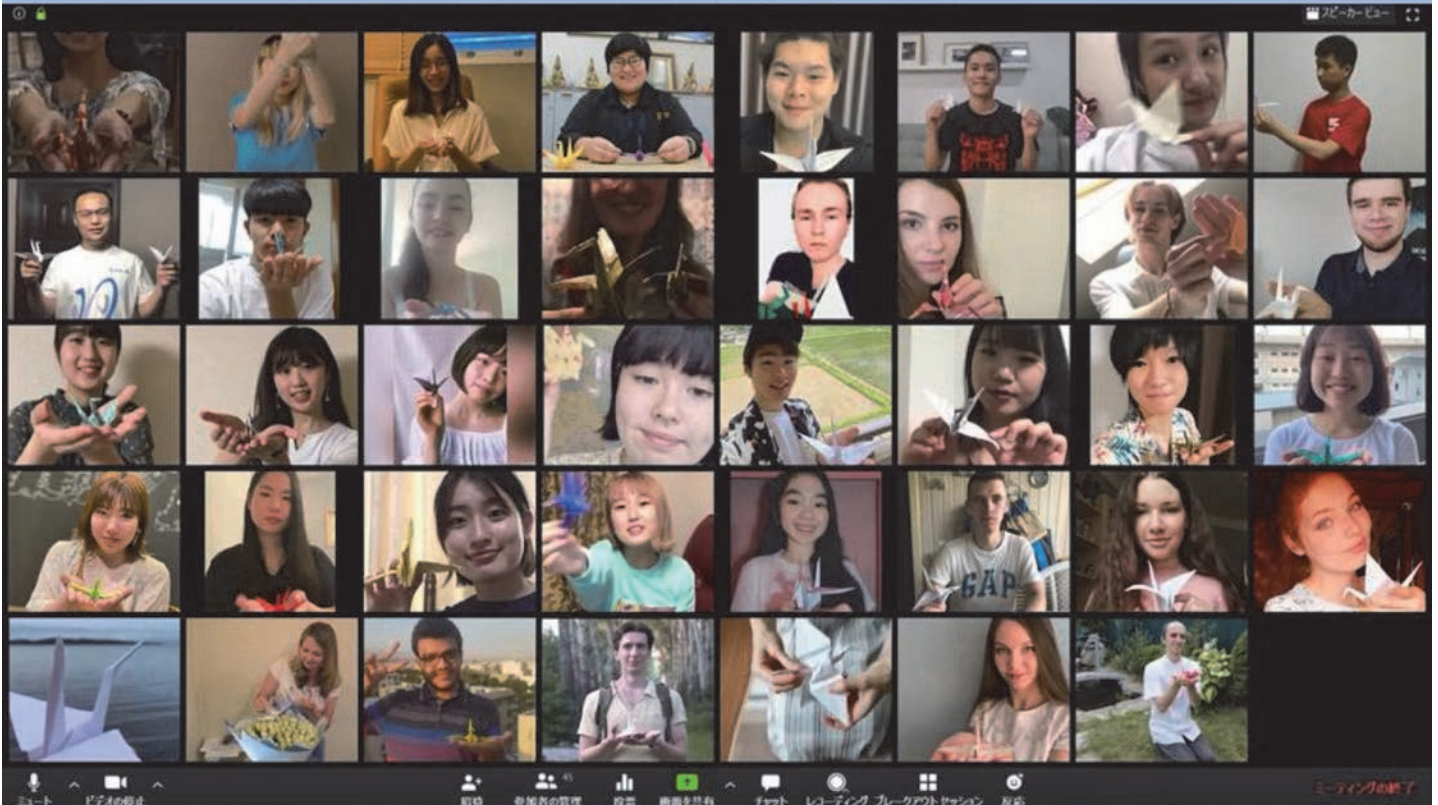


**We 70 youth members, from 11 cities in 9 countries,  
are working on various activities to realize world peace!**

**Let's embrace diversity for a better world**



## **International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future 2020 Hiroshima**

### **Educational Video "Let's embrace diversity for a better world"**

Young participants in the International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future 2020 Hiroshima, from cities around the world, worked together to make a video with the hope that "tolerance toward diversity can create world peace." They created orizuru paper cranes in a variety of colors, shapes, and sizes, reflecting the diversity of each person. It expresses that their wish is a common one, even if their cranes are different. In addition, the cranes deliver their wish that people worldwide, suffering from an array of problems (including environmental degradation, human rights abuses, and COVID-19), can live in safety, health and happiness. URL <https://youtu.be/40WkKDZZBRI>



*We live in different cities, around  
the world.  
Each one's home country, culture,  
customs, history, gender, eye, skin  
and hair color, education, language,  
and way of thinking make them unique.*

*But we share the same heart which  
can feel joy, anger, sadness,  
and excitement.*

*We fold orizuru paper cranes, putting  
our prayers for peace into them.*

*Their color, shape, and size are  
different, but our wishes are the same.*

*Each person is different.  
But we share the same wish.*

*The important thing is to be thoughtful  
toward one another.*

*Sometimes our opinions and directions  
differ. But that's fine.*

*We just need to accept each other and  
face one another sincerely.*

*Then, we are able to understand each  
other more.*

*Then, we are able to cherish you more.*

*Let's embrace diversity for a better world.*

*You by my side, and you far away,  
we wish you all, and your families  
safety, health and happiness  
wherever you are.*

*These are our wishes,  
carried on the wings of orizuru paper  
cranes.*

