

# INOCHI WORLD PROJECT

— From the Expo to Caux, Switzerland: A Symbol of Peace and Reconciliation —  
An Expo Legacy Project  
Request for Support and Partnership

## An International Peace and Education Art Project Born from the Expo Legacy

The **INOCHI WORLD PROJECT** is an international peace and education art initiative that originated from *LIFE – INOCHI with the Super Kids Orchestra*, an official collaborative event of the Osaka–Kansai Expo, presented to an audience of 6,000 people at the Expo’s main hall.

Organised by Feel & Sense, in collaboration with the Inochi Forum, and supported by the Osaka Tourism Bureau, this programme brought together music, visuals, technology, and education to embody the Expo’s theme, **“Designing Future Society for Our Lives.”**

Through artistic expression and dialogue, the participating children deepened their understanding of themselves, others, and life itself.

The experience also resonated deeply with audiences, creating a shared space across generations and backgrounds to reflect on the value of life.

This initiative has been recognised as a pioneering **Expo legacy model**, implementing into society an educational cycle of **experience, dialogue, and expression through art**.

Today, this legacy is being carried forward onto the international stage.

## From the Expo to Caux, Switzerland

— A Global Hub Connecting Advancing of CSR and Peace —

In the turbulent period immediately following the Second World War, Initiatives of Change (IofC), formerly Moral Re-Armament, is an international NGO network founded by Frank Buchman that promotes peace, dialogue, and ethical leadership. Its work is historically and spiritually rooted in the Caux Foundation, a network member of Initiatives of Change, and the Caux Palace in Switzerland, which has served as a global hub for these ideas since 1946., Switzerland, became one of the earliest international centres to confront a fundamental question:

**How can corporate values and economic activity contribute to peace and social reconstruction?**

Rather than separating economy, management, and ethics, Caux fostered a philosophy in which **inner transformation of individuals becomes the starting point for positive social and economic change.**

Business leaders, political figures, and citizens from diverse national, religious, and ideological backgrounds gathered there to engage in sustained dialogue.

The ideas and practices cultivated in Caux contributed to advancing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) with its core themes deeply rooted in Caux's history. The Caux Round Table built on this through practical tools like "CSR Innovation," widely adopted globally and by Japanese firms such as Nissan Motors.

Today, the Initiatives of Change (IofC) movement, with Caux as its spiritual and historical core, continues its work as an international NGO network with activities in **over 36 countries worldwide**, promoting peace and dialogue in practice.

## The History of Caux

### — A Place Where the Memory of Reconciliation and Dialogue Lives —

In the year following World War II, Swiss business leaders, guided by Frank Buchman's Moral Re-Armament (MRA) and a conviction that **"lasting peace and prosperity in Europe are impossible without reconciliation between Germany and France,"** hosted Konrad Adenauer, later to become German Chancellor, at Caux. Frank Buchman connected him to French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, by vouching for his trustworthiness.

This dialogue laid the foundation for reconciliation between the two nations and led to the integration of coal and steel industries—the very sources of conflict—resulting in the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC). For his pivotal role, Frank Buchman received France's Legion d'Honneur and Germany's Order of Merit.

This process eventually evolved into today's European Union, a shared market of 27 countries.

Caux also played a pioneering role in promoting CSR through the **Caux World Business Leaders Forum**, influencing later initiatives such as the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Beyond politics, religion, and culture, Caux has remained a rare global space where people engage in reflection and dialogue to restore trust and reconciliation—**a place where peace is practiced, not merely discussed.**

## Japan and Caux

### — Japan's First Steps Back into the International Community —

In 1950, the year Japan regained sovereignty through the San Francisco Peace Treaty, Japanese leaders including Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi, Deputy Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda, and Socialist Party leader Shidzue Katō,

together with the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, visited Caux to declare Japan's commitment to world peace.

Former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone also attended a Caux peace conference shortly after his first election to the Diet, pledging Japan's contribution to global peace on behalf of a parliamentary delegation.

From civil society, **Yukika Soma**, a pioneering female leader of Japan's peace movement, became one of the earliest Japanese private citizens to attend Caux peace conferences. Throughout her life, she devoted herself to international peace and humanitarian work, receiving the **Order of the Sacred Treasure (1984)** and contributing to efforts that led to the **1997 Nobel Peace Prize** awarded to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

This history symbolises the deep resonance between Japanese civil society and the peace philosophy of Caux.

Furthermore, at Caux, **the Caux Round Table (CRT)** was established in 1986 as a platform bringing together business leaders from around the world to explore the relationship between corporate responsibility, ethics and peace.

From Japan, representatives of leading private-sector companies participated in this forum, including **Toshihiko Yamashita**, then Chairman of Matsushita Electric (now Panasonic), and **Ryuzaburo Kaku**, then Chairman of Canon.

During Caux Round Table discussions, Canon President Ryuzaburo Kaku introduced "Kyosei"

(共生)—a Japanese philosophy of "living and working together for the common good"—which shaped the 1994 CRT Principles, a pioneering global CSR framework, helping elevate international recognition of ethical business practices. This concept endures as a core value of Initiatives of Change and Caux, symbolizing the commitment to stakeholder harmony alongside modern CSR.

