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ITTO SIDE-EVENT

**ITTO CHILDREN’S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
PROGRAMME ON TROPICAL FORESTS**





International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)

➤ is an intergovernmental organization established by International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA) of 1983, negotiated under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)





International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)

- operational since 1986.
- Headquarters in Yokohama, Japan
- regional offices in Africa and Latin America

We are here!

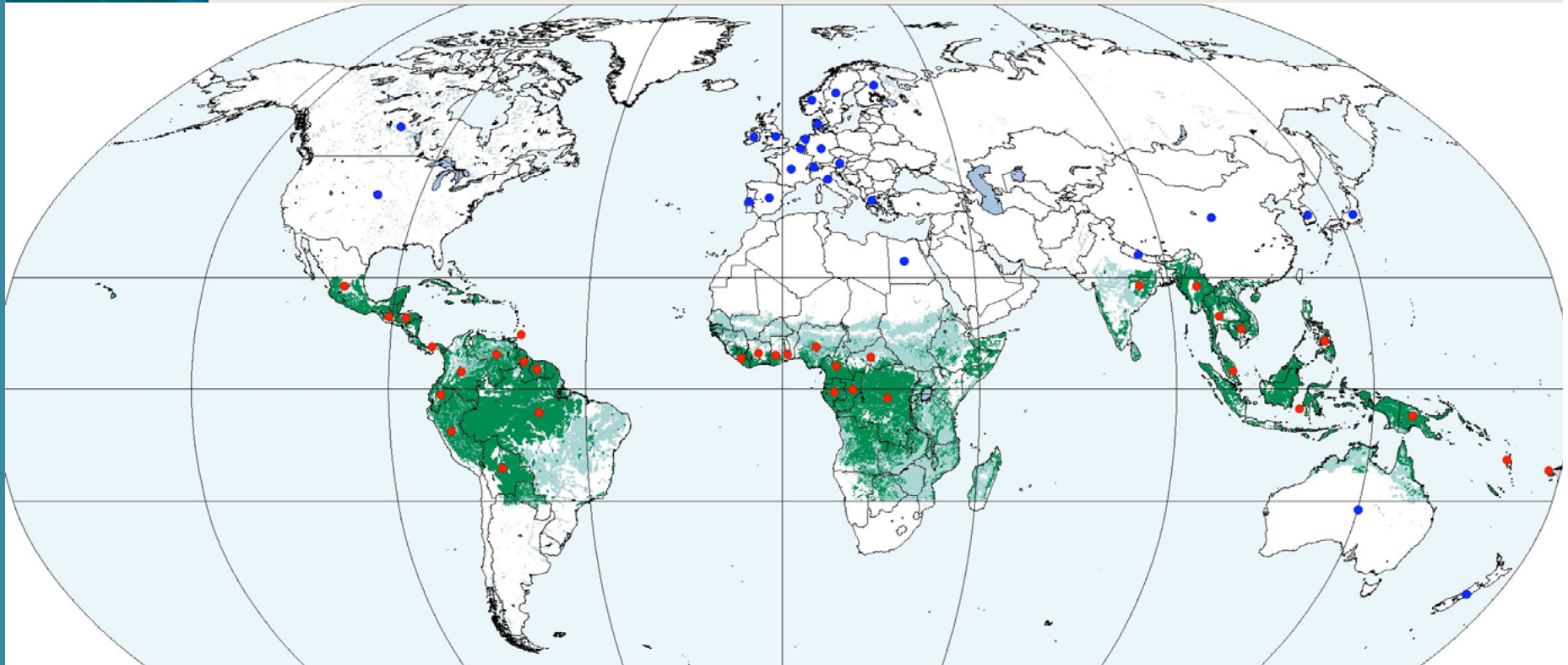




ITTO Member Countries

60 members

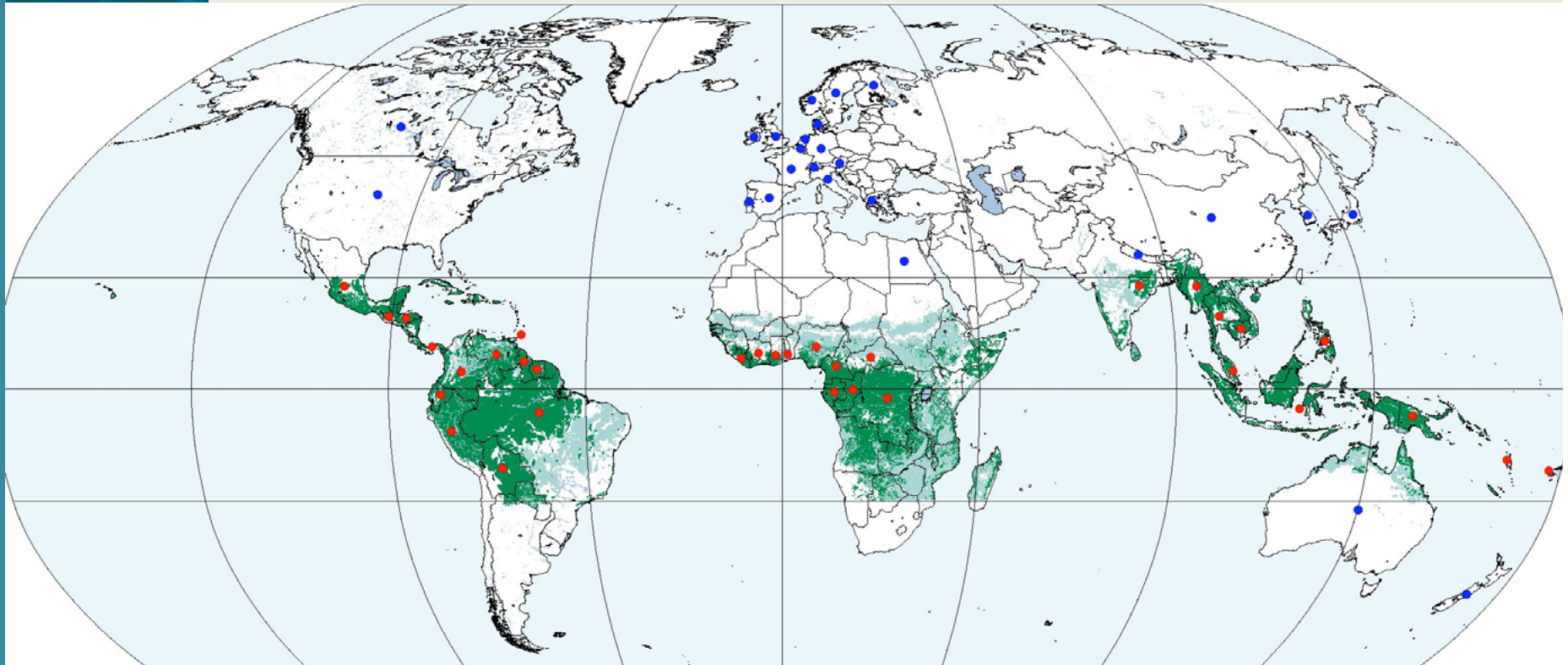
- 33 timber producing countries
- 27 timber consuming countries





ITTO Member Countries

- They cover: 80% of Tropical Forests
90% of Tropical Timber Trade
- This brings together tropical timber producing and consuming countries as equal partners in decision-making





ITTO mandate

Promoting sustainable development through trade, conservation and best-practice forest management





ITTO CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Objectives

To contribute to the emergence of new generation of world citizens who understand the role of forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation and the importance of SFM





Activities



- **Hold Environmental Education Conferences**
- **Publish Supplementary Teaching Materials for Schools**
- **Establish “School Forests”**
- **Lead a Forest-Friendship Experience**
- **Set up a Learning Network**
- **Hold Forest Education Camps**
- **Dispatch Lecturers to schools**





Environmental Education Conferences



- In July last year ITTO launched the CEEP Programme with an International conference held in Yokohama, Japan.

