

Commitment to Peace

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The day will come when there are no more *hibakusha* left in the world.

In order to avoid repeating the same mistakes, as many people as possible must know the truth of what happened.

Have you ever imagined what it was like on the day the atomic bomb was dropped?

At 8:15 am on August 6, 1945,

the very first atomic bomb in the history of human warfare was dropped on Hiroshima, annihilating in an instant the lives we take for granted.

Imagine: people burned beyond recognition,
unending tears pouring with wails of despair.

A single atomic bomb robbed countless people of their lives and changed the lives of survivors forever.

It has been 80 years since the atomic bombing.

We now have less chances than ever to hear directly from the *hibakusha*

as they speak of memories that are extremely painful; memories they would rather forget.

No matter how much time passes, we cannot allow this tragedy to fade from memory.

The responsibility to record and convey the voices of the *hibakusha* to the next generation falls to us.

Wars are happening right now in places around the world.

There are so many people who have lost loved ones and the will to live.

We should take these facts personally and concern ourselves with peace.

We should be accepting of diversity and work to understand others.

If each of us is considerate of each other's feelings and speaks to one another with compassion,
then there would be no more hurt or sadness.

We believe that the smallest of gestures to those around you
might one day lead to world peace.

One voice.

When spoken with conviction about the facts they learned, even just one voice can make a difference.

It isn't just adults, either. We, the children, also have the ability to take action for peace.

In order to avoid repeating what happened that day, to avoid repeating the history of Hiroshima,
we will build peace by continuing to convey the will of the *hibakusha* and weaving our voices
together as one.

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