

JP-HOLDINGS, INC., the largest child support business (Securities Code 2749)

Conduct an international online exchange at ASC Soen Nursery School to deepen friendship and experience diversity with Singapore's nursery school

At Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Inc., a group company of JP-HOLDINGS, INC., where training, research related to childcare and developmental support is provided, a new international online program is being implemented. "International Online Exchange" provides children with an opportunity to learn about diversity. As part of this program, we held an online exchange event on September 7th (Tuesday) connecting JP-HOLDINGS Group's ASC Soen Nursery School (Sapporo, Hokkaido) and a kindergarten in Singapore.

◆ Introduce culture/characteristics of each other's country and experience diversity while having fun. ◆

On the day of the International Online Exchange, the Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Inc. supported the progress using the chat function of the web conferencing system, in order for the exchange to go smoothly. On the participants' screens, each school's presentation was displayed in Japanese and English in the chat. By having the daycare staff explain the content of the presentation to the children, while looking at the chat function, the children can communicate smoothly with the children in the other country, in real time.



【Day of the International Online Exchange】



【Introduces the characteristics of the area using photographs】

At this exchange event, which was attended by ASC Soen Nursery School and a kindergarten in Singapore, each school gave greetings, introduced the weather, and then played charades, as an ice breaker. After that, children introduced their countries' cultures using photographs. At ASC Soen Nursery School, the children introduced the magnificent nature of Hokkaido, the cityscape of Sapporo, which was selected as the marathon venue at the international competition, and the potatoes of Hokkaido, which are local specialties that children wanted to introduce. From the kindergarten in Singapore, the children introduced the national flag, explained the national symbol Merlion and presented a dance. The children of ASC Soen Nursery School enjoyed the presentation, as they pointed at the screen saying, "I know Merlion!" and clapped their hands to the dance song.

At the end of the exchange event, the children were able to deepen their friendship with the children of the other country through this program, as the children were waving their hands at the screen. A daycare staff who was participating in the program also made a positive comment, stating, “While traveling abroad is restricted due to covid, the children were able to have a valuable experience of connecting with friends of the same grade overseas, by conducting international online exchanges.”

◆Continuing international online exchanges • Total support, from preparation to the day of the exchange◆

In the “International Online Exchange” Program, the Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Inc. supports from preparation for the exchange to the progress on the day of the exchange, including matching overseas nursery schools and kindergartens with schools of JP-HOLDINGS, INC. We will support the selection of topics for the presentation and practice for the day of the exchange, and prepare so that the children can have fun on the day.

“International Online Exchange” is not only an opportunity for children to enjoy foreign cultures and languages, it also an opportunity to renew their interests in the area where they live, as they prepare for the exchange. At the Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Inc., we will widely expand international online programs to kindergartens operated by our group company. We strive to continue to provide children with opportunities to learn and experience new things even during COVID-19 pandemic, and children from overseas and Japan will mutually develop a great bond. We will plan initiatives that allow us to interact.

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JP-HOLDINGS Group will continue to practice childcare and training that fosters thinking and creativity, by enhancing children’s rich sensibilities, through childcare programs that maximize group synergies.

■About JP-HOLDINGS, INC.■

It is the largest company for childcare support (listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, securities code 2749), which mainly operates nursery schools, after-school clubs, and children’s centers. The number of operating facilities for the entire group will be 303 (as of April 1, 2020). Japan Nursery Service Inc. and Amenity Life Inc., which operate nursery schools, kindergarten, children’s club; J Kitchen Inc., which undertakes school lunch contracts for nursery school; J Cast Inc. which undertakes English, gymnastics, and rhythmic classes for facilities; J Planning Sales Inc., which plans and sells childcare-related products; Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Inc., which provides training, research, and consulting related to childcare and development support; are all under JP-HOLDINGS Group.

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