

Kenshin Inada / School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University



My name is Kenshin Inada, a first-year student at the School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University, and I am originally from Goto City, Nagasaki Prefecture. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as a member of the Nagasaki Youth Delegation. Through my studies and extracurricular activities, I have engaged with diverse cultures and values, learning the importance of respecting differences and living together in harmony. In particular, by repeatedly reflecting on the issues of nuclear weapons and the pursuit of peace, I have come to strongly feel that not only survivors of war, but also we ourselves, bear the responsibility to pass on peace to future generations.

I believe that participating in the Nagasaki Youth Delegation is not merely an opportunity for learning, but also a significant mission to share Nagasaki's voice with the world. As a young person from an atomic-bombed city, I feel a strong responsibility to convey the devastation of war and the inhumanity of nuclear weapons accurately. At the same time, I hope to make use of perspectives unique to our generation in order to share the values of peace with people both in Japan and abroad.

Through this work, I aim to cultivate the ability to speak about peace in my own words and to contribute what I learn back to my community, my university, and the world. With a deep sense of responsibility as a member of the delegation, I will devote myself wholeheartedly to these activities. Thank you very much for your kind support.

Waka Kuwahara / Faculty of Environmental Science, Nagasaki University



Hello everyone. My name is Waka Kuwahara, and I am a third-year student in the Faculty of Environmental Science at Nagasaki University. I am originally from Fukuoka, but I moved to Nagasaki when I entered university. After completing my first year, I took a leave of absence and spent about ten months studying in Canada. That experience inspired me to join the Nagasaki Youth Delegation.

Canada is a country that accepts people from many different backgrounds, and through my interactions with people from all over the world, I met many who said they had visited Hiroshima or Nagasaki. This made me realize how strongly the atomic bombings are recognized globally.

When people asked me about the history of the atomic bombings or my opinions on them, I often struggled to express my thoughts clearly in English without being misunderstood or sounding one-sided. Because I believe that responsibility for war lies on both sides, I felt it was important to choose my words carefully.

Even so, as a Japanese person from the only country to have suffered atomic bombings in

war, I feel a strong responsibility to share the horror of nuclear weapons and war. As a member of the Nagasaki Youth Delegation, I hope to contribute to spreading messages of peace through various activities so that Nagasaki will remain the last city to ever experience such a tragedy.

Ayuko Sakamoto / School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University



Hello everyone. My name is Ayuko Sakamoto, a first-year student at the School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University.

As a third-generation atomic bomb survivor born and raised in Nagasaki, I have been actively involved in various peace-related initiatives since high school, including volunteering as a peace guide and participating in the “High School Students’ Signature Campaign for Peace.”

However, despite the efforts of many individuals and organizations, including myself, to achieve the abolition of nuclear weapons, the international community remains in a state of tension sustained by nuclear deterrence. We now find ourselves in a situation where the use of nuclear weapons could occur at any moment.

Eighty years after the end of World War II, I believe that now is the time for people with diverse perspectives on nuclear issues to engage in sincere and constructive dialogue. In doing so, it is crucial to ensure that nuclear abolition is not dismissed as an unattainable ideal, but rather recognized as both an essential and achievable goal for the future of our global society.

Through my participation in the Nagasaki Youth Delegation, I hope to gain deeper knowledge that will enable me to promote such dialogues and to create opportunities for younger generations to think critically about peace.

I am truly honored to take part in this program, and I look forward to working with you all over the coming year. Thank you very much.

Ayaha Sasaki / School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Nagasaki University



Hi, I'm Ayaha Sasaki, and I am in the Faculty of Pharmacy at Nagasaki University. I am originally from Hiroshima, but I came to Nagasaki when I entered university.

Since I came here, I started peace activities as a "Peace Buddy" of the Peace Education Lab Nagasaki, guiding visitors in the Peace Park and the atomic-bombed sites around it. Talking about my grandparents, who are Hibakusha, and what I learned from peace education in Hiroshima, through those tears of school trip students or visitors from all over Japan and the world, I have come to realize how much struggle and pain were brought to Hibakusha, and I became aware of the inhumanity of the atomic bomb and nuclear weapons.

This experience authentically made my policy from my heart: I do not want anybody to cry

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because of nuclear weapons. One drop of my sweat I make through peace activism, I reduce one drop of someone's tears.

As a 14th Nagasaki Youth Delegation member, I will devote myself to the achievable goal of nuclear abolition, leveraging the skills that I gained through guiding, which are to deliver my thoughts, to make connections, and to bring people together,

No matter what difficulties or obstacles we face, I will continue searching for what I and we can do. As a pharmacy student, I will engage both the science that saves lives, and harm lives. Thank you for your support, and I hope to carry this mission forward together with the next generations, delivering our vision and commitment for a peaceful, nuclear-free world.

Kanon Minei / School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University



My name is Kanon Minei, a first-year student at the School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University. I am from Okinawa, and I came to Nagasaki to pursue my university studies. Growing up in Okinawa, which has the tragic history of the Battle of Okinawa, I received peace education from an early age. This experience has given me a particularly strong sense of commitment to peace. Since becoming a university student, I have wanted to take on challenges that are unique to Nagasaki University, and that is how I came across the Nagasaki Youth Delegation.

As a Japanese student from the only country to have experienced atomic bombings, as a student representing Nagasaki—the last atomic-bombed city—and as a student from Okinawa, which bears the memory of the Battle of Okinawa, I hope to share messages with the world that only I can convey. I must admit that, as someone from outside Nagasaki, I do not yet have sufficient knowledge about nuclear issues to speak persuasively about the abolition of nuclear weapons. However, I am determined to make an even greater effort to study independently and participate in study sessions to deepen my understanding and establish my own perspectives. Together with my fellow members, I will work to explore the best possible approaches and devote myself wholeheartedly to promoting peace.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Yuri Moriyama / Faculty of Engineering, Nagasaki University



My name is Yuri Moriyama, a second-year student in the Faculty of Engineering at Nagasaki University. I was born in Fukuoka and came to Nagasaki to pursue my university studies.

I began to think of peace as a personal matter when I was in junior high school. At that time, I was scheduled to participate in a Japan-Korea friendship exchange program, but it was

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canceled due to rising anti-Japanese sentiment. This was the first time I felt international tensions so close to my own life, and I realized that as long as I lived in Japan, it was easy to fall into indifference toward war. Many Japanese think of war as a distant thing especially younger generation. I want people of my generation to be interested in peace through my own words. In high school, I was a member of the mountaineering club and had the opportunity to compete in the national inter-high school championships. Teamwork is essential because mountaineering competitions are conducted in teams of four. Through this experience, I learned the importance of having my own opinion while also listening to others, working together, and achieving results collaboratively.

In the upcoming international conference and group activities, I hope to fulfill a role in broadening dialogue and fostering mutual understanding. As a member of the Nagasaki Youth Delegation, I am committed to breaking down the “wall of indifference” toward war and working hard for the realization of nuclear abolition and lasting peace.

Thank you very much for your support.