

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

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Title of Event	Promoção da Paz: a atuação da Mayors for Peace e a cidade de Santos / Peace Promotion: the work of Mayors for Peace and the city of Santos
Date	18/09/18
Venue	Catholic University of Santos
Attendants	International Relations Undergraduates and graduates International Relations Professors Undergraduates from other programs (History and Business Management) Mrs. Paula Franchi Quagliato Tringali, Head of Santos City International Affairs Office
Number of Attendants	Approximately 27 persons
Summary of the meeting	<p>I had the opportunity of presenting my experience in Hiroshima at the Catholic University of Santos during the International Affairs Week. As I had one hour to present, I decided to approach four topics.</p> <p>The first one was to explain how Mayors for Peace works, its mission and goals and how other cities can join it. I showed the map of City-Members, explained the Vision 2020 Campaign and the petition.</p> <p>Then, I presented how Santos promotes peace and its relationship with Mayors for Peace, as well as the challenge of translating peace promotion in different cultures, as the nuclear disarmament is not an easy/relatable topic to Brazilians. Still, I highlighted the importance of not repeating past atrocities and that we must remind ourselves that we are active citizens who can promote peace within our communities.</p> <p>After that, I talked about my experience in Hiroshima and the nuclear disarmament importance. Listening to the hibakusha testimonies was a special and unforgettable moment of my trip to Hiroshima, so I tried to pass the message and the emergency of the issue. Finally, I showed them how the Mayors for Peace support program works in case they want to be potential candidates and the activities related to the scholarship, such as the action plan we have to make while in Hiroshima. I concluded by pointing out the importance each of us have in building a peaceful world, regardless of our jobs and backgrounds - we all have something to contribute.</p>
Notes (related materials, links, etc.)	I had a copy of the petition available, so participants could sign it, and also showed pictures from the Peace Ceremony as well as the Hiroshima and Peace Program and our visit to the Mayors for Peace office. After the presentation, some attendants asked me questions about the petition and the impact of Mayors for Peace, showing they were very interested!

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