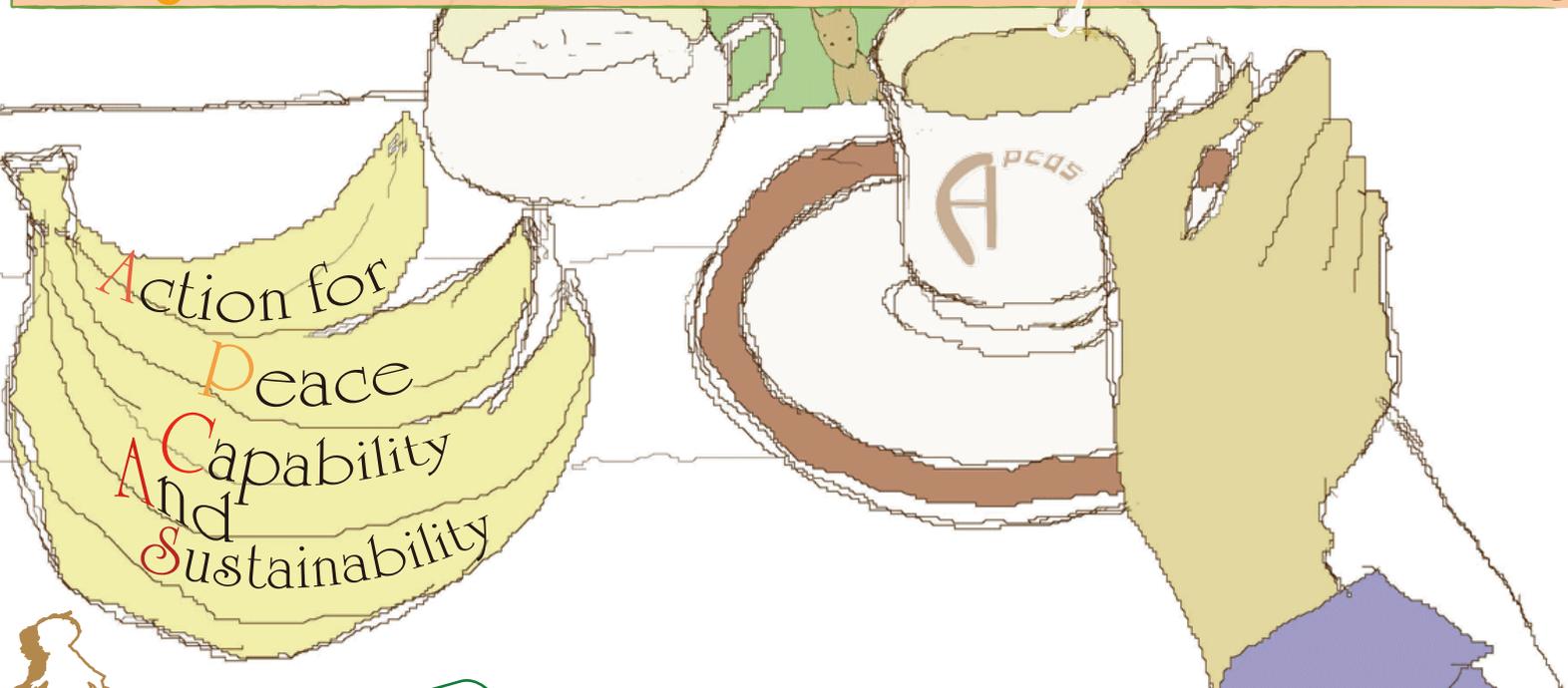


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Support from Harishchandra Group to Walapane.

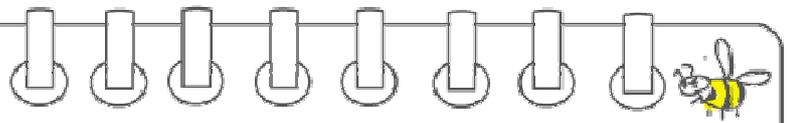


Support for House Constructions Walapane, Nuwareliya



Matara-Waste Management with GMSL

October 2009



Present situation of the resettlement of Walapane.

1. Support for House constructing.

The communities of the resettlements are currently making soil bricks with the provided machines and materials and with the technical support of the National Engineering and Development Centre. Majority of the residents in Nildandahinna, Dadayampola and Egodakanda are completed the making of bricks and have constructed walls up to the roof level.

Further we have provided iron wires to fix roofing sheets for prevent the blowing out due to strong wind situation in Dayampola and Nildandahinna, as a result of the discussion with IOM which is another organization operating in these areas.

