

# Media Coverage

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## ¥166 Million from Old Teeth Will be Donated to Pediatric Medical Institutions

The Nippon Foundation and the Japan Dental Association said Tuesday that they had received 166 million yen out of recycled gold and silver teeth as well as dentures. This will be donated to open new medical institutions specifically for children. “We would like to continue this project to help children with their dreams.” said The Foundation. The rising price of metals has also affected the unexpected increase of the donation.

In June 2009, The Foundation has started a project “TOOTH FAIRY” for children with incurable diseases in cooperation with The Japanese Dental Association. Over 3,000 dental clinics have participated in this project, and they have collected 30kg of gold, 125kg of silver, 0.27kg of platinum, and 37kg of palladium from discarded gold teeth, etc.

141 million yen of the donation will be used for the first time in Japan to build a hospice “The Ocean View Forest” in Oiso, Kanagawa to deliver palliative care to childhood cancer patients and a medical institution specializing in childhood cancer “Child Chemo House” in Chuo-ku, Kobe. “This will greatly help us especially because this area had no support in the past,” said Dr. Ryota Hosoya, vice president of St. Luke's International Hospital, who is part of the children's hospice management.



Press conference room

### Notes:

Asahi Pretec Corp. is one of the designated recyclers for this project. At the press conference room, Asahi Pretec's gold bars and other bullion were displayed as precious metals collected through this project.

This news was also reported on the Kobe Shimbun and other online newspapers such as Yahoo! Japan News.