



Pilgrimage to Hiroshima 2012

Global Hibakusha

-Thinking in Hiroshima about the Two Sufferings:
Atomic Bomb and Radiation Exposure-
Aug. 7 (Tue)-9 (Thu), 2012



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The logo depicts the "Atomic Bomb Dome" and a "pilgrim" with a wing symbolizing "journey" and a "dove of peace".

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<DATES>

Aug. 7 (Tue) – 9 (Thu), 2012

*with optional tour: 7 (Tue) – 10 (Fri) 9 am.

<VENUE - LODGING>

Hiroshima City Bunka Koryu Kaikan

Kakomachi 3-3, Naka-ku, Hiroshima 740-0912

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<SCHEDULE>

Aug. 7 (Tue)	Aug. 8 (Wed)	Aug. 9 (Thu)	Aug. 10 (Fri)
<12:30 Meet at the venue> •Opening(1) • Peace Memorial Museum visit (2) •Friendship Party	•Field Trip (3) - Witness testimony of the bombing - Monument tour •Sharing experience •Workshop 1 (4)	Workshop 2 (4) •Sharing the memories •Closing <12:00 Breakup> ----- Optional program •Visit Miyajima: World Heritage Site •Visit Iwakuni	Check out <9:00 Breakup >

<Program introduction>

A year has passed since “that day”, that massive disaster in 11th March. However the situation in the damaged nuclear power plant has not been settled and we are living in what might be called a “Radiation-exposed society”. In order to live the future, we believe it is vital for us to learn about “that day” in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 as well as the continued situations of radiation exposure that are suffered throughout the Earth. Let us think and share ideas in Hiroshima about what the nuclear means to humans.

The term “Global Hibakusha” refers to a wide range of people affected by radiation and other damages from nuclear around the world, beyond the term “Hibakusha” which refers solely to survivors of atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Program explanation

- (1) Opening session, including a handbell performance by students from Hiroshima Jogakuin junior/senior high school.
- (2) Peace Memorial Museum: Photo panels, maps, victims' belongings, and wreckage showing the degree of destruction are displayed. Tour guides and language support are available.
- (3) Field Trip: Participants will learn about 3 different aspects of Hiroshima: Hiroshima as a former stronghold of the Japanese Imperial army; Hiroshima as a city, and Hiroshima as a place which suffered the Atomic Bomb.

- ① Touring the City Centre

The area around the Hiroshima Castle used to accommodate important military facilities of the Japanese Imperial army. This tour will visit the former Chugoku Military District Headquarters, from which the very first report of the bombing was sent. Let us discuss why Hiroshima was chosen as a place to drop the Bomb. The tour will also visit memorials of Sadako Kurihara, famous for her poetry about the Atomic Bomb.

- ② A-Bombed Cross and Hiroshima's Revival:

Visit Hiroshima Jogakuin high school which lost over 300 students and teachers by the Bomb, Nagarekawa church with the A-bombed cross, and the Memorial Cathedral of World Peace which was built with donations from all over the world, in hope for peace beyond religious, national or racial borders.

- ③ Experience Hiroshima through literature:

Walk around the city and reflect on "*Natsu no Hana*" (*Summer Flowers*) by Tamiki Hara. This describes and relates his terrifying experience of the atomic bombing. Visit the monument for Yoko Ota, who wrote "*Shikabane no Machi*" (*City of Corpses*), an account of her experiences in Hiroshima at the time of the bombing.

- ④ Journey of Korean Victims and Survivors:

A survivor of Korean origin will talk about her experiences at the time of the bombing, and how she survived the time after that until now.

- ⑤ Visit to Hijiyama

This course will mainly visit the Hijiyama area, which locates within the city. We

will visit the military tomb which will enable us to learn about the atrocities in the past; the temple bell in Tamonin Temple which was exposed to the atomic bomb; and the Radiation Effects Research Foundation, where we can learn about the history of radiation exposure.

(4) Workshop 1&2

Let's learn about Global Hibakusha, share ideas, and think about how we can we share what we learned with other people.

<Optional program> (Actual costs will be charged for tours)

- ① Miyajima, World Heritage Site
- ② Iwakuni Fact discovery Tour: The U.S. Forces and the Japanese Marine Self Defense Force station in Iwakuni. Learn and think of World Peace without military power and forces.

<Overseas participants include:>

- Participants from YWCA in Korea and China
- International students in Japan

Language support in Chinese, Korean and English will be available.

<Eligibility>

Anyone who is over primary school age and are interested in this program may participate.

<Fees (JPY)>

- Junior/ senior High school students
2 nights 22,000 (Registration: 5000, Entry: 17,000)
+with optional tour 3 nights 30,000 (Reg. 5000, Ent. 25,000)
- College/University/Graduate school students
2 nights 23,500 (Registration: 5000, Entry: 18,500)
+with optional tour 3 nights 33,500 (Reg. 5000, Ent. 28,500)
- Non-student adult 2 nights 26,500 (Reg. 5000, Ent. 21,500)
+with optional tour 3 nights 37,000 (Reg. 5000, Ent. 32,000)

- *1 *Fees include costs of activities, accommodations, meals, field trip transportation and insurance.*
- *2 *Participation fee scholarships are available for international students. For details, please contact YWCA of Japan.*

<Maximum> 85 (members are to be fixed in order of arrival)

<Entry>

- (1) Please fill out the application form, and fax, post mail, or e-mail to YWCA of Japan. Fees are to be prepaid by postal transfer:
Postal transfer # : 00170-7-23723 YWCA of Japan
✂Please indicate "Hiroshima" in the memo space.
- (2) Deadline
June 29th (Fri)
- (3) Cancellation
 - 1. Cancellation before Aug. 1st (Wed): Entry fees will be refunded
 - 2. Cancellation on and after Aug. 2nd (Thu): No refund

Volunteer Leaders WANTED!!

Roles of volunteer leaders:

To support high school participants

To help organize the program

Requirement: Anyone under 30

Financial support: 10,000yen discount for Entry fee is available for volunteer leaders.

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