

# Sari Connection

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Progress Report of Sari Recycle Project by **PARCIC**

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## RECYCLE SARI PROJECT

Thanks to all your great help, here we publish "Sari Connection Vol.2". We have been donated more than 1,000 old saris from individual supporters, non for profit organizations, for profit organizations, and schools. Now, we have started to sell the products.

### From South

#### Sales of Products in Colombo

Do you know Bon Odori? It is the Japanese traditional summer festival! We had this festival on 6th July organized by Japanese Society this year. People enjoyed lots of Japanese dance, food, and drinks. We provided our products at the small stall in the festival. We sold some blouses made by our women in Jaffna. Moreover, we got



useful advices from them with customers' view.

### From North

#### Three months training by Japanese volunteers

Now we are working with 28 women from 3 villages in Jaffna. They have improved their sewing technique through this project. Especially from July to September, they were trained by two Japanese volunteers from JICA. Participants have found their technique much improved after Japanese volunteers training. In addition to the training, Japanese volunteers supported to develop the variety of our



products, and now we have 15 designs of blouses, bags, and so on .

### Voices of women in Jaffna

Nirnalini: I couldn't sew well comparing with others. But after the training by Japanese volunteers, I can earn at least LKR.600 per week.

Kala: I was earning by making and selling dry fish, but now we have not much fish catching so we could not earn from it. Instead of making dry fish I joined this recycle sari project. Then now I can earn around LKR.1,000 per week through this sari project. This is very helpful for my family.



### Sari products now on sale

At the Japanese SHIATSU Treatment Centre "Thusare" run by our friend NGO, APCAS, to support blind people, our sari recycle products, are now available. Please visit and check our women's refashioned items.

Thusare \*SHIATSU is Japanese traditional massage

Tel 0779-896183/0114-369967

Address 103/12 Dharmapala Mawath, Colombo07

<http://www.facebook.com/ThusareTalkingHands>

\*\*Please contact PARCIC for the products inquiry not Thusare.

### Support us

MORE SARIS we need. No more wearing Sari if you have in your closet, please contact us!

PLACE to SELL our products we are looking for. If you are interested in adding some of our sari products to your shop or showroom, please contact us!

**PARCIC** is a Japanese NGO working in Sri Lanka since April 2004 to support people in North and South. Please contact us or visit our web site for more information.

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