

**Ms. Yoko Otaki and Mr. Katsuhiko Otaki pay a visit to the Wangari Maathai Institute to share environmental friendly initiatives adopted in Japan.**



***From the the left: Prof. David N. Mungai, Yoko. Otaki and Katsuhiko Otaki. Yoko (centre) demonstrating on how to use the Furoshiki/wrapping clothes as alternatives to plastic bags.***

Yoko Otaki and Katsuhiko Otaki expressed their excitement to visit the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies and share their works in promoting the Mottainai philosophy. Mottainai in Japanese tongue is a common key word for conserving the environment. The Mottainai campaign was set into motion by the late Prof. Wangari Maathai on her invitation by the Mainichi Newspapers, Japan, in 2005. She spoke about the Mottainai concept around the world including in Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States in effort to promote making the most of limited resources and using them as efficiently as possible: as represented by the "3Rs": to reduce waste, reuse finite resources, and recycle what can be.

Yoko was inspired by the late Prof. Wangari Maathai's Mottainai campaign which has seen her continue to promote and educate people on the use of Furoshiki/wrapping clothes as alternatives to plastic bags which is well in line with the interests of the Wangari Maathai Institute.

