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A week in Switzerland for tsunami victims

Our first "Wings for Japan" group arrives



Healing heights: their stay in the Swiss Alps is sure to have helped our "Wings for Japan" participants recover from the traumas they suffered in last year's tsunami. Photos: Mami Yamada

Sonja Ptassek, Media Relations

"Wings for Japan" has landed: the first group of youngsters affected by last year's devastating tsunami arrived in Zurich for a week's stay in Switzerland on 27 March.

The group of 15 children aged between seven and 17 and ten adults were welcomed on arrival by volunteer helpers, SWISS employees and selected Swiss media representatives. And, after a first few photos and interviews, it was into a bus and up into the Alps: to a vacation house near Interlaken, which would be the group's home for the following week.

Having spent their first night in the mountains, the youngsters were issued with winter clothing before setting off for Grindelwald. This was followed by further highlights in a varied programme of activities that included a train trip up to the Jungfrauoch, winter walks in the snow, afternoon painting sessions, a visit to Zurich Zoo and a Swiss cheese fondue.

The youngsters were visibly delighted at these experiences. And they forged some firm friendships, too. So all we can hope now is that people continue to donate generously to our Wings for Japan project, to enable us to bring further groups of tsunami children to Switzerland for a healing and heartening stay.

You'll find some impressions of this first group's week in Switzerland, along with further information on the Wings for Japan project, on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmEhGz usvP8&feature=youtu.be>) and at www.wingsforjapan.com.



Sledding was on the programme, too. For many of the youngsters, this was their first-ever snow.



Our Japanese guests posed for a group photo after arrival.