

Youth Department collaborates with high school students to participate in the Sendai Tanabata Festival with "Peace Prayer Tanabata Decorations"

The participants were students of the International Baccalaureate Course of Sendai Ikuei Gakuen High School and volunteer students of Tagajo High School in Miyagi Prefecture. Tohoku University international students and volunteer members also participated in the one-and-a-half-month "Peace Memorial Tanabata Project" from the end of June to August 8.

The preparation was fully assisted by Maruichi Iki, a Tanabata decoration specialty shop. They visited us on every Saturdays, the day of preparation, taught us how to make the decoration from scratch.



Photo Tanabata 1 With Mr. Iki, who supported the ideas of the high school students and promised full cooperation



Photo Tanabata 2 Youth group and high school students discussing the design of decorations

The design of the Tanabata decoration, which contains a message of peace, was decided by high school students after sharing their ideas.

Left: The image of a rainbow of hope hanging over the entire Earth is expressed with a seven-color streamer, and it is decorated with a sunflower, a flower that symbolizes Ukraine.

Medium: The UNESCO icon is decorated with olive leaves and origami cranes to show an image of peace

Right: The image of the flag of the Republic of Kiribati, the red and yellow colors represent the equatorial sun, the origami cranes represent frigate bird, and the blue and white streamers represent the waves of the Pacific Ocean



Photo Tanabata 3 Three types of Tanabata decorations



Photo Tanabata 4 Preparation was carried out by the youth club, high school students, international students, adult members, and the group headed by President Mikami.

For three days on August 6, 7, and 8, at a tent in front of the Shoei Real Estate Co Ltd

Headquarters at the East Exit of Sendai Station, we exhibited "Tanabata Decorations for Peace" and held an exchange activity with citizens to write their dreams and wishes on strips of paper.



Photo Tanabata 5 Interaction with citizens

The "Tanabata for Peace Project" was also introduced in the media.



Photo Tanabata 6 August 7 Kahoku Shimpo Newspaper morning edition



Photo Tanabata 7 High school students being interviewed

In the process of preparation, the youth and high school students had the valuable experience of thinking about peace as well as planning for events, and they were able to realize various things through exchanges between high schools and different ages. In addition, during the

Tanabata decoration exhibition period, they were able to deepen exchanges with citizens and tourists.

We would like to express our gratitude for the full support and cooperation of the Sendai Station East Exit Commerce and Industry Cooperative, from the preparation to exhibition.