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Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World
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 is an international steering group member of the 2017 Nobel Peace Laureate, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). 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 100th Global Voyage will depart from Japan in December 2018, and during this voyage Ms Watanabe Junko, a Hiroshima atomic bomb survivor living in Brazil, will join the ship together with Youth Communicator Ms Moriyama Kei, to together appeal for nuclear weapons abolition during the voyage. The Nobel Peace Prize medal and diploma awarded to ICAN (official replicas) will be also travelling onboard, and as the ship visits 17 ports in 14 countries, events sharing testimony of the atomic bombing and appealing for nuclear weapons abolition will be held around the world.

●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 adopted at the UN in July 2017, and in December of the same year 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:

December 26, 2018 (Wednesday) – March 31, 2019 (Sunday) (96 days)

Departs from and returns to Yokohama (Peace Boat's 100th Global Voyage)

●Organizer: Peace Boat

●Participating Hibakusha: Ms WATANABE Junko (Hiroshima)

●Participating Youth Communicator: Ms MORIYAMA Kei (third generation Hiroshima Hibakusha)



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Participant Profiles

■ Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivor)



Ms WATANABE Junko

Hibakusha of Hiroshima. Born on November 28, 1942.

Ms Watanabe was 2 years old at the time of the bombing, and now lives in Brazil.

Ms Watanabe experienced the black rain following the atomic bombing of Hiroshima when she was 2 years old, 18km from the hypocenter. After marrying, she moved to Brazil in 1967. She learned from her parents that she was a Hibakusha when she returned to Hiroshima at the age of 38. Ms Watanabe joined the Brazil Hibakusha Peace Association in 2003, and is now involved as a board member. She has been involved in various negotiations with the Government of Japan to call for relief to be provided without discrimination to survivors both in and outside of Japan, and has been active in Brazil giving testimony and carrying out exchanges with people affected by radiation. She has joined the Peace Boat Hibakusha Project three times in the past, giving testimony around the world.

■ Youth Communicator



MORIYAMA Kei

Born in Hiroshima, Kei currently lives in Tokyo and is 25 years old.

As a third-generation Hibakusha, Kei has been involved in peace activities since a very young age. When she was in high school she was a member of the theatre club, and created her own original play every year on the theme of the atomic bombing. She has performed these on the anniversary of August 6 at the Hiroshima Peace Park., and received awards for her work. She continued her involvement in theatre at university, and after graduation created the theatre unit "aomusi." She focuses on "memory" and "words," performing theatre on anti-war and anti-nuclear themes.

* Ages listed are at the time of voyage departure (December 26, 2018).