

Leaning for building a more just and sustainable world



DEAR defines Development Education as follows;

Development Education is the education and learning in schools and communities to raise awareness and understanding of developmental issues, and to discuss the development for a better future. It also seeks changes of attitudes and morale to participate in solving developmental issues.

The aims of Development Education

- To help people to understand the diversity of the cultures in the world and respect all people
- To help people to raise the awareness of unequal situations and understand the core cause of the situation
- To help people to understand the interrelatedness between the challenges that we are facing in the world and ourselves
- To help people to develop capacities and skills that are necessary for participating in the process of solving the challenges.

❖ What is DEAR

The first symposium on Development Education in Japan was held in 1979 in Tokyo, which was sponsored by UNICEF and UN University. After this symposium, Non Governmental Development Organizations (NGDO), youth organizations and UN related associations organized a monthly meeting to study Development Education. Under the initiative of the group, Development Education Council of Japan (DECJ) was founded in late 1982 as a coordinating body of NGDOs and individuals who shared a common belief in the increasing necessity of Development Education within Japan. In 2003, DECJ has received the legal status as a Non-Profit Organization(NPO) and changed the name to "Development Education Association and Resource Center" (DEAR). DEAR is going to celebrate the 30th anniversary in 2012.

❖ The network of DEAR

DEAR is a network organization which works with members at local and national levels to promote Development Education.

One characteristic of DEAR is that many people with diverse backgrounds and knowledge get together to create and participate in a learning community and connect their learning communities with the world. The participants are educators, NGOs/NPOs staffs, staff from international organizations, international and municipal government, students, and researchers. We have an international network with UK, Korea and which is expanding.

❖ The role of DEAR

- To communicate with the government and give suggestions on its policy.
- To develop networks and exchange information with related organizations in the world.
- To research Development Education
- To gather information on Development Education in both Japan and the world and share the information
- To help to provide learning opportunities in communities and schools.

❖ DEAR does these activities

- Annual national conference on Development Education
- Regional seminar on Development Education
- Workshop/Seminar
- Development Educational Information Center
- Publications (Journal, Newsletter, Handbook, Booklet series,
- Teaching materials, Directory, Catalogue and Website)
- Send a facilitator to communities and schools

- Organize research groups on Development Education
- Participate in international conferences
- Consultant for Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Education.

❖ DEAR's Publications

Periodicals

- News letter "DEAR News" (every two month)
- Journal "Development Education" (once a year)

Booklet series;

- "Development Education Q & A" (1998)
- "Tunagare Kaihatsu Kyoiku for partnership of school and community" (2001)
- "Development Education Key Words 51" (2002)
- "Connect your classroom with the world: Catalog on Development Education."(2003)
- "Learning for sustainable development."(2003)
- "Handbook on practices of Development Education: to feel the world through participatory learning"

Teaching Materials;

- "Let's discuss more to make a peaceful society"(2003)
- "the life of cellphone—learning about the relationship between our life and the world from cellphone"(2007)
- "New Trading game"(2001)
- "Story of Palm Oil- what is the global kind world" (2002)
- "If the world were a village of 100 people workshop edition"(2003)
- "Thinking about 'Development Aid'" (2006)

❖ Information Request Form

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Information requested (Please tick)

- information about joining the DEAR
- information about DEAR publications[
- information about DEAR training programs
- information about DEAR volunteer programs
- information in English only
- information in Japanese and English

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Membership

❖ Membership fee per year

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| Individual | 8,000JPY |
| Organization | 20,000JPY |

❖ Membership Advantages

- Journal, "Development Education" and Newsletter "DEAR news"
- Discount for our seminars and workshops.
- Advice and support for program and tamerial development.
- Discount for our publication.
- Added in our E-mailing list service.



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*Transform myself,
community and the world
through learning.*

