

Senbazuru - 1000 Origami Cranes at Madrid, Spain Peace Embassy

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Spain as a country going through a very traumatic experience. The government decided two days ago to have a 10 day official mourning period for the 30.000 people who have died, plus all the suffering that surrounds such an incredible experience.

Our Peace Embassy in Madrid being a very public place could not see the situation and not do anything about it. The idea came to create an art work combining the Japanese tradition of Senbazuru with the idea of cranes flying from a garden of white pebbles, a symbol of all the people who have ascended and the need to transcend pain in hopeful way.

In Japan, when somebody is sick or you want to ask for a desire to be realized, relatives and friends do 1000 cranes as an offering to “Heaven”. In our case, a wonderful group of Japanese sisters worked many lockdown hours to realize the cranes and others did the installation and stone garden. The creation came just on time for the mourning period and the impact is so beautiful.

Many people stop by the window, take pictures and read the tribute message we wrote next to it. We hope that soon Madrid will go into the next level out of lockdown and people can come in and share with us. It can be a way to talked personally and share their hearts.