The learning program that collaborated with the art museum in the Hekinan Seaside Aquarium

Hekinan Seaside Aquarium
Hekinan Maritime Science Museum

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Hekinan Seaside Aquarium - Hekinan Maritime Science Museum

- Opened in 1982.
- The purpose of the establishment: To provide a place for recreation and education mainly for the local people.
- It belongs to the City Educational Board.
Educational promotion activity of Hekinan Seaside Aquarium

① Educational Activities in Collaboration with School Education

Field trips

Lessons outside of the aquarium
Educational promotion activity of Hekinan Seaside Aquarium

② Social Education Activities

- Natural Observation Tours
- Summer School
- Craft Class
Past workshops

※The participants often made robots using motors.

- We want to turn observations of the exhibited sea creatures into crafts.
- The varieties and means of workshops aquarium staff members can develop are limited.
Therefore...

We have consulted the activities of other places such as museums, and we now hold a new type of workshop.

Art + Observation of the sea creatures = New craft workshops
Let's make sea creatures from the aquarium using polyurethane!

(Presented in JAZE in 2004)

- Making three-dimensional creatures, using polyurethane and bond glue.

We can make participants observe the exhibited creatures in detail without forcing them.
Works①

Longspine snipefish
Whip stingray

Works②
We want to make artistic crafts!

Moon jelly
At such times...

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- Located about a 15 minute walk away.
- Also the institute belongs to the Hekinan Educational Board and the staff know each other.
- Also have workshops for children.
Collaboration between our aquarium and the art museum has started.

- We can get ideas.
- Instructors can be introduced.
  ⇒ We can increase the varieties of the workshops.

The merits for the aquarium:

- Good chances to appeal its activities.
- They can get visitors from new age groups.

The merits for the art museum:

The merits for the participants:
Collaborated with the Art Museum
—Exhibition of the works from art museum workshops—
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- They can widen the materials and choices for the workshops.

The merits for the participants
- They can learn about sea creatures and art at the same time.

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The art museum staff introduces the instructors or become instructors themselves.
We hold workshops using elements of art and craft.
Instructors

- Art museum staff
- Associate professor (Art education)
- Painter
Process I — Sketch
(80min)
Process Ⅱ — Cut
(60min)
Process Ⅲ — Paint
(100min)
Other works from workshops
The conventional style of morphology observation learning.

- Study and explanation using video and pictures.
- Study and explanation using samples.
- Study using worksheets.

⇒ Effective with large groups in a short time span.
They instinctively observe the creatures from all perspectives!

They must observe the creatures from various angles in order to draw the designs.

They observe the creatures in detail!

From the finished works, we can see the degree of understanding and make modifications.

Not only boys but also girls can participate!
● We are able to create better activities by using each other’s strong points

Aquarium: We are able to hold high quality educational workshops.

Art Museum: We are able to have chances for public relations activities.

● Since we have a give and take relationship, we can make requests easily.