

OUR GOALS

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Ever since our foundation in April 2012 we have, thanks to the generous support of many, achieved substantial results and matured in our role as “the only research institution in the world to confront head-on the issue of abolishing nuclear weapons”. We intend to ensure these results continue through the basic policies outlined below.

The first policy is to become a group of researchers that disseminates information from Nagasaki to the world. By calmly analyzing the extremely confused world situation, we will address issues such as security frameworks that are not dependent on nuclear deterrence and the relationship between peaceful use of nuclear energy and nuclear non-proliferation.

The second policy is to work on building the political and diplomatic process, the “Nagasaki Process”, aimed at the denuclearization of Northeast Asia by becoming a core think tank for that purpose. As we reinforce our role as a think tank with deep local roots, we will strengthen our international collaboration and present feasible policy proposals.

The third policy is to work on developing human resources with the ability to address the nuclear problem in the global community. RECNA will publish an academic journal in English and a series of books about nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. We will train capable people who are not limited by the barriers between humanities and sciences and between practice and research. Located in Nagasaki, a city that was devastated by the atomic bomb, RECNA will pursue to become a “center of knowledge and wisdom”. The Center will be the birthplace of leaders for the next generation who will collaborate with global civil society, experts, and decision-makers. In this way we will continue our activities to realize a world that is free of nuclear weapons.

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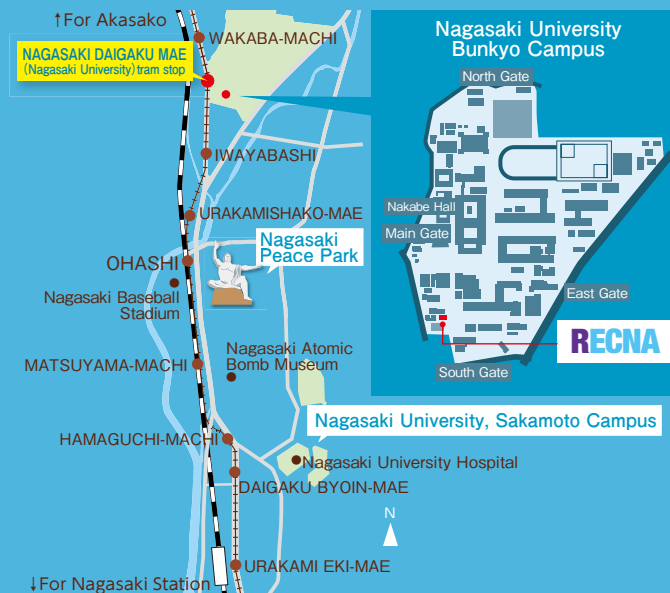
From Nagasaki Station

Get on a tram at Nagasaki Eki-Mae station. (for the destination AKASAKO) and get off at Nagasaki Daigaku-Mae station.



From Nagasaki Airport

Get on a highway bus(ken-ei) at the airport (#4 spot) (for Nagasaki via Showa-machi/Urakami), and get off at Chodai Higashi-mon-Mae bus stop.



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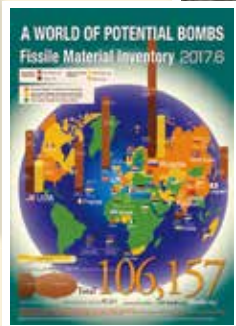
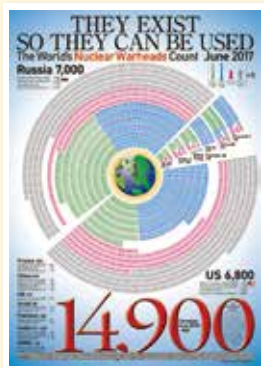
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WHAT WE DO

RECNA's Activities

1. Publicizing Research and Information

RECNA's activities include the organization and analysis of information and material that can help the effort to abolish nuclear weapons and the maintenance of a system for interested citizens to freely access such information and material.

■ Monitoring of International Conferences

Staff attend conferences related to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation issues where they analyze trends in discussions during the conferences. Through blogs and other media, newly acquired information is provided to the Japanese people on a practically real-time basis.

■ Creation of a Citizen Database

A database is being created to provide documents and material in both Japanese and English about nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation issues, including data on nuclear warheads and fissile material around the world, documents from the United Nations, and government policies of various countries.

2. Research and Policy Proposals

As a think tank for citizens in response to the pledge of "Let Nagasaki be the last", RECNA is advancing research towards realizing security that is not dependent on nuclear weapons. This research will support concrete policy proposals for the Japanese government and the global community.

■ Contributing to the "Nagasaki Process" Aimed at Realizing the Denuclearization of Northeast Asia

The Panel on Peace and Security of Northeast Asia (PSNA) was established in order to contribute to the "Nagasaki Process" that aims to create a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in Northeast Asia (NEA-NWFZ). PSNA, which is made up of researchers from countries including South Korea, the United States, China, Russia, Australia and Mongolia, will work on making concrete policy proposals that will foster efforts globally towards nuclear disarmament, and to improve the security environment of Northeast Asia, including Japan.

■ A Think Tank for the Community

Nagasaki Prefecture, Nagasaki City and Nagasaki University created the PCU-Nagasaki Council for the abolition of nuclear weapons in October 2012. The Chairman is Prof. Susumu Shirabe, Vice President and Special Aide to the President of Nagasaki University. RECNA collaborates with the council and promotes various activities for citizens including public lectures.

3. Education and Development of Human Resources

Hibakusha, atomic bomb survivors, are becoming older and older so it is vital that young people, who will lead the next generation, gain the ability to denounce the inhumanity of nuclear weapons in their own words, as well as acquire good judgment and ability to act as people responsible for realizing a world free of nuclear weapons. RECNA is developing human resources in the younger generation, focusing on university students.

■ Creation of an Educational Program about Nuclear Disarmament and Non-proliferation

Lectures titled "Toward a World Free of Nuclear Weapons" are being conducted as a course that every student at the university has to take regardless of their department. An educational program about nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation is now developed within the newly established Graduate School of Global Humanities and Social Science from 2018. RECNA publishes series of books and is now responsible for editing the newly published "Journal for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament" sponsored by Nagasaki University.

■ Nagasaki Youth Delegation Activities Support

Beginning 2013, every year members of the Nagasaki Youth Delegation, sponsored by the PCU-Nagasaki Council, attend international conferences on nuclear issues. RECNA is involved in all facets of planning and managing of this project including training prior to attending conferences, activities on-site, and activities following their return to Nagasaki.