

# Kokoro-no-Hibiki

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## War Is the Worst Human Rights Violation.

Where there is no peace, there are no human rights. Where there are no human rights, there is no peace.

To prevent war from recurring, let us think about peace together again.

### What Is the Sakai City Human Rights Education Promotion Council (HREPC)?

The Sakai City Human Rights Education Promotion Council is a civic organization established in July 1979, with the aim of eliminating any form of discrimination, including buraku discrimination, and protecting human rights of all people. With an extensive membership comprised of civil groups, businesses and religious corporations, HREPC carries out various activities to educate the public on human rights and contribute to a peaceful and prosperous society where the human rights of all people are respected.



The HREPC's symbol represents people holding hands, praying for promotion of human rights and world peace.



Chair KANAMARU Naohiro

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### Member Organizations

The HREPC has 29 member organizations.

- Sakai City Education Association
- Sakai City Association for Sound Growth of Children
- Federation of Sakai City Residents' Associations
- Sakai City Women's Association
- NPO Sakai Federation of Disabled People's Organizations
- Sakai City Human Rights Education and Research Society
- Sakai City PTA Federation
- Sakai City Welfare Association for Single-Mother Families and Widows
- Sakai City Federation of Child Welfare Commissioners
- Sakai City Association of Principals of Municipal Schools
- District Committee of the Sakai City Human Rights Commissioners' Association
- Sakai City Liaison Council of Probation Officers
- Osaka Prefectural Association of Vocational Schools
- Principals' Association of Osaka Prefectural Schools in the 8th District
- Sakai Branch, Osaka Prefectural Federation of the Buraku Liberation League
- Sakai City Women's Group for Social Rehabilitation
- Sakai City Support Group for Foreign Residents' Education
- Sakai City Social Education Committee
- Sakai City Federation of Private Kindergartens
- Sakai City Liaison Council of Instructors for Youth
- Sakai City Agricultural Cooperative
- Sakai City Association of Childcare Organizations
- NPO Sakai Federation of Private Educational and Childcare Institutions
- Sakai Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Sakai City Federation of Senior Residents' Clubs
- Sakai District Committee of Administrative Counselors
- Sakai City Council of Social Welfare
- Sakai Branch, Osaka Prefectural Headquarters of Liberal Dowa Association
- Semboku Sumai Center, West Japan Branch, UR Community Inc.



# Report on Activities in FY2022



August 31 to September 13, 2022  
by online distribution

## General Workshop

At the general workshop, Ms. Ishikawa Yuki, a journalist, gave a lecture titled "Building a community where no one is isolated and abused: What we can do to support traumatized children." The lecture revealed how we can help children who feel distressed for various reasons, by showing we care through our simple actions and words, and by making the effort to speak to them.



December 4, 2022  
at Sakai City General Welfare Hall

## Gathering to Protect Human Rights

In the first part, an award ceremony was held to commend 20 winners in the "My Human Rights Message" essay contest, selected from among 2,661 entries. Of them, four award-winners read their essays on the stage, leaving a deep impression on the audience.

In the second part, Ms. Hirono Yui, Director of an NPO, DDAC, gave a lecture titled "What Is Unevenness of Development, a Developmental Disorder? My Message as a Person with a Developmental Disorder." We cannot judge whether a person has a developmental disorder or not from their appearance. Ms. Hirono, who has a developmental disorder herself, very clearly explained this disorder and taught us the importance of embracing diversity.

\*Various other projects are undertaken by the HREPC.

For details, please visit our website at the URL shown on the first page.



## The 43rd Essay Contest "My Human Rights Message" Award-winning Entries



### My Older Brother Is Disabled. (First-year junior high school student)

My older brother is disabled. He developed acute encephalopathy five years ago and lost the ability to speak. He became unable to express any emotions, and forgot his own family members as well as friends at school. But his friends, teachers, welfare service staff, and of course we, his family members, spoke to him kindly and helped him whenever needed. Thanks to everyone's support, he has gradually recovered his memory of us, friends and teachers, and the ability to express sad and happy feelings. Today, he is living a happy life.

My mother said to me, "Being happy is not about being good at studying or sports. It is about how you feel in your mind, about having a healthy and positive mind. This state of mind is fostered by the warmth and affection of family members and people around you. Your brother is happy now thanks to everyone around him."

My mother's words made me aware that we should not condescendingly feel pity for people with disabilities. To be honest, I used to pity them, but I now realize this was just my prejudice against them. I am determined to overcome that prejudice, and instead see them as they are based on their individual personality. And for those with physical disabilities, I want to help them when they need it.

