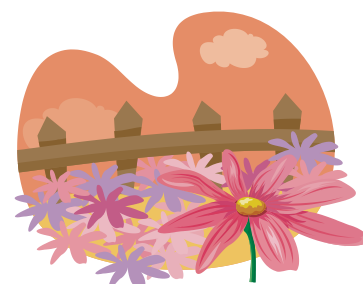
1.30 "Can Human Beings Make Peace?" 13:30-16:30, Osaka Sogo Shogai Gakushu Center. ¥500. Dankai Action Network, T/F : 06-6428-1402, (Imamura). <http://dankaiaction.jp> ¥500

Popoki in Print



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- '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
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- 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



KAWAHIGASHI SHINOBU

Reflections on Okinawa

From 20 November, I made another trip to Okinawa for four days, visiting mostly the southern part of Okinawa Island. First we went to the Himeyuri Memorial and Museum. We had a look at a cave, and commenting on how frightening it was, made our way to the museum. We arrived just in time to hear a woman saying, "I am a survivor of the Himeyuri Unit." She was a volunteer who works at the Museum telling her story and we were able to hear it. "I was so afraid and so hungry that I didn't feel anything, even when looking at the blood or the bodies or the hands and feet that had been amputated. I was so exhausted I didn't even know that I was alive.... Even today, when I think of my friends who died, I always wonder whether or not it was good that I survived. Now I come here and tell my story to let people know that "we must never engage in war."

"Please visit the Peace Park, too. Food has always been scarce in Okinawa, and when children are born, they are given names related to food in the hope that they will always have enough to eat." We went to the Peace Park and looked at the names of the people who had died in the war. There were names like Kamado (oven), Ushi (cow), Nabe (pot), Kome (rice).... Even though it was November, Okinawa was hot, but looking at the names made me forget about the heat.

We returned to Naha City, enjoying the view of the blue sky and blue sea. When we got back, the market place was filled with energetic grandmothers and young people. I breathed a sigh of relief. Okinawa has beautiful sea and sky, flowers bloom all year around, the food is delicious and there are lots of people filled with energy. I love Okinawa!!!



Photo: Looking off the southern coast of Okinawa Island (Ronni, 2009.9)

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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