

## 32nd Volunteer Activity for Passing on Hope for the Future



Date	Saturday, October 4 through Sunday, October 5
Activity site	Ota ward, Tokyo
Participants	23 ( 10 men, 10 women, 3 administration office staff)

### ● Activity Details



On the morning of November 4, together with the NPO JAM Network, the JX Group conducted the Kotoba Camp program aimed at developing the communication abilities of children at a foster-care facility in Tokyo's Ota Ward.

We held the Kotoba Camp activities for the children after dividing them into two groups: a group of elementary schoolchildren from the lower grades, and a group comprising pupils in the higher grades of elementary school and junior high-school students. The JAM Network staff acted as teachers for the two groups, and JX volunteers interacted with the children in a one-on-one style, thereby conducting the program to develop the children's listening and speaking capabilities.



In the program activities, the children answered questions they were asked by first raising their hand, and also interviewed the volunteers, after which they made a speech to everyone.

In the afternoon, after having eaten lunch with the children in the facility's garden, we held a type of fair at which everyone played games such as fishing water balloons from a shallow tank, hoopla, and daruma block-striking. There were around 50 children and teachers at the fair, some of whom had not been at the Kotoba Camp.

Both the children and adults enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content, and the day ended with everyone still smiling happily.

On the morning of November 5, we held the second day of Kotoba Camp at the same facility. The volunteers were in charge of the same children they had been with the day before, and they conducted some new activities.

There were some children who on the 4th had felt too tense on the spot to take part in the Kotoba Camp program, but had relaxed after joining in the fair later and so were then able to take part in the program on the 5th.

Moreover, some of the volunteers remarked that the program was so fulfilling that they themselves had learned a lot.