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Riho Atsuta

Hello. I am Riho Atsuta from Kurume, Fukuoka. I came Nagasaki to enter Nagasaki University, and have been acting as a member of "Peace Caravan" . " Peace Caravan " is a group which is of university students, and presenting lectures about nuclear weapons to elementary school pupils, junior high school students and high school students. There are quite many differences about peace education between my hometown in Fukuoka and Nagasaki. I found that students in Nagasaki are thinking about atomic bomb as if it were about themselves. Sometimes, my friends as well as my family asked me "Do you really believe it is possible to abolish nuclear weapons?" I know there is a long and rough road to achieve it, however I expect that when we human beings cooperate each other, there must be a change in the world. That is the reason why I would never stop sending messages to the world.



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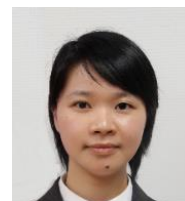
Kanji Uchihashi

My name is Kanji Uchihashi. I'm from Nagasaki. A book, titled "Introduction to Human security" makes me think that we have to make an effort to realize a world where every single person can live at peace. I found that there are many people out there who suffer from terror, conflict, hunger and poverty. Even though we live on the same planet and the same era, these things happen in some parts of this world, which makes me sad. I convince myself that I want to do something for those in need. Come to think of it, taking action for the world free of nuclear weapons is one way toward the peaceful world because nuclear weapons do threaten all of us as long as they exist. I want to be a man who plays an active part in the international community. To this end, I am going to do my best as a member of Nagasaki Youth Delegation.



Graduate School of Fisheries and Environmental Sciences, Nagasaki University, He Yunyan

My name is He Yunyan. I come from Fujian Province of China. My hometown is a small city lies on the foot of Wuyi Mountain. Wuyi



Mountain is listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List as both a cultural and natural site, and it is also known as the birth place of the black tea and oolong tea years ago. So it is natural for me to have interests in cultural aspects of a history of tea. As we know, there is a long history of cultural exchanges between Fujian and Nagasaki including those concerning tea. Following the footprint of Ingen (a monk of Linji Chan Buddhism from China) I came to Nagasaki 6 years ago.

Since I like to communicate with others, I take part in many activities positively, while I'm studying in Nagasaki as a foreign student. I noticed that not only the cultural exchange activities, but also the peace movements are prosperous in Nagasaki. Now I am doing a research about non-governmental peace movement in Nagasaki, and also the problem of foreign hibakusha. I think it is very important for all of us to understand that, Japan is the only nation on Earth to have been attacked by nuclear weapons, but the victims were not only Japanese.

In order to make a nuclear-weapons-free world come true, we should work together across the borders of racism, nativism, and ideology. Especially, we young generation should take the responsibility to build a world without nuclear weapon and war. I hope I can make a contribution to world peace and cultural exchange from now on.

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Sunao Takami

Hello! My name is Sunao Takami, a second year student of School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences of Nagasaki University. I was born in Tochigi Prefecture and came to Nagasaki in the spring of 2018 to enter the university.



I experienced the accident of the nuclear power plant in Fukushima in 2011 and I listened to the story from a Hibakusha in Nagasaki. That is why I got interested in the Nagasaki Youth Delegation.

Through the experience of the nuclear power plant accident, I really felt the “threat” of nukes.

“Nukes” may become nuclear weapons and we cannot see any radiation with our eyes. Nuclear is a threat and at the same time, very familiar for all the people in this world. And, as a part of a class, I listened a Hibakusha's story.

It was the first time for me to hear the story of Hibakusha and I was shocked by the

inhumanity of the atomic bomb. I think the voice of citizens is quite important to abolish the nuclear weapons.

I want to tell people the “threat” of nukes that I personally felt in 2011, the nukes surrounding us and the situation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki when the atomic bombs were dropped.

And, I want to meet people who have the same kind of interests from different countries and learn a lot of ways of thinking.

I will do my best.

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Saki Nagae



Hi, I am Saki Nagae, undergraduate student of School of Global Humanities and Social Science in Nagasaki University. This is my second time to be a member of Nagasaki Youth Delegation. Through the activities

I worked on as a member of previous 6th batch, I have realized that the memory of atomic bomb in Nagasaki is somewhat isolated from the rest of Japan, needless to say the rest of the world. We strongly believe this fact is a big obstacle for the world to regard the issues of Nuclear Weapons as their own problem though those should be considered by all human beings. I LOVE my family, I LOVE my friends always there for me and I LOVE foods. They are all over the world, but forced to live under the threat of large numbers of nuclear weapons. The problem of nuclear weapons is not only for those victimized in Nagasaki and Hiroshima, but for every creature living today on the earth. For me, nuclear weapon is not an issue like, “oh, I do not care, because my country doesn’t have any nuclear weapons, so it doesn’t matter” anymore. Same is true for the international community. I think there is no longer a point to talk about nuclear weapons issues from national positions, but we must talk about them as our own individual problem since we are all potential victims of nuclear weapons. I am going to share this idea with more and more people in the world this time.

