

The Desire for a World without Nuclear Weapons to the World from Hiroshima

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Introduction

- (1) Do you think nuclear weapons are necessary for world peace?
- (2) What can we do to eliminate nuclear weapons?

Current Situation

All of the world's 14,525 nukes



Country	Russia	US	France	China	UK	Pakistan	India	Israel	N. Korea
Deployed	1,600	1,750	290	0	120	0	0	0	?
Stockpiled/non-deployed/other	2,750	2,050	10	280	95	150 ^A	140 ^B	80	60
Retired/waiting to be dismantled	2,500	2,650	?	0	?	0	0	0	0
Total	6,850	6,450	300	280	215	150	140	80	60 ^C

↑ There are still 14,525 nuclear weapons in the world



Political Issues

- Nuclear development intensified as the United States and Russia competed against each other during the Cold War
- The INF Treaty expired and the USA has withdrawn from the Iran nuclear agreement

Current Situation in Japan

We are under a "Nuclear Umbrella"

- Japan has not yet participated in the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty
- Protected under the American sphere of influence → Nuclear Umbrella
- Appeals for nuclear abolition will continue, mainly in Hiroshima

Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty

- Goal : Zero nuclear weapons
 - The 33 countries who have signed the treaty "No world peace without nuclear abolition"
 - the nuclear-armed countries "No method to dispose of them"
 - "Necessary for our own country's defense"
- Nuclear deterrence



The problem is

- Reliance on nuclear deterrence (Nuclear Umbrella)
- The world lacks trust and treaties have not been effective
- Japan is reluctant to abolish nuclear weapons

"Peace told under a nuclear umbrella is hypocrisy." (The Pope)

"Our world is suffering from severe lack of trust" (UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres)

Collaboration with our Sister School in Norway

Visiting Peace Memorial Park

(1) How do you feel?

<Japanese>

- Nuclear weapons and wars are horrifying
- You should know what happened

<Norway>

- We started to understand the reality of what happened in Hiroshima
- We need to know more

(2) What is peace?

<Japanese>

- No war
- Everyone can laugh and have dreams

<Norway>

- No conflict or war
- Countries should respect each other

(3) How to make the world more peaceful

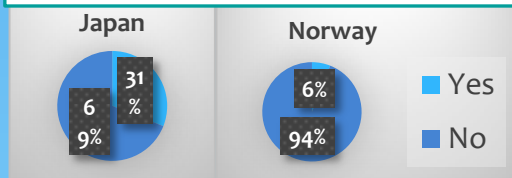
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- Communicating our opinions
- Advocating for peace on SNS

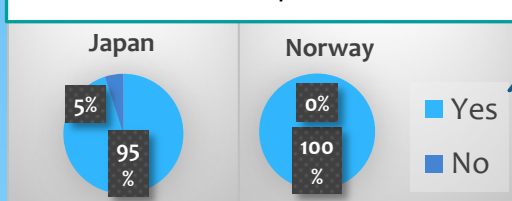
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- Countries must understand each other
- Communication is most important

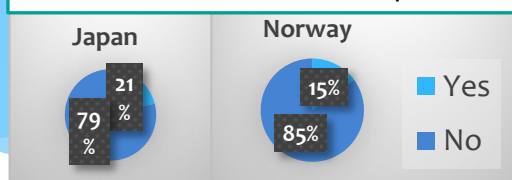
Do you know what a "nuclear umbrella" is?



Should nuclear weapons be abolished?



Is it really possible to eliminate nuclear weapons?



Japan

(To be abolished)

- They are a danger.
- Many people will have to work together.
- We must not repeat the tragedy of Hiroshima (I do not think so)
- If nuclear deterrents are lost, war may break out.
- Even if they can be abolished, more powerful weapons may be made.

Norway

(To be abolished)

- When I went to Hiroshima, I learned how bad the atomic bombs were.
- What nuclear weapons bring is not true peace

Japan

(I think so)

- It is possible if each country works together.
- Deterrents other than nuclear power should be considered.
- (I don't think so)
- Having a nuclear deterrence is important.
- There are people still working on new nuclear weapons.
- It is unlikely that nuclear-armed countries will give up their advantage.
- There are too many nuclear weapons in the world.

Norway

(I think so)

- It may take a long time, but it is possible if you understand the consequences of nuclear weapons.
- (I don't think so)
- Some people think it is necessary to be able to threaten other countries in the event of war.
- If people with malicious intents have power, they may create more dangerous weapons.
- I think the US and China will not let go of nuclear weapons.
- I think it is impossible unless all the countries let go at the same time, and that is impossible while we are alive.

What to do

Small efforts of individuals

- ★ Pass down the stories of survivors
- ★ Understand what happened in Hiroshima and sharing our thoughts and feeling with our own words
- ★ Appeal to politicians (ex "Kaku Waka")

show world leaders the importance of peace

Create a monumental movement

