

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

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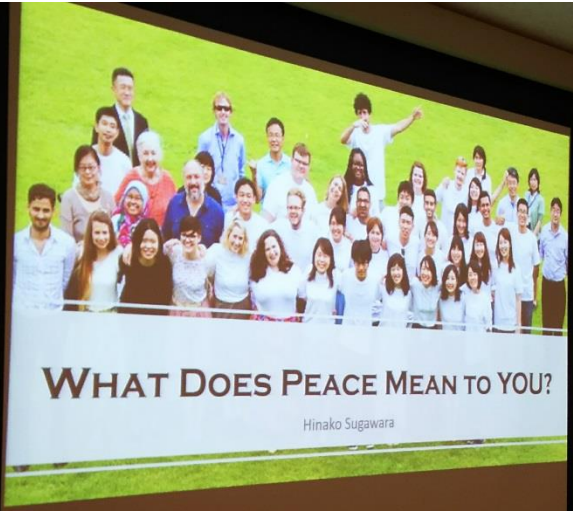
Member City (Country) : Akita City, Japan

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Title of Event	What does Peace Mean to You?
Date	2017/9/5
Venue	Akita International University, Lecture room D101
Attendants	Students at Akita International University
Number of Attendants	4 persons
Summary of the meeting	<p>The event was divided into half: the first part for my presentation including the introduction of the program and my thoughts, and the second part for discussion with some prepared discussion questions. I planned to organize the discussion part somehow loosely, aiming at the participants thinking and talking more freely, rather than sticking to find the exact answer for each question.</p> <p>The only means for advertising was through Facebook since the university was not ready to function to send the email to all students. I found that even some of my friends did not know about this event. Even interested, some people told me that they couldn't come because they were studying abroad. These are the part of the reasons why there were not so many people as I expected. Since I was supposed to provide the opportunity to discuss world peace and listen to more number of people, I don't think that I could achieve the quantitative objective.</p> <p>However, it could be argued that this event made a huge success in terms of the quality. Especially the story of a participant from Hiroshima city sounded very interesting for others. Each people also shared their analysis or experience of the peace education in their own hometown. We could see the differences between the regions.</p> <p>We eventually discussed the recent threat from North Korea as well. Some of them found it difficult to state a clear opinion on it, but this event has stimulated them to think further and deepen the understanding about foreign affairs and world peace</p> <p>In the end, I am proud of myself to prepare for this event all by myself within a short period of time. Overall, I succeeded in facilitating the event as I equally listened to every participant and giving a presentation on world peace in English.</p>
Notes (related materials, links, etc.)	

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WHAT DOES PEACE MEAN TO YOU?

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