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In this article, we introduce goods that use the logo of the Handwashing for health and life campaign and the "Correct handwashing" by INOUE Kimidori. The logo and the cartoon can be downloaded from our website, so why don't you use them in your activities as well?



Handkerchief

(Philippines Office)

The "Correct handwashing" is printed on handkerchiefs. Distributed to children through events.



Mask

(JICA Tokyo Center)

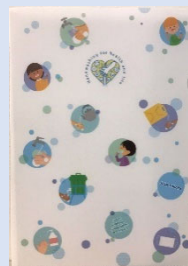
Masks with the handwashing logo are distributed to foreign students who have finished health observation at the center to help them in their life in Japan.



Plastic folder

(JICA Tohoku Center)

Illustrations of various handwashing methods, including the handwashing campaign logo, yellow jerry cans for transporting water that are popular in Africa, kettles, and handwashing kits. Distributed to visitors and trainees.



Sticker

(Water Resources Group, Global Environment Department)

Distributed to participants of local events with the "Correct handwashing".

Download

- Handwashing logo https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/thematic_issues/water/handwashing/logo.html
- "Correct handwashing" https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/thematic_issues/water/handwashing/handwashing_manga.html

Benin Handwashing instruction in the soft component of an elementary school construction project with Grant Aid

As a soft component of "The Project for Construction of Elementary Schools in the Department of Atlantic" a grant aid project in Benin (construction started in November 2019 and completed in March 2021), we provided instruction for students in all 33 schools on the proper use of the toilets installed in the schools and handwashing.

In Atlantic Department, the average number of children per elementary school classroom is 65.9 (2015/16), much higher than the country's standard of 50, due to the increase in population as a suburb of Cotonou City, the largest economic city in the country. In order to improve this situation, the project has constructed a total of 33 schools with 176 classrooms and toilets and handwashing facilities along with them. In addition, in some areas, there were many children who had never used a toilet or did not know how to use a toilet hygienically or how to wash their hands, so after the construction was completed, we conducted a soft component for all schools. The number of participants was expanded to include not only the students, but also their parents and teachers, reaching a total of about 1,650 people. A local NGO was commissioned to provide patrol guidance on activities that included proper use of toilets and handwashing, and these activities were rolled out to each school.

For the soft component, we prepared an instruction manual for encouraging toilet use and hand washing in advance, and based on this manual, we held workshops at each school. During the workshop, a questionnaire was administered to the students in advance, and



Constructed toilets and handwashing facility



Pre and post classroom lectures



Handwashing instruction at the handwashing facility

after the actual toilet use and handwashing instruction, a post test was conducted to check the level of understanding of the knowledge. In addition, school officials were asked to confirm their plans for proper use and maintenance of the facilities.

We hope that the school officials will continue their efforts and that the handwashing songs will be used as an effective tool in anticipation of the resumption of JICA Volunteers' travel, so that sustainable activities will be established and promoted in each school.

(Mr. TERASHIMA Makoto, Benin Office)



Sierra Leone Be Infectious Diseases Free Country

Sierra Leone had experienced significant outbreak of infectious diseases not only COVID-19 which is currently active in the world but also Cholera and Ebola. Lots of lives of Sierra Leonean were terminated by those diseases.

If you had opportunity to check some Health and or Human development report, Sierra Leone can be found at the bottom group of ranking table always. Health System here is not strong enough to fight against those outbreaks. Therefore important to emphasize preventive measures.

Dr. Dennis Marke, the manager of Health System Strengthening Program, Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS) joined JICA training at Tokyo, and upon his returned from Japan he developed the project for strengthening facility management Committee (FMC). He thought community engagement to health activities are key for success to spread preventive measures to avoid next outbreak of diseases. Core functions of FMC are "Advocate community to stimulate behavior change on health issue" and "Support Peripheral Health Unit (PHU) for better health care services".

After hitting by many infectious diseases badly Sierra Leonean been use to Hand Washing which is simple but one of the most effective way of prevent infectious diseases. In Sierra Leone you could see almost every shops, offices and buildings prepared Handwashing station at Ebola period. But the way of handwashing was not sufficient to eliminate virus from hands. So Dr. Marke engaging National Infection Prevention Control unit to teach FMC in correct way of Handwashing. Five FMC members were invited to the training from each target PHUs, and all trainees went back to train their respective community people after training.

