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PRESS RELEASE

ICAN Executive Director Beatrice Fihn Visits Japan

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 and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons."

ICAN's Executive Director, Ms. Beatrice Fihn, at the invitation of the University of Nagasaki, is visiting Japan from 12 January 2018 to participate in a series of events in Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Tokyo to highlight the urgent need for global nuclear disarmament. Taking place in Tokyo on 16 January 2018, the following events include a press conference, discussion with representatives of each Japanese political party and the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a symposium with Mr. Kawasaki Akira, Peace Boat Executive Committee Member and ICAN International Steering Group Member and other special guests to be announced.

Ms. Fihn will use this opportunity to discuss the significance of the nuclear question in relation to Japanese society, as well as the reasons behind the Japanese government's reluctance to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, despite Japan being the only country to have suffered a wartime nuclear attack.

Events in Tokyo on Tuesday, 16 January

Debate with Representatives of Each Political Party

- **Time:** 14:00-15:30
 - **Venue:** International Conference Room, First Members' Office Building of the House of Representatives
 - **Programme** (with simultaneous interpretation):
 - Report from Beatrice Fihn
 - Report from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Sato Masahisa, State Minister for Foreign Affairs
 - Opinions from each political party – LDP: Takemi Keizo (TBC), Komeito: Yamaguchi Natsuo, CDPJ: Fukuyama Tetsuro (TBC), DP: Okada Katsuya, Hope: Ide Yosei, CPJ: Shii Kazuo, Ishin: Asada Hitoshi (TBC), SDP: Fukushima Mizuho, Liberal: TBC, Okinawa: Itokazu Keiko **Please contact if further details required*
 - Discussion
 - **Media inquiries:** Please contact Peace Boat on 03-3363-8047 or pbglobal@peaceboat.gr.jp
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Press Conference

- **Venue:** Japan National Press Club
 - **Time:** 16:00-17:00
 - **Programme** (with consecutive interpretation):
 - Speech by Beatrice Fihn (15 minutes including translation)
 - Q&A with the audience
 - **Details and registration (Japanese only):** <https://www.jnpc.or.jp/archive/conferences/35015/report>
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Public Symposium "How Can We Eliminate Nuclear Weapons? Let's Ask ICAN"

- **Time:** 19:00 to 21:00 (doors open at 18:30)
 - **Venue:** The National Olympics Memorial Youth Center, International Exchange Building 1F, International Meeting Room
 - **Speakers:** Beatrice Fihn, ICAN Executive Director and Kawasaki Akira, Peace Boat Executive Committee Member / ICAN International Steering Group Member (with interpretation) – other guests TBC
 - **Participation fee :** JPY 1000 (cash payment at entrance)
 - **Registration for this event is required.** Please call Peace Boat on 03-3363-7561 (Mon– Fri, 10:00–18:00) to register. Registration will close at 18:00 on 15 January.
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