Thanks to the efforts made by our predecessors and elder generations, I can enjoy my daily life and I firmly believe that it is our task to receive, keep and then forward historical steps toward the peace and nuclear disarmament. With so much excitement, I will “Keep Active and Change the World.” Thank you.

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Taiki Nakashima

I am Taiki Nakashima, a senior student of the School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University. This is the second time that I have been going along with tackle the problem of nuclear weapons abolition as a member of Nagasaki Youth Delegation. We hope to create something newly more based on beyond the outcomes we produced last time.



Last year, the Preparatory Committee meeting conference in Geneva made me realized how hard to achieve nuclear weapons free world, which is because we did not seem to I personally did not see any progress in nuclear disarmament as nuclear weapon states were reluctant to work for that. Someone would might think nuclear weapons free world is ultimately just an ideal theory.

However, it can be said that Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons has been gradually stepping forward, that legally binding framework for total elimination of nuclear weapons will enter in to force would legally promise elimination of nuclear weapons in the foreseeable future. Also, the participation attendance of youth from the world at the Committee meeting conference was worthy of admiration was a promising and encouraging sign for the future.

It is not that people are less likely to have an interest in such an issue as many people joined in Nagasaki Global Citizen's Assembly for Elimination of Nuclear Weapons last year. Of course, it would not be easy to realize nuclear weapons free world.

We, Nagasaki Youth delegation 7th members, will be seeking to work for nuclear weapons abolition and the future without them with you all.

School of Dentistry, Nagasaki University, Honoka Nakayama

I am Honoka Nakayama, a sophomore of Nagasaki University, and my major is dentistry.



I've grown up in Kanto area, which is far from Kyusyu area, then in order to go to the university, I came to Nagasaki. I enjoy the life in Nagasaki, but I was surprised to know how poor my knowledge about nuclear situation is. I took peace education in Kanto, but I felt that it was nothing to do with me personally. However, students in Nagasaki always offer silent prayers on August 9th. I strongly suppose that, as the only nuclear attacked country, solving the problem of educational gap between Hiroshima, Nagasaki and other area in Japan is really important.

Hibakusya, the people who experienced the situation under atomic bombings, are getting older year by year. In the future, we may not have the opportunities to listen to the stories from Hibakusya directly anymore. So it is necessary for us, young people, to try to retell the story.

We Nagasaki Youth Delegation have the tasks to know the fact, think, and convey the messages to the next generations. As the first step, I would like to transmit the information to Japan.

I will try to deepen the understanding of the world including international affairs.

School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University,

Urara Muta

I was born and raised in Nagasaki and received the peace education for every year. Actually, I always had the idea that “I’d like to help to build the peaceful world.” Despite my desire, I have never taken any action for that. Three years ago, I visited various international organizations, including the United Nations Headquarters in NY, and I had opportunities to exchange opinions with many people who were working there. At that time I realized that I wanted to take an active role in this youth delegation and transform my desire to action.

In near future, we will lose opportunity to hear the a-bomb survivors’ voice directly. I want to convey these voice of survivors to the next generation and make opportunities for as many people as possible to be interested in peace.

People overcome the many suffering and sadness caused by atomic bomb disaster, and now I rethink the meaning that I am now in the same place. And also I want to learn, think, and act from various angles. Through this youth activity, I want to grow up to be a person who can think for our future society with my NYD 7th member and the person who turn it into action, not just words.



School of Engineering, Nagasaki University, Daiki Yano

Hello, my name is Daiki Yano, a second year student at Nagasaki University and my major is engineering. I am glad to be accepted as a member of Nagasaki Youth delegation 7th. I want to make effort to



contribute to realizing the peaceful world. One of the reasons why I applied for Nagasaki Youth delegation is because my 90 years old grandmother is an atomic bombed survivor in Hiroshima prefecture. Although I was raised in Kanagawa prefecture, she told me the story of her experience since I was a little boy. She told me that she saw a man shouting that you would die if you would drink water not knowing what was going on at that time. I know it might be very hard for us living in an affluent society to understand such stories. However, we live in the world where there are still about 15,000 nuclear weapons. Now, I am wondering what we can do and how we can do in order to realize the peaceful world without nuclear weapons. Thinking about those things, I want to devote myself to the activities of Nagasaki Youth Delegation.