## What is IYCPF? (International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future)

The purpose of the conference is to have youth from Hiroshima and other cities around the world, including Hiroshima's sister/friendship cities, think about world peace and exchange opinions to deepen friendship and mutual understanding, convey the "spirit of Hiroshima," which is the wish for lasting world peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons, raise awareness of world peace among youth of the next generation, and become global people. Since 2005, Hiroshima and its sister/friendship cities have taken turns hosting the International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future (hereinafter referred to as IYCPF) each year. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 conference in Volgograd, the host city, has been postponed. In order to promote ongoing peace activities with youth from each city, we've invited the participants of the IYCPF 2019 held in Hiroshima to connect online and continue discussions about what can be done during the pandemic.

### ●Participants from 11 cities in 9 countries

Sister/friendship cities of Hiroshima (Volgograd, Hannover, Chongqing, Daegu)

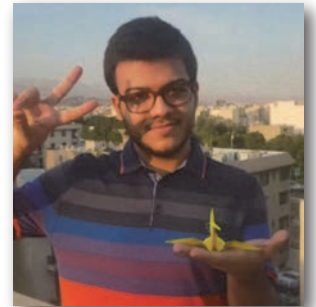
Other cities (Bangkok, Chengdu, Grigny, Muntinlupa, St.Petersburg, Tehran)

### ●Online meeting

We've held 5 online meetings with cities around the world to exchange, discuss, and create educational videos. The youth of Hiroshima mainly facilitated each portion of the meetings, aiming to hold a youth-led meeting. At the November online meeting, Hanover and Chengdu were also in charge of facilitating the meetings.

### What is IYCPF for you? :)

world peace  
a community  
fun  
food for thought  
happy memories  
a place to connect  
big effect in my life  
chance to see the world  
connecting together  
interactive  
memory  
home  
harmony  
peace  
new friends  
educational



#### 1. The first online meeting (June 20th, 2020)

Some of the IYCPF participants in Hiroshima got together to exchange ideas about what to do together with the youth in other cities around the world. And they decided to suggest to overseas members that they create educational videos on "peace" and "global issues" and share their activities through SNS and so on, in order to deliver the message of the importance of mutual caring and seeking world peace to more young people around the world.

