

# An activity to close the historical perception gaps between Japan and other countries about the atomic bomb in Nagasaki

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## Abstract

Now in the world, there are many gaps of how to grasp one historical incident, "historical perception gap." To narrow this gap, our group made original supplementary teaching materials. Using the material, not only can people learn about the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki but also can try Role Playing, which helps people foster mutual understanding. We then donated our materials to the United Nations and got them uploaded on the UN website. By taking actions like this, we are trying to spread original materials all over the world.

## Background

• August 9<sup>th</sup> in 2015, two disappointing occurrences happened in Japan.

- (1) The Walt Disney Company posted message on social media that seemed to congratulate the atomic bombing. The message said that the day was just an ordinary day.
- (2) The sponsor of Japan's National High School Baseball Tournament didn't allow players from Souseikan High School, Nagasaki to observe a moment of silent prayer during the game because it would disrupt the schedule.

• A hypothesis is that these occurrences were caused by the gap of education and misunderstanding about what each of us knows as the truth. Some people today are misinformed about people in other areas.

Q1: On August 9<sup>th</sup> in 1945, what happened in Nagasaki?

Q2: Can you explain all of these facts deeply?



The Nagasaki Atomic Bomb



The Pearl Harbor Attack



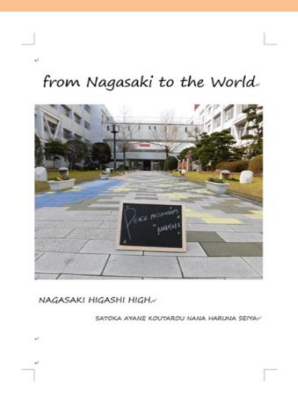
The Hiroshima Atomic Bomb

## Objectives

- To narrow the historical perception gaps
- To help us promote mutual understanding

## Method

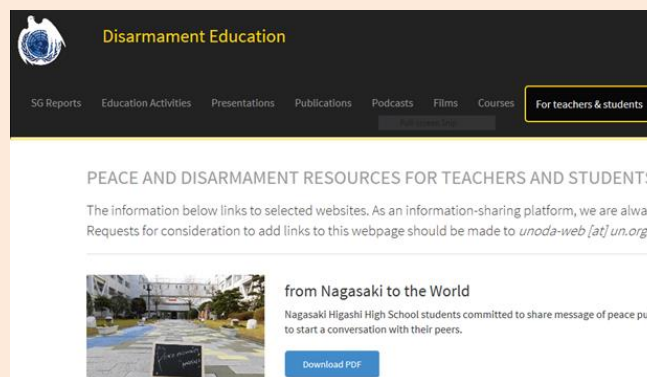
### Peace education book



### Contents

1. About the atomic bomb
2. Stories of Hibakushas
3. Interviews with ALTs
4. Further discussion

## Conclusion



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PDF files of the book on the WEB of the UN

<https://www.un.org/disarmament/education/>

We hope for an increase in the number of people who sympathize with our objectives, and work together. We would also like to learn about other cruel war-related matters including foreign examples by reading teaching materials written by our collaborators. If people around the world have a mutual understanding, the world will be more peaceful.

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