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PRESS RELEASE

Peace Boat and ICAN: Celebrating the Nobel Peace Prize

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons. Japan-based NGO Peace Boat has worked closely with ICAN since its early years, and serves as the ICAN anchor in Japan, coordinating advocacy within the country.

Mr. Kawasaki Akira, Peace Boat Executive Committee Member, served as Co-Chair of ICAN from August 2012 to June 2014. In July 2014, ICAN adopted a flat structure with no permanent individual chairs, and since then Peace Boat has been one of 10 organizations forming ICAN's International Steering Group, represented by Mr. Kawasaki. Peace Boat played a significant role in negotiations to strengthen the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

On 10 December 2017, the official Nobel Peace Prize award ceremony will take place in Oslo, Norway. A Peace Boat delegation led by Mr. Kawasaki will attend the ceremony and the related official programme. In parallel, to mark this occasion Peace Boat is organizing a visit to Oslo by a group of approximately 30 atomic bomb survivors who will participate in numerous civil society events aiming to raise awareness of the need to abolish nuclear weapons. Several press conferences and public events on this theme organized by Peace Boat will also be taking place around this time in Tokyo.

Upcoming Events in Tokyo

4 December: Hidankyo Press Conference

Time: From 13:00

Venue: Hidankyo Office (Gable Bldg. #902, 1-3-5 Shiba-Daimon, Minato-ku)

Atomic bomb survivors Mr. Tanaka Terumi and Mr. Fujimori Toshiki from Nagasaki and Hiroshima will be speaking.

6 December: Pre-Oslo Press Conference

Time: From 18:00

Venue: Peace Boat Centre Tokyo (3-13-1-B1 Takadanobaba, Shinjuku-ku)

Prior to his departure to Oslo with the delegation of atomic bomb survivors, Mr. Kawasaki will introduce details of the programme in Oslo, and discuss the significance of ICAN being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

7 December: Press Conference for Departure Tour

Flight Information: Departing from Narita at 22:00, flight EK-319

Venue: Narita Airport, Terminal 2, 3rd floor (International)

A press conference will be held at Narita Airport prior to the departure of the tour to Oslo.

Mr. Kawasaki will be flying separately from Haneda Airport at 23:50 from Terminal 1, flight AF-293.



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10 December: Nobel Peace Prize Award Ceremony - Public Viewing

Time: 20:30 – 23:00

Venue: Peace Boat Centre Tokyo (3-13-1-B1 Takadanobaba, Shinjuku-ku)

Peace Boat will hold a celebration screening the Nobel Peace Prize award ceremony live from Oslo. There will be speeches from Mr. Miyake Nobuo (Hiroshima atomic bomb survivor) and Mr. Hayashida Mitsuhiro (activist and campaign leader of the Hibakusha Appeal). Drinks will be available for purchase.

15 December: Post-Oslo Press Conference

Time: 13:30 – 14:30

Venue: Zenkoku Fujin Kaikan (1-17-7 Shibuya, Shibuya-ku)

Mr. Kawasaki, together with atomic bomb survivors, will discuss their activities in Oslo at the time of the Nobel Peace Prize award ceremony.

Relevant documents, including the full programme of related events in Oslo and those in which Japanese civil society and Hibakusha will be participating, profiles, photographs, press releases and background information will be made accessible through the following link:

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