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Dear Monsieur Michel Leesch Ambassador

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Japan-Luxembourg 100th Anniversary Project Cultural Bridge Project – The Péckvillerchen & Hatobue Project – Connecting Children’s Aspirations Through Traditional Craftsmanship

8PEACE, a Japan-based cultural co-creation organization, is leading the “Cultural Bridge Project - The Péckvillerchen & Hatobue Project” to celebrate the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Luxembourg by connecting children, artisans, and cultures through the dove whistles that symbolize peace in both countries.

The “Cultural Bridge Project” promoted by 8PEACE aims to advance the international promotion of crafts while fostering social values such as peace, cultural succession, international exchange, and education for the next generation. It is for an “international cultural co-creation project in which people, communities, and nations respect each other’s cultures and sentiments while jointly creating and nurturing a new culture.”



In 2026, drawing inspiration from the thoughts of children in Japan and Luxembourg on “Peace, Connection, and the Future,” traditional Kyoto craftspeople specializing in Kyoto Yuzen and Kyoto Hōgu, along with a ceramic artist from Luxembourg, will collaborate to create a traditional Japanese folding screen (Byōbu), display stands, and Péckvillerchen and Hatobue (Clay dove whistle), each contributing their unique skills and passion.

The completed works are scheduled to be exhibited in both Japan and Luxembourg as cultural artworks commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Luxembourg in 2027.

The project builds on the friendship established through cultural exchange between artisans from Japan and Luxembourg in February 2025. It also continues the friendship between the Ritsumeikan Primary School Choir and the Luxembourg Boys’ Choir, which began through their joint performances and exchanges during Expo 2025 Osaka. In February 2026, 8PEACE held an art workshop for 45 members of the Luxembourg Boys’ Choir. Then, on 24th July 2026, this spirit will be passed on to the children of the Ritsumeikan Primary School Choir. The friendship forged at the World Expo will grow from music to art, evolving into a new cultural bridge toward the next 100 years.



April 2025: Japan-Luxembourg Choral Expo Performance and Exchange (above)
February 2026: Art Workshop with a Luxembourgish Choir (below)

We believe culture is not only something to preserve. It is something we create together. Connecting people. Connecting cultures. Co-creating the future.

That is the “Cultural Bridge Project” by 8PEACE.

Event Information

- Date** : on 24th July 2026, 10:45-11:45
- Venue** : Ritsumeikan Primary School, Kyoto, Japan
- Participants** : ● Ritsumeikan Primary School Choir
● 8PEACE: Atsuko Yagi and Tetsuro Ichikawa
● Kyoto Hyogu Master Craftsman: Yoshishige Tanaka
● Kyoto Yuzen Master Craftsman: Rei Yoshida
- Workshop Program** : Part 1: Keynote speech (Starting at 10:45 a.m.)
Introduction to the Cultural Bridge Project
The Péckvillerchen & Hatobue Culture
Kyoto Hyogu (Kyoto-style mounting)
Kyoto Yuzen (Kyoto-style dyeing)
- Part 2: Art Workshop (Starting at 11:10 a.m.)
Children create artwork for the Byobu and Hatobue
Presentation
Group Photo

【Media Highlights】

- International cultural exchange stemming from the Expo 2025 collaboration
- Kyoto children collaborate to create artworks commemorating the 100th anniversary
- Commentary by a master craftsman of traditional Kyoto Hyogu mounting & Kyoto Yuzen dyeing
- Education × Culture × Peace
- Artwork to be exhibited in Japan and Luxembourg in 2027

Painting Together, Creating Together, and Celebrating the 100th Anniversary Together

～ ともに描き、ともに創り、ともに祝う100周年 ～

- ◆ April 2025 : Connecting Through Music
音楽で出会う
- ◆ February 2026: Luxembourg Boys' Choir Express Their Aspirations Through Art
ルクセンブルク少年合唱団が想いを描く
- ◆ July 2026 : Ritsumeikan Primary School Choir Carry Forward These Aspirations
立命館小学校合唱団が想いを受け継ぐ
- ◆ 2027 : Presenting the Artworks to the World
作品として世界へ

Timeline



February 2025 Luxembourg Cultural Exchange

About Dove Whistle between Luxembourg and Japanese artisans with 8PEACE, Luxembourg cultural association CEPA, Luxembourg ceramic artist Maryse Linster, and Aomori Shitagawara ceramic via online.



April 2025 Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan Music Exchange

Joint performances and Cultural exchange between Pueri Cantores Luxembourg Boys' Choir and Ritsumeikan Primary School Choir.



February 2026 Luxembourg Cultural Exchange

About Dove Whistle – The Péckvillerchen & Hatobue Project - between Japan and Luxembourg with 8PEACE, Luxembourg cultural association CEPA, Luxembourg ceramic artist Maryse Linster, and Asbl Pétales de Japon au Luxembourg.



February 2026 Luxembourg Art Workshop

– The Péckvillerchen & Hatobue Project - between Japan and Luxembourg with 8PEACE, Pueri Cantores Luxembourg Boys' Choir, and Asbl Pétales de Japon au Luxembourg.



July 2026 Kyoto Art Workshop

– The Péckvillerchen & Hatobue Project -with 8PEACE, Ritsumeikan Primary School Choir, and Kyoto Hyogu Master Craftsman.



2027 Exhibition Luxembourg & Japan

● 8PEACE Official Website

“Cultural Bridge Project” Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations Between Japan and Luxembourg - The Péckvillerchen & Hatobue Project -

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