

From neighbors

Opinions and comments from our neighbors through interactions with the local community encourage the EBARA Group's activities, provide opportunities for us to learn and shape our future activities. We have received messages from children and teachers of the Konan Elementary School who came to EBARA Fujisawa District to study in January 2008.

Participants in the plant tour



Ms. Noriko Nakajo
Principal, Fujisawa City
Konan Elementary School

In January 2008, 119 students of the third grade and 6 teachers of our school participated in the EBARA Fujisawa Plant Tour Program hosted by HATAKEYAMA Culture Foundation. I would like to thank you all for your support.

Our school proactively uses the power of community for our educational activities, hoping for children's steady growth. That is because school, home, community and the natural environment surrounding children are deeply related to forming their characters, building desirable human relationships and fostering their hearts and minds.

In this tour, I could see children's proactive attitudes which I am not able to see so often, their interest expanding and growing and their kind behavior toward others. Children were first surprised that the plant area is 40 times larger than that of our school, and then they could see your efforts in safe, efficient and environmentally-friendly manufacturing, they felt kindness and seriousness of people who are committed to manufacturing and recognized that their lives are supported by the manufacturing activities of the company in our community. I hope we will be able to receive your further understanding and cooperation for the local school educational activities.



Children who are listening intently to an explanation



Messages from children who participated in the tour



Ms. Natsuko Tanigishi

VOICE

I was pleased to be able to see a pump which I can't usually see because it is always inside water works. I realized that pumps are actually very familiar to me and important for our lives. Thank you very much.



Ms. Yuka Hirata

VOICE

I realized that pumps come in various colors and sizes to match the installed place, and that they are carefully manufactured one by one by hand. Please develop new pumps that are useful in the world. Thank you very much.

From the organizer



Mr. Noriyuki Osada
Executive Director,
Secretary-General
HATAKEYAMA Culture
Foundation

This fund was established by Issei Hatakeyama, founder of EBARA, and provides various grants. We have held a plant tour program since 2007 in cooperation with EBARA Haneda Plant and Fujisawa Plant as a subsidy for elementary and junior high schools in the Tokyo Metropolitan Area, and four schools participated in it. We received these kinds of messages from Konan Elementary School and we are very encouraged. Other schools will participate in this program in 2008. We want to make this program a lasting activity.