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(NPO) Sapesi-Japan

Mobile Library Project by Sapesi and Sapesi-Japan
12 Mobile Libraries Bon Voyage Ceremony 2010
“100th Anniversary between South Africa & Japan Official Relationship”

Dates: 1st of December 2010, 17:00 – 19:00

Location: “Communication Zone OPUS”, 8th floor at Sony Building, (Ginza, Tokyo)

Mobile Library in South Africa 2010

Last year, SAPESEI, South African Primary Education Support Initiative which is an NPO as a South African Section 21 Company, has donated 12 MLs to Provincial Departments of Education (DoE) of 4 provinces (Western Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Free State, and Gauteng) as its first project achievement. Sapesi-Japan, the Japanese sister NPO, donates another 12 MLs to new 5 provinces in 2010. Therefore, SAPESEI achieves to donate 24 MLs to all 9 provinces in South Africa. Each Provincial DoE is organizing and doing school library serves by visiting schools eight times a year (two times per each term) to make library services.

Sapesi-Japan invites the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Embassy of South Africa as main guests and, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Sony Corporation, the Society Promotion for Japanese Diplomacy as supporters for the Bon Voyage Ceremony of this year. In the ceremony, there are speeches by main guests.

Not only bringing books to schools, but also on-board M/L librarians support teachers by giving consultation how to use books for their teaching to be conducted more effectively.

M/Ls help teachers and learners to empower themselves through book readings. Also colorfully-painted M/Ls attract attention and interest of parents in the communities to remind the importance of book reading.



Landing a Mobile Library to Durban Port on 2009

Mobile Library in Japan

In Japan, municipality offices which are in charge of compulsory education, arrange Mobile Library (M/L) vehicles to make library services to such small schools which cannot



Mobile Library Vehicle Manufacturing

have their own schools libraries.

Normally M/L is a 2~3 ton truck chassis vehicle with library cabin equipped with book shelves, which carries 2,500 ~3,500 books.

There are about 500 M/Ls in Japan, and municipality offices replace with new ones after around 14~18 years usage. Due to the small service areas of municipalities, average mileages reach only 40~80,000 km at the time of replacement, in many cases.

The vehicles in Japan are right-hand handle, and kilometer indication, and M/Ls are in good condition, being well-maintained thanks to yearly physical inspection.

Future plan and its impact

Our plan is to donate 100 M/Ls to 9 provincial Departments of Education in order to deploy at least one M/L for each of all 96 education districts of South Africa.

To accomplish this challenge, we established a section 21 company in South Africa named as Sapesi (South African Primary Education Support Initiative) in 2006 by Japanese and South African businessmen, to create mechanism to support M/L operation such as better usage of M/Ls, and maintenance of the vehicles.

We established Sapesi-Japan in Japan which was duly registered by Japanese authority as a NPO in Dec. 2008.

Sapesi-Japan will collect M/Ls from Japanese municipalities in order to donate to South Africa.

We are planning to send 100 M/Ls in six years (2009~2014) to South Africa, and by improving the efficiency of school visit from current 15 schools/bus to 30schools, it is possible to offer library services to nearly three thousand schools in six years time, provided we obtain generous support from South African, and Japanese



Japanese Mobile Library Vehicle



Stand-by Mobile Library Vehicles in Japan



Farm School Visiting in Motheo District, Free State. This ML, former named as "Yamabuki", was donated by Kawagoe,



Learners read the book brought to by ML.

companies, organizations, and communities.

We will do our best efforts to support South African education with strong belief that “reading is the base of all kind of learning”, and those books brought by M/Ls to schools will serve as a strong tool for South African literacy improvement challenge.

At the same time, we are grateful for any kind support to our activities.



The teacher is instructing the usage of books to learners in front of a mobile library, Motheo, Free State.

**Ai-no-Izumi (Fountain of Love)
Sapesi-Japan joined the event as
a donated organization.**

The Ai-no-Izumi (Fountain of Love) Charity campaign has started at the Sony Building from 30th-Nov. (Tue.) to 19th-Dec. (Sun.)

The theme of the charity is focusing “Africa. Sapesi-Japan is joining the campaign as a donated organization. For more details,

<http://www.sonybuilding.jp/csr/ainoizumi10/index.html>

**“Bazaaring” for the children of
South Africa**

Joint campaign by Bazaar, Sony and SAPESI-Japan

Donations for SAPESI-Japan will be collected through the “Bazaaring” website, which uses the scheme of online group discount sites for fundraising. For each donation of 500 yen given through this website between Dec 1-4 2010, donors will receive a bandana specially made by Sony for its “Dream Goal 2010”, social contribution program.

<http://www.bazaarjapan.com/bazaaring>



The on-board librarian is giving advices to utilize the mobile library services and book usages, Motheo, Free State.

12 Mobile Libraries to send South Africa in 2010

	Municipality Donator	Nickname	Donation Provinces	Manufactures
1	Tatsuno Town Nagano	「ほたる号」 "Hotaru"	Free State	Toyota
2	Tsuyama City Okayama	「ぶっくまる」 "Book-Maru"	Mpumalunga	Mitsubishi
3	Tanabe City Wakayama	「かもしか号」 "Kamoshika"	Mpumalunga	Mitsubishi
4	Shiroishi City Miyagi	「こまくさ号」 "Komakusa"	Mpumalunga	Nissan
5	Nagaoka City Niigata	「米百俵号」 "Kome-Hyappyo"	Northern Cape	Isuzu
6	Kanda Town Fukuoka	「ふれあい号」 "Fureai"	Northern Cape	Nissan
7	Shin-Kamigoto Town Nagasaki	「ぐりぐら号」 "Guri-Gura"	Limpopo	Nissan
8	Tottori City Tottori	「なかよし号」 "Nakayoshi"	Limpopo	Nissan
9	Nemuro City Hokkaido	「あすなろⅢ」 "Asunaro 3"	North West	Mitsubishi
10	Kusatsu City Shiga	「わかくさ号」 "Wakakusa"	North West	Mitsubishi
11	Takehara City Hiroshima	「わかたけ2号」 "Wakatake 2"	Eastern Cape	Toyota
12	Imari City Saga	「ぶっくん」 "Book'n"	Eastern Cape	Nissan

Mobile Libraries in South Africa 24 Mobile Libraries from Japan

Provinces	FIY 2009	FIY 2010	Total
Gauteng	1		1
Western Cape	3		3
KwaZulu-Natal	4		4
Free State	4	1	5
Northwest		2	2
Limpopo		2	2
Mpumalanga		3	3
Northern Cape		2	2
Eastern Cape		2	2



A learner is concentrating on reading a picture book on the librarian's seat.

More Information about Japanese NPO Sapesi-Japan

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Mobile Library Project



Learners are waiting more books!



This mobile library, former named as "Yamayuri" and donated from Nayoro City, Hokkaido, is busy in visiting many farm schools at the Kroonstad District in Free State re-painting South African arts.