1. Although many NPOs have been established recently, it was very pleasant to hear specifically and in person about how small actions in small areas can lead to a profound change within the children’s community. I believe that mental support is much needed for children, especially for ones who experience some traumatizing incidents. I wish the best for you and your project and I would love to support your further steps towards supporting children’s future.

2. Thank you for your lecture. Your activity is necessary for the children when they suffer from war or nature disasters. Many children have many troubles. We have to help them all over the world. In Japan, Japanese children need to be helped, too.

3. I thought that donating time to KEF was a good and effective idea. Also I agree that we shouldn’t donate just money or buy clothes that the beneficiaries produce. Thank you for your precious presentation.

4. Thank you for your presentation. Your story was great, but I thought that when you sell the paintings, it seems like you’re taking away their paintings.

5. I think the place for children to heal their mental scars is very important because they cannot relieve their stress like adults do, such as by eating, drinking and partying.

6. I like the idea that kids could be helped not only by money, but also by creating art that makes them face their thoughts and feelings.

7. The NPO’s activity is wonderful. I have never known about their activities. So I’m glad to know about them. I want to see more of what they do.

8. Ms. Torii’s talk was very interesting. Moreover, I am surprised that she got married four times! I want to contribute something to help children.

9. I was impressed by how Ms. Torii is still trying many things. She has done great things already but she is trying to do many new things and that is the reason she is so powerful and impressive.

10. In a war zone and places where earthquakes happen, the care of children’s minds can be overlooked. So, I think it is really fantastic activity to help children.

11. I have never heard of this organization until now, so today it was as a good opportunity to know and understand your activities. I was impressed by beautiful drawings which each child made freely. Painting reflects the imagination of children, so it is really good to allow children to draw freely.

12. I thought this activity is very great because I can agree that by expressing feelings though art, children can realize how they are really feeling or how they can handle the situation they are facing. I thought “art can change the world.” Thank you very much for this amazing and wonderful opportunity.

13. I think what the children are doing is very amazing. I also think it is amazing how they can illustrate things (traumas, etc.) that they cannot talk about. I feel that it is a great way to overcome obstacles in life.

14. I thought that this organization’s activities are really great for children to express their own feelings. I feel that education these days in Japan lacks opportunities for children to express their opinions, so I think Japanese schools should use this method too.

15. The talk was very inspiring. It helped us imagine what’s possible if we take action. I hope to be able to support KEF in some way in the near future. Thank you.

P.S.: I have seen your sign before but I didn’t know what it was about.

16. The point I love the most is that KEF supports not only children in bad situations but also children in “normal” situations. I could not ask this question at the lecture, but I’m curious about whether activities like these can be applied to adults.

17. I thought that this project is a wonderful one, and that helping such children in need is the key to world peace. I often watch videos about war and poverty on YouTube, but feel weak and powerless when I can’t do anything to help such people. But, taking part in a project like KEF, we can be a little help to such people and bring the world closer to peace.

18. I had never heard of “KIDS EARTH FUND” before. So, I’m happy to know the activities in detail. I’m especially impressed that you let children draw freely. I hope your activities continue to help the world.

19. When I was an Aoyama Gakuin Elementary School student, I belonged to the Worship Project, so I have visited the KEF office. Furthermore, I sold accessories and T-shirts or bags for them. I really hope that children in poor countries receive this kind of support.

20. I thought that the way that pictures or paintings heal people is by looking at them. But, after listening to the speaker, I was surprised to learn that drawing can actually heal people as well.

21. Before hearing your presentation, I wondered how we could contribute to changing the world through children’s drawings/art. However, through listening to your explanation, I felt that what you did really helped children from many parts of the world. Many people like or want to do something for the world, but they couldn’t do anything. I am thankful for what you’ve done.

22. thank you so such for the great presentation. I was so moved by the fact that your organization helps kids by expressing their feelings by art, and has done so many things around the world. I admire you for owning a company outside of “Kids Earth Fund,” despite doing so many activities. Thank you for the talk!!

23. I think the idea that the paintings of children can help other children is very interesting and new to me. When I looked at the picture drawn by her son, it gave me warm and happy feelings, and I thought children’s creativity is wonderful. Painting or other kinds of art can affect many people without words, so I think the work of her NPO “Kids Earth Fund” is so effective.

24. I got interested in the work of the NPO “Kids Earth Fund”. The thought that not only adults but also children are sometimes frustrated and that children can express their feelings by drawing pictures made me feel sympathetic. I thought I wanted to do something to help children who are frustrated, hurt and sad.

