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Golden leaves of Ginkgo tree color the streets in Yokohama in late November, signifying the start of the winter season.

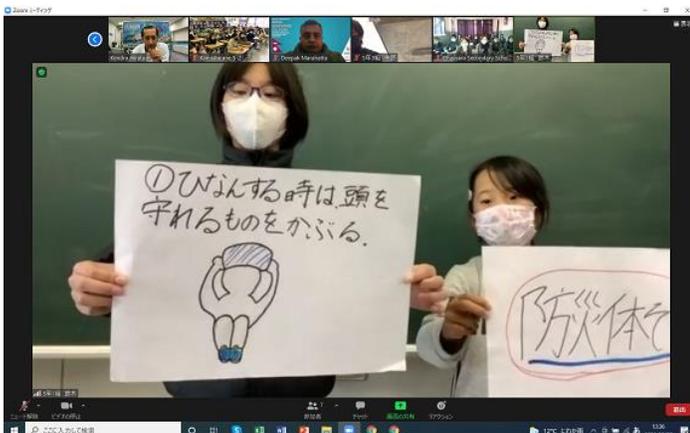
SEASON'S GREETINGS

Wishing all CityNet members, partners, and friends a safe and happy holiday season!

We look forward to working with you again next year.

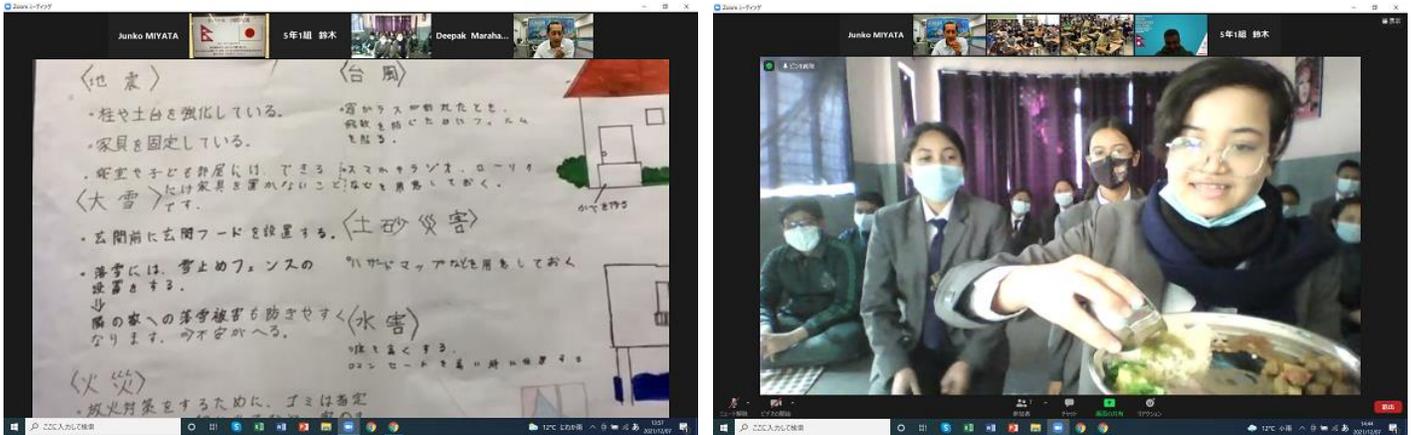
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Bhassara School in Lalitpur and Kamishirane Elementary School in Yokohama conducted their third and final virtual exchange centered on disaster risk reduction (DRR) education culture, and students from both schools shared what they had learned from the previous two exchanges.



Fifth-year students from Kamishirane Elementary School shared their work, which not only highlighted the lessons from Nepal, but also featured items on culture and tourism they had researched as a part of their group work to better understand Nepal. Three classes from Kamishirane shared their findings, and the students themselves presented their own work.

The first topic they shared focused on various school activities that can raise awareness of DRR. The student's presentations suggested some important tasks that everyone can do to minimize risks, such as performing "drop, cover, and hold" during earthquakes, refraining from running during evacuations, stocking emergency food, taping windows before typhoons, designating evacuation areas, and studying hazard maps. The students also compared potential hazards in Japan and Nepal.



In addition to the DRR education studies, the students in Yokohama also researched Nepal's culture; the children were especially interested in Nepali foods and tourism. They were very keen to learn how food in Nepal is prepared as well as the country's various cultural heritage sites.

The high school students from Bhasara School in Nepal highlighted the importance of preparedness, evacuation procedures, and preventive measures that can be taken to minimize risks during disasters. Responding to the Yokohama students' interest in Nepali food culture, they also showed a typical meal and demonstrated how they would eat it according to Nepali dining etiquette.

For both Japanese and Nepali students, the online exchange provided an opportunity to talk directly and share their knowledge on DRR, as well as foster enthusiasm to learn more about each other's cultures. Both groups of students expressed great interest in continuing such exchanges in the future.

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CityNet Associate Member **HELP-O** in Galle, Sri Lanka, has been on the forefront in dealing with solid waste management and implementation of biogas facilities in communities in Sri Lanka and abroad. Starting in 2016, CityNet Yokohama Project Office started a community-based solid waste management project upon request from HELP-O to raise awareness among community residents, introduce separation of waste at the source, nurture "green leaders," as well as support tree-planting and cleaning activities in Galle communities. The project was supported through knowledge-sharing from the communities and the private sector in Yokohama, which continued through 2018.

This work was further upscaled and expanded through new initiatives and collaboration between CityNet Associate Members **IGES** and **HELP-O**, which was recently included in the global report: "**Circular Built Environment, Highlights from Asia: Policies, Case studies & UN2030 Agenda indicators (2021)**" launched at the United Nations COP26 Climate Change Conference during the session on "Building Materials and Bio-economy in the Global Climate Agenda."

The Galle case study can be found on pages 103-106 of the link below: (PDF)

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