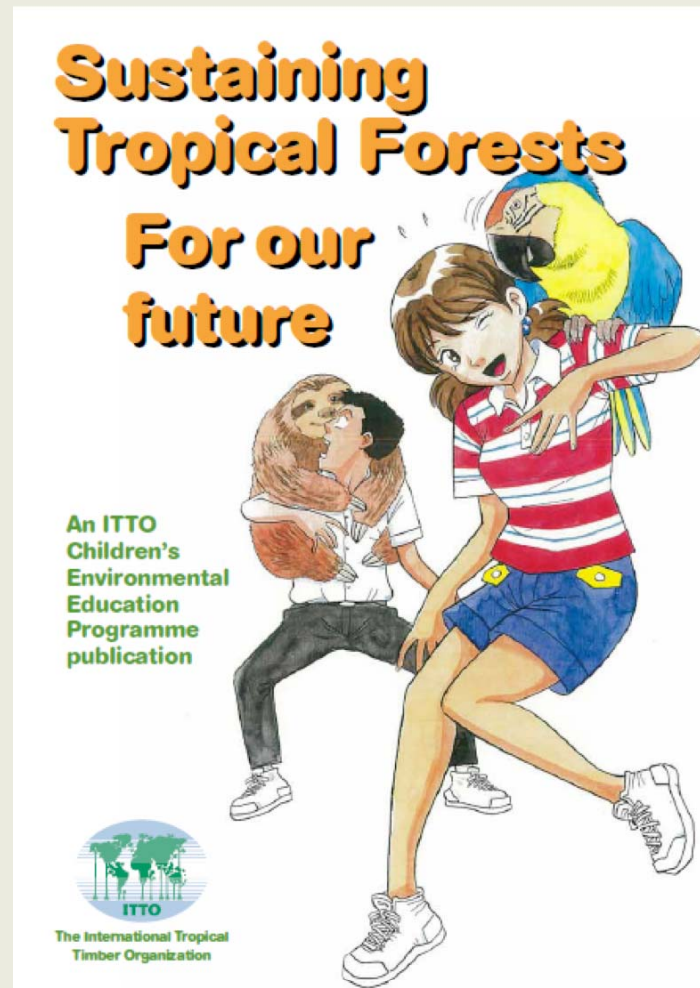
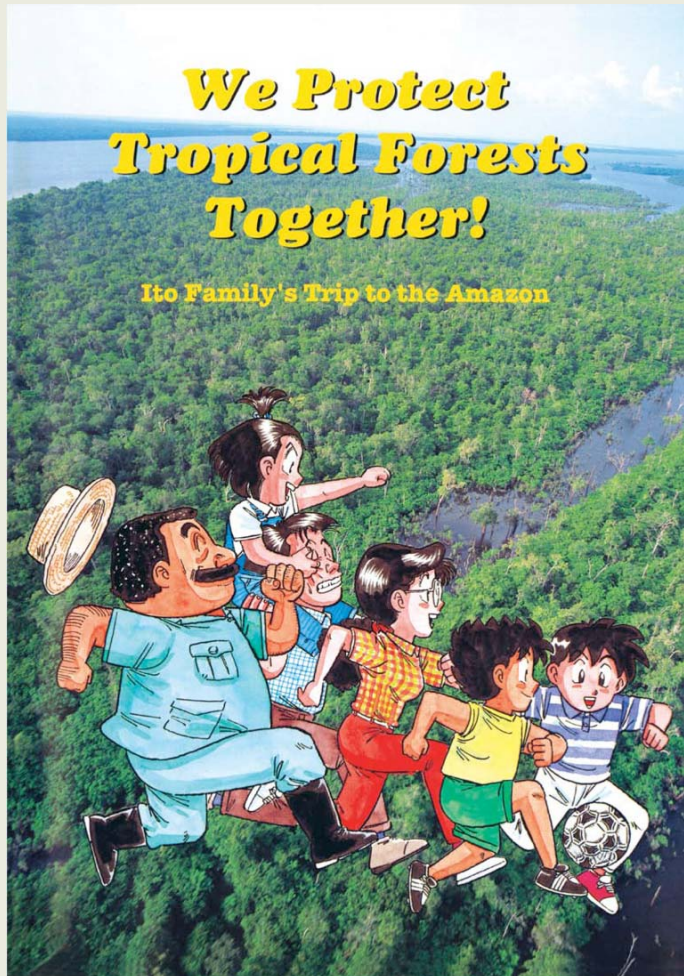


