

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

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Title of Event	“As lições de Hiroshima para vivermos em paz / Hiroshima’s lessons in living in peace”
Date	18/02/27
Venue	IPREVSANTOS - Santos City Institute of Social Security headquarters
Attendants	<p>12 Santos City public servants, among them:</p> <p>Mr. Rui Sérgio Gomes de Rosis Junior - President of IPREVSANTOS</p> <p>Mrs. Paula Franchi Quagliato Tringali, Head of Santos City International Affairs Office.</p> <p>Mrs. Fernanda Guedes – fifth-year law student and potential candidate for the 2018 Mayors for Peace Youth Exchange program. (UNIMONTE)</p> <p>Mrs. Giulia Espino Marquezini, fifth-year law students and potential candidates for 2018 Mayors for Peace Youth Exchange for Peace program (UNISANTOS)</p> <p>Mr. Gilson Alberto, a member of the civil society.</p>
Number of Attendants	Approximately 15 persons

<p>Summary of the meeting</p>	<p>Conveying personal experiences to others is always a tricky proposition. I had a feeling that retelling the time where I, a 29 year old Brazilian public servant and (at the time) Social Work undergraduate student spent eleven days in Hiroshima would be one the most challenging experiences in my workplace.</p> <p>Nevertheless, on February 27th, I held a meeting at the IPREVSANTOS headquarters with fellow coworkers and potential candidates for the 2018 Mayors for Peace Youth Exchange program.</p> <p>The main focus of the meeting was talking about how the HIROSHIMA & PEACE can be translated to the reality of Brazil, be it either in a professional setting or in a more macro, societal setting. I also talked how it helped me reaffirm my beliefs in working alongside others despite our differences. Mayors for Peace is present in more than 7000 cities and 160 countries. That alone is an example of how we can strive to work together alongside our coworkers or in a governamental / civil society setting.</p> <p>Afterwards, we talked about the history of the city of Santos and its efforts towards World Peace - Mrs. Paula Quagliato was instrumental in explaining in detail the City Office relations with Mayors for Peace and how the seemingly nuclear-unrelated city sent four different people to Hiroshima to participate in activities promoting peace in the span of three years.</p> <p>At the end, we reflected about how our lives impact the people around us and our surroundings. One can work towards peace doing something simple like being polite and respectful to others while doing their everyday duty as a public servant.</p>
<p>Notes (related materials, links, etc.)</p>	<p>During the meeting, attendants could read excerpts from the Hiroshima's Revival manga that I've been given a copy during my stay in Hiroshima. Also, as you can see, I was sporting a red Hiroshima Carp jersey. I am a firm believer in sports as a cultural element and I started loving the Carp since last year. Go Carp!</p>

*Please provide photos in a separate file.