Moreover JICA provided new type of Handwashing stations to each community. Handwashing station before was simply install tap into bucket call VERONICA BUCKET, which people can use running water to wash their hands even though some places pipe water is not available. But problem with this VERONICA BUCKET, people have to touch the tap to open and close. The new type of Handwashing station is open and close tap by foot pedals, No one should touch remaining virus on the tap. Using this new type of Handwashing station, handwashing is more effective as preventive measure than before.

MOHS in collaboration with all stakeholders including JICA, making continuous efforts for popularization of handwashing habit with new type of handwashing station to protect lives of people in Sierra Leone.

■ Sierra Leone Office Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/jicasierraleone>

(Ms. KOROMA Kiyomi, Sierra Leone Office)



FMC members receiving training



Newly installed foot pedal type Handwashing Station



Vietnam Handwashing dance performance at Japan Vietnam Festival



Handwashing dance by students of Vietnam Japan University and JICA staff

On April 17-18, 2021, the "7th Japan Vietnam Festival" was held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, attracting a total of 230,000 visitors. JICA gave a 20-minute dance performance on the festival's main stage with students from the Vietnam Japan University, which we have been supporting through a technical cooperation project. In the performance, they performed a handwashing dance.

This handwashing dance previously went viral in Vietnam, and the screen at the back showed a handwashing dance video created by re-dispatched JICA volunteers. This video was created after learning about the JICA handwashing for

health and life campaign in the supplementary training program "Training on prevention and awareness of novel coronavirus infections". [This video is also available on JICA Vietnam Office Facebook page](#) (Over 130 "like" and 60 shares).

The JICA volunteers who made this video had already returned to Japan after completing their assignment, but JICA staff and students from the Vietnam-Japan University are continuing to raise awareness and utilize the fruits of their work.



Dance performance by students from Vietnam Japan University



The main stage (Performance of JAPAN VIETNAM MUSIC SHOW)



In addition to the performance on the stage, JICA had a booth to display photo panels of the Ho Chi Minh City Metro under construction with ODA Loans, provide an opportunity to try on the costumes of ethnic minorities through JICA Partnership Program, and hold an information session on admission to Vietnam-Japan University and VJCC (Vietnam-Japan Institute for Human Resources Development), Foreign Trade University supported by the technical cooperation project.

(Mr. ISHIMARU Hiroki, Vietnam Office)

Note: As of April 17, 2021, when the event was held, there were no outbreaks of novel coronavirus in the country.

“Cells at Work” (KODANSHA) Motion Comic “Novel Coronavirus” and “Preventing Novel Coronavirus Infection”

The novel coronavirus has spread across the world, with over a thousand million infected and no end in sight. Amid the world-wide pandemic, KODANSHA, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan, has created two new episodes to the famous anthropomorphic manga, Cells at Work, “Novel Coronavirus” and “Preventing Novel Coronavirus Infection”. These two episodes were translated into multiple languages, including English and Hindi, and will be distributed across the world free of charge as a motion comic with voice and sound. JICA is a co-sponsor of this project. The translation was supported by JICA Private Sector Partnership and Finance Department and JICA India Office.

These two episodes were created to show appreciation for the front-line medical workers fighting against the virus, to spread the understanding of the novel coronavirus world-wide, and to raise awareness on the prevention of infection.

The episodes are now available on YouTube (for a limited time only, until the end of March 2022).

- Novel Coronavirus : <https://youtu.be/0WZJ32NqWUA>
- Preventing Novel Coronavirus Infection : <https://youtu.be/z-d8Nxbpbms> (English and Hindi versions are coming soon.)



“Novel Coronavirus” (Screen capture)

■Title : Novel Coronavirus (by Akane Shimizu)

Credit : ©Akane Shimizu/ KODANSHA

■Story : 14:15 (Japanese version)

What happens in the body when infected with the novel coronavirus? This story depicts the battle between white blood cells, red blood cells and other cells, leading to a correct understanding of the mechanism of infectious diseases.



“Preventing Novel Coronavirus Infection” (Screen capture)

■Title : Preventing Novel Coronavirus Infection (Manga by: Meku Kaire, Supervised by: Akane Shimizu)

Credit : Akane Shimizu, Meku Kaire/ KODANSHA

■Story : 5:57 (Japanese version)

Why do we need to wear masks, wash our hands, and avoid the three Cs to prevent infection? This story conveys the importance of infection prevention from the perspective of cells.

Medical Supervisor : Satoshi Kutsuna (National Center for Global Health and Medicine)

“Cells at Work” Motion Comic “Novel Coronavirus” & “Preventing Novel Coronavirus Infection” special website <https://shonen-sirius.com/saibou-movingcomic.html>

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