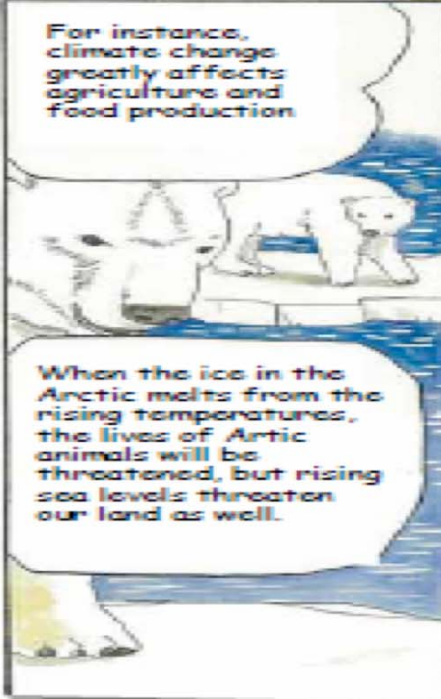
- The conference was attended by 900 participants, including the Crown Prince and Princes of Japan and students from 40 different countries.

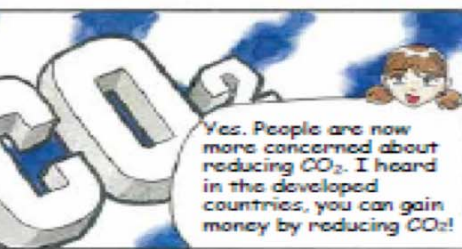
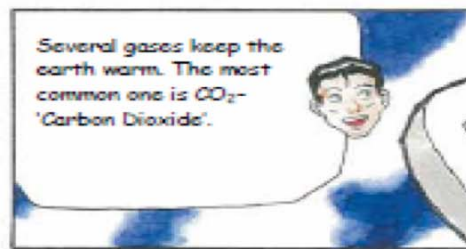
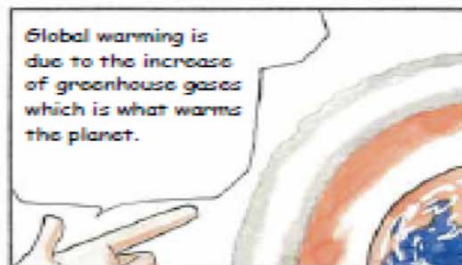
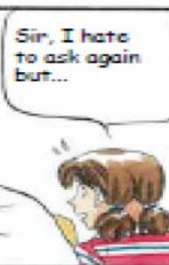
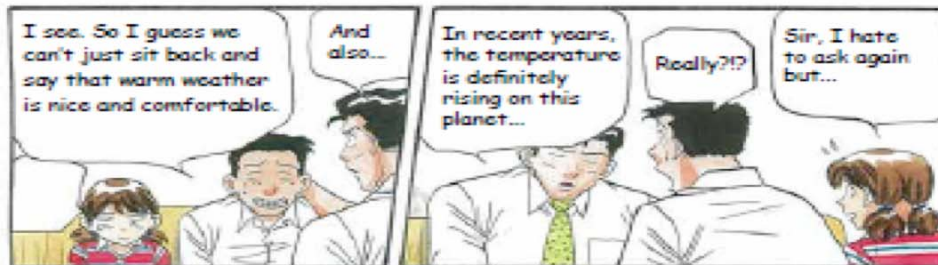


