

“See you!” – Fukushima Reunion Project No. 2 (April 11, 2012)

As one of the activities to support the children of Fukushima, Save the Children Japan conducts the “Fukushima Reunion Project,” which is for the children and their parents living in their new environment. As the second session of this project, the children and their parents from Naraha-machi (78 participants in total) gathered in Tokyo to enjoy an over-night stay with their friends from the same hometown during the spring vacation.

DAY 1: March 24, 2012

Leaving their current homes, children arrived at a hotel in Tokyo and moved to the rooftop space of an elementary school where they enjoyed a kids dance. After a long ride in the bus, they moved their bodies to their heart’s content and fully enjoyed dancing with professional dance instructors.



At the end of the first day, to be ready for the occupational and social experience activities that they would have on the following day at KidZania Tokyo, 45 children were divided into 10 groups. Then with volunteer staff, children made a plan on their own so that they could experience various occupations in a limited amount of time. They had an exciting strategy meeting, looking forward to going to KidZania on the following day.



Discussing while looking at the floor map of KidZania Tokyo. So many pavilions that we want to try!

DAY 2: March 25, 2012



While children were having occupational and social experiences at KidZania, the “Experience Beauty” session was held by Clinique for the parents.

When the children arrived at KidZania Tokyo, it was already full of visitors. Still, they could be flexible at each occasion, by sharing opinions, dividing themselves into two groups, or starting with the pavilions that required shorter waiting times. They also took care of younger children

and gave them priority to choose pavilions, while making their best effort to try out as many pavilions as possible by controlling various opinions among them. Through working in a group as such, they could gain great experience developing their leadership and teamwork, as well as planning skills and adaptation capacity. While accompanying them, volunteer staff members were also committed to giving their support to these children, to make their occupational and social experiences at KidZania Tokyo a good opportunity for them to draw out their future dreams.



After completion of the whole program, children finally got into a bus heading for their current homes. “See you!” – Children kept touching each other and waving their hands until the bus had to finally leave. The children from the same hometown, but now living away from each other, could meet again after a long interval and fully enjoyed these two days together, getting out of their routine lives for a while. Seeing off the bus taking the children, we could strongly feel the

significance of our continuous effort for supporting their reunion.

