

News Release

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**The 10th Annual World Gardening Fair Raises \$18,780 for Charity; Delights Visitors**

Hotel Okura Tokyo is pleased to announce that the 10th Annual World Gardening Fair ended in a great success. As part of Hotel Okura Tokyo's charitable activities, the event drew 20,455 guests and helped raise more than \$18,780 for Save the Children Japan, an international nongovernmental organization (NGO) that works to improve the lives of children around the world.

The 10th Annual World Gardening Fair was held at Hotel Okura Tokyo from May 2 to May 6, 2009,

during the Golden Week holidays. The wives of ambassadors from 10 countries created original horticultural compositions in the Hotel Okura Tokyo's Heian Room using trees and flowers representing their home regions to showcase the unique cultures, traditions, and natural environments of their respective countries.

The participants for this year were; the Republic of Paraguay, Romania, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of Lesotho, New Zealand, the Republic of Costa Rica, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, , the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the Republic of Italy. In all, gardens from five continents were on display at Hotel Okura Tokyo. The event was well-received, with visitors to the Gardening Fair calling the event "a trip around the world." Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado attended the event.

Hotel Okura Tokyo would like to thank all those who attended the event and gave generously to support disadvantaged children around the world. We hope all the attendees enjoyed themselves as much as the children appreciate their patronage.

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The proceeds from the World Gardening Fair were presented to Mr. Hironobu Shibuya, Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children Japan (left), by Mr. Noriyoshi Ogawa, Chairman ,Hotel Okura Tokyo (right) on May 25 .



One of several gardens that were on display.