

## **Ourselves, our towns and Tohoku in 10 years ~ The Future Newspaper ~ Vol. 2 (April 11, 2012)**

---

At the “Hear Our Voice 5 ~ Future Newspaper Project,” children prepared a newspaper showing how they imagined themselves, their towns and Tohoku in 10 years time. This is when the “Dream Town Plan” created by the Child-Led Club members would have been achieved. Here we show you how they distributed the completed newspapers throughout Japan.

### **Extra editions were simultaneously distributed at 14 locations throughout Japan**

On April 1, 2012, about 130 people including members of Child-Led Clubs, other children and college students distributed the Future Newspaper simultaneously at 14 locations in Japan from Aomori to Okinawa. At first, the children seemed hesitant to talk to people and distribute newspapers on the street. This was certainly their first experience in distributing newspapers in their towns. However, as they distributed more newspapers, the children began to get the knack of it. They started to try different ways to do it better, such as changing their standing positions and looking at the eyes of people when handing out the newspapers. Those who received the newspapers gave comments such as: “Awarded the Nobel Reconstruction Prize? What does it mean?” “What!? This is dated 2022!” “Children are amazing. I have to work harder.” “The idea of *Matsu-Shii* is great! I can’t believe this is an idea from children.” “It will be wonderful if these things are realized. I will support this.”



To read the Future Newspaper, click below (PDF)

[page 1](#), [page 2-3](#), [page 4-5](#), [page 6-7](#), [page 8](#), [experts comments](#)



**~ Comments from the children who distributed the newspapers ~**

*“When distributing the newspapers, one person said to me, ‘It will be great if this happens in the future!’ I was so happy about it. It was also good that some people became interested in this activity!”*

*“The content of the Future Newspaper was unique and very interesting and full of dreams. I think what is written here should not be ended with a compliment such as ‘This is great’; rather, actions should be taken for the realization of those dreams.”*

*“I want to work together with everybody to realize what is written in this newspaper! There must be positive ideas also in the prefectures that suffered from the disaster. From the bottom of my heart, I want to look for what we can do.”*

**~ Comments from the adults who supported the distribution of extras ~**

*“I was surprised but pleased to see that many young people were willing to receive the newspapers. It will be good if we can continue to value children’s opinions and have this attitude spread throughout Japan. We will also spread this idea within our activities.”*

*“I knew that children wanted to do something for Tohoku, but I didn’t know what I could do for*

*them. But this time, I could have such an opportunity to be involved this way, which made me happy as it was like I could help children achieve their dreams as an adult.”*

We would like to thank all those from child support organizations, schools and corporations throughout Japan who supported us in distributing the newspapers.