

A woman with dark hair is lying down, smiling, and reading a book titled "The Day After Tomorrow" by the same name. She is surrounded by several lit candles in various containers, creating a warm and cozy atmosphere. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the candles.

1000000人のキャンドルナイト 6月17-夏至の21日 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Turn off the lights. Take it slow. Candle Night Summer Solstice June. 17-21 on the Summer Solstice

2006 activity report

Turn off the lights, take it slow.

Candle Night Summer Solstice 2006.

Turn out your lights for two hours on the Summer Solstice,

June 21st, 8 to 10 p.m.

Do something special . . .

Read a book with your child by candlelight.

Enjoy a quiet dinner with a special person.

This night can mean many things for many people.

A time to save energy, to think about peace,

to think about people in distant lands who share your planet.

Pulling the plug open the window to a new world.

Awakens as to human freedom and diversity.

It is a process, finding a larger possibility of the human civilization.

By turning off lights for only two hours, we will be all loosely connected.

Let's make a "wave of darkness" spread over the globe together.

On the evening of Summer solstice,

June 21st, for two hours from 8 to 10 p.m.

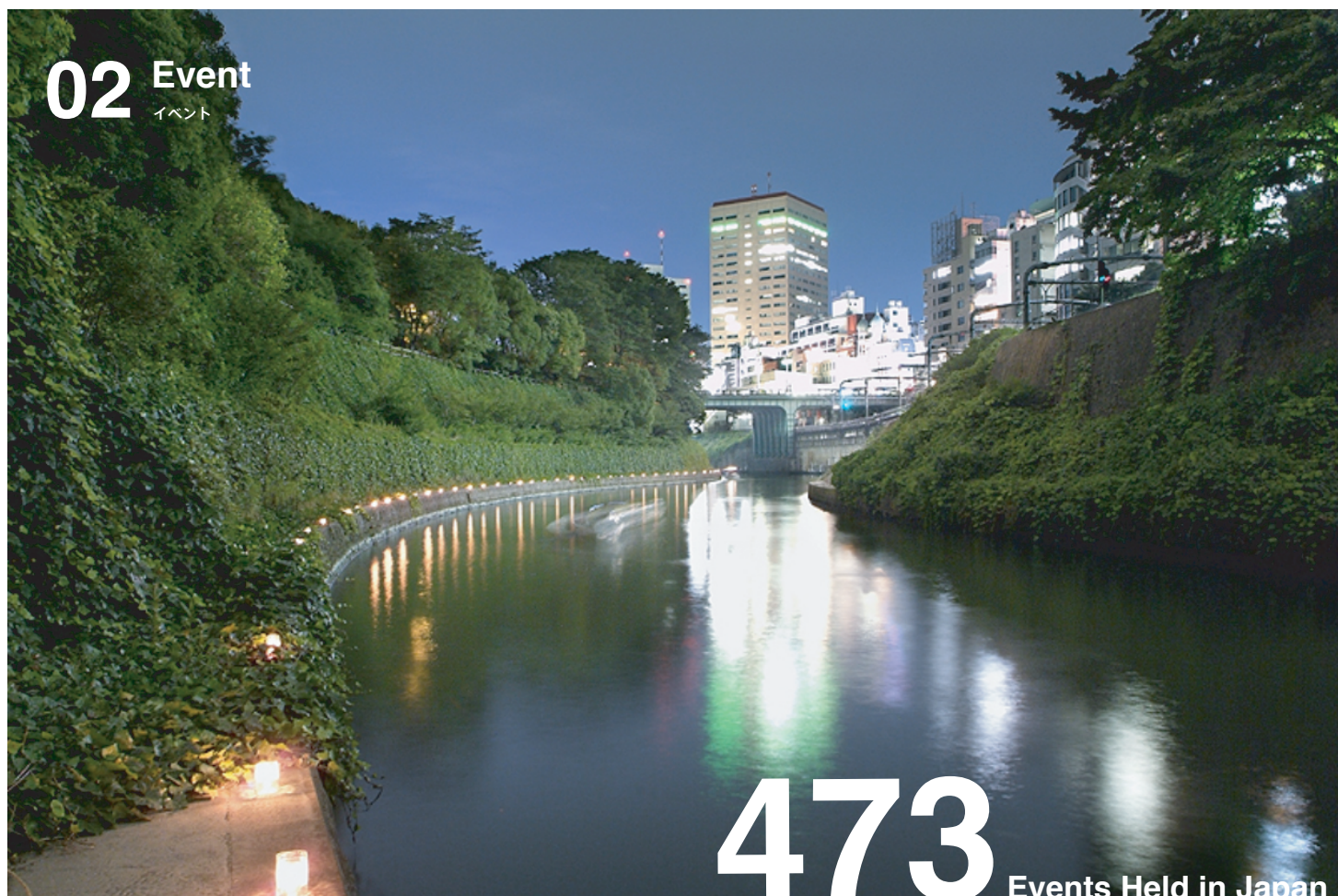
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Promoters of Candle Night

