



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

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10th “Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World: Peace Boat Hibakusha Project”

--- For we shall not repeat the evil: Civil society banning nuclear weapons---

Project Overview

● Overview

The Japan-based international NGO Peace Boat has coordinated the “Global Voyage 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 joined this project and travelled around the world to give their testimony and appeal for a nuclear-free world. This April, the 10th such project will depart from the port of Yokohama, Japan to travel around the world (April 12, 2017 (Wed) – July 25, 2017 (Tues)).

On this voyage, three Hibakusha (two from Hiroshima, one from Nagasaki) will visit 23 ports in 22 countries around the world, where they will share their testimony of the experiences of the atomic bombing and appeal for nuclear weapons abolition. They will be joined by two second generation Hibakusha. While second generation Hibakusha do not have direct experience of the atomic bombings, they are experienced in sharing testimony through the stories of their family members, and training conducted by the City of Hiroshima. Furthermore, two “Youth Communicators for a Nuclear-Free World” will also join the delegation, actively working towards the realization of a nuclear-free world. These participants are all to be officially designated by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs as “Special Communicators for a World without Nuclear Weapons” and “Youth Communicators for a World without Nuclear Weapons” respectively.

● Objectives

The theme of this voyage is “For we shall not repeat the evil: Civil society banning nuclear weapons.” Building upon the international momentum regarding the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons, negotiations for a treaty banning these weapons will begin in March 2017 at the United Nations. The voices of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are now linking to global rules. Yet, the current world situation remains unpredictable. With Hibakusha now more than 80 years old in average, memories of the atomic bombs and war are fading. Nuclear proliferation is progressing, and the cycle of conflict and violence continues. States are becoming more inward-looking, rather than seeking international cooperation. As we lose those who have experienced the suffering of World War II, dangerous trends towards war and militarism are beginning to appear. Through sharing the voices and experiences of the Hibakusha, countries around the world will be called upon to participate in and contribute to the negotiations for a treaty banning nuclear weapons. In ports around the world and also onboard Peace Boat, signatures will also be collected for the “Hibakusha Appeal,” the Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivor-led signature campaign calling for an international treaty to ban and eliminate nuclear weapons.



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- **Duration**

April 12, 2017 (Wed) – July 25, 2017 (Tues) (Total 105 days)
Departing from and returning to the port of Yokohama, Japan
(Onboard Peace Boat's 94th Global Voyage for Peace)

- **Organizer**

Peace Boat

- **Participating Hibakusha: Three (Two from Hiroshima/one from Nagasaki, one male/two female)**

Mr MISE Seiichiro (Nagasaki), Ms TANAKA Toshiko (Hiroshima), Ms TSUCHIDA Kazumi
(Hiroshima)

- **Participating 2nd Generation Hibakusha/Legacy Messengers: Two**

Ms YAMAMURA Norie (2nd Generation, Hiroshima), Ms SUNAHARA Yukiko (2nd Generation,
Hiroshima)

- **Participating Youth: Two**

Ms SUZUKI Keina (Kanagawa Prefecture), Ms ENDO Ayumi (Kanagawa Prefecture)

- **Supported by**

City of Hiroshima / City of Nagasaki / 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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