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2016 Asia-pacific Conference
Hiroshima Kid's Council
JCI JAPAN
Best Local Community Empowerment Program

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**Entry Information** 

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### **Basic Information**

Duration: May 2015 to September 2015

Staff: 14 Members

Sponsors : Local high school student volunteers, local college student volunteers, Hiroshima-City Officials

Budget: 7,500 US Dollars

Profit / Loss: 0 In which UN MDG best fit (if apply): ?:

Who is benefited ?: Children in our region who will lead the society in the future.

Objective: 1. JCI Hiroshima enhances a mature sense of responsibility to the future with the children in the region and empowers them.

> 2. JCI Hiroshima provides development opportunities and fosters a sense of community that children support each other by working toward the same goal with fellows.

Overview: - The children in Hiroshima put their heads together to think about the future of their city, make recommendations to the city council of Hiroshima, and also spread them to citizens.

- -- Programs participated by: 43 Children (5th or 6th graders)
- Children will make a proposal to the city council of Hiroshima which is based on five themes "tourism", "environment", "education", "Sport" and "City Development". They make recommendations with respect to city council of Hiroshima at the Hiroshima City Council plenary session field. Hiroshima mayor and each station-General to the recommendations of the children, and answer or adopt How to municipal administration in the future. Conduct a public presented their proposal and declaration statement to citizens. After meeting Questionnaire was taken from citizens.
- -- Questionnaires completed by: 255 Citizens

Results: 1. Children studied about the problems of Hiroshima City, considered the problems and solutions, and then made a proposal. Many of the children gained a sense of responsibility to the future of the city by making a proposal to the city council of Hiroshima and creating a declaration statement.

> 2. Children cooperated with the fellows, made a proposal to city council of Hiroshima. As going through the calcium, all of the children understood the importance of helping each other.

## How to confirm:

- By checking questionnaires and reports written by the participants at the end of every calcium.

# Results:

- Children are mutually recognized each other as fellow who are responsible for the future society, help each other and work together toward the same goal. We foster a feeling of nature and mutual assistance. Positive change.

Actions Taken: May, 2015

- JCI Hiroshima started the recruitment of "Kid Councilors"

### June 6, 2015

- 1st Meeting of "Hiroshima Kids' Council" was held.
- (1) Kid Councilors took a Tour in Hiroshima city hall and the Hiroshima City Council hall. They met with the Mayor of Hiroshima.
- (2) JCI Hiroshima members give a lecture about the current city situation. Kid councilors brainstormed opinions on the problems and improvements, then determine the agenda of the proposal.

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June 20, 2015

- 2nd Meeting of "Hiroshima Kids' Council" was held.
- (1) Kid Councilors did field survey and questionnaire survey to citizens about their theme.

### June 27, 2015

- 3rd Meeting of "Hiroshima Kids' Council" was held.
- (1) Kids councilors made a proposal, and created a children\'s parliament declaration statement

### July 11, 2015

- A plenary session of "Hiroshima Kids' Council" was held.
- (1) Kid Councilors made proposal to the city council and the mayor of Hiroshima.
- (2) Kid Councilors adopted a declaration on their guideline to their future action.

## August 22, 2015

- A debriefing meeting of "Hiroshima Kids' Council" was held.
- (1) Kid Councilors presented their proposal and declaration statement to citizens.

### September, 2015

- Open class was held in local elementary school.
- (1) JCI Hiroshima held open class in the elementary school which "Kid Councilors" comes from. So that student who did not participate could learn what was happened in "Hiroshima Kids; Council".
- (2) JCI Hiroshima put this "Hiroshima Kids' Council" project into a DVD and guideline, then distributed to all elementary school in Hiroshima city.

- Recommendations: 1. Children got interested in the problem of their society, thought towards the resolution of the problem, got a sense of responsibility to make up the future of the society.
  - Achievement: Many of the children positively increased the responsibility for the future of the city.
  - Unachieved content: A few children could not get interested in the city of the problem.
  - Remedy: Choose much more familiar themes for children so that they can get interested in their society.
  - 2. Children, who strive toward the same goal together with fellows, realize the importance of supporting each other.
  - Achievement: All children could learn the importance of fellowship and supporting each other.

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### **Award Category criteria**

Objectives, Planning, Finance and Execution

program?