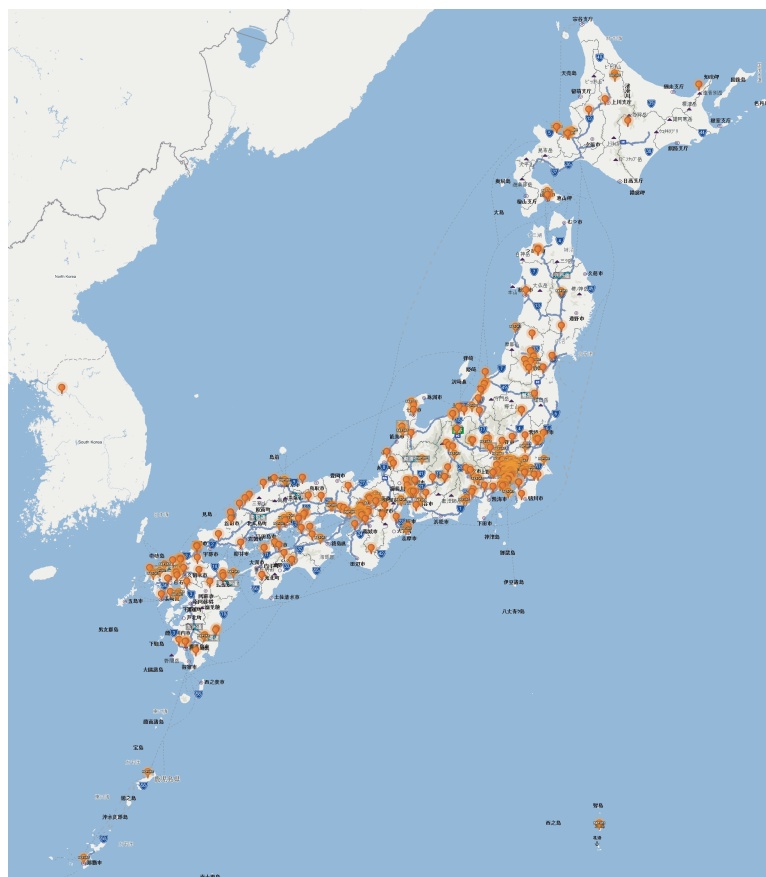
Shinichi Tsuji	Anthropologist, Professor at Meiji Gakuin University
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Junko Edahiro	Co-Chief Executive of Japan for Sustainability
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Hirokazu Kometani	Former President of Junior Chamber International Japan.

98 Registered Supporters for Candle Night Summer Solstice 2008

02 Event イベント



473 Events Held in Japan



Each event was organized independently.

During Candle Night Summer 2006, 473 events were organized across Japan. In 2004 there were 239 and in 2005 there were 311. Candle Night events were also held in other countries including Australia and South Korea. One new feature in 2006 was the introduction of Google Maps. It allows people to find event locations around the world and upload their own Candle Night event reports. All events were voluntarily planned and financially independent. By accessing the event site, you can see the wave of candlelights spreading, as if linked with others around the world - including your neighborhood.

Kameyama Co. is one supporter of Candle Night. Since we started the initiative in 2003, the company has contributed thousands of candles every year. In 2006, 6,500 candles were given to the Candle Night Committee. These candles were distributed in Japan to promote Candle Night, along with posters and flyers. The donated candles are of great help in reducing the financial burden for the organizers all over the country.

カメヤマローソク

DESIGN
Kameyama



Candle Night & Ocarina Concert in LOHAS Studio Kumagaya / Kumagaya City, Saitama
They organized an Ocarina Healing Music Concert.



Candle Night in Higashi Matsuyama / Higashi Matsuyama City, Saitama
A workshop was organized to make candle holders using bamboo from thinning. Using the hand-made candle holders, 100 candles were illuminated in the field known as a habitat for fireflies.



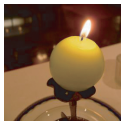
Loveholic Magic Presents 'Oboro' / Shibuya Ward, Tokyo
At cafe Banda, a haven of rest in bustling Tokyo, visitors enjoyed an unplugged live concert and DJ by the light of hand-made candles.



