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Excursion between two World Heritage Sites: Atomic Bomb Dome and Miyajima Itsukushima Shrine

Event Summary

Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2023

Number of Participants: 300

Cost per person: 12,000 yen

Program: Travel from the Peace Memorial Park to Miyajima via the World Heritage Route to visit Itsukushima Shrine, Toyokuni Shrine, Senjo-kaku Pavilion, Miyajima Aquarium, etc.

Sake and craft beer tastings



It was an excursion hosted by an international conference held at JMS Aster Plaza that included a trip on the World Heritage Route (high-speed boat), which travels between Peace Memorial Park and Miyajima in just 45 minutes. The World Heritage Route allowed participants to enjoy Hiroshima's cityscape from both the river and the sea.



On Miyajima Island, participants enjoyed free tours of 1) Itsukushima Shrine, 2) Miyajima Aquarium, and 3) Senjimakaku Pavilion, as well as shopping and dining at Omotesando Shopping Street.



They returned to JMS Aster Plaza in Hiroshima City by charter bus and had dinner while tasting sake from seven breweries in Saijo, Higashihiroshima City.

Interaction with local student volunteers

Excursion including a visit to Miyajima Island followed by a reception at a hotel on the opposite shore

Event Summary

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Number of Participants: 150

Cost per person: 20,000 yen

Program: Collaboration with the student volunteers

Visit to Miyajima (Itsukushima Shrine, Momijidani Park, Omotesando Shopping Street, Toyokuni Shrine, Sentjimikaku Pavilion, etc.)

Reception at a hotel on the opposite shore

As part of an international conference at JMS Aster Plaza, the program included an excursion to Miyajima and a reception at a hotel on the opposite shore.



With the help of professional English-speaking guides and a number of student volunteers, the visit to Miyajima and Itsukushima Shrine became an opportunity for international exchange. The student volunteers participated in this program after receiving English training from the professional guides. It was an experience motivated the students to participate in more international exchanges in the future.



After the visit to Miyajima, a reception was held at a hotel on the other side of the island, where a kendama performance, said to have originated in Hatsukaichi, was held as an attraction, and participants also had a chance to try kendama.



At the end of the reception, participants boarded a sightseeing boat that departed from the hotel to enjoy the view of the Otorii and Itsukushima Shrine from the boat.

While traveling by charter bus from Hiroshima City to Hatsukaichi/Miyajimaguchi, participants deepened the exchange with volunteers and guides by introducing themselves on the bus.

Technical visit and excursion

**A visit to an incineration plant that produces renewable energy,
followed by a tour of Miyajima and Itsukushima Shrine**

Event Summary

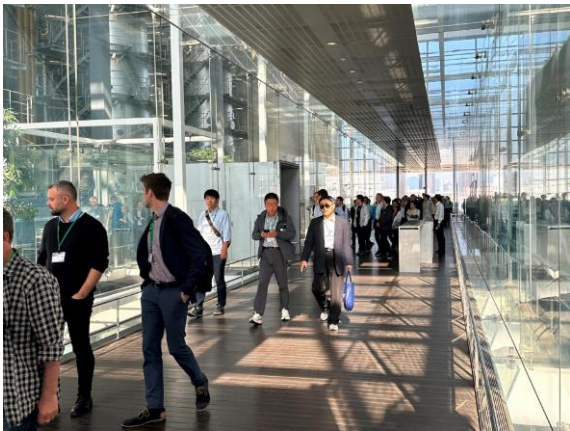
Date: Monday, November 6, 2023

Number of Participants: 350

Cost per person: 6,000 yen

Program: Visit to the Hiroshima City Environment Bureau's
Naka Plant and to Miyajima (Itsukushima Shrine,
Omotesando Shopping Street, Daisho-in Temple, etc.)

As part of the excursion program for an international conference held at the Hiroshima International Conference Center, participants visited a state-of-the-art waste treatment facility (Hiroshima City Environment Bureau Naka Plant) and Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island.



