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How did you spend Candle Night Summer Solstice 2006?

People around the world celebrated Candle Night their own special way from July 17 to 21. In this issue, we will show our readers a brief report on how they spent those evenings.

Thank you very much for participating in our summer campaign by subscribing to the newsletter. Currently, people from 33 countries around the world are reading the newsletter. We are happy that Candle Night has been spreading throughout the world.

Six winners were selected during a Candle Night Committee meeting in July. Winners were from Italy, Canada, the USA, Japan, and Germany. Congratulations!

We sent e-mails to the winners. If you received an e-mail from us, please read and respond to it. Please enjoy your beautiful Japanese candles!

A brief report of Candle Night Summer Solstice 2006

An increasing number of people in Japan and the world participated in the Candle Night Summer Solstice 2006. 470 events were registered on our website, including ones held in Taipei, Paris, Seoul, Pittsburg and Cairns.

In Cairns, children enjoyed making waste cooking oil candles at the Cairns Museum. It offered an opportunity for the children to think about recycling. An event report and photos are shown on their event page: <u>http://event.candle-night.org/report.php?id=576#comment</u>

In South Korea, over 22 stores and buildings turned off their lights. Participatory events were held at over 15 locations.

Other than the registered event, Mauritius celebrated their first national Candle Night on June 4, 2006. Despite some difficulties spreading the new idea, they were finally able to hold a Candle Night

event. Government ministers participated in the event as guests. They had a wonderful time at the event site.

We received messages from our readers in India, Spain, Canada and Australia who would like to hold a Candle Night also. This is a sign that Candle Night is spreading to the world.

Many heart-warming messages from the world were sent to our new online message board, "Candlescape," during the Candle Night week.

When participants register their messages, the registered locations are shown as a dot on the world map. It displays their messages when you click on the dot. We received messages from all corners of the world, such as Spain, Philippines, Taiwan and Argentine, just to name a few. The internet has made it possible to share the feelings and the moments together. "Candlescape" is offering a new type of communication platform to people of the world.

http://feel.candle-night.org/scape/

Note: Recommended system requirements: Windows CPU: Pentium/Celeron 1GHz or greater, Macintosh CPU: PowerPC G4 800 MHz or greater; System Memory: 512 MB or greater; Display resolution 1024 x 768 or higher; Flash Player 8 or higher.

In Japan, a photo contest, "Photocon" was held during and after the Candle Night Summer Solstice 2006. Photos are shown on the following website: http://fotologue.jp/#app/search/tags/candlenight

MOE's Black Illumination 2006

Japan's Ministry of the Environment (MOE) held a nationwide "Lights Down" and CO2 reduction campaign named "Black Illumination 2006" from June 17 to 21. MOE lends official support to Candle Night. About 4000 facilities participated in the campaign. According to the MOE, this means that about 810,000 kilowatts of electricity was saved during the campaign. The Seoul Tower of South Korea joined the campaign for the first time in 2006. In addition, Japanese major landmarks such as the Tokyo Tower and the Kyoto Tower also joined. Photos are shown on the following website.

http://www.wanokurashi.ne.jp/act/campaign/

We will feature some of the events in our future issues. We hope you enjoyed this issue of the Candle Night Newsletter.

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