I think the act of ridiculing and bullying children with disabilities damages their once-healthy mind, which can make them unable to attend school. Therefore, we should show them warmth and consideration. If I see a disabled person being ridiculed or bullied, I will not ignore it and be the first to stop it.

I want my brother, Keito, to lead a happy life. I hope to help create a society that cares for people with disabilities.



The following website contains award-winning essays specially selected from 2,661 entries and permitted to be posted by the authors.

Collection of award-winning essays:  
<https://www.jinkenkyo.jp/past-message/>



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The motto of the SDGs is “Leaving no one behind.”



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 global goals adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. The SDGs are intended to achieve a better future for the world by finding solutions to various global challenges, such as poverty, inequality, disparity, climate change, depletion of resources and destruction of nature, in a 15-year period from 2016 to 2030.

Sakai City was designated as an SDGs Future City in June 2018 by the Japanese government and has since been working toward the SDGs based on the Sakai City SDGs Future City Plan.



Focus

## “Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions”

The number of children living in war zones around the world is **now a record high of 426 million**, which is equivalent to **one** in every **five** children.

\*Source: Top page of the UNICEF Monthly Support Program (a fund-raising program for children around the world) website

Battles and conflicts, like Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, are ongoing in various parts of the world. War, violence and persecution have caused tremendous grief and hardship to humanity, claiming the lives of many.

Innumerable people have lost their families, homes and property, and have been displaced.

Think about what you can do and take action.



People close to you may be suffering from violence, exploitation, or discrimination. Think about what you can do for them and take action

Deepen your understanding of peace and human rights.

Peace is not just a state without wars and conflicts.

We should deepen our understanding of various threats to peace, such as violence toward and exploitation of women and children, and the refugee crisis.

Find out what is happening in the world and consider the problems.

There are various problems around the globe affecting peace and human rights.

Find out what is happening in Japan and the world and think about the problems.

Learn about actions being taken to solve problems.

Learn that various efforts are being made to find solutions, such as bringing developing and developed countries to work together: establishing laws and institutions for peace and human rights; and improving the educational environment for children.

You can access feature articles about peace and human rights below. ↓

Striving for a peaceful society



SDGs Future City



What is diversity?



Human rights related to sexual orientation and gender identity



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## Lending Service of DVDs/ Videos on Human Rights

The Human Rights Promotion Division of the Sakai City Government lends out DVDs and videos on human rights for free.

\*The DVDs are in Japanese only, without foreign-language subtitles or dubbing.

A list of available DVDs/videos:

🔍 堺市人権啓発DVD・ビデオソフト貸出 Search



Inquiries:  
The Human Rights Promotion  
Division of the Sakai City Government  
TEL: **072-228-7420**  
FAX: **072-228-8070**



## Human Rights Consultation Hotline (Human Rights Promotion Division, Sakai City Government)

\*Including matters related to LGBTQ+

Consultation is  
available for free.

Do not hesitate to call us.



☎ **072-228-7364**

🔍 堺市人権相談ダイヤル Search

Consultation hours

- Monday to Friday  
(excluding national holidays and New Year holidays)
- 9:00-12:00  
13:00-16:30
- Approx. 30 min. per call



DVD: Information ethics

Approx.  
**20 min.**

### *Minna no Joho Moraru VI* (Information ethics for everyone VI)

This video shows the impacts of information and the responsibility that goes with providing it, as well as the possible consequences of giving inaccurate or inappropriate information.

Viewers are made aware of the problems by watching a drama, and, through easy-to-understand explanations, learn about the importance of reliable information and precautions when sharing information.



DVD: Diversity

Approx.  
**46 min.**

### *Shea Shitemitara Wakatta Koto* (What I learned by sharing experiences)

With much anticipation for the future, I moved to Tokyo and into a shared house, where I met people with unique, diverse backgrounds.

Life with them is full of surprises, but there are things that can be learned only by sharing time, space and feelings.

See what I learned from sharing experiences with them.



Sakai City has been promoting the Safe City Sakai Program to create a safe and comfortable living environment for women, children, and all other people.

The program includes support for victims of sexual violence. The city has been improving its consultation and support system to help them recover physically and mentally and conducting awareness-raising activities to eliminate social prejudice against victims of sexual crimes and promote understanding.

The city will continue its efforts to eradicate violence against women and children.



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