



Pilgrimage to Hiroshima 2018

- Do you really know HIROSHIMA? -

Program Description

August 9th (Thu) - August 11th (Sat)
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 international guests.

The theme for this year is: “Do you really know 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. “広島” was a name as a former military city which bore a significant role in Japan’s invasion of other Asian countries. “ヒロシマ” represents the state of the city being internationally known for its history as a target of the Atomic Bomb in 1945. This history makes people think about peace. In this land, we wish to think about the “past”, “present” and “future” of Hiroshima.

Host: YWCA of Japan

Support: Hiroshima YWCA, Kure YWCA

<DATES>

August 9 (Thursday) – 10 (Friday)/ With optional tour: August 9 (Wednesday) – 12 (Sunday)

<VENUE-LODGING>

Hiroshima City Bunka Kaikan

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<SCHEDULE>

August 9 (Thu)	August 10 (Fri)	August 11 (Sat)	August 12 (Sun)
12:30 Meet up at the venue 13:00 Opening 13:45-14:30 Workshop 1 14:45-16:15 Peace Memorial Museum visit 16:30- Monument tour 17:45 Arrival at hotel 18:00 Dinner 19:00 Workshop 2 and Friendship party 20:45 Orientation for the field trips on the following day	7:00 Breakfast 8:00- Each tour group leaves hotel (time depending on group) 14:30 Return to hotel 15:30 Witness testimony of the Bombing 17:45 Dinner 18:30 Workshop 3 20:30 Evening prayers 20:45 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) 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.

(2) 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 5 courses below can be chosen per 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 of 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.

Course 5: Exploring the Present and Future, through the Past of Kure City

Are the present and the future of Japan really "peaceful"? This tour visits wartime remnants in Kure city, a former military port nearby Hiroshima. The sites include a former underground factory site, a former shipbuilding dock which built the battleship "Yamato", and a navy dockyard- remains of the Japanese military which victimized other Asian countries during the Asia-Pacific War. Through the tour, we will explore how Japan designs its future, and what kind of life was experienced during WWII by the citizens of Kure as well as those who were taken from their own countries either forcibly or came in search of jobs. Then we will observe the current Kure base of Japanese Self Defense Forces, and think about the future. This tour will provide experiences which can only be gained in a city with a military base.

★The tour goes to:

Ourasaki Park, Submarine base, "History Viewing Hill", 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 1-4

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 World YWCA, 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 nights: 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 17, 2018 (Tuesday).

(3) Fees are to be prepared by postal transfer before July 20 (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 July 31 (Tuesday): Fee except recitation fee (JPY 5,000) will be refunded.

2. Cancellation on and after August 1 (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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