Lunch boxes, including vegetarian and halal options, were distributed prior to departure from the Hiroshima International Conference Center to accommodate the dietary diversity of participants. During the bus ride to the Naka Plant, a professional English-speaking guide explained the history and purpose of the plant's construction, as well as the latest technology to provide renewable energy with a focus on the SDGs. Participants toured the plant with great interest, as some of the topics overlapped with those of the conference.



The participants then traveled by charter bus to Hatsukaichi/Miyajima-guchi, boarded a ferry to Miyajima Island, and enjoyed the history and scenery of Itsukushima Shrine. Accompanied by professional English-speaking guides, the participants gained a deeper understanding of the history and cultural background of the site and asked many questions, which were answered by the guides.

Welcome party at Hiroshima Castle, a designated national historic site and the cradle of Hiroshima's history and culture (in front of Gokoku Shrine).

Event Summary

Date: Friday, November 10, 2023

Number of Participants: 300

Cost per person: 50,000 yen

Program: Open-air welcome party (Kendama performance,
Aki Hiroshima Busyoutai (Samurai performance))

Gala Dinner at a hotel

(Dinner with the same menu served at the G7
Hiroshima Summit, Kagura performance, etc.)

After-party experience at a downtown bar
(Nagaregawa)



An open-air welcome party was held on the grounds of Hiroshima Castle (in front of Gokoku Shrine), an attractive location for overseas participants, with catering provided by a local bakery and with sustainability in mind. Entertainment included a kendama performance and a demonstration by the Aki Hiroshima Busyoutai (Samurai performance), which entertained the international conference participants.



After the party at the castle grounds, the guests moved to a hotel's banquet hall, where they enjoyed locally produced food and beverages, the same as those served at the welcome reception for the 2023 G7 Hiroshima Summit. The menu, consisting of locally produced and consumed ingredients and sake from breweries in Hiroshima Prefecture, was well received by participants from Japan and abroad.



The group then moved to Nagaregawa, the nightlife district of Hiroshima City, to experience the Japanese "Niji-kai" (second party) culture.

Reading to learn about Hiroshima's past and present and to share thoughts about future peace.

Event Summary

Date: Sunday, November 26, 2023

Number of Participants: 48

Cost per person: 5,000 yen

Program: A-bomb account and reading session at
Hiroshima University Kasumi Campus
Orizuru Tower

Participants attended a reading of atomic bomb testimonies at the Ryo-un Building on the Kasumi Campus of Hiroshima University. Volunteer readers registered at the Hiroshima National Peace Memorial Hall read 7 poems about the authors' family members and others close to them from a booklet. During the session, at the suggestion of one of the Asian participants, we all read the poems together, paragraph by paragraph. High school students from Hiroshima Prefecture also participated and read the poems together with the overseas participants.



Participants then visited the Orizuru Tower to view the restored Hiroshima while looking at the nearby Atomic Bomb Dome. They also folded origami cranes and threw them into the Orizuru Wall (the glass pocket on the side wall of the tower) to add to the thoughts and prayers for peace from around the world.



Interaction with elementary school students while tracing the history of Hiroshima as a city of peace, followed by an excursion to Miyajima

Event Summary

Date: Monday, November 27, 2023

Number of Participants: 50

Cost per person: 10,000 yen

Program: Visit to Honkawa Elementary School in Hiroshima City,
Japanese cultural experience
Sightseeing tour of Miyajima Island

Participants visited Honkawa Elementary School in Hiroshima City, where they were guided by elementary school students through the A-Bomb Museum in the building that survived the atomic bombing and is preserved on the school grounds. The participants were divided into eight groups, each with an interpreter. The elementary school students led the participants with confident enthusiasm, motivating them to think about the history of Hiroshima's recovery from the devastation of the atomic bomb.



Participants then enjoyed their first origami crane folding and a tea ceremony experience hosted by a local hospitality team.



In the afternoon, they took a high-speed boat from Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park to Miyajima via the World Heritage Route.

