

Meeting Report regarding Mayors for Peace Support Program for “HIROSHIMA and PEACE“

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| Title of Event | Cosplayer Treff Hannover – Report Hiroshima & Peace |
| Date | 17/10/09 |
| Venue | Senioren Treff Herrenhausen |
| Attendants | Young Adults between 18 to 30 years old. |
| Number of Attendants | Approximately 15 persons |
| Summary of the meeting | <p>Attendees of the meeting were friends and members of the Hannover-Hiroshima Yukokai. I started the meeting with a short Video of my trip, to give them a rough timeline and leave them with an impression of Hiroshima, the people I met, and the wonderful experiences I was able to make. I proceeded to tell the message of the Hibakusha, because through that message, the reason why Hiroshima & Peace exists and why I am doing a presentation like this becomes clear. I continued by giving a simplified summary about the history of the atomic bombing on Hiroshima & Nagasaki and part of the consequences, told fragments of the Hibakusha Stories that left the biggest impression with me, talked about Mr. Hayashi and Hannovers responsibility, and finished my presentation by talking about atomic energy and weapons in the moment.</p> <p>During my presentation, people were able to ask further questions and add to it. Since we were only a small round of people, we were able to have a lively discussion afterwards. We talked about what was new knowledge to most of them, what were interesting angles and perspectives, and what we could do in Hannover to improve knowledge about nuclear energy, bombs and the message of Hiroshima and the Hibakusha. We decided to try to translate and print Hibakusha stories, to share them on the next Hanami in Hannover that is traditionally held in the cherry blossom grove, which consists of 110 trees that were planted in memory of the victims of the atomic bombing in Hiroshima.</p> |
| Notes (related materials, links, etc.) | Unfortunately, I forgot to take pictures/ ask someone to take pictures. I hope do to do a meeting similar to this again in the near future and will provide pictures then. |

*Please provide photos in a separate file.

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