



Pilgrimage to Hiroshima 2017

- “Roots of Peace” from HIROSHIMA-

Program Description

August 9th (Wed) - August 11th (Fri)
at Hiroshima City Bunka Koryu Kaikan



This program presents an opportunity to think about peace through listening to a testimony of an atomic bomb survivor, fieldwork, visits to memorial monuments, exchange session and workshops, with participants from different age groups, including exchange students and guests from China and Korea.

The theme for this year is “Roots of Peace’ from HIROSHIMA”. “Hiroshima”, the name of the city where this program takes place, can be written down in a number of different ways: 広島; ヒロシマ; 広島; ひろしま; HIROSHIMA. Each way of writing bears a different meaning and different will of different people. Why is it written in so many ways? What are the meanings that were put into them? Join this program and find out!

This program will provide an experience to a new awareness and learning. Let us think and discuss together, and work together to create a world where everyone can live happily as themselves.

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>

August 9 (Tue)	August 10 (Wed)	August 11 (Thu)	August 12 (Fri)
12:30 Meet up at the venue 13:00 Opening 13:30-15:00 Icebreaker and workshop 1 15:15-17:00 Peace Memorial Museum visit 17:00 Arrival at hotel 17:30 Dinner 18:15 Workshop 2 19:45 Friendship party 20:45 Orientation for the field trips on the following day	7:00 Breakfast 8:30 Each tour group leaves hotel 14:30 Return to hotel 15:30 Witness testimony of the Bombing 16:45 Workshop 3 17:45 Dinner 18:45 Monument tour 20:15 Evening prayers 20:30 Orientation for the optional tours on the following day	7:00 Breakfast Check out by 8:30 if you are to leave without joining optional programs 8:30 Workshop 4 10:30 Sharing messages 11:30 Closing 12:00 Send-off if not remaining for optional programs 12:00 Lunch for participants who join optional tours 12:30 Leave for optional tours 1. Miyajima, World Heritage Site 2. U.S. base in Iwakuni 20:00 Return to hotel	7:00 Breakfast Check out by 9:00 ⇒Send-off

<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, etc.

Course 2: Hiroshima, Told by Junior High and High School Students

Hiroshima Jogakuin Junior and Senior High School is a women's Christian school, founded and developed by the kinship and prayers of a church in the United States. Yet, it lost all its facilities and the precious lives of more than 350 students and teachers, by the Atomic Bomb dropped by the same country. The worst casualties were among the youngest students, who were 13 to 14 years old. Why do you think this is?

Hiroshima Jogakuin Junior and Senior High School has an enthusiastic program based on this tragic experience of the Atomic Bomb. In this fieldwork course, students currently studying in this school will provide guidance and introduction to memorial monuments in the school as well as the programs they hold there.

★The tour includes:

Guidance to memorial monuments within and outside Hiroshima Jogakuin Junior and Senior High School by students, explanation of the school's experience of the Atomic Bomb and the peace activity put forward by students, etc.

Course 3: Walk in Hiroshima in Memory 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 is a poet and well evaluated as a writer of the most beautiful prose in Japanese literature, who wrote about his experience of the Atomic Bomb. The tour will trace his footage back to the time of Atomic Bombing, recorded in "The Summer Flower".

★The tour goes to:

The birthplace of Tamiki Hara (Nobori-cho), Kyobashi river bank (willow tree affected by the Atomic Bomb), Sakae-bashi Bridge, Shukkeien Garden, Toshogu, Memorial Cathedral for World Peace, etc.

* *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

Was it only the Japanese who suffered from the Atomic Bomb? The answer is No, there were many foreign citizens who were exposed to the Bomb. In Hiroshima at that time, there were many people who were brought to Japan for forced labor. There were also people who left their homeland which was colonized by Japan, and came to Hiroshima in search of success.

Why did the Korean people have to suffer from the Atomic Bomb? What happened to them afterwards? Let us think together.

★The tour goes to:

Hiroshima Christian Social Welfare Center, etc.

(4) Witness Testimony of the Bombing

Witness Testimony by: Mr. Yuji Egusa

He was exposed to the Atomic Bombing in Kanawajima, where he was working as a part of student mobilization. He then engaged in the rescue activities for the evacuees.

(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

The workshops aim to share and deepen among groups the impressions and thoughts after listening to stories and going

to the Peace Memorial Museum. 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 12th 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).



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 very low altitude, over the heads of citizens since then. Participants will learn and discuss influences which those military bases bring to civilian life together. You can enjoy *Okonomiyaki* dinner too.

<Overseas Participants include:>

- Guests from the National Council of YWCAs of China and the National YWCA of Korea
- 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 maximum number is reached)

<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 30,000/ 3 nights: with optional tour: JPY 40,000
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 10, 2017 (Monday).
- (3) Fees are to be prepared by postal transfer before July 21 (Friday)
Postal transfer number: 00170-7-23723 YWCA of Japan
※Please indicate “Pilgrimage to 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

- * 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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