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## International Y's Men's Club of Takarazuka

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### Fly the kite of Love

For 12 years Takarazuka Club Fly the kite program to commemorate the victims of Great East Japan Earthquake has been continued with the cooperation of the Hanshin Home, a residence for people with disability in Takarazuka.

Especially 30years passed since Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake hit our area and also one year passed since Noto Peninsula Earthquake, we decided to have the special program with the cooperation of the NPO.Com groups. Our club prepared the Kites and also at the Mukogawa riverside we fly the kites from 1:30 p.m. We expected to have more wind blow but we luckily could fly the kite of Hope with 20 participants.

About 80 people gathered together at the Hall of the residence after the outdoor activity. NPO.Com prepared the program of the book reading titled "Hanamizuki no Michi (Dogwood path)" by Mrs. Yumiko Tsujimoto. This was a very moving story telling us nothing more important than our lives. Then they enjoyed Hawaiian hula with a famous reconstruction song, "Bring Happiness to the World" performed by a volunteer group lead by Ms. Yumi Ishida, our member. We also all sang along this special memorial song with the audience and the residents together.

From 2:30 p.m. Prof. Yukinori Goto of Bukkyo University, reported his experience at Noto Peninsula Earthquakes. He went to the place affected by the disaster right after and showing with many pictures from there he reported the various problems that those disabled people and senior citizens seriously were facing under the circumstance.

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