Initiatives of Change (IofC), headquartered at Caux in Switzerland, has for more than 80 years continued to create spaces for dialogue across nations, cultures, and social positions, guided by the principle that **"society can be transformed through the inner transformation of individuals."**

Today, IofC operates as an international non-governmental organisation with consultative status with the **United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**, actively contributing to peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts worldwide.

## **2026: A Historic Year Marked by Three Milestones**

The **Caux Foundation** in Switzerland will mark a significant milestone in **2026**, celebrating the **80th anniversary of its founding**.

Born at Caux, **Creators of Peace**, an international network rooted in the spirit of **Initiatives of Change (IofC)**, has empowered women through dialogue and action to build peace in society, with

**inner transformation as its starting point. 2026** marks the 35th anniversary of its **international founding**.

Furthermore, **2025**, the year in which the Osaka–Kansai Expo was held, corresponds to the **80th anniversary of the end of World War II** for **Japan, France, and Germany**.

It is **Caux, Switzerland**, that stands as the symbolic place where these three nations have, since the end of the war, continued to choose dialogue and reconciliation as their path forward.

## **Key Milestones**

**35th Anniversary of the International Founding of Creators of Peace**

**80th Anniversary of the Caux Foundation**

**80 Years Since the End of World War II**

## **INOCHI WORLD PROJECT at the Caux Anniversary Ceremony**

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In collaboration with the Caux Foundation—an independent Swiss foundation that operates the Caux Palace as a key international conference center within the global network of Initiatives of Change (IofC)—as well as Initiatives of Change and Creators of Peace, the INOCHI WORLD PROJECT will be officially presented as an international peace education programme at the 80th Anniversary Ceremony of the Caux Foundation.

This occasion represents **an important moment of continuity**, in which the “resonance of life” that emerged from the Osaka–Kansai Expo is **carried forward and deepened** within the long-standing tradition of dialogue and reconciliation cultivated at Caux.

Through this collaboration, the values and experiences born at the Expo are not repositioned or redefined, but rather **entrusted to and shared with** the global IofC community allowing them to evolve organically as a **global legacy that transcends borders and generations**.

In this sense, the INOCHI WORLD PROJECT does not seek to begin something new at Caux, but to **walk alongside Caux**, contributing to its ongoing journey of peace education by offering a contemporary expression shaped by children, art, and lived experience.

## **A “Future Peace Declaration” Offered to the World**

Children from Switzerland, Germany, France, and Japan—countries that have built peace together through Initiatives of Change—will gather at Caux.

Through the INOCHI WORLD PROJECT programme, they will sing “**INOCHI**” the Expo legacy song that also served as the theme song of the Inochi Forum, where the **Declaration on Life** was presented at the Osaka–Kansai Expo.

Finally, the children will present their own **Future Peace Declaration**, in their own words, to the world from Caux.

From this place where dialogue and reconciliation have been practiced for 80 years, the voices of children—those who will live the future—will carry forward the message of peace and life.

At a time when global division and anxiety over war are intensifying, the voices rising from Caux will hold profound value for the world.

This is a global challenge made possible through the collaboration of the Caux Foundation, Initiatives of Change, Creators of Peace, and the INOCHI WORLD PROJECT—  
**a challenge to hand peace forward to the next 80 years.**

## **From Caux to the World**

Beginning with the anniversary ceremony at Caux, the INOCHI WORLD PROJECT will continue to develop international peace education programmes centred on “Life” beyond 2026, in collaboration with its partners.

In the years ahead, the programme will expand to France, Germany, Japan, the Riyadh Expo, and other regions worldwide.

Children will reunite as “**Miracle Children,**” collaborating with local high school and university orchestras and musicians, creating concerts that allow them to **feel life, express life through music, understand one another, and resonate with local communities.**

This process carries forward both the spirit of reconciliation and dialogue cultivated at Caux and the legacy of the Expo, handing them to the next generation as lived experience.

## **As Partners in Growing This Legacy Together**

This project envisions an **international, collaborative model** in which countries that participated in the Osaka–Kansai Expo around the theme of “Life” continue to support one another across borders.

### **Forms of Support**

**Foundational Support:** travel, accommodation, and programme operations

**Network Support:** knowledge-sharing and partnerships to expand activities globally

**Communication & Advocacy:** accompanying the project by sharing its vision with society

We value partnership not as a relationship between supporters and recipients, but as a shared commitment to carrying forward the values of “Life” born at the Expo into the future.

Caux’s vision of peace rests on principles of absolute respect for human dignity, shared humanity, solidarity, and global interdependence and global interdependence, supported by economy and culture—not by war or force.

Even in an era shaped by AI and the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the shift in values from “**things**” to “**people**” remains essential. Beyond efficiency and productivity, the human capacity to wish for peace and to cultivate understanding through culture will be the most important foundation for the future.

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