

Ono Municipal Sakadani Elementary School — Sakadani Star Point Project

Ono Municipal Sakadani Elementary School, located within the Hakusan Biosphere Reserve, focuses on activities that promote starlight protection and environmental conservation. This year, the 5th and 6th-grade students introduced the Sakadani Star Point Project (SSPP), which aims to protect the starry sky and raise awareness among local residents.

Overview of the Project

The Minamirokuroshi area of Ono City has been recognized as Japan's fourth International Dark Sky Place and the first Urban Night Sky Place in Asia. To preserve this beautiful starry sky for future generations, the Sakadani Star Point Project was launched.

Specific Activities

As part of the project, the students created the Star Point Card, a tool that tracks actions contributing to starlight conservation. These cards allow local residents to visualize their progress in activities such as light pollution prevention, decarbonization, and starlight education. After iterative refinements based on feedback, the cards were widely distributed in February with the support of Ono City Hall to citizens and businesses. Additionally, the students produced a promotional video to highlight the importance of starlight conservation and encourage community participation in the project.

Project Outcomes

Through the distribution of the Star Point Card and related activities, the students raised awareness about the importance of protecting the starry sky. They realized the tangible impact of their efforts on the local community. The project aligns with Goal 13 (Climate Action) and Goal 15 (Life on Land) of the SDGs, contributing to the realization of a sustainable society.

Ono Municipal Sakadani Elementary School will continue its efforts to protect the starry sky and foster a sustainable future for the region.