

Earth Day at U.S. Army Garrison - Japan

The U.S. Army Garrison in Japan hosted several activities this year to celebrate Earth Day and educate school students about the importance of sustainability. In February, the garrison hosted a half-day activity for Zama High School students to educate them on the Integrated Solid Waste Management Program's three Rs (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle).

The garrison also held a design contest at Arnn Elementary School in March. Fourteen elementary school students created designs that portrayed the three Rs. The winner's design was printed on 400 Eco-bags purchased with Recycling Program funds. The bags were then distributed to students and faculty. In April, the garrison hosted a one-day Earth Day activity at the school to educate students and their parents on several environmental topics.

The garrison's Camp Zama Youth Center provided recycling bins for their facility in order to collect recyclable items such as plastic bottles, cans, cardboard, paper, small metallic objects, etc. These items were later used to create artwork, useful/handy products, and crafts.