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## Open Public Lectures "Recapturing the Heritage of the Atomic-Bomb Experience: What must Hiroshima pass on?"

A Project of the Comprehensive Partnership Agreement between: The Institute for Peace Science Hiroshima University, The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, and The Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation

Seventy-three years have passed since the day of the Atomic-bombing of Hiroshima. Since "that day" the survivors have struggled through a myriad of trials and tribulations beyond our imagination. Overcoming their anger and animosity, they have chosen to shoulder the responsibility of advocating for a nuclear-free world based on universal peace. Their unvielding efforts drew renewed international attention when ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize, as it urged the world to recognize the significance of the hibakushas' contributions in the pursuit of peace. We cannot, however, remain passive in the face of their efforts forever, given that the total number of hibakusha has dwindled to somewhere in the region of 160,000 and continues to decline year on year. Now is the time we must face, head-on, the issues of A-bomb heritage, clarify what the "Atomic-bomb damage" and the "Atomic-bomb experience" are, recapture these concepts, and pass them on to future generations. The Heritage of the Atomic-bomb *Experience* is the urgent issue for Hiroshima. Hence, through open public lectures, we will discuss: "What does the Atomic-bomb damage encompass?" and "What should Hiroshima pass on to future generations?".

[Date] Saturday,  $10^{\text{th}}$  March 2018 (Heisei 30) from  $13:00 \sim 17:00$ .

[Venue] Memorial Hall, B1, East Building, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.

[Intended Audience] All members of the public.

- Dr. Noriyuki Kawano: Director of the Institute for Peace Science, Hiroshima University
- Dr. Hironori Harada: Visiting researcher of the Institute for Peace Science, Hiroshima University / Professor of the Laboratory of Oncology, School of Life Sciences, Tokyo University of Pharmacy and Life Sciences

Mr. Kenji Shiga: Director of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

Dr. Luli van der DOES: Visiting researcher of the Institute for Peace Science, Hiroshima University / Japan Society for the Promotion of Science International Research Fellow

<sup>[</sup>Speakers]

[Registration fees] Free of charge

[How to secure your seat] Please contact us (contact detail shown below) by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 via any of the following media including telephone, post-card, Fax, or e-mail. Please provide us with the following information: your name & address, and whether or not you require sign language interpretation / summary scribing services.

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