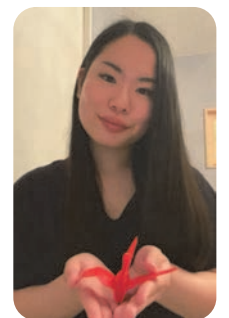
#### 2. Proposing activities to youth in cities around the world(July 4th ,2020)

45 participants from 10 cities in 8 countries, got together in the online meeting, and the Hiroshima members proposed creating an educational video aiming to present it on August 6th (the day the world's first atomic bomb was dropped). Since the IYCPF 2020 in Volgograd was postponed due to the pandemic, we decided to return to the Hiroshima Appeal created in the IYCPF 2019 and propose that we work together online throughout the year.

#### 3. Presentation of educational video (August 8th, 2020)

56 participants from 11 cities in 9 countries held an online meeting to present the completed educational video.

At the presentation, the Hiroshima participants read the English version of the "Pledge for Peace" that elementary school students made at the Peace Memorial Ceremony on August 6th, consoling the souls of the atomic bombing victims, and also watched the Peace Declaration in English by the Mayor of Hiroshima and the memorial ceremony held in Hanover on August 6th. After that, the participants watched the completed educational video and shared their impressions. They also discussed how the message could be conveyed to the youth of the world at large, and based on this, decided to work on publicity in each city.





#### 4. Publicity of the educational video in each city (September 27th, 2020)

44 participants from 10 cities in 9 countries participated in the online meeting. They shared updates on publicity in each city, and the activities in Hiroshima\* and Volgograd were presented.

(\*) Mr. Yuji Sasaki, a musician and nephew of Sadako Sasaki, who is the model of the statue of Children's Peace Monument, sympathized with the educational video and shared it on his SNS pages. Since then, we have kept contact with him. He talked about Sadako's background and her death from leukemia, and her own condition from the perspective of her relative. We also promised to work together to send out messages for world peace.



#### 5. Online meeting for report on activities at International Festival (November 14th, 2020)

Working with overseas members who speak Japanese, we created a video to introduce IYCPF's activities, connecting the cities of Hannover, Daegu, and Hiroshima to shoot the video. Normally, the Hiroshima members make a presentation, but this year, we were able to try an online style.



#### 6. Exchange of Mr. Yuji Sasaki and youth from each city (November 22nd, 2020)



In the online meeting with 39 participants from 12 cities in 9 countries, we invited Mr. Yuji Sasaki as a guest teacher and heard his lecture, "What Sadako left behind." (Members in Hannover and Chengdu facilitated the meeting and Mr. Sasaki's lecture was interpreted into English by the member in Hannover.)

In addition, he gave his perspective as a musician on the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, and members from each city exchanged ideas on what has changed or what challenges they are facing due to the pandemic.

#### 7. Presentation of the 2021 activity plan by the youth in each city (January 31st, 2021)



In the online meeting with 41 participants from 9 cities in 8 countries, 9 participants from each city shared their ideas for peace activities for the next year and proposed methods and content for the continuation of the IYCPF, and had a group discussion about the followings;

**Theme 1 :** My action plan for peace during the pandemic in 2021

**Theme 2 :** Proposal of IYCPF 2021's content and methods

Presenter

Nitcha Todumrongkul (Bangkok)

Liu Rui(Chengdu)

Xiang Jicong(Chengdu)

Isabel Ostermann(Hannover)

Ema Kurisu(Hiroshima)

Jenny Mae Ordillano Decena(Muntinlupa)

Polina Biryukova(Volgograd)

Aleksandr Malakhov(Volgograd)