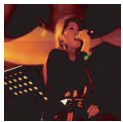
Cross-Age Interaction Through Candle Workshop / Yonago City, Tottori
As part of the environmental course, students at Tottori Prefectural Yonago Minami Senior High School organized a candle workshop for elementary school children. They taught how to make candles using waste oil and how to make bookmarks with Styrofoam trays.



'Light Down Tochigi' in Utsunomiya / Utsunomiya City, Tochigi
250 participants at a main shopping mall started with a countdown for turning off the lights. Then they enjoyed a fantastic live performance by a local saxophone player by candlelight.



Candle Night in Kanazawa Hakuchoro Hotel / Kanazawa City, Ishikawa
This was their third Candle Night event. By candlelight, they held a "slow night" event including story telling and a Japanese harp concert.



Candle Night at L' Institute Franco-Japonais in Tokyo / Shinjuku Ward, Tokyo
They organized an ecological-minded, yet cool and fashionable live performance by candlelight: a contemporary dance performance by Nobu and a live acoustic performance by Miu Sakamoto and Yuuichi Ohata.



Candle Night Live Concert / Saza Town, Nagasaki
The event consisted of a workshop to make bamboo candle holders and a live concert of calimba, an African music instrument, and sansin, an Okinawan three-string guitar.



Candle Night in Miyakonojo / Miyakonojo City, Miyazaki
They organized a workshop to make beeswax candles as well as a live concert of Japanese instruments and percussion at a community center.



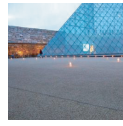
Candle Lighting-Up Event 'Shimi-narie' / Gero City, Gifu
In 2005 they held a lighting-up event on July 30 and December 18. In 2006, they expanded the event area and lit 6,000 candles with approximately 3,700 participants.



Candle Night in Sakata / Sakata City, Yamagata
For the Candle Night event, a local museum was open free of charge. At the museum, participants enjoyed fantastic illumination of a candle village with house-shaped candle holders and towers of candles placed in holders made of ice.



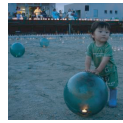
Daja Monsoon Concert 2006 'Mushi-Okuri' / Saitama City, Saitama
Along with the concert and "Mushi-Okuri," a Japanese traditional torchlight parade for pest control in farmlands, they organized various activities including making and illuminating candles, making Japanese sweets, farming activities, poetry reading and dancing around a fire.



EPO Acoustic Live in Moerenuma Park and Beeswax Candle Night / Sapporo City, Hokkaido
In Moerenuma Park, beeswax candles made by 500 children were illuminated and an acoustic live concert by Epo, and members of the Sapporo Junior Jazz School was held with 400 spectators.



Candle Night in Yoshinogawa / Yoshinogawa City, Tokushima
Egawa-Kamojima Park was illuminated with some 3,500 candles either in lanterns designed by local people or in bottles decorated with messages from local children. Roughly 2,000 people participated.



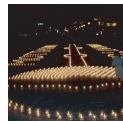
Candle Night in Hamajima Seaside Park / Shima City, Mie
Enjoying the beauty of nature, they organized various activities including sea kayaking and making candles out of shells during the day, as well as a candle lighting ceremony in the evening followed by a light music concert, star watching, and folkdance.



Slow Night with Slow Food at Iida / Iida City, Nagano.
Citizens organized a slow food BBQ party with local produce such as pork, sausages, onions and radishes, enjoying local plum wine by candlelight.



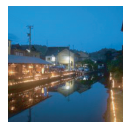
Candle Night with Story Telling / Sakura City, Chiba
At the Candle Night event, participants enjoyed lighting candles kept in house-shaped candle holders made by a local ceramic artist, enjoying a light meal, and listening to story telling.



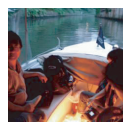
Candle Night in Ihara Station / Ihara City, Okayama
With the participation of the mayor, they illuminated candles placed on the ground forming letters of "Mottaninai" (meaning "waste not") at the station square.



Candle Night Summer Solstice 2006 in Sakae / Yokohama City, Kanagawa
The event included a display of 240 paper lanterns made by after-school club children reusing milk cartons, as well as a piano concert and poetry reading by the light of 300 bamboo lanterns.



Cafe Lowell Special Candle Night Concert / Hosu District, Ishikawa
Citizens organized an open-air cafe serving Japanese tea along the riverside, illuminated with 1,000 candles made from waste oil. Participants enjoyed story telling and a music performance by a local choir and a local singer.



