

Event Title: "Hope for Peace" – 1000 Orizuru Crafted by Primary School Students in Memory of Sadako Sasaki *(Event No. 65)*

Organized by: Ship for World Youth Alumni Association India (SWYAA-India)

Event Dates: Monday, 2nd September to Wednesday, 18th September 2024

Location: Municipal Corporation Primary Schools, West Delhi

As part of the Japan Month celebrations held in September-October 2024, SWYAA-India, in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan in Delhi, organized a tribute to Sadako Sasaki, the young girl who famously folded 1000 paper cranes (Orizuru) as a symbol of peace following the tragic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This initiative was carried out across four municipal primary schools in West Delhi, in partnership with the Department of Education, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD).

Objective:

The event aimed to introduce primary school students to the Japanese legend of the Orizuru, which signifies longevity and the fulfilment of a wish when 1000 cranes are folded. This ancient practice serves as a powerful message of hope and peace, deeply connected to Sadako Sasaki's legacy.

About SWYAA-India:

SWYAA-India is a non-profit organization formed by Indian alumni of the Ship for World Youth (SWY) program; a global youth exchange initiative organized by the Cabinet Office of Japan. For the past 15 years, the association has been fostering cross-cultural collaborations between India and Japan through various initiatives and events.

Event Locations:

The following municipal primary schools in West Delhi participated in the event:

1. MCP School, Nangal Raya, New Delhi
2. MCP School, Khazan Basti, Mayapuri, New Delhi
3. MCP School, Naraina Village (Shift 1), New Delhi
4. MCP School, J.J. Camp, Inderpuri (Shift 1), New Delhi

Activities Conducted:

- **Origami Workshops:** SWYAA-India facilitated workshops in each school, where students learned the art of Origami and folded paper cranes as part of the 1000 Orizuru tribute.
- **Cultural Education:** Students were introduced to the legend of the paper cranes, learning about the deep cultural significance attached to them and how they serve as a universal symbol of peace and hope.

Significance:

This event was a vital component of the broader Japan Month celebrations, aiming to enhance cultural exchange and strengthen people-to-people ties between India and Japan. By engaging young students in this hands-on activity, the program sought to foster global understanding and instil values of peace and unity through a unique and meaningful tradition.

The event successfully linked the cultural heritage of Japan with the educational experience of Indian students, creating a memorable and lasting impression on the participants.

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