# What's PTA?

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## = The overall purpose of PTA =

PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) is an independent voluntary organization which aims to promote healthy growing of children. To achieve the mission, parents and teachers together make effort to promote understanding on education at school and/or kindergarten as well as at home. Furthermore, the PTA delivers member's capacity building opportunities and other necessary activities in order to provide guidance to students at school and outside school, and to improve and enhance sound educational environment within the community.

### = The activity of PTA =

PTA supports the educational activities at school and/or kindergarten as well as at home as below;

- •The activity for promoting better understanding of education at home, school and/or kindergarten School/kindergarten and parents play their roles and responsibilities for healthy development of children. The PTA makes effort to promote better understanding on education plans of schools and/or kindergarten and ideal education at home, in close communication with each other.
- •The activity for supporting child life outside of school and kindergarten

  The PTA collaborates in providing guidance in life guidance in align with the school's educational policy and also to promote sound development of children both mentally and physically. It also plays a role in helping healthy development of boys/girls groups.
- •The activity for improvement/enhancement of educational environment
  PTA makes effort to enrich environment for education and to ensure safe space for children to safely
  spend time at and/or outside schools, such as checking safeness and maintenance of playground etc.

Each and every one's proactive participation in PTA activities, through lectures, training and events, would be the key for children and family to grow together.

#### = Structure of PTA =

(1) Decision Making – general meeting		
(2) Executive – board of delegates, acting committee	e — PTA of each grades (classes)	
(3) Auditing – auditing committee	expert committee publicity	
	— culture	
	off campus	
	health/wealf	are

#### = Management of PTA =

The PTA is democratically operated by members' consensus, and should not carry out acts that are directed towards specific political parties, religions or for profit-making purposes.

PTA is a voluntary organization that parents and faculty members independently operate for the sound development of children. With no legal restrictions, the PTA is operated according to the rules (constitutional rules) created by the PTAs at each school and/or kindergarten.

### = Collaboration with other organizations =

In order to effectively implement the PTA activities, collaboration among each and every members as well as with other related organizations such as other school's PTAs, is desirable.

In Bunkyo City, in order to encourage collaboration among schools / kindergarten's PTAs, we established PTA federations respectively for elementary and middle schools, and kindergartens established by the City.