



## ヒバクシャ地球一周 証言の航海 Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World Peace Boat Hibakusha Project

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### Peace Boat Voyage 117 Hibakusha Project Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World : Beyond Borders and Generations

#### Participants' Profiles

##### ■ Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors)



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##### **Ms TANAKA Toshiko**

*Hiroshima survivor (exposed to a-bomb at age 6), born on Oct 18, 1938  
Hiroshima City, Hiroshima Prefecture*

Ms Tanaka was exposed to the atomic bomb while on her way to school, 2.3km from the hypocenter. She covered her face with her right arm at the time without thinking, and therefore suffered burns to her head, right arm and the back left side of her neck. She had a high fever from that night and lost consciousness, but was somehow able to survive. She has travelled to the United States ten times in the past seven years, including on invitation of the “Hibakusha Stories” project in New York, and has given testimony to many people in the US.

To celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace in 2020, five U.S. gardens have raked “patterns for peace” into their *karesansui* (Japanese style garden). The patterns were designed by Tanaka Toshiko.



##### **Mr OGAWA Tadayoshi**

*Nagasaki survivor (exposed to a-bomb at age of 1), born on March 22, 1944  
Nagasaki City, Nagasaki Prefecture*

The day the bomb was dropped, he had been evacuated outside of the city, however, he was exposed to radiation when his family returned to Nagasaki one week later

to check on their home. He does not have any direct memory of being exposed to the bomb, however he participated in a Peace Boat voyage in 2012 to pass on the testimonies of the atomic bomb survivors to future generations. Mr Ogawa is an amateur photographer, and is active collecting pictures taken every year on August 9 at two minutes past eleven, the time the bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Last year, Ogawa collected 200 pictures from Nagasaki and around the world and is aiming to collect 1,000 pictures at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombing.

##### ■ Youth Communicator



##### **Ms HUANG Rongyuan**

Born in China, Rongyuan has studied in Japan and now lives in the United States. She has visited both Hiroshima and Pearl Harbor, and realized that there are different values regarding war, the atomic bombings and historical perceptions, including those of her own country. She decided to take part in the programme to support linguistic and cultural bridging between diverse Peace Boat participants from Asian countries and the A-bomb survivors. and to convey the importance of respecting each other and acknowledging differences of opinion.



**Mr Joel Naoki CHRISTOPH**

Born to French and Japanese parents, Joel has lived in Europe, Asia and North America. He grew up hearing the stories of Hibakusha, as well as survivors of the Holocaust, wars and genocides. He decided to commit himself to promoting global peace and mutual understanding and eventually alleviating the suffering of others. He participated in the G7 Youth Summit in 2023 and the Hiroshima-ICAN Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security in 2020, where he actively studied and discussed atomic bomb testimonies and nuclear weapons. He is also a PhD researcher who has published on nuclear and digital issues and public international law, and director of a non-profit organization that helps higher education students find influential research topics.

He is multilingual in French, English, Japanese, Dutch, German and Spanish. Travelling around the world with A-bomb survivors, he aims to build bridges to enable discussions that transcend national borders and generations.

■ **Project Guest Educators**



**Mr TANAKA Terumi**

*Co-chair of the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations, Chairman of the Saitama Prefecture Atomic Bomb Survivors Association*

Born on April 29, 1932, in northeastern China (formerly Manchuria), Tanaka Terumi graduated from the Department of Physics at the Tokyo University of Science. He holds a Doctor of Engineering. In 1938, due to the death of his father, he moved to Nagasaki where his parents' older sisters lived. On August 9, 1945, while in his first year at Nagasaki Prefectural Junior High School, he was exposed to the atomic bomb at a distance of 3.2 kilometers from the epicenter. The lives of five family members of two aunts who were near the epicenter were taken instantly, and his maternal aunt was cremated in a field. Since 1972, he has been involved in the Hibakusha movement, serving as an officer of the Miyagi Prefecture A-bomb Victims Association and the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo), and has been the Secretary-General of the Nihon Hidankyo Secretariat since June 2000. Since June 2017, he has been a Co-chair of the Nihon Hidankyo.



**Ms Mary DICKSON**

*Playwright and Downwinder*

Award-winning writer/playwright Mary Dickson is a downwinder and thyroid cancer survivor from Salt Lake City, Utah who is an internationally recognized advocate for survivors of nuclear weapons testing. She has written and spoken widely about the human toll of nuclear weapons at conferences and forums in the United States and Japan. For the past four years she has worked with downwinders, uranium miners, and a coalition of national advocacy groups to advance legislation in the U.S. Congress to expand compensation for victims of nuclear weapons testing and production. She has been interviewed in a variety of documentaries, and her play 'Exposed' received critical acclaim and has been produced around the U.S. as a staged reading. In 2012 she was honored by the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability for her lifetime work on behalf of those harmed by nuclear testing.