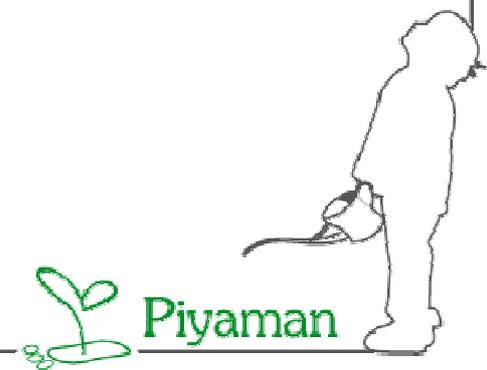


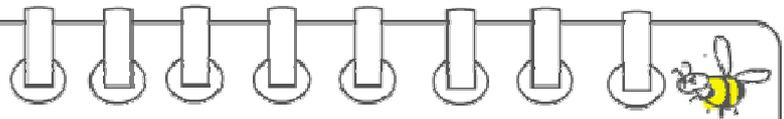
According to the fundamental objectives of APCAS we are giving our contribution by obtaining maximum community participation to achieve common goals. Further we are actively participating to strengthen capabilities of the community such as solving problems and making decisions by community themselves.



2. Temporally Water supply system in Dellowatta

Earlier we have contributed to establish a water supply system in Dellowatta resettlement as a solution for the inadequate water supply.

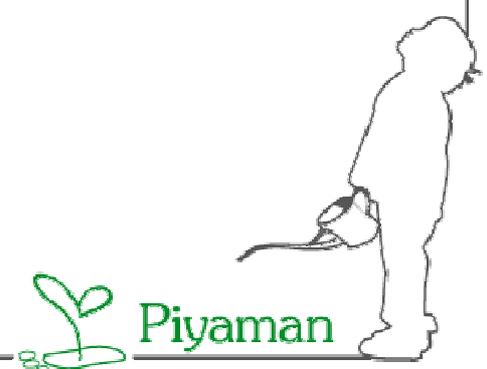


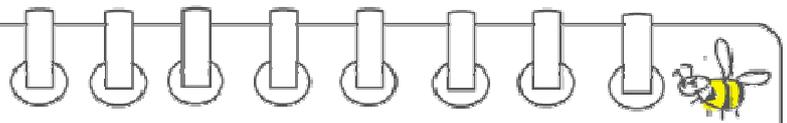


Social hospitality of Harishchandra Group of Company.

As a solution to the water crisis in Walapane the Harishchandra Group of Company came forward to supply 06 water tanks with the capacity of 5000 liters. Currently in Dadayampola and Dellowatta resettlements these water tanks have fixed and used systematically. It was a huge issue of unavailability of systematic water distribution in above resettlements as children and women were affected seriously. Presently we can see the residents are consuming water happily and peacefully. According to the present day novel business concept of CSR (*Corporate Social Responsibility* is about how companies manage the business process to produce an overall positive impact on society) The Harishchandra Mills Pvt Ltd have come forward to give the best to the society by donating water tanks to Walapane landslide victims.

We thank Hrishchandra Group for their kind contribution and wish them all the success.





Children Club and English Class in Walapane

Children's club which we have started in Nildandahinna, Walapne has registered at the Children Rights Promotional Office as "Swarna Hansa Children's Club". They have participated in a workshop on Leadership Training organized by Children Rights Promotional Office.

English Language classes which supported by APCAS is continuing and now there are around 150 students studying English under a well qualified teacher.



Ideas of students and teachers.

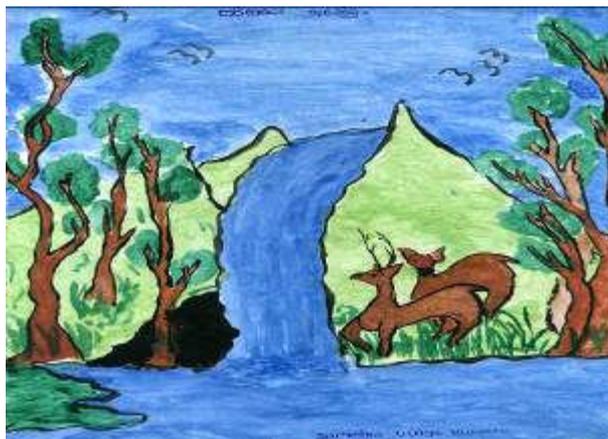
Student-

Actually we thought learning English is a difficult task, but after attending this class we realized it was a wrong thought. Now we are happy to learn English.

Teacher-

When I saw the keenness to study English I felt that I must teach them by using my maximum capacity.

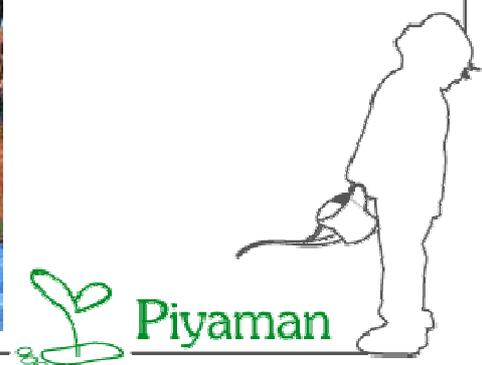
Drawing of Child in Children Club

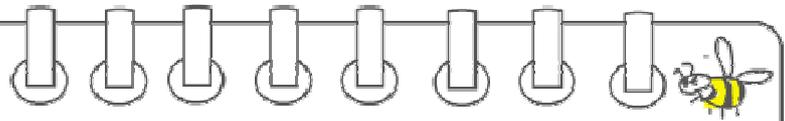


Helping hand to Eco Friendly products



We are planning to promote eco friendly products to the local and international market and have identified few artists as well. Presently we are trying to penetrate in to the Japanese market with gunny products from an identified artist.





