



Child Research Net (CRN) Newsletter vol.6

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Special Issue

Supporting Post-Earthquake Recovery

CRN Newsletter vol. 6 focuses on CRN's activities to support post-earthquake recovery.

Greetings

It seems that it was only yesterday that we communicated through CRN Newsletter vol. 5. But the Great East Japan Earthquake that struck on March 11 was so devastating that we must think of the present-day in terms of post 3.11.

On 3.11, I became another stranded refugee unable to reach home, and this made me recall the end of the war and Japan's defeat in 1945. I walked through Hiroshima, which had been reduced to nothing by the atomic bomb, and passed through Okayama, Kobe and Osaka which had been scorched by incendiary bombs in a cargo train, sitting on pile of coal before I finally made it home. We should remember that up to 3.11, we had managed to overcome hardship and create the postwar era of affluence. And now after 3.11, I am certain that we will recover by sharing our collective wisdom.

There are, however, some factors that we need to consider. For one thing, before 3.11, it seemed that we had become absorbed by material comfort and lost something important. After 3.11, we are seeing more language like "bonds" and "kindness" in the media, indicating there is an effort to recover them. Kindness and consideration connect us to other human beings to create bonds. We need to value this when thinking

about how to raise our children who will inherit the future.

Since 3.11, CRN has been working to support children in the disaster-stricken areas of Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima, and Ibaraki prefectures. Building on the experience of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake as well, we will continue to gather information and examine problems related to children and the earthquake from a comprehensive and interdisciplinary perspective. Our ultimate aim is the systemizing of Child Science for Disaster Recovery for children in the future.

We hope that visitors to our CRN website will cooperate in CRN activities.



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What is
Child
Research
Net
(CRN)?

Established in 1996, CRN is a non-profit, Internet-based research institute for the study of Child Science. Based on its guiding perspective of Child Science, CRN organizes symposia, lectures, playshops, engages in research activity, and provides information on children's issues on its website (Japanese, Chinese and English).

Activity Report for Great East Japan Earthquake

Our hearts go out to all those affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. We sincerely hope and pray for an early recovery.

New Section on "Child Science and Great East Japan Earthquake: Emotional Care for Children"



This new section offers articles and materials in English, Japanese and Chinese to help parents, educators, administrators and other supporters who work with children. This information is provided on an ongoing and timely basis for children who need emotional care.

"Recipes for Play" DVD Production/Distribution



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<http://www.childresearch.net/PROJECT/GEJE/index.html>

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Radiation and Children (Part 1-4)



Toshiya Inaba, Professor of Hiroshima University
Research Institute for Radiation Biology and Medicine



This four-part series provides an easy-to-understand explanation of radiation and the standard (permitted) value, the relation to thyroid cancer in children, and other issues of concern.

1. The Correct Knowledge of Radiation
2. Radiation Level and Health Effects
3. A Correct Understanding of the Permitted Radiation Level
4. Iodine 131 and Thyroid Cancer in Children

Radioactive Iodine and the Effect of Seaweed Consumption



Minoru Irie, M.D., Dr. Med. Sci. Chairman, Board of Directors,
the Foundation for Growth Science.
Professor Emeritus, Toho University



The effect of seaweed consumption on the absorption of radioactive iodine has been debated. The author, a specialist on endocrinology, metabolism, and nuclear medicine, introduces the effect of seaweed consumption on radioactive iodine (I-131) based on research results from the 1950s.

Report from the Disaster Area (ongoing series)



Honami Yoshida, Obstetrician and gynecologist, research fellow at Harvard School of Public Health and medical coordinator of Maternal Health Care Project in PCAT



The author, an OB/GYN and mother of four young children, was sent to the disaster area to help expectant mothers and mothers. Her warm advice and message are based on her experience there.

Healing Mothers and Dealing with Children in Natural Disasters
Fears and Needs of Mothers-to-be and Mothers in the Disaster Area, and Responses

More articles are available on the website.

The Experience of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake



A new section entitled "Child Science and the Great East Japan Earthquake" includes a selection of articles reprinted from the now discontinued journal *Kodomogaku* (Child Science) published by Benesse Corporation. A special issue, vol. 10 (1996) was devoted to "Children and Earthquake Recovery" after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake.

*Articles, profiles, etc., are printed as published in 1996.

