

Give the Children of Asia Places to Learn
Opening a School in Myanmar

Thank you for your cooperation with the **Myanmar School Construction Support Fund**

On Thursday, March 29th, the AEON 1% Club Foundation held a school opening ceremony in Republic of the Union of Myanmar (Myanmar), attended by guests from Japan, marking its support for the opening of its 39th school in the country.

The school opened on this occasion was the Oh Poh West Primary School in Twante county, in the southwest of Yangon, where around 260 children of ages equivalent to Japanese kindergarten to elementary school will study.

The opening ceremony was attended by children who will be studying at the new school, their parents and guardians, Myanmar government personnel, a representative of the Japanese Embassy to Myanmar, and guests from Japan, who all shared the joy of opening a new school. Actress and singer Saori Yuki and vocalist Sachiko Yasuda, sisters who are long-time supporters of our school construction support project, participated in the event and fostered international exchange by singing with the children.

The Foundation has been supporting school construction in various Asian countries since 2000, and opened 35 schools in Myanmar in the first phase of this project, from 2012 to 2015. In the second phase, which started in 2017, we partner with the international NGO ADRA Japan, aiming to complete 20 schools in a three-year plan running to 2019.

The sum of JPY34,757,673, donated by customers throughout Japan to the Myanmar School Construction Support Collection, run with the cooperation of Aeon Group stores in April 2017, combined fund disbursed from this Foundation, will be used to open seven schools this year, including Oh Poh West Primary School.

The Foundation will continue to support the sound development of the youth of the next generation through the improvement of education environments in Asian countries.



Challenge jumping rope with participant from Japan



Myanmarese children delighted with their new school

Summary of the Opening Ceremony

1. Date, time, location: March 29 (Thurs.), 10:00 - 12:00
Oh Poh West Primary School
(Address: Twantay Township, Oh Poh Ward, Yangon)
2. Participants: The children of Oh Poh West Primary School, and local people
Around 31 participants from Japan (including junior-high-school students)
3. Main guests:
Government-related personnel of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Japanese Embassy to Myanmar, general affairs counselor Tomoko Yoshihiro
Ms. Saori Yuki (singer and actress) and Ms. Sachiko Yasuda (vocalist)
Specified nonprofit corporation ADRA Japan, director Shoko Hashimoto
AEON 1% Club Foundation Chairman Hiroshi Yokoo
4. Program:
Opening remarks
Remarks by guests and involved people
Inventory presentation
Children's song concert
Performance of traditional Myanmar dance by children
Tape cutting
Exchange events (singing class, Japanese games class, soccer and rope jumping class)