

Peace Road (Way)

How much do you know about PEACE? We know this is not an easy question, but we want you to know about it more and become interested in peace by enjoying your time traveling around Nagasaki. So, we will introduce a few spots to learn about peace while enjoying also your time. Let's start the journey!!

Sanno Shrine (山王神社)

It is famous for a torii that is standing with only its right pillar because its left one was blown away by an atomic bomb.

In addition, there is a big camphor tree that was badly damaged in the blast. But, miraculously, it came to bud a few years later after the WWII.



Nyokodo (知己堂)

This building is the place where Nagai Takashi, who was a medical professor spent time fighting against leukemia. This building has only one room consisting of two tatami mats. He wrote a lot of famous books about peace such as 「この子を残して」 (Konokowonosite) and 「兵崎の鐘」 (Nagasakinokane) in this room.



Shiroyama Elementary School (城山小学校)

This elementary school was the closest school from the center of the explosion. It was damaged a lot but people celebrated the 96th anniversary of its founding in 2019.



Peace activities in Hawaii and Nagasaki

Hawaii

Pearl Harbor attack

Hawaii was attacked at Pearl Harbor without a declaration of war from Japan and the words "Remember Pearl Harbor" motivated the U.S. military and the public to go to war.

Peace Activities

- explaining the history of pearl harbor to visitors

Nagasaki

The Atomic Bomb

It was the second time the atomic bomb was dropped. It was contributed to Japan's acceptance of the Potsdam Declaration.

Peace Activities

- folding paper cranes to pray for peace
- coloring old photos to learn more about life during the war



Hawaii and Nagasaki have similar goals!!

There is an opportunity for Nagasaki and Hawaii to cooperate to think of various ways to promote peace.

For example...

Online Discussion

This summer, we could not do some peace activities that we normally do. So, we do online discussion with a high school in Hawaii instead. It was a good experience for everyone involved.

Action FO(U)R Peace from Nagasaki

Nuclear weapons seen from an economic point of view

The table below shows "Average Economic Growth Rate Before and After Acquiring Nuclear Weapons"

	Pakistan*1	India*2	Israel*3
Before	5.483158%	5.489474%	No-data
After	4.365714%	7.121905%	No-data
Change	20.4% down ↓	29.7% up ↑	No-data

[source] IMF - World Economic Outlook Databases (2019年10月版)

The table below shows "Average Economic Growth Rate Before and After Abandoning Nuclear Weapons"

	The Republic of South Africa*4
Before	2.97%
After	2.7532%
Change	7.3% down ↓

[source] IMF - World Economic Outlook Databases (2019年10月版)

Results

- The economic growth rate of Pakistan decreased, but the economic growth rate of India increased after each acquired nuclear weapons.
- The economic growth rate of The Republic of South Africa decreased after abandoning nuclear weapons.

Consideration

- Since the nuclear weapon-related budget is a part of military spending, other factors may be strongly reflected in the rate of economic growth.

Future Proposal

- There is a need to examine the percentage of each country's budget that is related to nuclear weapons to see if there is really no correlation between economic growth and nuclear weapons.

*1*2: Pakistan and India have had nuclear weapons since 1998.

*3: Israel has had nuclear weapons since 1967, so any economic growth in Israel cannot be connected to having nuclear weapons.

*4: The Republic of South Africa abolished nuclear weapons in 1990.

Peace Messenger

◆About history of Peace Messenger

Peace Messenger is an organization with branches around Japan as well as South Korea, Norway and Hawaii that aims to abolish nuclear weapons. Several Peace Messenger groups around Japan have visited the U.N. every year since 1998 with signatures of people opposed to nuclear weapons to realize a more peaceful world. One of these Peace Messenger groups is from Nagasaki consisting of local high school students. There have been 23 classes of students that have gone to Geneva so far.

◆Role of Peace Messenger

#Places to they visit

- World YMCA
- UNI Global Union
- Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva
- Trogen State School
- Henri Tunan Memorial Hall

#United Nations European Headquarters

- Hand in signature inventory
- Speech
- Question-and-answer session



#purpose

First they deliver the voices of citizen of Nagasaki and Hiroshima who wish to abolish nuclear weapons. Second, they deliver these signatures to the United Nations. Third, they make a foundation of international cooperation and international solidarity. Fourth, they strive to take action about abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of a peaceful world as a youth representatives.

Summary

We can think about peace from many kinds of viewpoints such as economics, tourism, advocate groups' actions and relationships between countries, so you can form your own informed opinions and take actions.

Let's think about PEACE deeply!!