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# Pilgrimage to Hiroshima 2016

## - From Hiroshima to Fukushima and to the World -

### Program Description

August 9th (Tue) - August 11th (Thu)  
at Hiroshima City Bunka Koryu Kaikan



We organize this year's program under the theme of "From Hiroshima to Fukushima and to the World". "Hiroshima" can be written down in various Japanese writing forms by emphasizing different aspects of the history of city. How has it been expressed in different forms? Any meanings and thoughts behind each writing style? And why is Fukushima included in this year's theme? Why not discover answers by participating in this program? Come join us to find out and learn new things and think of different topics together! Let's create a world where every one of us can happily live as we are!

**Host: YWCA of Japan**

**Support: Hiroshima YWCA**

<DATES>

August 9 (Tuesday) – 11 (Thursday)/ With optional tour: August 9 (Tuesday) – 12 (Friday)

<VENUE-LODGING>

Hiroshima City Bunka Kaikan

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<SCHEDULE> (subject to change)

August 9 (Tue)	August 10 (Wed)	August 11 (Thu)	August 12 (Fri)
<p><b>12:30 Meet up at the venue</b></p> <p>13:00 Opening</p> <p><b>13:30-15:00</b> <b>Icebreaker and workshop 1</b></p> <p><b>15:15-17:00</b> <b>Peace Memorial Museum visit</b></p> <p>17:00 Arrival at hotel</p> <p>17:30 Dinner</p> <p><b>18:15 Workshop 2</b></p> <p><b>19:45 Friendship party</b></p> <p><b>20:45 Orientation for the field trips on the following day</b></p>	<p>7:00 Breakfast</p> <p>8:30-9:30</p> <p><b>Overall description of the field trips</b></p> <p>9:30 Each tour group leaves hotel</p> <p>15:00 Return to hotel</p> <p><b>15:30 Witness testimony of the Bombing</b></p> <p><b>16:45 Workshop 3</b></p> <p>18:00 Dinner</p> <p><b>19:00 Monument tour</b></p> <p><b>20:30 Evening prayers</b></p> <p><b>20:45 Orientation for the optional tours on the following day</b></p>	<p>7:30 Breakfast</p> <p>Check out by 8:30 if you are to leave without joining optional programs</p> <p><b>8:30 Workshop 4</b></p> <p><b>10:30 Sharing messages</b></p> <p><b>11:30 Closing</b></p> <p>12:00 Send-off if not remaining for optional programs</p> <hr/> <p>12:00 Lunch for participants who join optional tours</p> <p><b>12:30 Leave for optional tours</b></p> <p>1. Miyajima, World Heritage Site</p> <p>2. U.S. base in Iwakuni</p> <p>20:00 Return to hotel</p>	<p>7:30 Breakfast</p> <p>Check out by 9:00 ⇒Send-off</p>

<Program Explanation >

(1) Icebreaker and workshop 1

(2) Peace Memorial Museum

Photo panels, maps, victim’s belongings, and wreckage showing the degree of destruction are displayed. Earphone guides are available in different languages.

(3) Field Trips

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 bombsite which suffered the Atomic Bomb. One out of 4 courses below can be chosen per their request.

Course 1: Touring the City Center around Hiroshima Castle

The area around the Hiroshima Castle used to accommodate important military facilities of Japanese Imperial Army. This tour will visit the former Military headquarter of Chugoku District, 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 for the Atomic Bomb.

★The tour goes to:

Reference Room on Radiation at Hiroshima Teishin Hospital, Army Cadet School’s Gatepost, Monument

of Infantry Corps No.11, Remains of the Military Headquarter, underground communication room of the Military Headquarter of Chugoku District, and more

#### Course 2: Churches and Peace Tour

Participants will explore roles of Christianity in seeking the world peace in the post-atomic bombed Hiroshima through visits to Nagarekawa Church where there is a wooden cross which was exposed to the Atomic Bomb, and the Memorial Cathedral for World Peace. The Memorial Cathedral for World Peace was built with mourning for the victims of Atomic Bombing and wishes for peace, thanks to the donations from all over the world called out by German reverend, Hugo Lasalle, which contributed to the reconstruction of Hiroshima. In 2006, it was designed as an Important Cultural Properties with Peace Memorial Museum for the first time as architecture built after the Second World War.

★The tour goes to:

Nagarekawa Church, Memorial Cathedral for World Peace, and more

#### Course 3: Walk in Hiroshima of “*The Summer Flower*” by Tamiki Hara

“Survived in midst of the tragedy caused by the atomic bombing, someone forced me and even my literatures out since then. I wanted to record vivid landscapes that I have seen with my own eyes even if it killed me...” Tamiki Hara, a poet and well evaluated as a writer of the most beautiful prose in Japanese literature. The tour will trace the footage back to the time of atomic bombing, recorded in “*The Summer Flower*” with Tamiki’s nephew, Tokihiko Hara.