Candle Night Cruise in Kanda River / Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo
With 13 participants, the non-profit organization, Enjoy Eco School, organized a two-hour night cruise in the Kanda River on the evening of June 17, 2005. Participants enjoyed lighting floating candles held in the candle stands they made with PET bottles.



Comfort Sausage BBQ Party / Kawasaki City, Kanagawa
A BBQ party event was organized at the riverside of the Tama River with a comfortable music concert. After dark they lit plenty of candles, which illuminated just like a planetarium on the ground.

GeshiFes2006 Shibuya Ward, Tokyo

At an open-air stage in Yoyogi Park, groups of musicians held a concert. Mr. Tsuji and Ms. Maekita, promoters of Candle Night, conducted a talk show. Candle June, an art director of leaflets of Candle Night Summer 2006 and Candle Night in Osaka made his "candle performance."



Candle Night Summer Solstice 2006 @Osaka City 2006 Osaka City, Osaka

"Everybody is a candle"--Under this concept, 10,000 candles were lit around the Nishi-Umeda area, Osaka. After turning off the lights, a candle art performance was put on by groups of students and participants. Musicians performed a free "Open-air concert" that used power generated in an eco-friendly way. At the event site, they conducted supportive activities to UNESCO. Online messages were exhibited on lanterns. 135,000 people enjoyed the event.



Candle Night Summer Solstice 2006 in Sapporo Sapporo City, Hokkaido

A candle lighting-up ceremony was conducted at the Hokkaido old government building, known as "aka-renga." (Red Brick Building) 120 lanterns outlined the letters of "love & heart." Major landmarks in the city, such as Clock Tower, the old government building and Sapporo TV Tower, turned off their lights. To send a music to people's heart, G clef was also drawn with candlelight. About 50 events were held during the event week.



More communities start holding Candle Night events

The six events shown on these pages are large-scaled events held in cooperation with local municipal governments and communities. The community-based events are increasing and becoming more popular.

Candle Night @ Omotesando- Eco Avenue Shibuya Ward, Tokyo

This was the third event of the Lighting Detectives held at the Omotesando area in downtown Tokyo. At five locations on the street, university students made "candle installations," and seven cafes around the area served meals by candlelight. Elementary school children staged a parade with their hand-made candles on their hands. Over 100 people participated, including their parents.



Candle Night in Shimabara Castle Shimabara City, Nagasaki

Some 200 candles made from Japanese wax trees and processed through a traditional way were lit. Japanese wax trees used to be Shimabara's local specialty. One hundred people, children and their parents, made clay candle holders and Japanese candles using one of the traditional ways. They also learned the importance of energy, the bounty of nature, as well as the prevention of global warming. They participated in workshops and learned an old way of making fire using a kind of drill. They talked about eco-friendly ways of life for the future.



Candle Night in Nagoya 2006 Nagoya City, Aichi

Twenty municipal facilities, including the TV Tower and 177 private locations, turned off their neon signs. At Hisaya-Odori Park, a corridor was open with 2,700 candles. They enjoyed a jazz concert and cafe by candlelight. Event organizers had visited offices door to door around the event site asking for their cooperation in turning off the lights during the event. 194 companies offered their support.





