



Dear Friends and colleagues,

Asia has welcomed us with open arms in the last months. We have been really touched by their Latin welcome. Smiles were in most faces, creativity in most hands and eyes. We will bring along with us some beautiful artworks and many excellent memories.

However, on the education level things are not always bright, even some rich countries of Asia, should review their archaic teaching methods... as far as we could notice. Compelling children to learn by recopying propaganda texts with a stick is not the best way to teach a child. We have been shocked seeing this method used in Brunei for example (please read my travelogue of Brunei (<http://www.artinallofus.org/Traveloguebrunei.htm>)). Unfortunately, sometimes so little is done to boost children imagination.

Many of you have asked us what a typical day in a primary school was like. Most of the time we organize 4 small workshops. We try to begin with photography as it is the best way to break the ice with even the shiest children. It is also their favorite activity, as we teach the children individually how to use digital cameras and some basics on photo composition. After a short theory, every child gets to take photographs with our professional cameras. Most of the time, it is an emotional time as it is the first time they touch and handle a camera and their amazed faces as they discover their picture in the LCD screen is truly worth the visit. Afterwards we come back into the classroom and begin the drawing and poetry sessions. We are mainly interested in showing the vision that each child has of his country and we ask them to prepare poems and drawing with the following theme « Tell me and draw me about your country ». I am sure you have already seen some of their masterpieces on our website. At the same time we show them also the vision that children from other countries have of their own country, thanks to other artworks we have collected from children in other countries.

The last workshop is to awaken awareness to other cultures worldwide among the children we visit, by organizing small interactive games and showing pictures of other sides of the world or simply from their neighbors. After these wonderful hours, we feel exhausted but happy and praise the courage and strength of most primary school teachers of the world.

July has been a very exciting month for Art in All of Us. We have received a lot of new support. We are so grateful for all the help that has kept Art in All of Us moving on:

-The prestigious law firm Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP has accepted to do a Pro Bono job to legally advice Art in All of Us in the United States.

-Last month, Art in All of Us has won the Deviousness Award (www.deviantart.com) which enabled us to have a lot more visibility online and to boost our website statistics to more than 16000 additional hits/day. As another result, Art in All of Us has also welcomed over 60 new volunteers in less than a month. If you are also interested in getting aboard, please leave me a note.

- We will also receive the generous help of Gaele Jacques, on post processing some (... only a few thousands) of our pictures. Her unique experience of working as an assistant of the famous French photographer Olivier Follmi will be of great value for Art in All of Us. She is also keen on helping promoting Art in All of Us activities.

- A last special thanks to Sandrine Wanet and Bruno Hellemans who are getting married next month, and who generously decided to share their happiness to kids of the world and added a line on their invitations, to sensitize their wedding guests to the cause of Art in All of Us.

Today, we are also happy to announce you some news on the website:

-Bangladesh Art Gallery:

<http://www.artinallofus.org/countries/Asia/Bangladesh/bangladeshphoto1.htm>

-Nigeria Art Gallery:

<http://www.artinallofus.org/countries/africa/nigeria/nigeriaphoto1.htm>

-Brunei Travelogue:

<http://www.artinallofus.org/Traveloguebrunei.htm>

-For the ones who can read Japanese, some news in the Nagoya newspaper



<http://www.artinallofus.org/Documents/Press/Japan%20EXPO%20AICHI1.jpg>

-Our message board is back on track and you can read some of the latest postings

<http://www.artinallofus.org/noticeboard.htm>

-I also invite you proudly to read the story of our first North American Pen Pal Project between a Canadian Jewish children camp and a Muslim Christian school in Nigeria. XXXXXXXX

<http://www.artinallofus.org/press.htm>

As usual here follow the other latest news of our trip:

-We have reached country number 91

-We have travelled over 46233 km in Asia

-After 30 years of absence, Anthony spent again some nights in a hospital because of typhoid fever (as far as the Filipino doctors could tell).

-Our good angel saved us from a typhoon and the eruption of a volcano in the Philippines and a Tsunami in Java.

We are now about to travel towards the Pacific, to visit the countries hereunder. Any contact in those countries or people that might be able to lodge us will be of great help:

New Zealand

Fiji Island

Papua New Guinea

Tuvalu

Tonga

Solomon Island

Palau

Micronesia

Or in any other Pacific Island!

We still look for some more volunteers to translate poetries in French, Spanish, English and Arabic. If you have some time please write to stephanie@artinallofus.org

Safe travels,

Anthony and Stephanie