Chapter 7　Hiroshima today

7-01 A-Bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Park, seen from Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce and Industry building

Through the efforts of many people, the city devastated by the atomic bomb was reborn as a city blessed with water and greenery.

In 1980, Hiroshima became the 10th ordinance-designated city in Japan, and its cultural facilities were also upgraded. Through mergers with neighboring towns and villages, the city's area expanded to 906.69 km², approximately 34 times the area when Hiroshima became a city. The population, which was down to 137,197 in November 1945, was 1,169,111 as of the end of August 2025.

Today, the City of Hiroshima, the world's first city to have suffered an atomic bombing, tries to realize its vision to develop as an “international city of peace and culture,” and endeavors to spread the “culture of peace” around the world, calling on the global community to ensure that nuclear weapons will never be used again.

7-02 City of Hiroshima, looking from the south

7-03 City of Hiroshima, looking from the north

7-04 City center

7-05 JR Hiroshima Station area undergoing major changes

7-06 Danbara area, which was not burned, behind Hijiyama Hill. Redevelopment work in this area was completed in 2014.

7-07 The area around the former main campus of Hiroshima University in Higashi-senda-machi. Hiroshima Higher Normal School and Hiroshima University of Literature and Science used to be located here. This area is to be developed as a “knowledge hub” to contribute to peace.

7-08 Seifu Shinto being developed.
Hiroshima City University, which opened in 1994, is on the hillside on the left, and Big Arch, the main stadium for the Asian Games, is on the hillside in the right.

7-09 Yagi area in Asaminami Ward being restored after the August 20, 2014 landslide

7-10 City center, looking from Hatcho-bori toward Kamiya-cho

7-11 City center, around Hondori and Kamiya-cho

7-12 The Hiroshima Station building "minamoa" opened in March 2025.
In August, it was directly connected to the streetcars of the Hiroshima Electric Railway.

7-13 The Hiroshima Electric Railway streetcar terminal opened on the second floor of the station building.

7-14 Evening Peace Concert in 2025 by Hiroshima Symphony Orchestra

7-15 Hiroshima Carp Peace Night Game 2025

7-16 Streetcar with Hiroshima Carp wrapping

7-17 Sanfrecce Hiroshima's home stadium, Edion Peace Wing Hiroshima

7-18 Hiroshima Gate Park opened on the former site of Hiroshima Municipal Stadium.

7-19 Hiroshima Flower Festival in 2025

7-20 Hiroshima Castle Tower

7-21 Commercial facilities at Sannomaru, Hiroshima Castle

7-22 Bird's-eye view of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

7-26 The registers containing the names of the atomic bomb victims being aired

7-27 Adding names to the registers of the atomic bomb victims

7-23 Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Nihon Hidankyo

7-24 Student at Motomachi High School and A-bomb survivor complete a "picture of the atomic bombing."

7-25 Camphor tree that survived the atomic bombing (Camphor is the city tree.)

7-28 Atomic Bomb Testimony Response Device

7-29 Ceremony Venue

7-33 Peace Declaration

7-34 Commitment to peace by children's representatives

Peace Memorial Ceremony on August 6, 2025

7-30 Storing registry of names of the victims of the atomic bombing

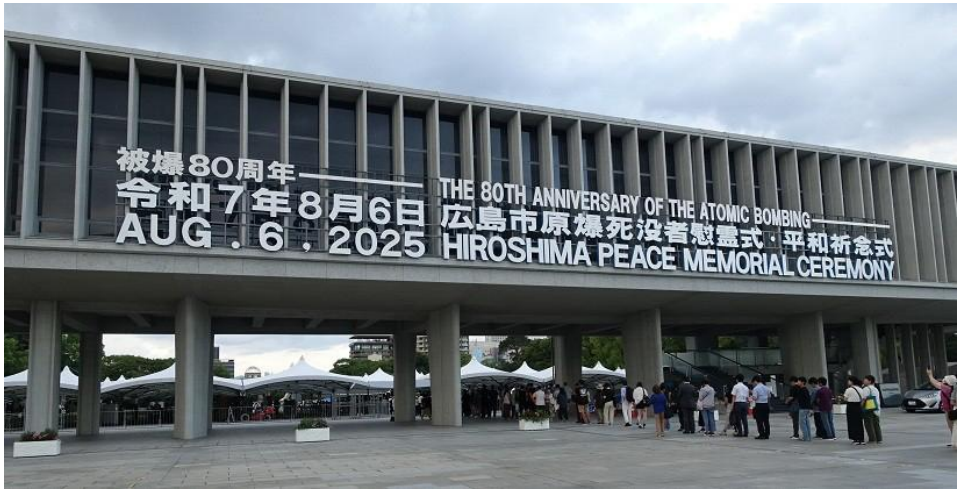
7-31 Offering flowers

7-32 Ringing the Peace Bell

7-35 "Hiroshima Peace Song" sung by a chorus

7-36 A-Bomb Dome

On August 6, 2025, the “day of prayer”



7-40 Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and a line of people waiting to visit the cenotaph

7-37 Oleanders on the river bank of Motoyasu River (Oleander is the city flower.)

7-38 In front of Cenotaph for the A-Bomb Victims

7-39 Monument in front of A-Bomb Dome

7-41 Children’s Peace Monument

7-42 People waiting in line to visit the cenotaph

7-43 Floating lanterns