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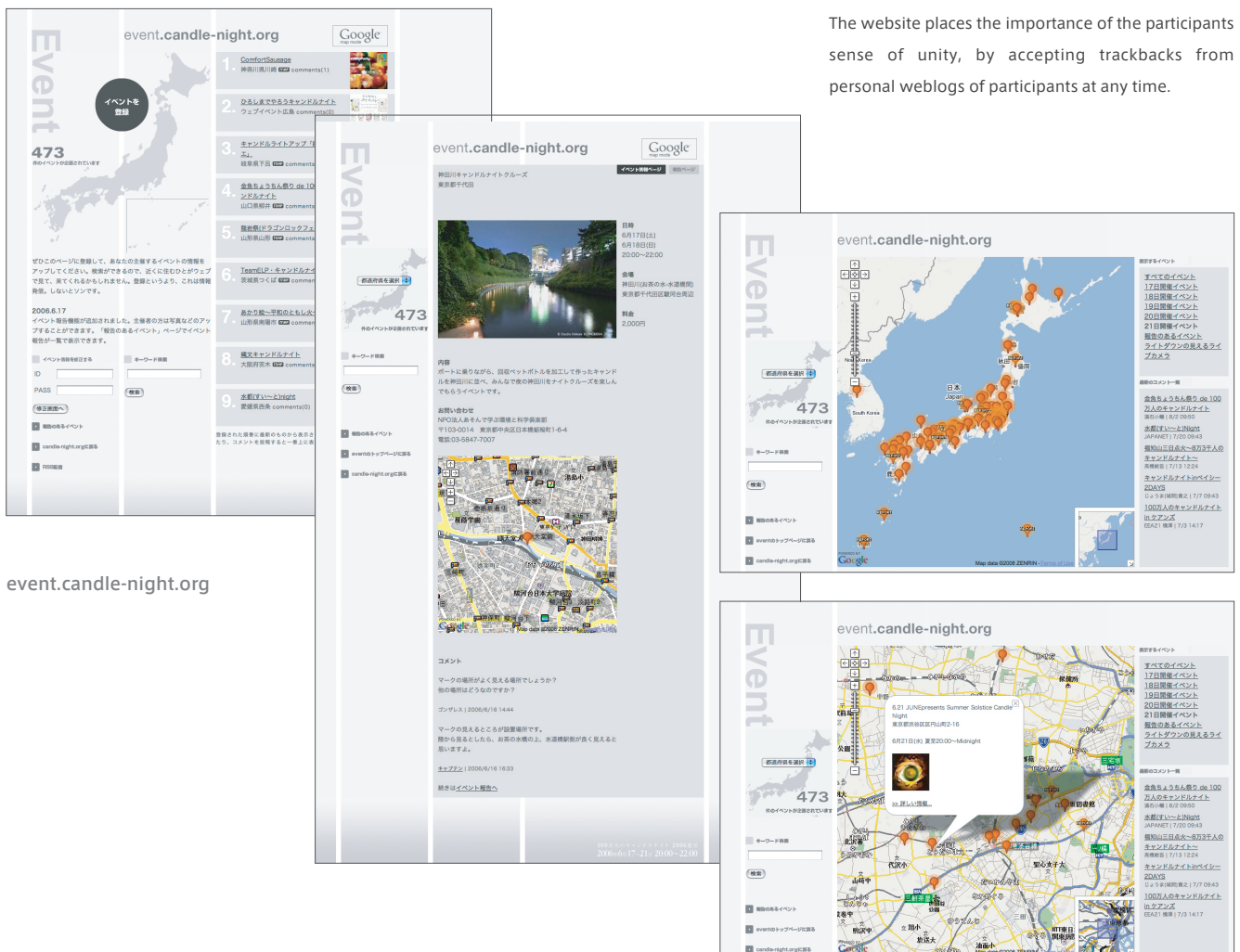
Our website aims to create an avenue where people can express their eagerness to participate in Candle Night. We also created several features to help participants realize how Candle Night is expanding and becoming a large movement.

The first feature is "Event Information." It allows event organizers to post their event information on the Google map-based event information site. This helps people feel encouraged to join the events. The site is still available for event organizers to post their event reports.

The other feature is "Candlescape." By posting their messages on the website, the program has made it possible for people all over the world to share their feelings about their Candle Night moments.

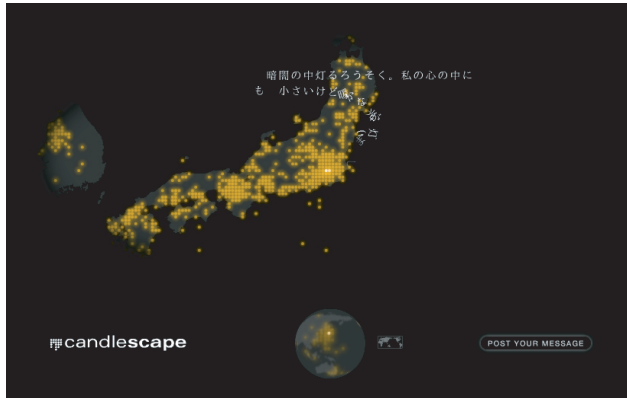
Another web-based program, "Kaleidoscope," was also available on our website. It was a real-time online message board to post pictures.

The website places the importance of the participants sense of unity, by accepting trackbacks from personal weblogs of participants at any time.



