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Peace Piece Project
realizes world peace
by raising children who create peace

The name and logo of the Peace Piece Project
have the meaning that
"If each small piece of love gathers,
it can create a great peace."



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Some 250 million children live in conflict-affected countries and regions. Many children are feeling hard and sad, such as losing their lives and losing their families by dispute, violence, environmental destruction.

The Peace Piece Project aims to realize world peace by holding the Children's World Peace Summit with children around the world and creating an earth where children can live with peace of mind.

All of our activities contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which is an action plan for humans, and the planet to ensure our ongoing prosperity, promoting by the UN.

Message from the Representative

Raising children who create peace and creating an earth where children can live with peace of mind

We started activities to raise children who create peace in 2009, with the aim of realizing world peace.

10 years have passed since our activity started. So far, we have been able to work on the following activities with so many children.

- **Achieve a Guinness Record with the “World's Largest Paper Crane”**
- **Formed a support team to invite the Olympics to Hiroshima and submitted over 600,000 signatures to the mayor**
- **Original and published a manga that tells the history of Japan's recovery**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to many people for their kindness.

By the way, even if you hear "world peace", some people may not have a concrete image.

It has been a long time since World War II. As a result, very few people directly experience the war and remember how they recover. We must learn that peace is maintained by the efforts of many predecessors, and how they have built peace.

Globally, some 250 million children live in conflict-affected countries and regions. Wherever the environment in which children are born and raised, creating an earth where they can live with peace of mind is a very urgent and important task.

The Peace Piece Project defines the realization of world peace as creating an earth where children can live with peace of mind. And we are raising children who create peace to make it happen.

The first step in raising children is to hold the Children's World Peace Summit. We will hold this in the International Conference room in the members hall of the House of Representatives which is used by heads of state. At that place, multinational children will discuss "how to achieve peace on a global scale" and administer an oath.



The world's largest paper crane that holds Guinness records



The activity to collect signatures on the street



Peace education at home and abroad

We raise children who create peace by providing a place for them to plan, execute, and report on their actions based on that declaration.

Second, we promote peace education.

Currently, there is no subject of "peace education" in Japanese school classes.

In addition to studying the history of war in social studies classes and dealing with novels and poems in Japanese language classes, we will also work with educational institutions to create classes that specifically consider how to create peace.

Third, we will conduct enlightenment activities to increase the number of associates of this activity and recruit supporters. Creating an earth where 250 million children can live with peace of mind requires many people who understands and supporters.

We will hold speeches at international summits and give lectures in various places to make our activities widely known.

In this way, we are promoting activities to raise children who create peace in order to achieve world peace. If you could support our activities, please become our supporter.

(Please see page 22 for details) We look forward to your participation.

I hope the future of children be a world full of love and peace.



<< Representative Profile >>

A female entrepreneur living in Hiroshima, Japan.

August 27, the same birthday as Mother Teresa.

Her grandmother died on August 6, 1945, by the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

She grew up after hearing the history of Hiroshima's recovery from her bombed mother and great-grandmother.

At the age of 10, she had cerebral hemorrhage due to a traffic accident, but miraculously survived.

She had her gratitude for being alive, so she aimed to be an entrepreneur who would be useful to society.

Currently, she is promoting businesses that benefit the world, such as the brokerage sale of solar power plants.

In color psychology, pink is said that you can be happy just by looking at it. She wears pink clothes 365 days a year with the hope that everyone who meets her will be happy.

She is the # 1 Google search "Pink Shacho".

* Shacho means president

Taeko Tada

Representative, Peace Piece Project



Company Profile

Business Overview

VISION

Realizing world peace

Creating an earth where children can live with peace of mind

Mission

Raising children who create peace

Description of Business

● Hold the Children's World Peace Summit

- Peace discussion by children around the world
- Oath by children

● Promotion of peace learning

- Create textbooks for peace learning
- Cooperation with educational institutions, free lending of comics, utilization of peace learning, school visits, lecturers

● Enlightening Activities and Supporters Recruitment

- Speech and lecture at international summit
- Peace Speech at UN
- Publicity activities and events, lectures to cultivate companions
- Donation of comics to international organizations and important persons, activity reports, etc.

Company Overview

Company name	Peace Piece Project
Founded	July 15, 2015 * Our activities started in May 2009. In July 2015, became an incorporated association.
Representative	Taeko Tada
Business overview	World Peace Realization Project - Children's World Peace Summit - Promotion of Peace Learning: Creating textbooks for peace education
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Contact Number	Tel: +81(82)253-0693 * Weekdays 9:00 to 18:00
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Website	https://peacepieceproject.com
Record	Guinness World Record for the largest paper crane in the world

Children's World Peace Summit



写真提供 地球こどもサミット

Thinking about ways to achieve world peace with children from around the world

We are raising children who can act independently to achieve world peace. We define "world peace" as "the earth where children can live with peace of mind" and hold the Children's World Peace Summit as a place for children to independently consider ways to achieve world peace.

