

## ChildAid Asia 2020 - Christmas Edition



### Report

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## Little Creators and Asian Network

Little Creators started its activities in 2007 and was registered as a non-profit organization in 2009. Through the years, consistently we have provided less-fortunate children, especially those who have to live at foster homes, with opportunities to learn how to express themselves using art as a tool, with platforms to show their expression/art works to the public, and with international exchange programs through the platforms.

Little Creators was set up when organizing a cultural event with Singaporeans in 2008, so that from the early stage we have a good partner in Singapore, and its network has been widened to Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and other countries.

Main international exchange programs are collaboration of creating visual art works and web gatherings, but most powerful one is through fund raising concerts. *ChildAid Asia* concert series are held in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Japan to raise fund for less-fortunate children in each country. In Japan, we started the concert in 2011. Since then, we have had *ChildAid Asia* seven times. Among them are two *ChildAid Asia Incubation Program ~ Friendship Concerts* which are a little smaller in scale. We always invited oversea children to the concerts, most of who had appeared in their country's *ChildAid Asia*. Together with them, musically talented children in Japan and children at foster homes created the concerts and raised the fund. We use the fund for organizing art workshops for children at foster homes, for supporting less fortunate children to study arts abroad, and for Japanese children participating in the oversea *ChildAid Asia*.



The concert, which was planned for May 2020, the Olympic year, was named *ChildAid International*, and Little Creators were going to invite children from the five continents. Due to the COVID-19, the actual concert was cancelled, and we organized a virtual concert instead. We succeeded to raise 600,481JYN from the concert, set up the Wi-Fi system at the Misono Kodmo-no-le foster home (Fujisawa, Kanagawa) as well as sent 25 PCs and tablets to them. In addition, we donated some gift of money to Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia through our partners for their less-fortunate children to have the better ICT environment. (for more details: [http://www.littlecreators.jp/en/CAI2020Virtual\\_Report2.pdf](http://www.littlecreators.jp/en/CAI2020Virtual_Report2.pdf))



Under such circumstance, 5 Asian countries (Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Japan) decided to organize 5 weekly mini charity concerts, *ChildAid Asia Christmas Edition 'Spirit of Giving'*, together in the Christmas season.

# ChildAid Asia Christmas Edition

## ‘Spirit of Giving’

ChildAid Asia Christmas Edition ‘Spirit of Giving’ brings together young talents from Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Japan. Working together through a common Passion for music, they have created 5 weekly mini-Christmas concerts with a rally call to empower our less privileged community affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These concerts raised funds to bridge the digital divide among our vulnerable children as digital skills become key to their development and success in a post COVID-19 world.

Music pieces performed were edited by directors from the Philippines and Indonesia. Each performer practiced, played, and recorded at home, and s/he sent their performance to Indonesia for editing and distributing. During this process, unfortunately, in Malaysia was a major lock down, so that many who could not get the recording environment needed to withdraw.



### Summery

Title: ChildAid Asia 2020 – Christmas Edition ‘Spirit of Giving’

Distribution & Program:

The 1<sup>st</sup> concert 21:15JST~ Nov. 22, 2020

God Rest Yer Merry Gentlemen

Angel We Have Heard

Go Tell It on the Mountain

The 2<sup>nd</sup> concert 21:15JST~ Nov. 29, 2020

O Holy Night

O Christmas Tree

Jingle Bells

The 3<sup>rd</sup> concert 21:15JST~ Dec. 6, 2020

Silent Night

Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

The 4<sup>th</sup> concert 21:15JST~ Dec. 13, 2020

Joy to the World  
Deck the Halls  
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

The 5<sup>th</sup> concert 21:15JST~ Dec. 13, 2020

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem  
Auld Lang Syne  
God Rest Yer Merry Gentlemen  
Joy to the World  
Silent Night  
Jingle Bells



Channel: ChildAid Asia – International YouTube

Co-Organizers:

NPO Little Creators (Japan) / The RICE Co., Ltd. (Singapore)  
NPO The Smile (Malaysia) / Yayasan Asa Sehati (Indonesia)  
FMAC (The Philippine)

Grant: National Youth Council

(Singapore – for an exchange project for ASEAN children)

Performers: Alumni and beneficiaries of *ChildAid Asia* concert series in Asia

Japanese performers are as follows:

Saki Shinomiya (piano) Mayu Azuma (vocal) Hikaru Moriyama (oboe)  
Rena Ishihara (flute) Momoko Yaguchi (vocal) Mana Sugano (flute)  
Yuji Maekawa (Shamisen) Yoshiaki Suzuki (flute) Myua Horiuchi (flute)  
The Little Musical (chorus: Mio Negishi, Rio Shindo, Sakurako Kitayama, Rinka Nakase, Ai Shin, Shizuka Shin, Suzu Kawahata, Mayuka Abe, Himari Taguchi, Haruna Motohashi, Hinata Takahashi, Mao Takahashi, Yukiko Okabe)  
Natsumi (MC)

Thank you, participants, for your cooperation and kind thoughts.

