



G7 Hiroshima Summit

PRAYER AND SYMPOSIUM BY RELIGIOUS LEADERS

G7 Hiroshima Summit, to be held on May 19-21, 2023, will feature a frank exchange of views among the leaders of the seven nations on the world economy, regional affairs, and various global issues. In Hiroshima, the "International City of Peace and Culture" chosen as the site for dialogue toward world peace and sustainable development, a "Prayer and Symposium by Religious Leaders" will be held to pray for a peaceful world, reaffirm the roles and efforts of religious leaders, and send a message.

PROGRAM

- 12: 00 Door Open
- 12: 50 Prelude by Organist Ms. Keiko Segawa *J.S. Bach, BWV 731, Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*
- 13: 00 PART 1: "Prayers of Religions for Peace"**
Opening Remarks: Rev. Kenichiro Nakamura (Emeritus Member, Board of Trustees at Rissho Kosei-kai)
A-bomb testimony: Mr. Shigeaki Mori (Jodo Shinshu Buddhism practitioner)
Prayers by Representatives of Religions
- Shinto
 - Buddhism
 - Christian
 - Islam
 - New Religion
 - Asia and the Pasific Interfaith Youth Network
- Silent Prayer with all participants
- 13: 45 Postlude ; *L. Boëllmann; Suite Gothique*
- 13: 50 PART 2: "Symposium towards G7 Hiroshima Summit"**
Opening Remarks: Ven. Yoshiharu Tomatsu (Chairperson of WCRP/Abbot of Shinkoin Temple of the Jodoshu Buddhism)
- 13: 55 Speeches Part 1
Moderator: Rev. Yoshinobu Miyake (President at Konko Church of Kasugaoka)
- Rev. Dr. Renta Nishihara (President of Rikkyo University)
 - Ms. Sumiko Hatakeyama (Coordinator of Peace Boat)
 - Dr. Renz Argao (Moderator of Asia and the Pasific Interfaith Youth Network)
- Q&A Session
- 14: 50 Break
- 15: 00 Speeches Part 2
- Ms. Bedi Racule (Representative of MISA the Pacific)
 - Mr. Tomomitsu Miyazaki (Special Editorial Writer of Chugoku Shimbun[newspaper])
 - Fr. Mitsuru Shirahama (Bishop of Hiroshima diocese)
 - Ven. Shokyo Odake (Abbot of Saijenji temple of Jodo-Shin Pureland Buddhism Hongwanji School)
- Q&A Session
- 16: 10 Proposals for G7 Hiroshima Summit
Moderator: Rev. Masamichi Kamiya (Senior Advisor of ACRP)
Presenter: Rev. Akiko Fukata (Chisho/ Director of Overseas Missionary Center at Ennokyo)
- 16: 55 Closing Remarks
Prayers for Peace (in silence)
- 17: 00 Close (Postlude) *Bach; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" BWV147*

SPEAKERS



Born in Tokyo and raised in Hiroshima. Graduated from Seikei University, Department of Literature. In 2013, she became president of the Kurojukyo Women's Association. She is involved in supporting victims of accidents and crimes as an industrial counselor, and is a board member of the NPO Okayama Crime Victims Support-Families. She has also made it her life's work to promote mutual understanding and private exchange between Japan and China. She is the vice president of Okayama City Japan-China Friendship Association.

Rev. Akiko Kurozumi President of the Kurojukyo Women's Association

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Born in Hiroshima in 1937. Graduated from Seibi, Koi National School, Noboricho Junior High School, Kokutaiji High School, and Chuo University. Worked at Yamaichi Securities and Nippon Gakki. At the age of eight, he was exposed to the atomic bombing in Koi, and at the age of 38 he began researching the atomic bombing, and revealed the deaths of U.S. POWs who had been exposed to the bomb. He received the Kan Kikuchi Award and the Japan Press Club's Special Award. He was invited by U.S. President Barack Obama to attend the flower offering ceremony. His translations include "The Bomber Lonsome Lady" by Thomas Cartwright, published by NHK Publishing; and "The Secret History of the American Soldiers Who Died in the Atomic Bomb" by Ushio Shobo Kohjinshinsha.