This Summit will be held the International Conference room in the members hall of the House of Representatives which is used by heads of state.

At that place, multinational children will discuss "how to achieve peace on a global scale" and administer an oath. We raise children who create peace by providing a place for them to plan, execute, and report on their actions based on that declaration.

◆ Program (planned)

Children's World Peace Summit

～ We create the peace of the earth!

- Greetings from the Minister
- Peace discussion by children around the world
"How to make the earth peaceful"
～ Think about how to create peace
by using familiar books
Oath of a child!



Let's support this summit!



Register as a supporter
From 33 yen per day, you
can support this activities.
* See page 22 for details

Promotion of Peace Learning

According to psychologist Erik Homburger Erikson's Theory of Psychosocial Development, the age of development between the ages of 5 and 12 is called the "school age."

During this age, children will be able to understand and judge good and evil, will be able to target and recognize things to a certain extent, and analyze them with a distance from them, a more differentiated pursuit is possible. School age are said to be a very important time to bring about growth and development to the mind and body.

During that important school age, children learn about the importance of peace, think, act and report on it. Such education raises children who realize world peace.



According to the theory of cognitive development by developmental psychologist and child psychologist Jean Piaget (Swiss), at the age of 7-11, they will be able to develop logical thinking skills and be able to think from the standpoint of others. Starting at the age of 11, they will be able to apply their knowledge and experience to make hypotheses, predict what will happen if this is the case, and act and speak.

In this period, which coincides with school age, we will raise children who have their own initiative to open up the future by providing learning to achieve the following goals;
"Respect the traditions and culture, and develop an attitude of loving homeland and territory, as well as an attitude of respecting other countries, their willingness to understand foreign cultures and contributing to the peace and development of the international community." (Goal of compulsory learning under the School Learning Law of Japan)

To that end, we will hold the Children's World Peace Summit, promote peace learning in cooperation with educational institutions, and develop activities to increase supporters.

from age 7 to age 11 Concrete operational stage

- Logic thinking develops and you can speak and act considering the other person's feelings
- Understand numerical concepts and can compare weight, length, distance, etc

1. Understanding of conservation
2. Less egocentric and more rational

age 11+ Formal operational stage

- Understand abstract concepts
- Image concretely from explanations and videos
- Use their existing knowledge and make predictions about what will happen in the future

▲ Piaget's Stages of Cognitive Development

Cooperation with educational institutions

- In cooperation with the Shimonoseki City Board of Education, peace learning at all 72 elementary and junior high schools in Shimonoseki City
- Visit to Yumegaoka Junior High School and Seii Elementary School and peace lessons



- Visit the superintendent of education and the mayor and report on our activities
- Donation to all 216 elementary schools, junior high schools, and high school libraries in Hiroshima City in cooperation with the Hiroshima City Board of Education



Mr. Kodama, Shimonoseki City
Superintendent of Education



Mr. Itoyama, Hiroshima City
Superintendent of Education



Mr. Ogata, Hiroshima City
Former Superintendent of Education

- Visit Hiroshima City Noboricho Elementary School, Hiroshima City Nakajima Elementary School
- Preliminary study of school trip with Asahi Juku Elementary School (Okayama) and guide on the day of school trip