25. in my opinion, those activities, such as art projects, are essential for children. Somebody has got to do these activities or the children won’t know what to do.

26. I didn’t know about “Kids Earth Fund” but now I got interested in this project. But, I have seen the Jagabee’s bag with some pictures on it, like the moon or some animals, which are painted by children. It is good because it makes children’s stress decrease or heart hurt less, especially those who had experienced terrible hardship. Also it makes money and helps children too. It is nice circulation.

27. I didn’t know about your foundation but today I learned a lot. But where does the money to build the schools come from? As a whole, it was great!

28. I think the NPO is a great idea. Children should have a chance to express feelings and the NPO is the right place. I’m interested in the source of funding because your NPO goes overseas many times. Where does the money come from?

29. It was really interesting to hear Ms. Torii’s speech. Children can’t express themselves through words, so drawing or painting are the best way for them. She makes a good point in focusing on that. I’m sure many children were saved by this NPO. Also it was interesting to hear that kids started talking after creating their art work.

30. It was a really interesting talk because personally I love painting pictures and looking at them. I started drawing when I was in hospital for my leg injury. Then I was three years old but my mother thought my drawings were good and encouraged me to learn art. Therefore I think Ms. Torii’s project is amazing.

31. I felt that she was making kids help themselves by giving them a chance to draw. I personally thought that helping kids by drawing is a nice idea. However, in the last part of her talk, she said, the art of the children creates money and supports children, which might lead to a misunderstanding that it is not an NPO, though I know they are an NPO. One time I want to be a part of them!

32. It was really nice to see the art work done by children. All of them were wonderful. I really liked your idea to offer children a happy life. I hope this organization will be known all over the world for it’s excellent contribution to people.

33. This project is really beautiful and I can see that it is giving many chances for children in a difficult situation. I hope this project continues to change many children’s lives, and makes a better world.

34. I think it is amazing that children can heal themselves (do self-therapy) by drawing pictures. However, I couldn’t quite get how you know they are doing self-therapy in their mind. I hope your NPO helps more and more children mentally.

35. I don’t think art is the solution for every kid to mentally grow. Kids do need support by adults, and growing independently will need support from a lot of people.

36. Thank you for the lecture. Personally, sometimes I feel difficulty to say how I’m feeling. However, art doesn’t need words. In that way art has a magical power.

37. I thought the idea of art being the way for children to express their feeling is such a good idea. Even for us, it could work well, because sometimes it’s really hard to put our feelings into words. If we were handed paper and coloring pens, there would be so much freedom and especially for kids that would be a very fun experience.

38. it was great to hear the speech. I hope I can contribute to KEF more.

39. I thought that adults were always needed for helping children have a happy life, but I found that children have a great potential to help other children living all over the world.

40. it was a nice idea to save children by letting them draw. I want to see your son’s artwork.

41. I agree that drawing pictures is a way to cure a damaged child’s heart. However it was difficult to understand that KEF makes money even though it is not for profit.

42. It’s amazing that Ms. Torii came up with the idea of making a kindergarten for her own son and made it into an NPO. A lot of kids must have been helped by their work. She was pretty.

43. I understood that kids have a lot of possibility and we should support them more. It is a great opportunity for me to take part in their activities.

44. I was surprised at the idea that kids save kids around the world through art. I think this organization will keep making children around the world happier.

45. I understood that children have an astonishing talent for the future. I agreed with your idea.

46. I didn’t think that art had such a big influence on children, but after I listened to Ms. Torii’s talk, my thought was changed and it will be my precious experience.

47. I really think that art is a wonderful thing for us. As you said, children tell us their pure feelings or kindness through their paintings. Children’s art is very beautiful and meaningful for out society!

48. I was really interested in your NPO. I come from the Philippines and there are a lot of street children there. I am interested in helping them in some way but I don’t know how, but after listening to your talk, I became interested in your NPO, so I would like to volunteer someday.

49. it is a very brilliant idea to let children draw and express themselves and as a result they also help other kids in other place. It is a good cost. I was wondering if they explained to the children the why they were being given the opportunity to draw. Overall, I am very interested in their NPO and I could participate in the future if I have a chance.

50. actually, I didn’t know about this activity before I heard today’s speech. However, I was impressed with their activities. First, I was surprised at her son’s picture. I felt that children’s imagination is wonderful and they have many dreams. I like children and want to help them, so I would like to try some volunteer work while I’m at university.

