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Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World
Peace Boat Hibakusha Project

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2018 Peace Boat Hibakusha Project
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～From Banning to Abolishing Nuclear Weapons
With the Power of Civil Society～
Project Outline

●**Overview:**

The Japan-based international NGO Peace Boat has coordinated “Global Voyages for a Nuclear Free World: Peace Boat Hibakusha Project” since 2008. To date, over 170 *Hibakusha* (survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki) have participated in this project, travelling around the world to call for a nuclear-free future. The upcoming Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World (8 May 2018-21 August 2018) will set sail from Yokohama this spring. It will be the first such voyage since the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On this voyage, two Hibakusha (one from Hiroshima and another from Nagasaki) and one 2nd Generation Hibakusha will visit 25 ports in 24 countries, where they will share their testimony as a means to call for nuclear abolition. In addition, the Nobel Peace Prize medal and diploma awarded to ICAN will also travel onboard the ship, and be shared with local participants in testimony sessions and events held around the world. The Hibakusha joining this voyage will act as “Special Communicators for a World without Nuclear Weapons” as accredited by the Japanese Government.

●**Objectives:**

The theme of this voyage will be “From Banning to Abolishing Nuclear Weapons with the Power of Civil Society”. Last year saw a historical step forward towards a world free of nuclear weapons. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was passed at the UN last July, and in December ICAN was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of its efforts that contributed to the advent of this treaty. Nuclear weapons have now been declared illegal thanks to the efforts of civil society. However, the nuclear weapons states are not willing to face up to this reality. There are also many nations who, while they do not have nuclear weapons of their own, rely heavily upon them. This makes it even more important to ensure the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons comes into legal force, and the full abolition of these weapons. It is vital that we spread the word about the devastating impacts of these weapons on humans and society. This is the global responsibility of Japan as a nation that has experienced the use of nuclear weapons. We must never repeat the mistakes of the past.

●**Duration:**

Tuesday May 8, 2018 - Tuesday August 21, 2018 (106 days).
Departs from and returns to Yokohama (part of Peace Boat's 98th Global Voyage)

●**Organizer:**

Peace Boat

●**Participating Hibakusha:**

Two (1 from Hiroshima and 1 from Nagasaki; 1 male and 1 female)
Mr UEDA Koji (Hiroshima) and Ms KURAMORI Terumi (Nagasaki)

●**Participating 2nd Generation Hibakusha/Legacy Messenger:**

Ms SHINAGAWA Kaori (2nd generation Hibakusha from Hiroshima)

●**Supported by:**

Hiroshima City, Nagasaki City, Mayors for Peace, Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo), Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, Nagasaki Foundation for the Promotion of Peace.

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