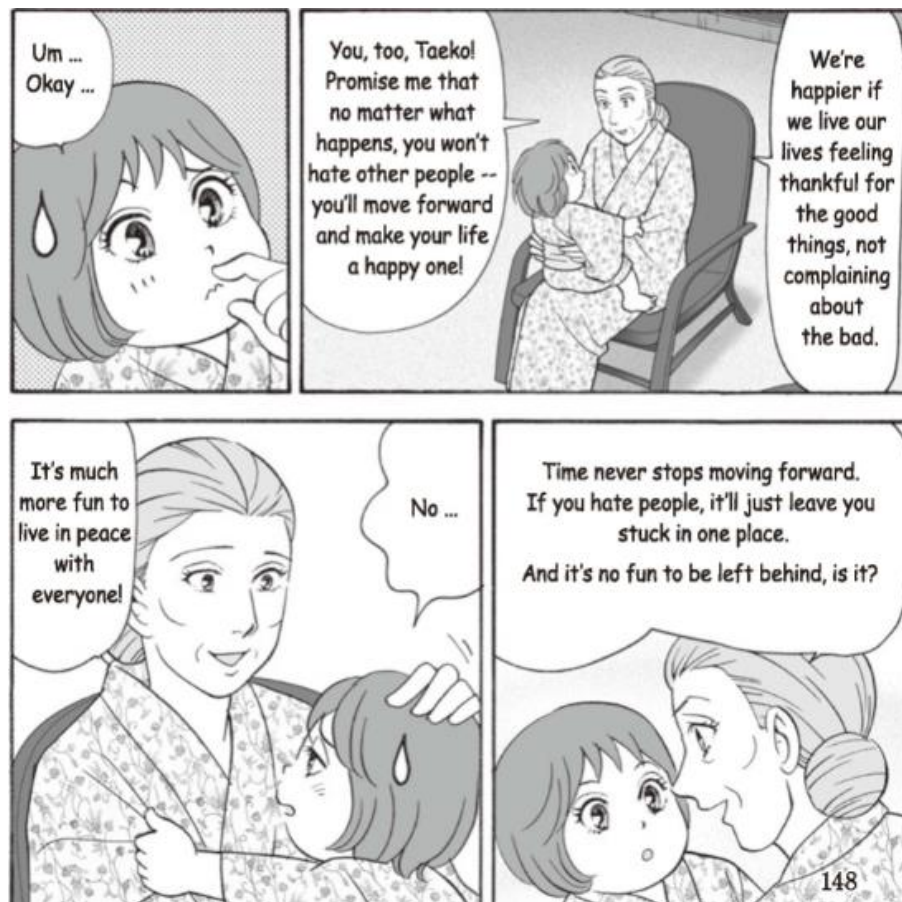
In addition, in collaboration with the Hiroshima City Economic and Tourism Bureau, we donated 600 books as peace learning materials for school excursions, and provided e-books and learning PDFs. We also had a peace education discussion with students from the Kanto Gakuin University Faculty of Education, Child Development Department.

Creating Textbooks for Peace Learning

After World War II, Hiroshima underwent a miraculous revival in mental way and living environment aspects.

The women in Hiroshima survived moving forward strongly and lived positively with a mind of forgiveness, without having a grudge against or hating someone. We published their story in comics and made it a peace education textbook.

This manga will foster children who will creating the future through the history of Hiroshima revival. Through learning reconstruction history, children will respect the traditions and culture, and get an attitude of loving homeland and territory, as well as an attitude of respecting other countries, their willingness to understand foreign cultures and contributing to the peace and development of the international community.



Free distribution of e-books on Amazon Kindle

Anyone can read for free from the QR code below. Use in school classes is also welcome.

* The book version can be purchased. * Free lending of books to educational institutions is also available.

* For shipping outside of Japan, please feel free to contact us.

Japanese



English



French



Buy comic



President Obama is impressed by reading "The Hiroshima Miracle"!

On April 14, 2016, we donated "The Hiroshima Miracle" to Ms. Caroline Kennedy, US Ambassador to Japan, to make President Obama's visit to Hiroshima a reality.

Ms. Kennedy gave us a thank-you letter saying, "I will send it to Washington (President Obama)." And on May 27, 2016, President Obama's visit to Hiroshima was realized. At a later date, President Obama gave us a thank-you letter saying, "I am moved by your story."



< Letter from President Obama >

Dear Taeko:

I am moved by your story. I visited Hiroshima to reaffirm my commitment to working toward a world without nuclear weapons.

We have a shared responsibility to look directly into the eye of history and ask what we must do differently to prevent such suffering from ever happening again. It is through the examples set by the hibakusha that we are able to define ourselves not by our capacity for war, but by our common humanity. Since that fateful day, we have made choices that give us hope, and stories like yours are a testament to how far we have come.

So long as more people take the time to understand the past and embrace compassion, I am confident a brighter, more peaceful future lies ahead. Thank you, again, for sharing your story with me. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely, Barack Obama



AMBASSADOR OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TOKYO

April 21, 2016


Ms. Taeko Tada
Representative
Peace Piece Project
1-17-25 Deshio, Minami-ku,
Hiroshima-shi, Hiroshima 734-0001

Dear Ms. Tada:

Thank you so much for sending two copies of *The Hiroshima Miracle – Hiroshima is in the Pink*. I look forward to sharing them with my Embassy colleagues and guests. We will also send a copy to Washington. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

The foundation of the U.S. Government's non-proliferation efforts is the clear understanding and recognition of the human consequences of the use of nuclear weapons. I was deeply moved by my visits to Hiroshima and Nagasaki and hope that these visits help to advance President Obama's goal of realizing a world without nuclear weapons.