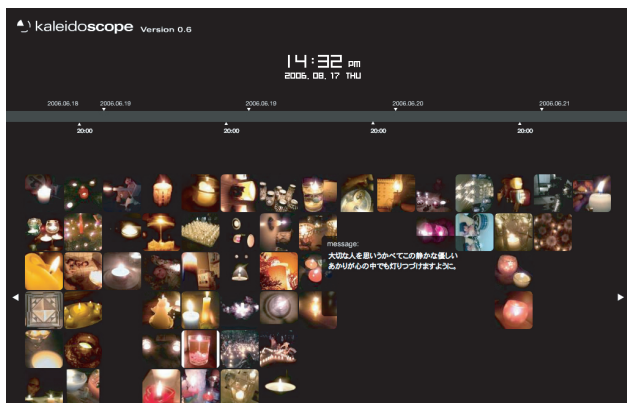
event.candle-night.org

Internet is the "linchpin" of Candle Night



candle scape

"Candle-scape" is a world map online message board. People can "drop a light" on the globe, by clicking the points of their locations on the map. The messages are displayed from those points. For people living in Japan, the entry of their postal code can help them accurately identify their locations. Through this map-typed message board, participants can appreciate the link with other participants from all over the world. The internet has made it possible to share feelings and moments with our "family" around the world. In 2006, the board was open to international participants of all languages. We received messages from all corners of the world, such as Spain, Philippines, Taiwan and Argentina, just to name a few. They are still posted on the website.

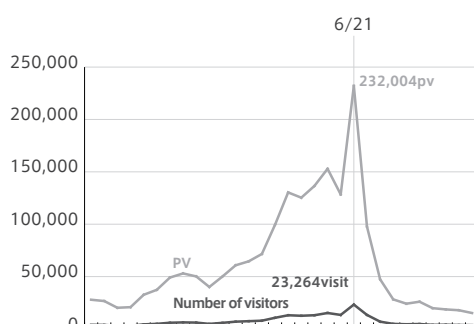


kaleido scope

"Kaleidoscope" is a real-time online message board to post pictures. To show how participants spent their two hours on Candle Night, they sent photographs taken with mobile phone cameras directly to the website. We received many beautiful pictures. The pictures are still displayed on the website.

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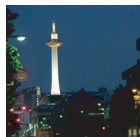
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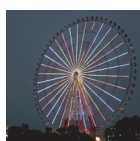
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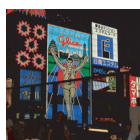
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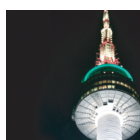
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Odaiba Ferris Wheel, Tokyo



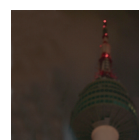
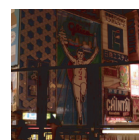
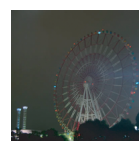
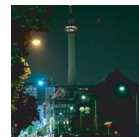
Dotonbori, Osaka



N Seoul Tower, South Korea



Boshingak, South Korea



▶▶▶ Working together with the MOE

39,845 facilities turned off their lights

812,508 kWh were saved

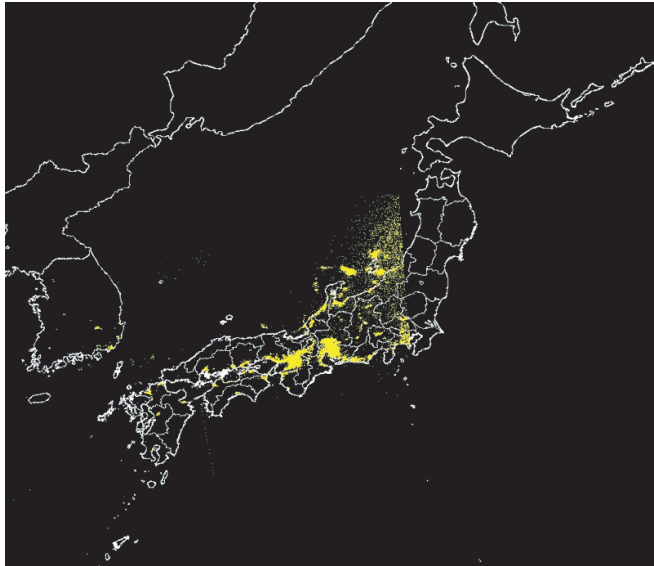
'Light down'--Partnership with the MOE

Candle Night Summer Solstice is a movement involving citizens, businesses and governments, that calls for people to turn off their lights. The Candle Night Committee, a secretariat of the movement, and Japan's Ministry of the Environment (MOE), together have disseminated the initiative since 2004. From June 17 - 20, 2006, the MOE held a nationwide "Lights Down" and CO2 reduction campaign named "Black Illumination 2006." About 39,845 facilities participated in the campaign, which meant that about 810,000 kilowatts of electricity were saved during that time. The N Seoul Tower of South Korea joined the campaign for the first time in 2006. The waves of candle night are spreading from Japan to the world!