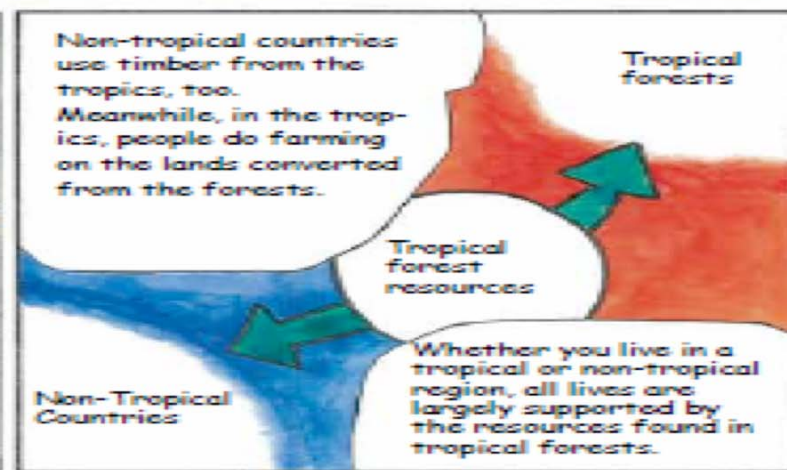
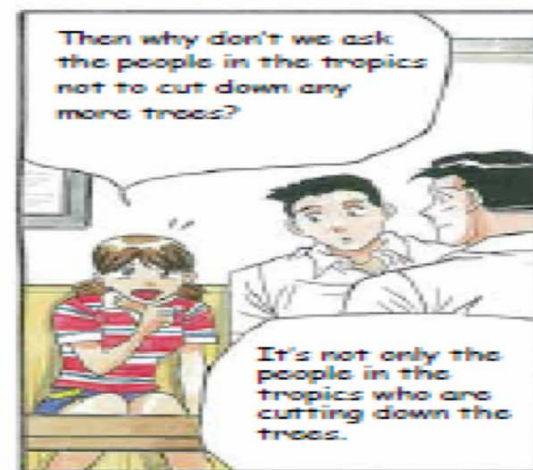
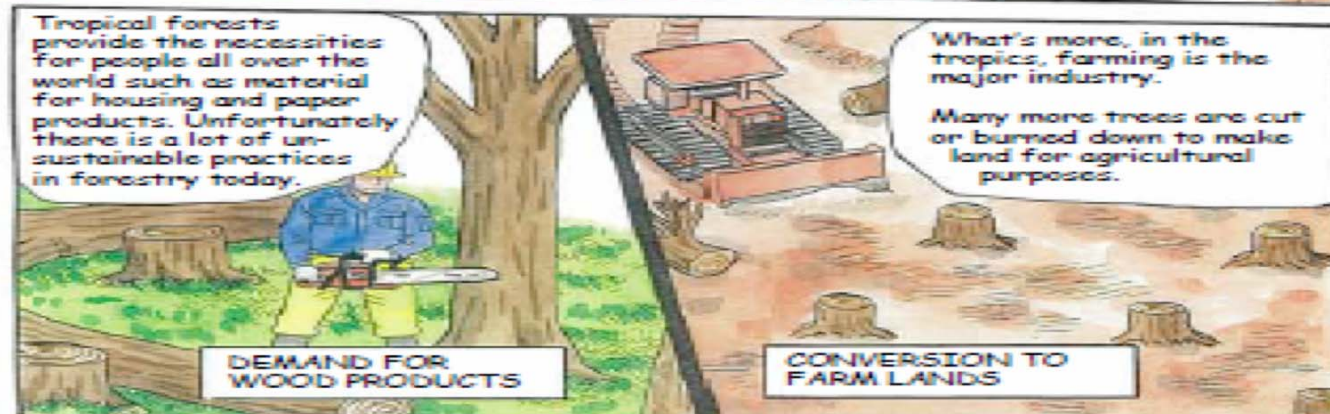


