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Wald Kindergarten Fuchs und Hase
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Dear Frau Manuela und Frau Schönau-Jahn,

Thank you very much for your warm welcome to our study group on 19 August. I was reported that you gave them a delighted time through showing Waldkindergarten activities with wonderful children lively playing in the forest. I would like to express my deep gratitude to your hospitality.

The study group mainly consisted of kindergarten / kindertagesstätte owners, managers and teachers as well as university professors who are specialized in early childhood nature and environmental education. But they have never had an opportunity like that. They were truly impressed with your activities with full of wonders and charms. They were also deeply moved by your motivation and enthusiasm as well as your children's sociable and thoughtful manner.

We are receiving a lot of voices of gratitude from the group members and winning a very good reputation. I am very pleased that sharing the time with you and the children became an outstandingly valuable experience for them to practice nature education in our country in the future. We will work hard for permeating early childhood nature education further in Japan through promoting Kindergarten/Kita play space biotope.

Thank you very much again for your kind understanding. Please convey our best regards to your fellow colleagues. And best wishes for your continuing progress in the future.

Sincerely yours,



Hobun Ikeya
President
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