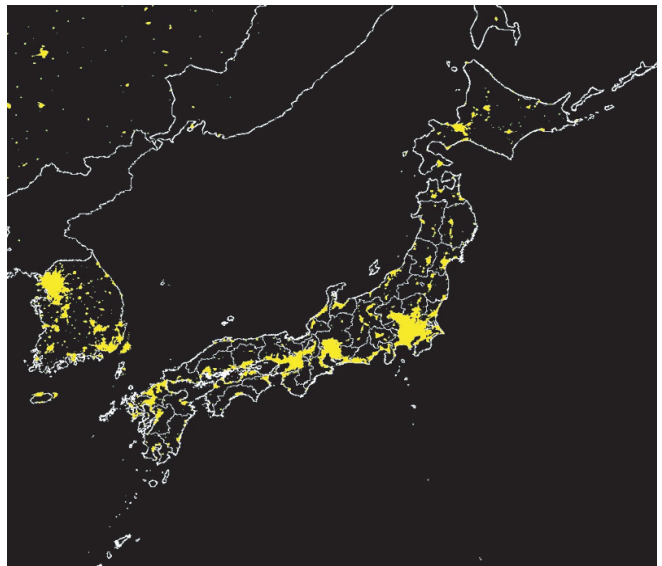


Satellite images

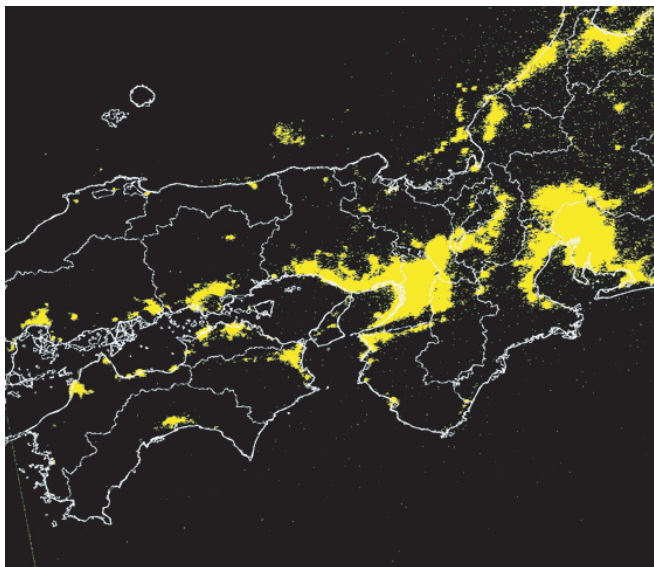
We watched Japan by satellite on the night of June 18, 2006, when major facilities in Japan and South Korea turned off or dimmed their lights. An observatory satellite took pictures, and compared them to an average night in 2003. Unfortunately, it was cloudy that night, so the pictures were limited to western Japan.