★The tour goes to:

The birthplace of Tamiki Hara (Nobori-chyo), Kyobashi river bank (radiation willow), Sakae-bashi Bridge, Shukkeien Garden, Toshogu, Memorial Cathedral for World Peace, and more

\* *Participants of the course 3 should be able to have good Japanese language skills as it includes reading a literature in Japanese.*

#### Course 4: Journey of Korean victims and Survivors

The victims of the Bombing were not only Japanese but also many foreign citizens. Among them there were many Koreans. Many of them were forced laborers at the Mitsubishi Shipyard. Why? What happened to them after the bombing?

★The tour goes to:

Hiroshima Christian Social Welfare Center, and more

#### **(4) Witness Testimony of the Bombing**

Witness Testimony by: Ms. Satsuko Ito

She was in grade six and exposed to radiation at the suburbs area of Hiroshima city. She engaged herself in the rescue activities for the evacuees afterwards.

#### **(5) Monument Tour**

We will tour the Atomic Bomb Dome, Statue of Sadako (Child of Hiroshima), Atomic Bomb Memorial Tower, and the Memorial Monument for the Korean Victims of the Atomic Bomb.

#### **(6) Workshops 2-4**

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

#### **<Optional Programs>**

Those who wish to participate in the optional tour will stay for an additional day, until 12<sup>th</sup> August. Participants can choose one of the following courses.

#### **Tour 1: Tour to Miyajima, World Heritage Site**

This will be a relaxing tour on your own. You can visit the famous Itsukushima Shrine and the temples such as the Five-storied Pagoda. In the evening, we will be back in Hiroshima city center and enjoy Hiroshima's special *Okonomiyaki* (savory pancakes with noodles, meat, seafood and vegetables). In addition to that, we are planning a boat ride from Peace Memorial Park to Miyajima, from main river and Motoyasu river located within Hiroshima city to Hiroshima bay. (limited to first 30 applicants)

## **Tour 2: Visit to the U.S. Base in Iwakuni**

The city of Iwakuni lies in the Eastern end of Yamaguchi Prefecture, about 50 minutes away from Hiroshima by train. It is a historical city with a castle where samurai Clan of Kikkawa resided. Meanwhile, 1/3 of its central area of present Iwakuni is occupied by U.S. Marine and the Japanese Self-Defense Force stations. In 2012, the cutting edge but controversial transport aircraft, Osprey was forcibly installed in Iwakuni, and it has been flying at the very low since then. Participants will learn and discuss influences which those military bases bring to civilian life together. They will enjoy *Okonomiyaki* dinner too.



### **<Overseas Participants include:>**

- Guests from YWCA of Korea and China
- International students residing in Japan

### **<Eligibility>**

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

### **<Maximum number of participants>**

80 (registration will be closed when reaching a quorum)

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

- Junior/ Senior High school students  
2 night: JPY 22,000/ 3 nights with optional tour: JPY 32,000  
Residents of Hiroshima who do not need lodgings: JPY 11,000 without optional tour
- College/ University/ Graduate school students  
2 nights: JPY 25,000/ 3 nights with optional tour: JPY 36,000  
Residents of Hiroshima who do not need lodging: JPY 15,000 without optional tour
- Non-student adults  
2 nights: JPY 29,000/ 3 nights: with optional tour: JPY 39,000  
Residents of Hiroshima who do not need lodging: JPY 20,000 without optional tour

\*1 Fees include costs of activities, accommodations, meals, field trip and insurance.

\*2 Transportation to Hiroshima is not included in the above fees.

### **<How to apply>**

(1) Please fill out the application form, and send it by fax, post or e-mail to YWCA of Japan.

(2) Application deadline: July 11, 2016 (Monday).

(3) Fees are to be prepared by postal transfer before July 22 (Friday)

Postal transfer number: 00170-7-23723 YWCA of Japan

※Please indicate "Hiroshima" in the memo space.

※Contact us for payment from overseas.

(4) Cancellation

1. Cancellation before August 1 (Monday): Fee except recitation fee (JPY 5,000) will be refunded.

2. Cancellation on and after August 2 (Tuesday): No refund

## Scholarship Opportunities

### 1. Youth Participants in the areas affected by the Great East Japan and the Kumamoto Earthquake

\* We offer financial support of JPY 10,000 to youth participants (applicable from junior high school students up to 25 years old) from the areas affected by the Great East Japan and the Kumamoto earthquake.

\* Capacity: maximum of 10 persons in order of application

### 2. Foreign Students residing in Japan

\* Financial support of JPY 10,000 is available to foreign students residing in Japan.

\* Capacity: maximum of 5 persons in order of application

Please contact us as below for the details.



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### <Contact and Application>

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