Publish Supplementary Teaching Materials







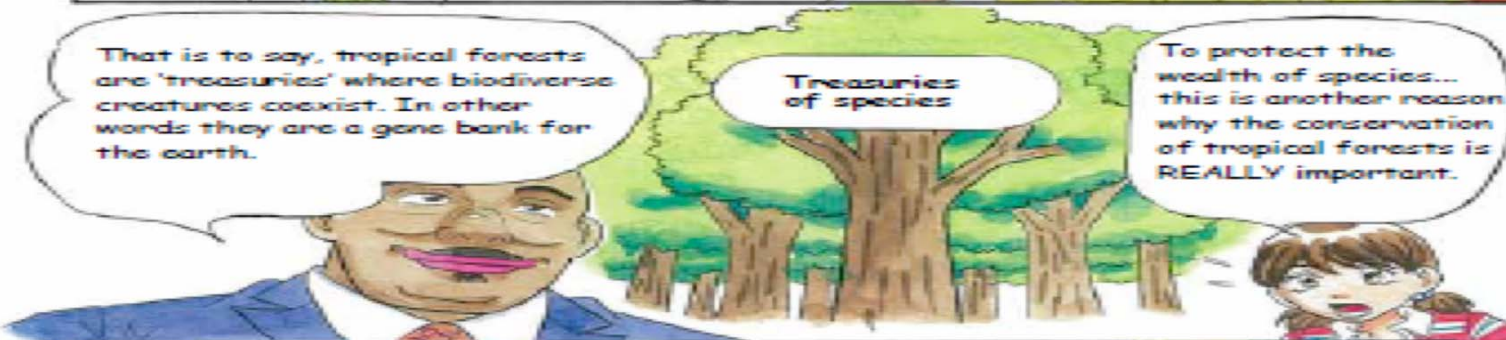




Now you see why creatures in the tropics have incredible colors and shapes?

YEAH... and some look really poisonous!

This is what enables the discovery of a precious material from a typical species. This also leads to the creation of new medicines.



That is to say, tropical forests are 'treasuries' where biodiverse creatures coexist. In other words they are a gene bank for the earth.

Treasuries of species

To protect the wealth of species... this is another reason why the conservation of tropical forests is **REALLY** important.



However we face numerous difficulties.

Yes, we heard. Mr. Kitada told us.

Tropical forests are endangered because of over-development.

It's unbelievable!!!



Establish “School Forests”

- To offer first-hand experience to students on tree-planting and other forest-related activities.
- To motivate students to take interest in and understand forests





Lead a Forest-Friendship Experience



- Students will visit the forest and have a first-hand experience in the natural forests
- Students will undertake forest and forest-related activities such as weeding, vine-cutting, and enrichment planting
- Both the school forests and the Forest-friendship experience are intended to increase the frequency of first-hand experiences with the forest environment.





Learning Network

- A section on the ITTO website has been devoted to the CEEP programme
- Findings and progress reports will be shared monthly on the ITTO website.
- Facilitate discussions among participating schools





Forest Education Camp



- An Environmental Education Camp will be held to give students first-hand experience in nature.
- The camp experience will help students think of nature and their lifestyles in terms of effective use of forest resources.
- Students will join a series of panels and activities to share their knowledge and impressions.



Dispatch Lecturers

- CEEP will send qualified lecturers to participating model schools.
- Lecturers will be chosen from within each of the participating countries.





Dispatch Lecturers

Last year, ITTO gave a series of lectures to primary school students in Tokyo





Thank you!

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