"Post-Earthquake PTSD among Children"

Makiko Okuyama, Chief Physician, Health Guidance Department, Omiya Children's Health Care Center, Saitama Children's Medical Center

"Crisis Management in the Home: Changing Needs and Issues Over Time"

Haruo Hayashi, Assistant Professor, Research Center for Disaster Reduction Systems, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University

Links

This collection of links—from websites for breastfeeding mothers to information on radiation—provides useful information for parents/guardians, teachers, administrators and others offering support in the disaster area.

http://www.childresearch.net/RESOURCE/DETAIL/details_15.html

Share your earthquake experience with us!

CRN would like to hear about your earthquake experience or any informal studies and surveys that you would like to share. What did you think, feel, see, experience and do as a mother, father, childcare professional, preschool teacher or school teacher? Please see the page below.

<http://www.blog.crn.or.jp/lab/06/07.html> (Japanese only)



For Parents/Guardians



For Educators



For Administrators and Other Supporters

Introduction to “Recipes for Play”

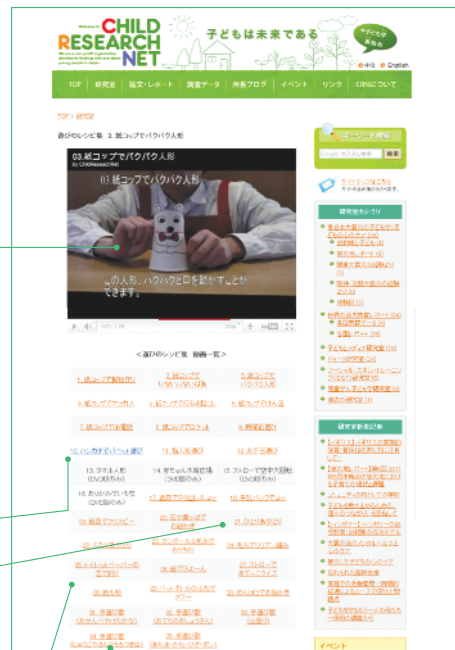
In the cooperation with Tokyo Toy Museum, CRN has produced a DVD, “Recipes for Play,” a collection of hints for making toys out of everyday objects. With a group of staffers, Mr. Chihiro Tada, director of Tokyo Toy Museum, delivered it to the disaster-hit area. Over ten toy consultants and curators demonstrate 35 ways to make toys and even play hand games that do not require toys.



“Recipes for Play” Website

<http://www.blog.crn.or.jp/lab/asobilist.html>

Check out and enjoy “Recipes for Play” on the Japanese website. We believe many people, even beyond the disaster area, will find these creative toys fun and useful.



Making Toys from a Paper Cup

1. Making animals from a paper cup
2. Peek-a-boo with a paper cup
3. Munch-munch doll from a paper cup
4. Maracas from a paper cup
5. Daruma doll from a paper cup
6. Cup and ball from a paper cup
7. String telephone from a paper cup
8. Rocket from a paper cup



▲10. Puppet from a handkerchief



▲21. Cat's cradle



▲25. Fishing with a toilet paper roll



▲34. Hand-clapping game
("making mochi on the full moon")

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CRN Official Twitter Page

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http://twitter.com/crn_jp (Japanese only)

Related Conference

The Eighth Annual Conference of the Japanese Society of Child Science will be held at Mukogawa Women's University in Kobe, Japan, on October 1 (Sat) to 2 (Sun), 2011. The theme of Day 2 will be “Supporting Children in Earthquakes.” The morning session will focus on the experience of Hyogo prefecture in the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and the afternoon session will discuss long-term support measures six months after the Great East Japan Earthquake.

East Asia Child Science Exchange Program

Seventh East Asia Child Science Exchange Program to be held in Zhengzhou, China.

·Date: Oct. 21 (Fri) and 22 (Sat), 2011

·Location: Zhengzhou Infant Normal School, Zhengzhou, China

The fifth conference to be held in China, this year's theme is "What is High-Quality Early Childhood Education? — Child-Caring Design." The symposium and lectures will bring together scholars, pre-school educators and students in China and Japan to discuss measures to ensure high-quality early childhood education, the current practice and conditions in both countries, and other comparative topics. The popular "Good Toy Exhibition" will also be held during the conference.

Publications

First held in 2007, the East Asia Child Science Exchange Program marks its fifth year in 2011. Reports on 2008 to 2010 conferences are available on-line for download in PDF format. (Japanese only)

<http://www.blog.crn.or.jp/about/publication.html#2>

Selected lectures are posted on the English website.

