

Social Welfare Corporation  
**KEYAKI-NO-SATO**  
(Mother Organization)

The Social Welfare Corporation KEYAKI-NO-SATO, a facility for autism, was founded in 1985 by the parents of children with autism. This organization, located in Saitama prefecture, was the first such facility in eastern Japan.

Our principles for users of KEYAKI-NO-SATO are:

- 1 To foster independence and responsibility in their daily lives and to live with individual human dignity in the larger community.
- 2 To assure them the basic human rights of working and of enjoying their own free time.

Through these guiding principles, people with autism improve their mental and physical conditions by reducing behavior problems and mastering daily living and social skills. KEYAKI-NO-SATO provides training programs and experiences to apply these principles. Our organization is comprised of :one rehabilitation facility (HATSUKAI-NO-IE), two work centers (Yamabiko-Seisakusho, and Work Center Keyaki); four group homes; and one outreach support center for people with autism and pervasive developmental disorder(MAHOROBA).



<http://www10.ocn.ne.jp/~keyaki85/index.html>

#### HISTORY

1985	HATSUKARI-NO-IE
1990	USHIO-RYOU
1994	SHIRAKOBATO-NO-IE
1995	YAMABIKO-SEISAKUSYO
1998	USHIO-RYOU-NO.2
1999	WORK CENTER-KEYAKI
2002	MAHOROBA
2004	NANAKUSA-NO-IE

Rehabilitation Facility

## HATSUKARI-NO-IE (opened in 1985)

People with autism are first received in HATSUKARI-NO-IE which operates programs to: 1) train people with autism in practical social skills necessary to live as an independent person and, 2) to bring out hidden talents through working and communicating with staff. Twenty-three people have moved on from HATSUKARI-NO-IE and they now live in group homes and work in the welfare factory or the sheltered workshop.



Weaving "SAORI-ORI"



Making original hand made ceramics



Making miniature trains



Baking breads



Recycling by disassembling gas pots

by using organic ingredients

Welfare Factory

## YAMABIKO-SEISAKUSYO (opened in 1995)

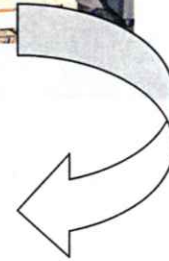
YAMABIKO is the only Welfare Factory exclusively for people with autism out of 30 factories for the disabled throughout Japan. In this factory, persons with very severe autism are paired with those mild autism and they work together with confidence to make pallets. This is based on our idea of "Group Independence"---- persons with severe autism are able to live and work together by collaborating with those with mild autism. Although persons with autism often have difficulty communicating with others, visitors say "Incredible " when they see the teams working in this factory.

Enjoying free time





- 1 Cutting the planks of wood into the correct size
- 2 Using a nail gun
- 3 Marking the company's name on the side of the pallet
- 4 Loading pallets onto a truck



### Sheltered Workshop

## WORK-CENTER-KEYAKI (opened in 1999)

WORK-CENTER-KEYAKI supports the employment of the disabled through vocational training in addition to training for practical and social skills. It offers four services:

- 1 Vocational training by the staff inside the factory.
- 2 Direct support by staff to a "Mobile Crew" which cleans a local community hospital.
- 3 Daily support from staff to those who work at an outside company in the local community.
- 4 Weekly support from staff to those persons employed in an outside company.



- Manufacturing "eco-pots" from recycled paper and assembling cognitive development testing kits, "OHTA stage judgment" (left)
- Cooking and delivering boxed-meals for the facility residents as well as for senior citizens in the local community (right)



"Mobile-crew" cleaning



Working at outside company



KEYAKI-BAKERY

# Group Homes



Enjoying supper



Inhabitant's room decorated with his hand-made embroidery works

KEYAKI-NO-SATO has four group homes. All residents are people with autism. They are all working at YAMABIKO SEISAKUSHO and WORK CENTER KEYAKI. Based on our idea of "Group Independence", persons with severe and mild autism live and work together and we find this leads to great progress for residents in communicating and relating to others. Residents have their own rooms, wash clothes and clean rooms by themselves. Meals are prepared together with the staff. In their free time after supper, they can do as they like---watch TV, listen to music, drink coffee and tea, and read magazines etc. On weekends, most of them go back home to spend time with their families.



Enjoying free time



Washing dishes and his own clothes



Hanging the washing out to dry



Cleaning the bathroom

Support Center for the People with autism and PDD

## MAHOROBA

MAHOROBA is a support center appointed by SAITAMA prefecture.

It has four tasks:

- 1 Counseling people with autism and PDD and their parents.
- 2 Providing information about special education and special treatment.
- 3 Helping them to understand society and social norms.
- 4 Providing information on employment opportunities.

The most important task is to provide help to people with autism and PDD who are living without any support in the community.

