

Guideline for the Students Conference

Welcome to Hiroshima!

This year's theme is "Catholic Education and Peace Initiatives".

During the student conference, participants will get into groups of mixed gender and nationality, walk the streets of Hiroshima together, and participate in a fieldwork at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park area. We will have orientation games and time for group work and discussion, so it will be a warm, friendly, fun occasion to learn and exchange ideas. The students will have two stage presentations during the conference. One is the cultural performance which will be a musical performance done by groups of students from the same country, (details will be posted soon) and another will be the presentation on Saturday evening. No need to worry! The presentation will be done in groups, and you will have time to discuss the theme and what you learned from the fieldwork with your teammates. You will also have time for preparation. There will be facilitators to help you with your group work. Most of the work to prepare for the presentation can be done AFTER you get to Hiroshima.

On the other hand, it is a good occasion to bring together experiences and thoughts from many countries to share with students from around the world. It would help to do some reading or research, before you come, on any particular thing related to the theme you would want to discuss with other students during the conference. Also, for those who wish to be more familiar with the background of the fieldwork, and to reflect on the Catholic idea of *Laudato Si*, the links below will be useful. The atomic bomb and its impact on human beings is something beyond imagination. The links will aid you to get information on what actually happened in Hiroshima, and help you get prepared before you set out for your fieldwork.

To be in Hiroshima will be an exceptional experience and a very important one in developing ideas to discuss "peace". We hope you have a fruitful experience at ASEACCU 2018.

Links to learning material

<http://www.peace.ca/unesco.htm>

This is a link to UNESCO's Culture of Peace Program. This link offers various official statements and declarations, to mention a few: Seville Statement is a statement refuting the myth that human beings are innately violent. Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Charter.

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/publication/humanitarian-impacts-nuclear-testing-regional-responses-and-mitigation-measures> (40 pages)

This is a research paper on *The Humanitarian Impacts of Nuclear Testing: Regional Responses and Mitigation Measures* by Beyza Unal, Patricia Lewis and Sasan Aghlani International Security Department | May 2017

https://www.armscontrol.org/ACT/2015_05/Features/From-Nuclear-Deterrence-to-Disarmament-Evolving-Catholic-Perspectives

This is a website of Arms Control Association which introduces the Roman Catholic Church and nuclear issues.

<http://www.hpmmuseum.jp/?lang=eng>

This is a link to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

<https://laudatosi.com/watch>

This is a link to *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment and human ecology.

http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?post_type=signpost&lang=en

This link serves as guide to the Hiroshima Peace Park

<http://www.hiroshimaschoolyard.com/>

This homepage of a film (which will be introduced during the ASEACCU in Hiroshima) which is about a collection of drawings created by school children of Honkawa Elementary School (these pictures are displayed at the Honkawa elementary School Museum). It is an inspiring story about an exchange of gifts between Americans and Japanese after a devastating war.