

The 18th KANAGAWA BIENNIAL World Children Art Exhibition in 2014



East-Timor

Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste is an island nation located next to Indonesia. The country is known as the newest country in Asia.



Seminars

Timor-Leste has a serious problem with garbage, especially littering. We give environmental education seminars on littering at schools to deal with problem.



Painting Activity

In participating the painting contest, we implemented painting activity. Children drew pictures of the environment which they image.



In Timor-Leste, twelve years have passed since the independence from Indonesia. Timor-Leste is a developing country with weak economic bases. When it comes to education, there is still a variety of challenges. Naturally enough, there is no art class in a school curriculum. We, environmental education department, gave seminars on littering to junior high school students in Dili and children in the neighborhood in joining the painting contest. After the seminars, we asked them to draw a picture of the environment that they image. 122 children entered the painting contest from Timor-Leste. Most children usually do not have an opportunity to draw a picture, so they really enjoyed it. Also, they are looking forward to seeing pictures drawn by children from other countries. We hope children were able to learn the importance of the environment from the painting experience and seminars.



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