Mr. Shigeaki Mori Jodo Shinshu Buddhism practitioner

A-bomb testimony



In 1983, he completed his Master's degree in Theology at Doshisha University. He has served as a research fellow at the Harvard University for the Study of World Religions, Secretary General of the G8 Summit of Religious Leaders, General Director of Konko Church of Izuo, and Chairman of the Steering Committee of the G20 Religions Forum. Currently, he is the president of the Shinto International Society of Japan, the president of the United Nations Association of Kansai, the president of Konko Church of Kasugaoka, the president of Relnet, Inc. and the financial director of IARF International.

Rev. Yoshinobu Miyake President at Konko Church of Kasugaoka

Moderator



Born in Kyoto. President of Rikkyo University. Bishop of Chubu Diocese of the Anglican Church of Japan. Vice President of the Peace Research Institute of the World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP). President of the Christian School Education Alliance. Executive Director of the Japan Association of Private Universities. Professor, Department of Christian Studies, Faculty of Letters, Rikkyo University, and Graduate School of Christian Studies, Rikkyo University. Director of the World Association of Anglican Universities (CUAC). He is a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches (WCC). He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Japan Association of Christian Studies, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal, and former Executive Director of the Japan Association of Christian Studies.

Rev. Dr. Renta Nishihara President of Rikkyo University

Speeches Part1



Involved in the Orizuru Project and the "Earth University" educational program for young people at Peace Boat, she interpreted the speeches of hibakusha at the Nuclear Weapons Convention Negotiation Conference at UN Headquarters in March 2017. Having participated in international conferences on nuclear disarmament, she has spoken at various venues on the international situation regarding nuclear weapons and the role of citizens. She currently teaches nuclear global history at the University of Pennsylvania and Waseda University, and also conducts a number of experiential and participatory programs on peace and war, including peace education workshops for elementary and junior high school students. She holds a B.A. in Political Science and Sociology from Cambridge University and a Ph.D. in History of Science and Technology from the University of Pennsylvania. She specializes in the global history of nuclear weapons and science, technology, and society. She is co-author of Navigating Disarmament Education: The Peace Boat Model, and co-editor of Killer Robots Are Coming! From Military Drones to Robotic Weapons.

Ms. Sumiko Hatakeyama Coordinator of Peace Boat

Speeches Part1



Coordinator of the WCRP International Youth Network, President and Chief Executive Officer of Argao Health, Inc. and an internationally certified specialist in psychological trauma. He has over 10 years of experience in clinic management, case management, psychological assessment, psychotherapy, mental health and psychosocial support services. He is also a peace activist and organizes multi-faith actions on youth empowerment, environmental protection, humanitarian response, diversity and inclusion. She has been a speaker and panelist at high-level conferences and international meetings and has contributed to strengthening interfaith youth networks in the Philippines and the Asia-Pacific region. He was an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Santo Tomas and has taught at Far Eastern University, San Beda University, Angeles University Foundation, and the Holy Spirit Institute of Manila.

Dr. Renz Argao Moderator of Asia and the Pacific Interfaith Youth Network

Speeches Part1

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She is the president of MISA4thePacific, a youth led organization in Suva, Fiji, which aims to bring together youth, civil society and the wider Pacific community in solidarity for nuclear justice. Bedi is also an intern to the Climate Justice Ecumenical Enabler at the Pacific Conference of Churches and is working towards a postgraduate degree in Development Studies at the University of the South Pacific. She hails from the Marshall Islands and Pohnpei (FSM), with roots in Hawai'i and Fiji.