<http://www.childresearch.net/RESOURCE/PRESEN/index.html>



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CRN History

1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Launches Japanese and English websites ·Symposium "Children in Today's Multi-media Society" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Second Annual Conference of the Japanese Society of Child Science ·Renewal of English-language website ·Dr. Kobayashi, CRN Director, lectures in Shanghai at the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation 	
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Symposium "Children's Use of Multi-media to Make Friends" ·Dr. Jane Goodall lectures on "Chimpanzees and the Natural Environment" ·Dr. Jay Belsky lectures on "Child Development and Family Research" 	2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Publishes CRN YEAR BOOK 2006 ·Food Education session at children's health conference in Changchun, China ·Third Annual Conference of the Japanese Society of Child Science ·Dr. Kobayashi lectures at symposium hosted by the Chinese government in Shanghai
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·International Symposium "Evolution of Child Development in the Multi-media Environment" ·Dr. Jane Goodall lectures on "Chimpanzees and the Natural Environment" ·CRN website receives Silver Prize, Web Design Award 	2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Publishes CRN 10th Anniversary YEAR BOOK ·CRN International Symposium for 10th Anniversary of CRN: "Children in Societies with a Declining Birthrate: The View of Child Science" ·Fourth Annual Conference of the Japanese Society of Child Science ·Inaugurates the First East Asia Child Science Exchange Program in Shanghai, China ·First East Asia Child Science Exchange Program and Exhibition in Changsha, China
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Open round-table discussion "Classroom Disorder and Discipline" ·PLAYSHOP 1999 "PLAYFUL" 	2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Renewal of Japanese-language website ·Second East Asia Child Science Exchange Program in Tokyo, Japan ·Inaugural issue of CRN Newsletter vol. 1 in Japanese, Chinese, and English ·Fifth Annual Conference of the Japanese Society of Child Science ·Third East Asia Child Science Exchange Program and Good Toy Exhibition in Hangzhou, China
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Open round-table discussion "How do Children Learn Social Aptitude and Rules?" ·Inaugural Publication of "Child Research Net" ·PLAYSHOP 2000, "Feel the Media" ·CRN International Symposium 2000, "The Child Care Paradox: Choices in Children's Development" ·Publishes "Do Child Raising Methods Affect Development?" 	2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Publishes CRN Newsletter vol. 2 in Japanese, Chinese, and English ·Publishes "Report on East Asia Child Science Exchange Program vol. 1" in Japanese, Chinese, and English ·Fourth East Asia Child Science Exchange Program in Tokyo, Japan ·Fifth East Asia Child Science Exchange Program and Good Toy Exhibition in Shanghai, China ·Sixth Annual Conference of the Japanese Society of Child Science
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·PLAYSHOP 2001, "Winter's Tale—Let's Make a Playful Story" ·Publishes CRN YEAR BOOK 2001 ·Opens Nagayama Chi-kichi as a research center (~ 2002) ·Publishes "Nagayama Chi-kichi: Experimental Research in Playing and Learning" ·Sound Workshop (~ 2003) 	2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Publishes CRN Newsletter vol. 3 in Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean ·Publishes "Report on East Asia Child Science Exchange Program vol. 2" in Japanese, Chinese, and English ·Dr. Kobayashi, CRN Director, delivers a lecture at Chinju National University of Education, Chinju, South Korea ·Participates in the 11th Conference of the Pacific Early Childhood Education Research Association (PECERA); lecture by Dr. Kobayashi, CRN Director ·Renewal of Japanese-language website ·Seventh Annual Conference of the Japanese Society of Child Science ·Publishes CRN Newsletter vol. 4 in Japanese ·Sixth East Asia Child Science Exchange Program and Good Toy Exhibition in Beijing, China
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·CRN training seminar for child care providers, "Thinking about the Quality of Day Care" ·Publishes CRN YEAR BOOK 2002 ·PLAYSHOP 2002, "Let's Play in the Colorful Kingdom!" ·Establishes Research Group on Child Science (~ 2003) ·Media workshop sponsored by CRN Children's Media Laboratory Plans for Chi-kichi radio station 	2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Publishes CRN Newsletter vol. 5 in Japanese, Chinese and English ·Publishes "Report on East Asia Child Science Exchange Program vol. 3" in Japanese, Chinese and English
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Publishes CRN YEAR BOOK 2003 ·Publishes "Child Science Research Report 2002" ·Establishes Japanese Society of Child Science ·Begins Koganei Media Kids Workshop (~ 2004) 		
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Publishes CRN YEAR BOOK 2004 ·First Annual Conference of the Japanese Society of Child Science ·Establishes the Child Science Essay Contest ·Visits child research institutes in Beijing, China 		
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Launches Chinese-language website ·Publishes CRN YEAR BOOK 2005 		

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