



Peace Field

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## What is Peace Field

The Peace Field Project is an annual project of a British non-profit organization, the International Children's Football Alliance (ICFA). A project which conducts educational activities to convey to children the true meaning and value of PLAY through sports. The "Peace Field Declaration" (SDGs Declaration) has been made in the region of Flanders, Belgium and is continuously spreading through promoting partnership and exchange activities, with sports facilities around the world



During World War I in 1914, there were a total of 18 million reported casualties. A total of 6 million people died, and 220,000 young lives were lost in repeated battles between British forces and Germany in the region of Flanders, Belgium. There was an old tale which is still being told even today that says during the on-going war, both sides enjoyed a time of peace on Christmas Day with a truce and a game of soccer. This anecdote led to the designation of the Flanders, Belgium as a "Peace Field".



On March 25, 2023, the "Peace Field" certification ceremony was held at the Iko no mori Community Park, a comprehensive educational facility in Hokuto City. The first facility in Japan to be selected as a Peace Field. Iko no Mori becoming the 63rd facility to be selected, together with the other 62 sports facilities certified on five continents around the world.



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