



Passengers Terminal on it's 58th Peace Voyage on the 23rd of July.

## PEACE BOAT AGAINST DETENTION BOATS

*Japanese delegation will visit detention boats in Zaandam and the detention centre at Schiphol Oost.*

**Joint Press Release All Included – Peace Boat**  
Amsterdam/Tokyo, 20st of July 2007

**On Monday the 23rd of July, All Included and the Japanese Peace Boat delegation, coming from a boat with quite a different nature to the detention boats, will visit not only the detention boats in Zaandam, but also pay their respect by laying '1000 paper cranes', a Japanese symbol for peace, to the people who died in the fire at the detention centre at Schiphol Oost.**

Peace Boat is a Japan-based international non-governmental organization that works to promote peace, human rights, equal and sustainable development and respect for the environment. Peace Boat carries out its main activities through a chartered passenger ship that travels the world and will reach Amsterdam's

Migration is one of the topics of the four educational tours that Peace Boat and it's counter part NGOs are carrying out in The Netherlands. The delegation's visit is due to the concern Peace Boat and All Included share about the treatment of migrants in both Japan and the Netherlands. Being illegal as a person is not a crime, however, people without documents are being treated and detained as criminals. Migration is seen as a threat that has to be repressed and the human rights of the migrants are being violated in the process.

The detention boats in Zaandam, near Amsterdam, are a good example of this repression. The two new (not yet opened) boats provide cheap and fast detention of migrants without papers, including refused asylum seekers. The boats are located in a far away deserted harbour area. The boats each hold 144 two-person cells. The rules inside are more strict than a 'normal' criminal jail due to lack of space and privacy, no possibilities for work or education, and limited contact with the outside world, fresh air and medical care.

The Netherlands, having the highest rate of alien detention in the EU, have changed from a tolerant society into one of the most strict countries regarding migration in Europe.

All Included and Peace Boat welcome the research that Amnesty International is currently conducting all over the world on detention of asylum-seekers and irregular migrants.

We would like to contribute to solutions outside repression and denial and within global responsibility and development. World citizens deserve to have equal rights in an open society so they will have equal opportunities.

"For global freedom of movement and equal rights for all"

### **Program**

14.30u: handing out flyers and group photo at Zaanse Schans

15.15u: solidarity visit at the detention boats in Zaandam

16.15u: wake at detention centre Schiphol Oost

### **Amsterdam en Tokyo, 20st of July 2007**

#### **All Included and Peace Boat**

More information:

All Included (<http://www.allincluded.nl/>)

Peace Boat (<http://www.peaceboat.org/>)

14h arrive at Zaanse Schans



Onderstaande flyer is uitgedeeld aan toeristen op de Zaanse Schans door mensen van all include en van de Peace Boat





15.15h arrive at Zaanse bajesboten



De weg is afgezet. Niemand mag er doorheen behalve Japanners met een camera. Er wordt op camera's gecontroleerd. Over dit bizar politiebeleid zijn vragen gesteld door Rosa aan het bestuur van de Gemeente Zaanstad. De pers mag er ook niet door (net als mensen van all included): <http://www.nhd.nl/nieuws/stadstreek/zaanstreek/article2194071.ece>. Op 30 juni bevond zich op dezelfde plek ook een politieafzetting die een fietstour vanaf het nabijgelegen Moisefestival tegenhield. Hier worden twee jongeren die speciaal voor de hekken een spandoek hadden geschilderd wel toegelaten en de overige fietsers werden weggestuurd om onduidelijke reden.



16.15h arrive at Uitzetcentrum Schiphol Oost



Namen van de elf overledenen van de schipholbrand worden voorgelezen. Er wordt heen en weer gezwaaid met gedetineerden van het Granshospitium deel van Schiphol Oost. Het gaat om afgewezen asielzoekers die direct bij aankomst op Schiphol gedetineerd worden om teruggestuurd te worden. Na enige tijd worden zij op cel opgesloten om aan het zwaaien een eind te maken.