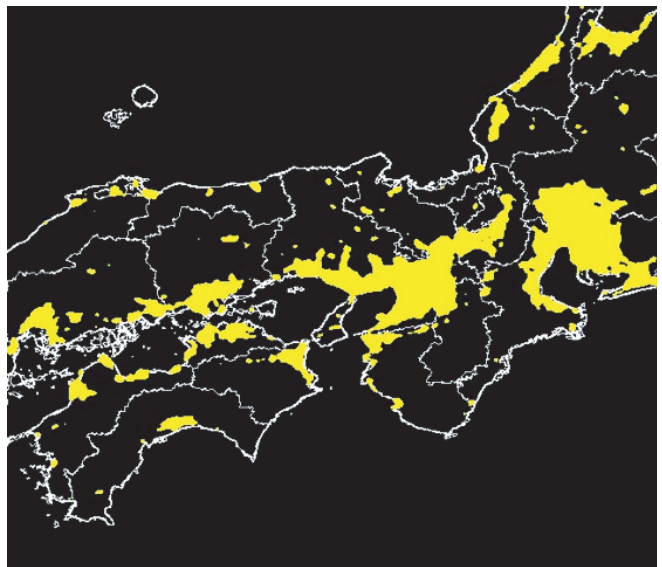
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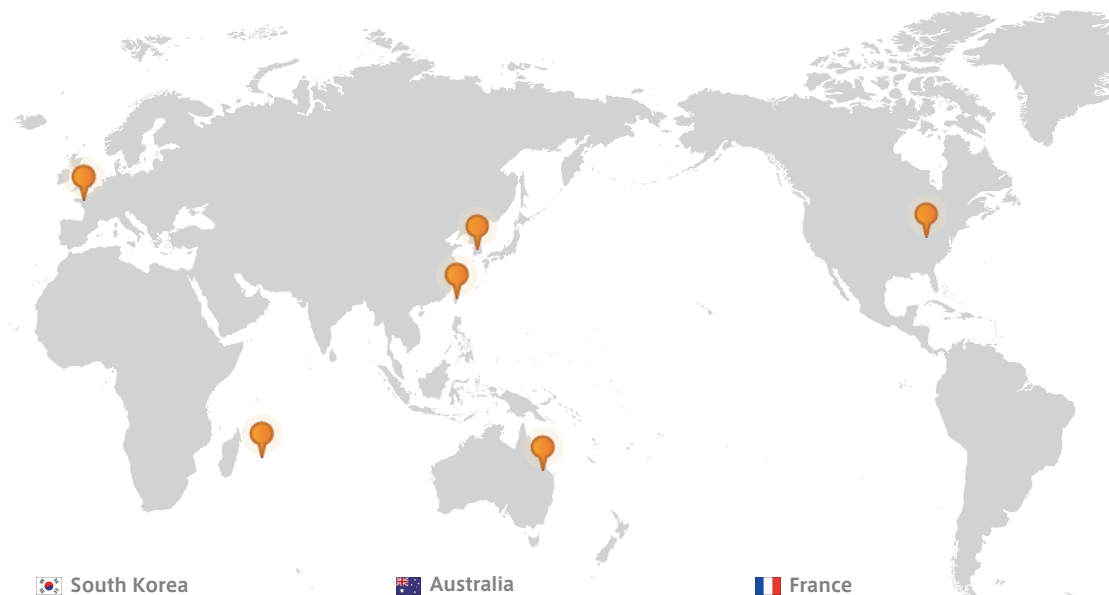


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Candle Night Spreading Worldwide



South Korea

In the center of the capital city of Seoul, the illuminations of N Seoul Tower and many other facilities were turned off. A local radio organized a concert by the tower. The cooperation between South Korea and Japan to stop global warming was addressed. The Korean Women's Environmental Network also organized an event that included a countdown to turning off the lights of various facilities, as well as a performance using candles.

Australia

The Ecology Earth Art 21 (EEA21) organized a Candle Night event in Cairns on June 18, 2006, with the participation of many Japanese volunteers who live in the city. As part of the event, a workshop was held for local children at a museum. The participants enjoyed making candles using waste oil and waste materials such as plastic wrapping from toy packages. Making waste oil candles was a new experience to many Australians, partly because the plant-based chemical that hardens waste oil is not available in their country.

France

The "Novel Night" offered all-you-can-eat sweets for two euros. The dress code of this Candle Night event in France was "le Japon" and "Kawaii" (meaning "cute" in Japanese). The concept was to enjoy a relaxed and mellow evening, enjoying sweets, listening to music and chatting with friends. After midnight, the lights were turned off and people enjoyed the night by candlelight.

Mauritius

The Candle Night event was organized at Le Cafe du Vieux Conseil in the center of Port Louis, the capital city of Mauritius. The Port Louis Mayor, the Minister of Public Utilities, and senior parliament officials participated in the event. Activities included the declaration of peace message, a countdown for lighting candles and an Indian candle dance performance. Due to the success of the event, Candle Night organizing committees were established throughout the country.

The USA

Kiva Han, a cafe that caters to young people, turned into a Candle Night Cafe for one night only during the summer solstice. From 8 to 10 pm, most of the lights were turned off and candles were lit, which made a trendy and incredible atmosphere. People enjoyed the flavor of a deep and rich night created by a combination of coffee, music and candles.

Taiwan (Chinese Taipei)

At the Tunnan branch of the EsLite Bookstore, a major bookshop in the center of Taipei City, a free music concert was organized. Titled as "Adagio Night," the concert created a warm and relaxed atmosphere with performances by popular artists.

Candle night in the Republic of Korea



English NewsLatter

Since November 2004, we have issued 12 newsletters written in English to help promote the Candle Night movement to the world. The newsletters cover trends both in and outside of Japan. Readers can find out how people are organizing their own Candle Night events in countries around the world. We organized a promotion campaign by offering a chance to win Japanese candles if you registered on our website. As a result of such efforts, we have received reports of Candle Night events from six countries.