Waste Management through the home gardening

This project has launched centering the Tsunami resettlement of Weligama in Matara District and disposed of waste to the environment is at a minimum level.

They are diverting into home gardening and its results are remarkable. We can see the residence of the resettlement have started to cultivate fruits and vegetables with assistance given through providing basic knowledge of cultivation, seeds, fertilizer and soil. As a result of providing compost bins, the waste disposed are reducing and making compost for their gardening purpose.



Though we have introduced them to make compost using kitchen waste and using them for home gardening still they are not practicing it properly. Hence we are hoping to conduct awareness programs continuously.

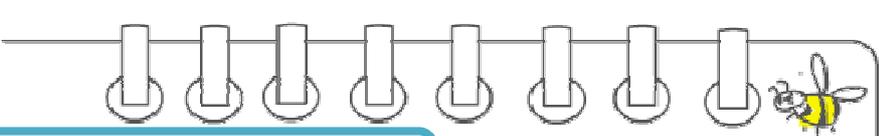
This project has implemented by APCAS and Green Movement of Sri Lanka with sponsorship of Japan International cooperation System.

Computer training centre at Seenukkuwa in Monaragala district.

At the computer training centre constructed by the APCAS and the Green Movement of Sri Lanka with the sponsorship of International Communication Fund, presently more than 200 students are studying.

It is a pleasure to see that this computer centre has become a bridge of friendship between students of Sri Lanka and Japan by exchanging ideas through internet.





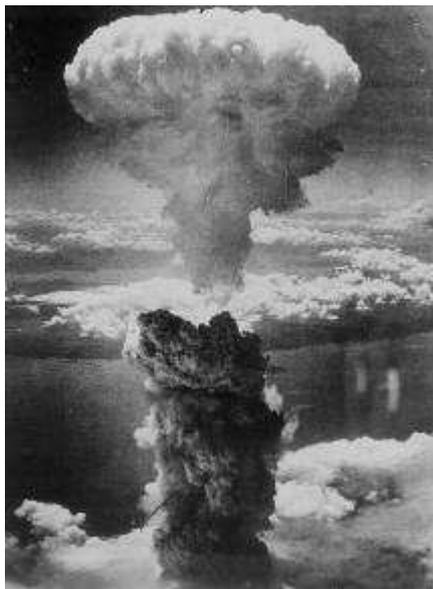
ARTICLES

The Song of Peace in Hiroshima

All of a sudden the beautiful city of Hiroshima was covered with dark smoke while breaking the silence. It is 64 years by now to the Atomic bomb which claimed 140,000 lives and made people sick for generations. Though it was destroyed lives and assets, it was unable to harm the courage of the Japanese. The honour should go to each and every citizen who sacrificed their strength for reconstruction of Hiroshima which was a pile of dust and ash. Their limitless sacrifices are one of the good lessons to the entire world.

The ashes of the Hiroshima teach the importance of the peace. No country is existing by winning a war.

Is there a real win by losing lives and in front of the rivers of tears and blood?



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First day at a Japanese restaurant

It was around 12.30pm in Colombo 04 on 11th July 2009. We Mr. Ishikawa, Mrs. Sakae, Ms. Devika and I was walking along Galle road after shopping with Mrs. Sakae. Suddenly Mr. Ishikawa said 'shall we go to a Japanese restaurant to have lunch' It was a surprise to me because I had never been to a Japanese restaurant before. Then all of us said yes and went to a restaurant in Bambalapitiya.

The moment we entered one person greeted us saying 'Konichiwa' and we also replied him. Then he directed us to a dining room which we had to remove our shoes and enter. There were three short dining tables and the floor was carpeted with natural wood. There we were supposed to sit on the ground and have meals. It was a bit difficult task for me as we normally have meals sitting on chairs.

Then Mr. Ishikawa ordered the lunch. First they brought us a soup which had lot of vegetable pieces in it. I did not feel much difference as we also have vegetable soup in our diet. Then the surprise came. They brought a dish with Row Fish and little bit of vegetables. Moment I saw the dish I felt little embarrassed to have it. But after couple of seconds I thought 'No, somehow I must have this 'Then I added some soy sauce to the top of row fish and had it. Wow it was a really a nice dish. I had about three of them and tasted little bit of rice which had rapped with sea weeds.

That one was also a new taste to me and had couple of them. The most interesting thing was all of these dishes I had to have with Chopsticks which was a really difficult job for me. Finally with a glass of water I finished the most remembered lunch in my past. To end this article I must tell you one thing, do not hesitate to have meals at Japanese restaurants, they are really delicious and enjoyable. <Vajira>

