

### School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University,

#### Shiori Iwataka



My name is Iwataka Shiori. I am from Nagasaki city. I think it is my duty to report the importance of peace to the world, so I decide to join this program.

I was born and raised in Nagasaki, and I have been studying peace and Nagasaki since my childhood. Also because I belong to the third generation of the atomic bomb survivors, I recognize myself closer to the problem of atomic bomb than ordinary people.

However, I have heard the opinion that "Nuclear Weapons are necessary" even in Japan. Therefore, I would like to find out how to approach the people with different ideas more proactively toward denuclearization. It would be very difficult to eliminate nuclear weapons from the world right now. From a long-term perspective, to help the process toward the world without nuclear weapons, I want to study with my group and send our message to the world. I will do my best and enjoy the activity. Thank you.

# Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Nagasaki University, Aoi Osajima

Hello. I'm Aoi Osajima, a second-year student in the faculty of Environmental Sciences, Nagasaki University. I'm from Kurume city, Fukuoka prefecture. I went to junior high school and high school in Saga

Prefecture and came to Nagasaki in the spring in 2018. Since February of my first year, I started to join the activity "Peace Caravan TAI", which is made by 4<sup>th</sup> Nagasaki Youth Delegation members. Through this activity, I have attended peace educations for students, peace learnings with students from overseas, and exchanges with other peace activities organizations. I met many people who struggled to create a peaceful world, and I began to feel the potential to make the world free from nuclear weapons that I had felt was impossible until then. In order to get many people to think the nuclear issues as familiar one, I believe that it is necessary to communicate facts and opinions by easy-to-understand ways with our voices. To do this, I would like to deepen my knowledge of the nuclear issues, as well as deepen my thinking while exchanging opinions with many people.

Today, many young people are appealing for response for climate change and attracting





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attentions from all over the world. I want to attract these attentions to the nuclear issues, so I will learn and disseminate about nuclear issues from various approaches, including environmental science, which is my major. I'll do my best. Thank you.

## School of Engineering, Nagasaki University, Kazuki Kawamura

My name is Kazuki Kawamura, I am studying electrical engineering in Nagasaki University. I was born in Aichi and I came to Nagasaki when I entered this university. When I was a middle school student, I lived in U.S.

and I realized that many people believe it is right to maintain or use nuclear weapons. I was really surprised and shocked to know, so I started to think how to tell what happened in Nagasaki and Hiroshima and what I can do toward nuclear weapon free world.

It is said that around 14,000 nuclear weapons exist in the world right now. All nuclear weapons are controlled by computers, so they have risk to be exploded by computer accidents or human errors. That means, there are no safe places as long as nuclear weapons exist. By joining Nagasaki Youth Delegation, I would like to tell threats of nuclear weapons from scientific viewpoints and inspire many people to think more about extinction of nuclear weapons.

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#### Sunao Takami

My name is Sunao Takami and I am working as Nagasaki Youth Delegation 8<sup>th</sup>, continuing from the 7<sup>th</sup>. I am from Tochigi prefecture which is little close to Tokyo. In March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the nuclear power plants exploded in Fukushima which is the neighbor prefecture. The fear that I felt from the incident made me



consider the problems related to nuclear weapons as MY problems and wanted to claim on the abolition of nuclear weapons, so I participated in the delegation 7<sup>th</sup> to take actions. The reasons that I applied for the delegation 8<sup>th</sup> are "to protect my future" and "to spread the circle of actions". One of the biggest learnings through the experience of the delegation 7<sup>th</sup> is that every single one of us on this planet could be Hibakusha. Based on this learning, we had a presentation about the concept of "all humans are HIBAKUSHAs" and many people told us that they had sympathized and they had been moved by our presentation. I always want to keep to realize that there are things which are very close





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and can destroy our lives and I want to protect this consciousness inside of myself. Moreover, everyone in this world has the rights to feel scared of the fact that we are the ones who live with nuclear weapons and we have the rights to speak up and take actions for that. The 2020 review conference of NPT that the delegation 8<sup>th</sup> is going to participate in is held once in five years. I want to care about meeting people from all over the countries who have the similar ambitious with us and want to spread the circle or range of actions and the consciousness. I will do my best.

### University of Nagasaki Honoka Taniguchi

Hello everyone. I'm Honoka Taniguchi. I'm from Isahaya city in Nagasaki prefecture and I'm studying at Department of Global and Media Studies at University of Nagasaki now.



When I took part in a social gathering with Chinese students this summer, I had a chance to hear about the activities of the Nagasaki Youth Delegation. I could learn about the power of nucleus and situation of nuclear weapons in the world and realized to be exposed the danger on nucleus even if we live a peaceful life.

However, I felt that the war is an event of the distant past, although I've grown in the Nagasaki prefecture. And I thought there are quite a few people who live without any sense of crisis the same as me.

Then I started to consider knowing about nuclear weapons or war is understanding current situation, not learning about only history. We shouldn't forget the importance of nuclear abolition to build a peaceful and safe world. I can do something to abolish nuclear weapons that's why I live in the society that develop technology and international communication. I live in Nagasaki. And I want to be mixed up many people and improve myself through the activities of the Nagasaki Youth Delegation. Thank you.

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#### University, Kaede Nakamura



Hello, everyone. I am Kaede Nakamura and a freshman at the School

of Humanities and Social Sciences in Nagasaki University. When I was an elementary school student, I visited Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. I cannot forget that the big shock



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which I felt in Peace Museum. I strongly feel that nuclear weapons are never used forever, but I could not act to abolish or decline them. I started living in Nagasaki because I go to Nagasaki University, and I saw that many people not only Japanese but also foreigners do not consider about nuclear weapons with my own eyes, and I recognized that I must act to change it. Now, many matters of nuclear weapons become bigger and bigger, then we cooperate with many people. There are many nuclear weapons now, also there is possibility that they are used. I believe that this situation is not true peace. I want to explain that terrible disaster caused by nuclear weapons, continuous suffering caused by radioactivity and especially nuclear weapons are never used again. Through our activity, I want to contribute to abolish nuclear weapons.

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## **Rin Miyake**

Hello everyone. My name is Rin Miyake from School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences of Nagasaki University. I am from Fukuoka prefecture near Nagasaki. I've been to Finland when I was a



high school student and learned that there are lots of things to thank for in our daily life. I've also learned that the personal small happiness would be a seed for bigger happiness in the family, the region, even for the country. When do you feel happy? Even during this busy and hectic days, I think everyone can feel happiness at some point in their lives. Nuclear weapons, however, these are the very weapons that easily destroy our daily happiness just in a moment. The day when Nagasaki was attacked by an atomic bomb, tremendous happiness and smiles were lost forever. Many dreams, hopes, and possibilities were broken. Various lives were totally ignored, destroyed, and only sorrow left in Nagasaki. We never allow such an inhumane day. It is impossible to explain by words how terrible the nuclear weapon for the people and environment. "Nagasaki should be the last victim city" I embrace this statement which many people have hoped so far and I will work hard as a member of Nagasaki Youth delegation. Thank you.