51. I think all children have a strong and mysterious power, which is needed even by adults. When I get old, I want to care about children.

52. As I experienced raising money for Kumamoto earthquake relief I thought the activities that Ms. Torii has been doing are helping children in many countries so much.

53. I think drawing may be helpful for getting rid of stress.

54. I was really shocked that children were helping other children. I noticed that the creativity of children can change the world effectively. I’m interested in volunteering with your organization.

55. Letting children express their true feelings and emotions is a very impressive way to help them become creative individuals. I think many kids have been influenced by this activity and started their life in good way.

56. I think that kids are usually helped by adults, so I was surprised by the phrase “kids helping kids”. Their art is so vivid and if I had any chance, I would buy them to help support the cause.

57. I think that creating art in order to heal their own hearts is interesting and wonderful.

58. I thought it’s really important for children, especially those who had terrible experiences, to have opportunities to express their feelings. I hope more and more children feel happy by the activities of “KEF”.

59. It surprised me that children who have lost their family and who are in trouble use black or red and so on. Painting reflects their situation. I understood that if we give children the opportunity they can relieve stress.

60. I think it is a very good idea to help children in need, because children are the ones who have to build a future life. I think people will join because it was interesting.

61. I’ve never come up with an idea like Ms, Torri’s to help children through art, but I think it’s really good for them.

62. Kids helping kids is a good slogan, I think. The feeling of wanting to help people is important to live happily in this world for everyone. In addition, art can be a good tool to express our natural feelings. It is helpful for us to understand the situation of the world.

63. Mr. Torii’s actions helped many children, and let many children act. I thought I couldn’t act like her, but I want to be like her.

64. I want to become a person who is brave enough to achieve goals.

65. It is easy for children to express their feelings through drawing, so it is a good way.

66. We should help each other. Many children have the same troubles and painting pictures can help them. I thought that if activities like this continue, children who live in the world will become happier.

67. I thought that this kind of support would be a secondary support for people who have experienced a disaster or war, because they first need help with foods or clothing. However, you focused on the children’s mental support. It was very wonderful.

68. I’ve never known this project, but I could understand your goals and purpose. Although I want to join, doing volunteer work is sometimes difficult for me, so I’d like to check the products KEF produces. I also understand that mental therapy is important for children.

69. I think it is very important that the kids who have experienced some problems express their emotions and feelings. I was surprised that you did workshops in so many countries and you did it with children soon after the disasters.

70. Have you ever been to any Southeast Asian countries? I think there are more needs and shortages of aid there.

71. I was surprised that children who experienced war and some sad incidents painted dark pictures, but a little later they come to paint colorful pictures.

72. KEF simply means communicating through painting. It's an NPO agency that gives children spiritual help.

We can help children discover their talent for art, and we can also allow them to notice how they perceive things and have more insight in their surroundings. We can understand the intelligence, personality, and emotions of the young painter.

However, does children’s art work show their prejudices?

Racial issues are important for groups. Some children have different eye color, hair color, or skin color. Might they have conflicts due to different attitudes they have about their differences? For example: C's skin is black, D's skin is yellow, and the colors of the people they paint must be different. Another example: Some people think that the sun is yellow, and some people think that the sun is green. What would you do when you met this situation?

I once read an article which was written by Prof. Sato. She wrote that in a painting activity, “A” was praised by the teacher. “Your painting is really good.” At this time, the teacher also gave praise to “B,” who was near “A”. Thus, B’s talents were also recognized. I am concerned that in the process of painting, we should reduce "imbalances.” In that way, we can really achieve spiritual help.

In general, I think the very good thing about this activity is that we can gain insight into the child's mind through painting and give them space and opportunities for communication. In the [context](https://eow.alc.co.jp/search?q=context&ref=awlj) of the [falling](https://eow.alc.co.jp/search?q=falling&ref=awlj) [birthrate](https://eow.alc.co.jp/search?q=birthrate&ref=awlj), this communication program is undoubtedly the greatest spiritual comfort for children.

73. I’ve never heard of your activities and your organization but I was really impressed with your presentation and got to be interested by your activities. Children’s art is really direct and expresses their thoughts vividly. So, letting children draw pictures is good to let them feel comfortable. I’ve never joined any NPO activity before, but I want to do some activity in the future to help children.

74. I thought it was a wonderful project. Kids draw the pictures without thinking of any benefit. Just to enjoy drawing purely. I feel a positive message from the pictures.