- What were the 1. For children to get interested in the problem of their objectives of this region, think towards the resolution of the problem, and obtain responsibility to create the future of society.
  - 2. For children to strive towards the same goal with the fellows and learn the importance of supporting each other.
  - In order for children to become major player in the next generation, we think that it is important to develop an interest in their region and start acting by themselves.
  - It will develop an inclination for mutual assistance by identifying with each other to lead the next generation and striving toward the same goal through friendly competition.
  - Children keep the consciousness by thinking together, acting together, and sharing the moment of extra ordinary experience.
  - JCI Hiroshima provide the opportunity and await for the children to foster the ability to grow up by themselves. This is a project to cause a stir in child development and their society.

How does this program align to

- This project is consistent with "cooperation" and the JCI Plan of "connection" by cherishing the fellows and supporting Action? each other.

effective guide for - Venue cost: 1,566 USD

Was the budget an There was no off-budget spending.

- management of Planning and production cost: 574 USD
  - the project? Public relations cost: 308 USD
    - Documentation cost: 4,382 USD
    - Insurance cost: 845 USD
    - Communication cost: 216 USD

# Ingenuity of funding:

- JCI Hiroshima received a grant income of 2,500 USD (250,000 JPY) from a local foundation which sympathized with this project.

the JCI Mission and Vision?

- How does this JCI Mission: JCI Hiroshima enhances a mature sense project advance of responsibility to the future with the children who lead the next generation in the region.
  - JCI Vision: JCI Hiroshima recruited "Kid Councilors" across the schools in the region. This way, the children

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could build new network and connections with new fellows through this project.





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# **Award Category criteria**

**Membership Participation** 

By number, how many members were involved in

this program? 29 people

By percentage, how many members of the Local Organization were involved in this program?  $\,10\%$ 

in this program. drafting

Describe the main roles of Member of JCI Hiroshima: 14 People

- the participating members Lecture for children, Auxiliary of the proposal
  - Site Management, Meeting management







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## **Award Category criteria**

**Community Impact** 

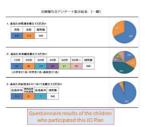
measure community impact for this program?

- How did the Local We think about the problem of the city children Organization themselves, made children to present proposals to the city council of Hiroshima.
  - We plan to enhance the sense of responsibility for the future of society, it made to think about the region as well the general public.
  - Result from Public debriefing questionnaire: Q1. Did you get a chance to think about the region? A1. 318 people said Yes. / 23 people said No. Q2. Whether you were interested about the council? Q2. 293 people said Yes. / 34 people said No.

community impact produced by this project.

- Describe the actual This project helped children to enhance the sense of responsibility for the future of society.
  - This project supported children to grow up by developing an inclination for mutual assistance
  - This project gave the general public an opportunity to think about the region.







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### **Award Category criteria**



Impact on Local Organization

benefit from running this project?

- How did the Local JCI Hiroshima built a thick connection with city Organization council and local government. They were willing to support JCI Hiroshima's project in the future.
  - Member of JCI Hiroshima has been improved presentation and communication skills by performing a lecture to the children.
  - This project was picked up by local newspaper and TV news, and it helped to public relations of JCI Hiroshima to the general public.

program advance the JCI Mission?

- How did the JCI Hiroshima had a chance of enhancing a mature sense of responsibility to the future with the children who lead the next generation in the region.
  - We had great opportunity to discuss with children about our society's problem and this project provided us development opportunity to enhance children.

advance the JCI Vision?

- How did the project JCI Hiroshima recruited "Kid Councilors" across the schools in the region. This way, the children could build new network and connections with new fellows through this project.
  - JCI Hiroshima created new network and connection with schools and teachers which "Kid Councilors" belong to. They told us that they are interested in our future project and looking forward to participate it!





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### **Award Category criteria**



**Long-term Impact of the Program** 

- What is the We expect that the children who participated in this expected long-term project will get interested in city's problem in the impact of this project? future. We expect them to put head together and think of a colution to the problem along with other citizens. of a solution to the problem along with other citizens.
  - We hope the children will get interested in politics and some of them will strive to become the mayor in the future.

improve the results of this project?

What changes - In order to empower more participants, it is better to would you make to choose the immediate problem as the subject. That way, children can focus on the project as his or her own problem and it will give positive change to them.