Ms. Bedi Racule President of MISA4thePacific

Speeches Part2



Born in Kobe, Japan. Spent elementary, middle, and high school years in Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture. In 1980, he entered the Faculty of Science at Kyoto University, where he graduated after transferring to the Faculty of Literature and graduated. Joined the Chugoku Shinbun in 1985. He has served as editorial director of the Bocho Head Office and as head of the Hiroshima Peace Media Center in the editorial bureau. He has been a special editorial writer since February of this year. During this time, he covered the series "Radiation Exposure and Humanity," which examined the 1999 Tokai-mura criticality accident and warned against the commercial use of nuclear energy, and served as the desk for the series "The Gray Zone: Effects of Low Dose Radiation Exposure," which was selected for the 2017 Science Journalist Grand Prize.

Mr. Tomomitsu Miyazaki Special Editorial Writer of Chugoku Shinbun[newspaper]

Speeches Part2



Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Hiroshima. Born in Goto, Nagasaki, Japan, he graduated from Keio University in September 1985 with a B.A. in Literature and Philosophy (Correspondence Course). After graduating from Fukuoka Saint Sulpice Grand Seminary in March 1990, he became a priest of the Catholic Church. From August 1990, he studied French in Montreal, Canada, and from September 1991 to March 1995, he received a master's degree in liturgical and sacramental theology from the Catholic Institute of Paris (Institut Supérieur de Liturgie), and since April 1995, he has taught at Fukuoka Saint-Sulpice Major Seminary and the Catholic Theological Seminary of Japan, and he assumed his current position in September 2016.

Fr. Mitsuru Shirahama Bishop of Hiroshima diocese

Speeches Part2



Currently the abbot of Saizenji Temple of the Honganji of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Miyoshi City, Hiroshima Prefecture. He is the co-representative of the Nenbutsuja Kujo no Kai (Association of Ninety-Nine Buddhist Priests), which was founded in 2005. He is also currently continuing the monthly street actions "Remember Mummies" (1st) and "Peace in Ukraine" (24th) with religious and civic volunteers in Hiroshima on the 1st and 24th of each month. His publications include "Shinran and the Problem of Discrimination" (Hozokan).

Ven. Shokyo Odake Abbot of Saienji temple of Jodo-Shin Pureland Buddhism Hongwanji School

Speeches Part2



In 1981, he joined Risho Kosei-kai. In 1987, he graduated from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in the United States with a Master's degree. He then served as Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP). From 1998 to 2002, he was a research fellow in the field of nuclear disarmament at the Hiroshima Peace Institute, Hiroshima City University. From 1998 to 2002, he served as a special researcher in the field of nuclear disarmament at the Hiroshima Peace Institute of the University of the City of Hiroshima.

Rev. Masamichi Kamiya Senior Advisor of ACRP

Moderator



Born in Tamba City, Japan. Studied abroad at Oregon City High School in the U.S. in 1988 and graduated the following year. After returning to Japan, she graduated from Mukogawa Women's University Senior High school in 1990, and studied English and politics/economics at universities in England and France from 1990, and entered Esmod Paris in 1994. In 1997, she graduated second overall in the fashion designer and pattern maker divisions, respectively. In 1999, she won second prize in the Dinard Competition, and in 2000, she won the Special Jury Prize at the Prêt-à-Porter Collection in Italy. In France, she launched her own brand, Akaikao, designing and selling costumes and accessories. She has also worked as an interpreter for Japanese companies in negotiations between Japan and France. She returned to Japan in 2016 to take her current position.

Rev. Akiko Fukata Chisho/ Director of Overseas Missionary Center at Ennokyo

Presenter

ORGANIST



Graduated from Elizabeth University of Music, Department of Religious Music, Pipe Organ Course. Studied organ under Mayumi Tozawa, and improvisation under the late France Born. Took lessons in Austria with Rudolf Scholz, and in Japan with Yuko Hayashi and Umberto Pinesky. Organist at the World Peace Memorial Cathedral. Member of the Japan Organists Association.

Ms. Keiko Segawa Organist

Pipe Organ Performance