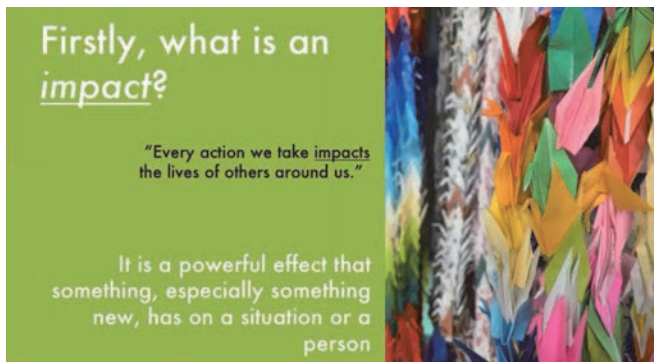
Ines Lakehal(Grigny)



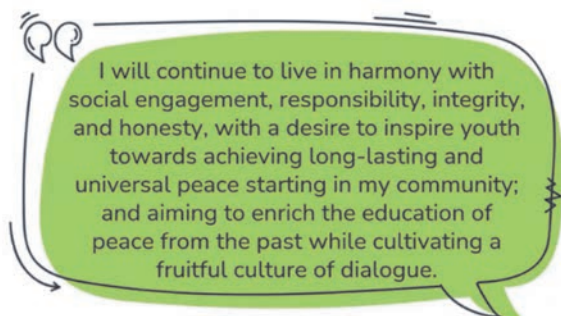
**Carried on the wings of orizuru paper cranes**

## How will we make IYCPF2021?

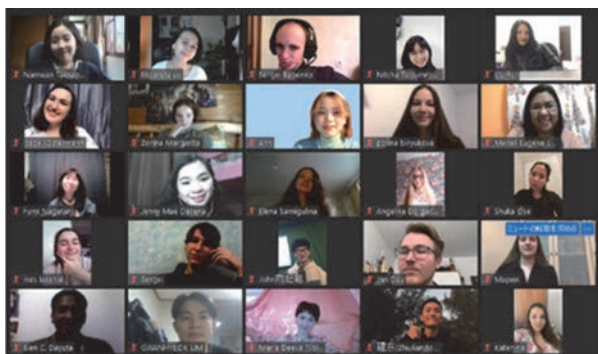
- By coordinating a meeting ourselves, we could hold online meetings a little more frequently. Also, since the members are in various cities around the world, making some groups might be good for activities in some cases.



- Personally, I would like to go to local schools and introduce our peace activities using photos and DVDs, fold paper cranes, and interaction with hibakusha and IYCPF participants via Skype. For future meetings in 2021, I think we will continue holding meetings online, but it would be nice to have small group discussions on peace activities. And maybe we could do a project such as singing together, like the video we made last year.



- Due to the pandemic, we can't physically get together to make posters and so on. So we'll be using online applications to continue active meetings. Applications like "Miro" and "Jamboard" are whiteboards that can be used online. With these applications, everyone can share opinions in real time using their respective devices. "Menti" is an application that allows us to create mind maps online and take surveys in real time. We'll make the most of these to adapt to this new environment.



- The best option is meeting in person. But I guess IYCPF meetings will be held online this year, too. The advantage of online work is that it allows members who cannot meet in person to participate. Many youth from all over the world can participate, and it gives us an opportunity to get a wide range of ideas. Personally, I prefer to discuss as many topics as possible rather than just one. After discussing a variety of topics, you may want to work on further research and present what impressed you during the meeting, or if you are busy, you may want to be just a listener.



- It was such a pity that we could not have offline exchanges and discussions in 2020 due to the pandemic, but I think these kinds of activities should be continued. For the 2021 IYCPF, it might be good if we create a platform that allows us to make exchanges more continuously rather than just a few meetings. In addition, in meetings, we could incorporate activities that are not only about peace, but also about learning about each other's different cultures and customs, so that we can understand each other better.



- IYCPF influenced me a lot. For example, I was able to unite with other members and we became best friends. I hope that in 2021, I can share my experience at IYCPF with my friends in my hometown, share our ideas at other forums and conferences, and make videos together.

### Advantages of online events

"ungeographic"	Money	We don't have to consider travel expenses.
Continuity	We can hold event regularly.	Easiness & Convenience
We can use convenient web tools.		 