

BEST CULTURAL, SPORT OR RECREATION  
PROJECT

CHRISTCHURCH—KURASHIKI

SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY;

Each October, the Kurashiki Cultural Foundation holds the Kurashiki Photomural Exhibition. Photographs are printed on 4 by 3 meter pieces of fabric and hung from the ceiling of Kurashiki's main shopping arcade.

The Cultural Foundation approached the Christchurch Sister City Committee inquiring if the City would be interested in displaying the Murals as a yearly event beginning November 2006.

The Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology agreed to host the Exhibition



## OUTLINE AND DESCRIPTION.

Objectives;

To further enhance and develop the relationship between Kurashiki and Christchurch Cities and to strengthen the artistic relationship between the Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology and Kurashiki City Hall.

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TIFF (LZW) decompressor  
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Activity;

An exhibition of Photographic Murals. 10 in number, is currently hanging in the atrium at the Christchurch Polytechnic, CPIT. This is a trial run for an exhibition of 50 Murals which will be sent from Kurashiki in November this year and will hang in the Atrium as part of the CPIT Centennial celebrations. It is planned that this will become a yearly event.



## Resources;

The Kurashiki Cultural Foundation funded the freight costs to Christchurch and return to Kurashiki. The CPIT arranged and paid for a series of wires and clothes lines, high in the ceiling of the atrium, at a cost of about \$5000. This enables the murals to be attached and pulled across the wire. The writer collected ironed and hung the murals with the help of Mark Midgley, a CPIT technician.



## Community Participation;

The CPIT Atrium is a public place and has many visitors each day and of course students from all around the world. This Exhibition, although the practice run for a much larger event. created greater interest and better understanding of the Photographic and artistic activities in Kurashiki and introduced to Christchurch printing of a standard of remarkable resolution.



Awareness;

The hanging of these Murals in the CPIT Atrium has introduced many previously unaware people of the existence of the Sister City relationship between Kurashiki and Christchurch Cities. This awareness will be increased each year as a new set of Murals will be displayed each November.



## Benefits;

The Christchurch community were and given a unique opportunity to view unusual works of art of the highest printing quality and the exhibition will become a yearly event. While the committee did the ground work in locating a venue and the CPIT funded the installation both enjoyed and continue to do so, high kudos.

