

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

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Title of Event	What I learned at Hiroshima
Date	2018/12/08
Venue	Josai International University Kioicho Campus
Attendants	Professors and students
Number of Attendants	Approximately 70 persons
Summary of the meeting	<p>Our graduate school has a report session 4 times a year to share our experience or tentative achievement of thesis writing. I was given a wonderful opportunity to let my classmate to know what I learned at Hiroshima in August 2018.</p> <p>I gave a presentation about my memory and showed many impressive pictures taken there. I chose Japanese as a presentation language because 80% of participants are Japanese and Chinese. Quite a few people have visited before, and they are not familiar with what happened there in 1945.</p> <p>To be honest, I was worried that I talked about the history of wartime in front of Chinese students. How do they accept the fact? Do they still curse Japanese? I needed bravery when I stood at the stage. I was remembering what the survivors talked us in the hibakusya testimonies which we listened at Hiroshima. Conversation between young generation can be a bridge over making new peace.</p> <p>I look a quiet student so that professors showed their surprise to me when they came to know I have get involved many activities for creating peace. Before I visited Hiroshima, my activities were likely to be hidden intentionally. I was scared and shy to share my brief. Now, I made many friends all who believe in realizing the world with NO nuclear weapons and energy. I closed the presentation with the hope I will meet them again and the concrete plans I will have to do for peace.</p>
Notes (related materials, links, etc.)	

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