



Pilgrimage to Hiroshima 2013

Two Sufferings: Atomic Bomb and Radiation Exposure

– Thinking in Hiroshima about the Root of Peace –

Aug. 7 (Wed)-9 (Fri), 2013



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On summer days 68 years ago, Hiroshima and Nagasaki suffered Atomic Bombing. There is no knowing how many people and how much things vanished at an instant. There is no knowing how much suffering the survivors have endured ever since.

On 11th March two years ago, the TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power plant accident occurred. The damaged plant still shows no sign of regaining control, and the residents are experiencing a great and long-lasting suffering, including those who were forced to evacuate from their homelands and those who chose to stay.

Hiroshima, a city which suffered the atomic bomb, has a significant meaning as a place to discuss the importance of peace. The program "Pilgrimage to Hiroshima" has continued since 1970, and there is a good reason that it has continued for 40 years. This year, it is your turn to experience it!

<DATES>

Aug. 7 (Wed) – 9 (Fri), 2013

*with optional tour: 7 (Wed) – 10 (Sat) 9 am.

<VENUE - LODGING>

Hiroshima City Bunka Koryu Kaikan

Kakomachi 3-3, Naka-ku, Hiroshima 740-0812 Tel: 082- 243-8881

<SCHEDULE>

Aug. 7 (Wed)	Aug. 8 (Thu)	Aug. 9 (Fri)	Aug. 10 (Sat)
<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 •Keynote Lecture (4)	Workshop (5) •Sharing the message •Closing <12:00 Breakup> ----- Optional program •Visit Miyajima: World Heritage Site •Visit Iwakuni	Check out <9:00 Breakup >

Program explanation

- (1) Opening session, dramatic reading
- (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 strongpoint of the Japanese Imperial army; Hiroshima as a city, and Hiroshima as a place which suffered the Atomic Bomb.

- ① Touring the City Centre and Hiroshima Castle

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 Learning in Hijiya about the History of Japanese Military Atrocity

This course will mainly visit the Hijiya 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 Radiation Effects Research Foundation and the temple bell in Tamonin Temple which was exposed to the atomic bomb will show us the history of radiation exposure. We will take the tram to visit the resource center in the former Hiroshima city office.

- 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:

It was not only the Japanese who suffered the Atomic Bomb. A survivor of Korean origin will talk about her experiences at the time of the bombing, how she survived the time after that, and the problems that remain to this day.

(4) Keynote Lecture

Mr. Masaaki Tanabe (President of KNACK Images Production Center, which produced the "The Hypocenter-The Records of Hiroshima") will talk on the theme "The Reality of Hiroshima Visualized: Message to the Next Generation".

(5) Workshop

Let us share the experiences, lessons and reflections from the program, and discuss how to share them with others after we go home.

<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. Last October, the U.S. forces forcibly deployed the new transport aircraft "Osprey" in Futenma Base in Okinawa, and carried out series of low-level flight training in March, using the Iwakuni base as a hub. There are further flight training plans that consist of 6 flight routes covering entire Japan. Learn about the lives of the people in Iwakuni and their struggles for peace, and think of World Peace to be shared with everyone.

<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.

<Maximum number of participants> 85

<Fees (JPY)> ※Registration fee (5,000 yen) included

● Junior/ senior High school students

2 nights 22,000

+with optional tour 3 nights 30,000

※For those who live in Hiroshima and do not need accommodation:

11,000 (2 nights)

● College/University/Graduate school students

2 nights 23,500

+with optional tour 3 nights 33,500

※For those who live in Hiroshima and do not need accommodation:

12,500 (2 nights)

● Non-student adult 2 nights 26,500

+with optional tour 3 nights 37,000

※For those who live in Hiroshima and do not need accommodation:

15,500 (2 nights)

*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.*

<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

July 10th (Wed)

(3) Cancellation

1. Cancellation before Jul. 31st (Wed): Fee will be refunded except registration fee

2. Cancellation on and after Aug. 1st (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.

Apply by Email to: office-japan@ywca.or.jp



'Pilgrimage to Hiroshima'

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

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