

Call for Input: Examples of initiatives to foster peace-seeking spirit

Report Form

Date of report December 5, 2018
 Name of municipality Kakogawa City, Hyogo Prefecture
 Name of country Japan

Title of peace education initiative	Holding of Kakogawa Peace Memorial Ceremony		
The initiative was implemented by (Choose one ✓)	<input type="checkbox"/> School <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Joint initiative by:		
Theme/Aim	<i>(Example: Nuclear disarmament/terrorism/violence)</i> Raising public awareness of peace		
Participants (age, school grade, number, etc.)	<i>(Example: 60 children (12-year-old) + 30 adults (parents and people in the community))</i> Not applicable (open to anyone)		
Location	The medium-sized hall, Kakogawa Civic Center		
Date(s) of initiative	October 6, 2018 (one day) <i>*If it is an initiative held regularly, please tell us when it started and how frequently it is held.</i>		
Please answer the questions below clearly and concisely.			
<p><i>1. Please describe the initiative. For classroom lectures and events, please provide a timeline of the event. For other types of initiatives, such as a competition, please describe the process in detail.</i></p> <p>Kakogawa Peace Memorial Ceremony has been held since the fiscal year of 2017 for the citizens of Kakogawa to reflect on the horrors of war and to hand down precious peace to the next generation.</p> <p>When we called for the donation of paper cranes, a symbol of peace, for this ceremony at various facilities in Kakogawa, a total number of 235,529 paper cranes were sent to us. These cranes were then dedicated to the Children's Peace Monument in Hiroshima and the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum.</p> <p>➤ Ceremony Program A variety of war artifacts and documents were exhibited in a space in front of the ceremony venue.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> [Order of the ceremony] 1 Opening address 2 Singing of the Japanese national anthem 3 Offering a silent prayer 4 Ceremonial address 5 Speech of the guest of honor 6 Message of condolences 7 Awarding winners of peace essay competition 8 Peace concert 9 Offering flowers (by the representatives) 10 Closing address 11 Offering flowers (by general participants) </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> [Exhibition for Reflecting on Peace] • Photo panels of Kakogawa aviation ground • Works from peace education program • Photo panels of A-bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki • Booklet of essays on Hiroshima Peace Bus Tour for families • "Sadako and Paper Cranes" posters </td> </tr> </table>		[Order of the ceremony] 1 Opening address 2 Singing of the Japanese national anthem 3 Offering a silent prayer 4 Ceremonial address 5 Speech of the guest of honor 6 Message of condolences 7 Awarding winners of peace essay competition 8 Peace concert 9 Offering flowers (by the representatives) 10 Closing address 11 Offering flowers (by general participants)	[Exhibition for Reflecting on Peace] • Photo panels of Kakogawa aviation ground • Works from peace education program • Photo panels of A-bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki • Booklet of essays on Hiroshima Peace Bus Tour for families • "Sadako and Paper Cranes" posters
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<p><i>2. Please tell us about the response from participants.</i></p> <p>About 80 percent of the participants said that the ceremony was "excellent" or "good" in a questionnaire afterwards.</p>			
<p><i>3. Please tell us about positive outcomes that resulted from the initiative.</i></p> <p>The ceremony was attended by people from various generations, providing them a good opportunity to reflect on the importance of peace.</p>			

4. Please tell us about the challenges encountered in the initiative if any.

Our major challenge is to consider how to convey the importance of peace to the next generation while both war survivors and A-bomb sufferers are aging nationwide.

5. Please identify any materials used in the initiative (books, videos, slideshow, etc.).

6. May the Mayors for Peace Secretariat post the material mentioned in Question 5 on its website? (if there are no copyright or other problems in sharing them publicly)

Yes *Please attach the material(s). No Don't know.

If you would like to submit photos and other materials, please send them in a separate file.



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