Your support means a lot to the needy children and us!

## ChildAid Asia Christmas Edition 'Spirit of Giving' Dialogue Session



From 20:15JST of December 20, 2020, two performers from each country took part in the ZOOM dialogue session, which was not open to public. Five topics in below were discussed. From Japan, Mayu Azuma and Saki Shinomiya were participated.

- Topic 1 Music in your country
- Topic 2 Christmas and Spirit of Giving
- Topic 3 Virtual concert
- Topic 4 Highlights of Spirit of Giving
- Topic 5 As youths yourselves, what are the advice you would give to your peers and those younger than you who are pursuing the performing arts or entertainment industry?

The performers were not able to actually play music together; however, they could share the challenges they had through the creation period and how much they satisfied with the outcomes. They realized that it is possible to present a concert utilizing ITC even though they are physically apart from each other. In addition, during the creation period they were puzzled how the outcomes would be since they just play a part of music, but happy is not enough to describe their feeling when they saw the final productions.

# Fundraising

With the spread of COVID-19, the divide between the digital haves and have nots is widening around the world. A child’s access to digital devices is crucial in determining the quality of education the child receives. Hence, together with four organizations from Asia with the same will, we appealed to viewers for contribution.

In Japan, the total amount of donation was 231,778JYN. Little Creators have been active at 3 foster homes, and this time we decided to support one of them, Futaba-en, Tokyo. We have organized theater visits and international exchange programs with Futaba-en.



Little Creators also asked the concert viewers to donate new or used PCs and tablets, and we could deliver 3 used PCs with software & peripheral devices and 7 new tablets.



## Gift of Money from...

- Nishimura Medical Instrument Co., Ltd.  
 Jo Pompen                      J.E.Bauwens  
 Hayato Jitsuyama          Tatsuya Yamauchi          Sayaka Kawabata  
 Maki Azuma                  Rikuto Takanashi          Mami Tomotani  
 ...and other contributors



## Gift of PCs and tablets from...

- Association of African Economy and Development  
 Hiromi Tomita



Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the contributors,  
 Whose kind thoughts made this concert possible.

## Futaba-en and its ICT Environment

Little Creators has invited children from the Futaba-en foster home (social welfare corporation Doho Engokai <https://doen.jp/introduction/child/futaba>) to theatres and alumni to Singapore for a cultural exchange event.

At Futaba-en, 50 children (under 18) live in 7 units (2 of them are group homes) right now. Due to COVID-19, they received the donation of PCs one for each unit. Futaba-en staff tries to get 6 laptops for those who will be discharged from Futaba-en at the end of coming March. They had managed get 3 laptops, so that they requested other 3 laptops with word, excel, power point and security soft wears. The next priority was one tablet for each unit.

By the end of December 2020, Little Creators delivered 3 used laptops installed necessary soft wears as well as 1 tablet and 2 smart phones. Now six 18-years old who will be discharged from Futaba-en in March have a laptop. By mid-February, in addition, Little Creators purchased 7 new tablets and sent to Futaba-san.



Well, games first...



## Settlement of Account

This is the financial report related to *ChildAid Aisa 2020 - Christmas Edition 'Spirit of Giving'*.

(income)	sum	231,778JYN
Total gift of money		
(outgo)		
Donation to Futaba-en		
Purchasing software & peripheral devices		18,987JYN
Packaging and shipping cost		1,830JYN
Purchasing tablets (including shipping)		198,660JYN
	sum	219,477JYN
	balance	12,301JYN

Production fee is about 13,000SGD in total. The grant Singapore team received covered a part, and the rest was divided proportionately by five teams. Little Creators, Japan, paid 86,500JYN as a part of production fee.

The balance, 12,301JYN, will be used for next charity event by Little Creators.

## Little Creators *and from now...*

Since the government declared the state of emergency due to COVID-19, Little Creators are not able to conduct creative workshops at foster homes, but as soon as it is cancelled, that is what we would and should do. On the other hand, we realize it would be difficult to organize the same kind of charity concert from now on; therefore, we are now thinking deeply again what we should do and why we continue our activities. Your input is always welcome.

What we are planning right now is...

- January 17      The theme song of *ChildAid Asia*, 'Bridge across the Sea' is distributed in Little Creators' URL with images of past *ChildAid Asia* concerts.  
(<http://www.littlecreators.jp/>)
- March-June    Japan Singapore Digital Art Exchange
- Fall 2021      Misono Kodomo-no-le foster home X Yu Neng Pri School Digital Art Exhibition

We shall very much appreciate for your continuous support.

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