

ANNE FRANK Panel Exhibition Report

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Period: November 3, 2023 ~ November 5, 2023

Number of Visitors: 421

Other events to do with this exhibition: Distribution of materials 「満州引揚難民体験がつなぐ今」 by Ms. Yoko Takagi

Report summary:

Although the exhibition was held for a short period of time, it attracted many more people than expected. Some of the visitors had never heard of Anne Frank, and many of them became interested in her because of this panel exhibition. Some of the older visitors also talked about the current war in Ukraine, the Gaza issue, and the Taiwan emergency, and we students learned a lot from them. Parents with their children said that they were glad to have such an opportunity to talk to their children, and I think the exhibition played an important role in passing on the tragedy of war and the Holocaust to future generations.

Comments by university students and visitors

- I thought everyone knew who Anne Frank was, but there were a certain number of people who did not. When I explained to those who asked who Anne Frank was that she was the author of Anne Frank's diary, they all replied, "Oh, that's her. Many people asked about Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, China and Taiwan (in my experience, all men over 50). Even those who seemed unserious took a long time to take a good look. Many people were walking out of the entrance and many did not know how to follow the order of the panel exhibition. There were people of all ages, genders, and nationalities.
- I was impressed when a person with a child said, "I am glad there is a place like this because it is easy to talk to children. Talking to another person, I learned the importance of knowing precedents and the fear of not knowing. I felt proud if we could build a bridge from the negative legacy to a better future, even at the grassroots level.
- I was happy that more people than I expected came to see the exhibit. In addition, war is an issue around the world right now, and after talking with visitors, I felt that many of those who came to the exhibit were people who were interested in war and peace. It was interesting to receive feedback on the exhibit from people of all ages.
- I was happy that more people came to the exhibition than I had imagined. I also learned a lot from the panels.
- The other day there was sad news about Israel and Gaza and I wondered why we keep repeating the same thing. I hope we can learn from history and have a future without the same tragedy (distinguishing and discriminating people based on their race, beliefs and creed). I want young people to learn about the bad history of war and discrimination that happens when people do not accept others with tolerance. Thank you for the exhibit.
- It made me think about peace.
- It is said that WW1 and WW2 became world wars as if the stones flowing down

could not be stopped, even though everyone thought it was strange. I worry that future generations will say, "WW3 started with the invasion of Ukraine and Hamas' attack on Israel.

- It's been a while. I am Suzuki, a former member of iEARN, and I am very moved to know that what started as GOMI on EARTH has now been taken over as an activity to look back at history in this way. The exhibition and brochure were both very well done and wonderful. I also support your future activities!
- It is a very meaningful exhibition. Ukraine and Gaza, peace is precious.
- It's difficult for me because I'm a little girl, but I feel sorry for death when there is no crime.
- A world where people are not treated like people. We who live in peace and comfort in Japan can't even imagine what is happening in reality right now. I wanted to do what I could to help.
- I think it is important for us to step out of the peaceful world we live in and look outside and learn more about the world. I also want to be more courageous. Thank you very much.
- I feel that the awareness of Anne Frank's diary is declining as children are less and less interested in the printed word. I hope that this kind of exhibition will spread to more places.....
- I will borrow Anne Frank's book from the library and read it.
- The deepest human atrocities of the Holocaust story should be recognized by generations who did not live through World War II. More information.
- The book was well worth reading with many valuable documents!
- I learned once again facts that we as human beings must never forget and must continue to pass on, facts that we cannot turn away from. Thank you very much.
- What have we learned from tragedies like the Holocaust or World War II? What's

the point of learning if we can't apply what we learn? But I thought that action itself would give meaning. I will read the Manchurian materials later. Thank you very much.

- I can't explain the anger, indignation and sadness I felt rather than the feeling that something like this had actually happened. It was a time that made me realize that we should never let it happen and at the same time we should never forget. Thank you very much.