

# TABLE FOR TWO

Ethiopia  
Uganda  
Rwanda Kenya  
Tanzania

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Number of meals shared to date (as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012):

**14,891,339** Meals

(Enough to feed over 74,000 children for an entire school year)



Heroes of Philanthropy- Japan at Korea

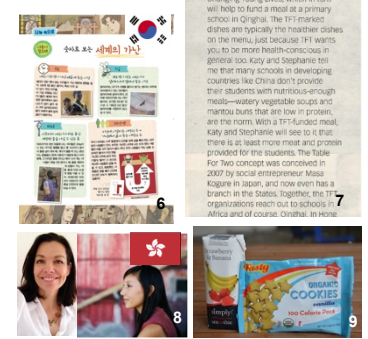


1) Forbes named 48 "Heroes of Philanthropy" from Asia, including our very own Masa Kogure. 2) HRH Prince Philippe and Princess Mathilde of Belgium visited Japan, where they were joined by Sadako Ogata (former President of JICA), Masa and others and enjoyed a TFT meal. 3&4) Ewha Women's University agreed to help spread TFT in Korea, and featured TFT at their conference on social responsibility.

5) TFT Coffee also made its debut that day. 6) A new children's comic book will include TFT as a creative way to alleviate extreme poverty. 7) TFT HK's Katy Yung and Stephanie Tan were featured again this month, in *HK Magazine*. 8) They also welcomed new members Robin Brown and Miya Dunets. 9) Hong Kong International School began serving TFT cookies and smoothies in their Health Addiction vending machines.

**Talk of the Town**  
Our reporter Grace Tso did a story on food waste last month. She really brought home the fact that we highlight and sometimes do spotlight for our own good. For those who missed the story, here it is again: <http://tinyurl.com/og644>. So it's good to know that there are people out there who're working hard to channel our culinary excesses into something beneficial for society. Half a year ago, two cool ladies, Katy Yung and Stephanie Tan, launched **Table For Two Hong Kong**, an organization that helps feed hungry children around the world by partnering with local restaurants to offer special TFT-associated menu items. So no, it's not a dining sit-in which many people have mistaken it for. When you order a TFT item from a partner restaurant in Hong Kong, \$2 will automatically go towards another prominent charity, Changing Young Lives, which in turn will help to fund a meal at a primary school in Orizaba. The TFT-marked dishes are typically the healthier dishes on the menu, just because TFT wants you to be more health-conscious in general. Katy and Stephanie tell me that many schools in developing countries like China don't provide their students with nutritious enough meals—watery vegetable soups and mantou buns that are low in protein, for example. With a TFT-linked meal, Katy and Stephanie will see to it that there is at least more meat and protein provided for the students. The Table For Two concept was conceived in 2007 by social entrepreneur Masa Kogure in Japan, and now even has a branch in the States, together, the two organizations reach out to schools in Africa and of course, Orizaba, in Mexico.

## Asia



"When you dine at TABLE FOR TWO, you never dine alone."



## Europe

10-12) TFT UK held an event at the London Business School, followed by a "pint for two" at a local pub.



## America

13) TFT members helped serve healthy meals at "A Taste of Summer," a sustainable food event in San Diego. 14&15) In New York, the first ever TFT cocktails debuted at Big Apple Karaoke.

**A Message From TABLE FOR TWO Executive Director Masa Kogure**



We are halfway through 2012 and are proud to look back and see 2 new country chapters, 4.2 million more meals, and an increasing number of dedicated supporters around the world.

We are seeing that TFT is not only a global concept, but that it can be applied to coffee (Korea), healthy vending machine snacks (Hong Kong), and even cocktails (U.S.).

We are excited to see what lies ahead, and look forward to sharing the news with all of you!

## Africa

16-18) TFT's school meal program on Mfangano Island, Kenya serves a total of 187 children at Kageno Nursery School and the neighboring Kiwari Primary School. A sweetened porridge is served for breakfast. Lunch is typically *ugali* (the staple maize meal) with green vegetables, stewed *omena* (sardines), or boiled beans. In a recent progress report, program staff noted the marked improvement in health, as well as more regular attendance and alertness in class.

