

# Bond children *across the World on the Net*

## Press Release

### NPO Pangaea Holds Tokyo-Seoul Webcam Event for Youth

#### Fostering Cross-Cultural Understanding among Children across the World on the Net



NPO Pangaea will connect its two sites in Tokyo, Japan and Seoul, Korea in the afternoon of Saturday March 24, 2012 to organize the international exchange activities of youths of two cities. The event will be open to the press. For any interest, please contact us to check out the innovative international youth activity utilizing ICT, pictogram and translation services.

**Date & Time:** Saturday March 24, 2012

**13:30 – 16:30**

**Venue:** OKWave HQ Office Meeting Room  
at Ebisu, Tokyo

Unosawa Tokyu Bldg. 5F 1-19-15  
Ebisu Shibuya-ku Tokyo 150-0013 Japan

**Participants:** 15 each youth in Tokyo and Seoul  
(9 to 15 years old)

**Co-Sponsor:** OKWave

Pangaea activity at Ebisu, Tokyo is supported by OKWave as a part of its CSR program.



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## Pangaea Activity on Mar 24

Any child can participate in Pangaea activity, even if they cannot speak English or they have never been to foreign country. Children are encouraged to follow the only rule in Pangaea, “Don't do what others don't like to be done”, utilizing imaginations between Tokyo and Seoul to care for the peers at the other sites while playing together through enjoyable activities including games, to get to know each other. Their activities will be supported by the trained adult volunteers as “facilitators” in both Tokyo and Seoul.

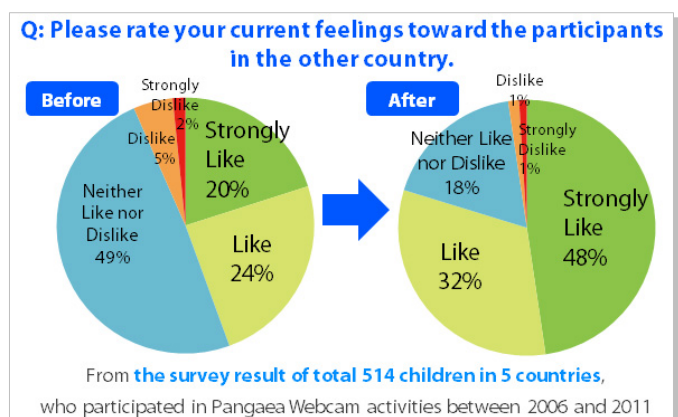


<b>Schedule:</b>	13:30 – 15:10	Preparation (Korean name plate, practicing greeting and self-introduction)
	15:10 – 16:00	Tokyo-Seoul live connection by Webcam for face-to-face activities and games
	16:00 – 16:30	Reflection, sending messages to Korean children from Tokyo
		(Please understand that above time-schedule is subject to change.)

You can watch past Webcam activity videos from Pangaea YouTube Channel from the below URL:  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/pangaeavideo>

## Voice of Participants

At the Webcam activity held in Oct 2011 connecting Mie, Japan and Seoul, Korea, a child who answered “I think they are unconscientious and selfish, so I hate Japan” before the activity has changed to say “I want to get along well with them” after. Pangaea has been obtaining the consistent result since the start of its Webcam activity that participating children’s feelings toward the other country improves after the activity.



## How Pangaea Started

It started on September 11, 2001 when Yumiko Mori, the President of Pangaea, and Toshiyuki Takasaki, the co-founder, barely missed the flight that crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after being hijacked, due to the last-minutes schedule change. As much as the incident was shocking, the subsequent reaction to Arab or Islam in US was alarming for them. As survivors, they felt that they were given a mission to do something about it, and they started Pangaea, that creates the universal playground where children across the world can meet, communicate and bond by the peaceful use of ICT. It is named after the ancient supercontinent when five continents were a single piece.