Sincerely,


Caroline Kennedy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 3, 2016

Ms. Taeko Tada
Hiroshima, Japan

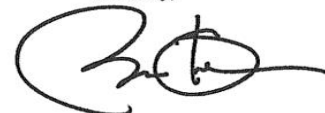
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Sincerely,



Thank-you letter from Ms. Caroline Kennedy

Thank-you letter from President Obama

Publication in UN official languages

Circulation

Japanese version
6,000 copies

English version
1,000 copies

French version
2,000 copies

In 2019, we conducted crowdfunding for publishing the French version, and many people supported it. And in January 2020 we were able to publish a French version.

We would like to express my gratitude to everyone once again.

So far, we have published in Japanese, English and French, but for children around the world to read, we need to publish and active in the language used in that country.

First of all, we will publish in the six official languages of the United Nations (English, French, Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish), and we kindly ask you for your ongoing support.

Crowdfunding

Supporters of French version publishing

Total **1,934,800 yen*** * About \$ 17,740 **122 supporters**

Company Supporter

Oshu Corporation

mobility career Co., Ltd

Sangyo Supply Co., Ltd.

Torii Yugyo Co., Ltd.

Asset Environment Improvement Organization

Yuki beauty salon

Biken Guide Sha Co., Ltd.

TSP Co.,Ltd.

Supporters * We have omitted honorific titles here.

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I would also like to thank the 62 other donors, everyone who organized the event for crowdfunding, and everyone who shared on Facebook and other SNS and supported their activities.

Achievements of Donation and Utilization

【Notable person】

- Nobel Peace Prize Winner / The 44th President of the US President Barack Obama
- Ms.Caroline Kennedy, former Ambassador of Japan to Japan
- Mr.Ali Al Madani, official of the United Arab Emirates royal family
- Mr.Son, Vice President, Alibaba Group
- Mr.Dmitry Mariyasin, UNDP Resident Representative (Armenia)
- Ms.Diana R Abruzzi, Founder, International Women's Federation of Commerce and Industry (IWFCI)
- Ms.Marie Christine Oghly, President, FCEM (the pioneer association uniting women business owners from the world over) and many others...



Ms.Maya Cassandra Soetoro-Ng,
Peace Researcher
at the University of Hawaii



Princess Catherine Colonna de
Stigliano, Principality of
Monaco



Mr. Laurent Pic
Ambassador of France to Japan

【 School / Educational institution 】

- Free lending to the following schools: Yamaguchi prefecture Shimonoseki 72 schools (all elementary school and junior high school, Nobori-cho elementary school (Hiroshima) , Nakajima elementary school (Hiroshima), Asahi-juku elementary school (Okayama), Handa elementary school (Aichi)
- National Diet Library, Hiroshima City small, medium and high school library of 216 schools
- Peace Memorial Museum, 12 Hiroshima City Library
- Hiroshima City Economic and Environment Bureau Tourism Policy Division (600 books as a peace study material for school trip)
- The Japanese Weekend School (NY), New York City Library, Special Music School (NY)
- International School Of Paris, EIB - The Victor Hugo School (Paris, France)
- Magoso school (Kenyan orphanage)
- Street Children Support Facility in the Philippines and many others...



NPO Globe Jungle; Kukkuma Orphanage
(Cambodia)



NPO Seven Spirit (Philippines Cebu island)

Children who don't know the war read "The Hiroshima Miracle" and thought for oneself and wrote their honest feelings. It is only a small part, but we will introduce an excerpt.
We would like to translate and publish this story in many languages,
and tell children around the world how to create peace.

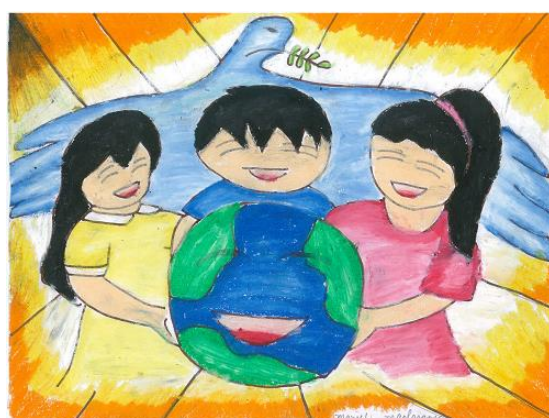
「こんなところが良かったよ！」
「平和のために、こんなことを始めてみようかな？」
思ったこと、考えたことを、本の原作者に伝えてみよう！

I will spend my days smiling without forgetting to thank me.

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Posters drawn by children who read "The Hiroshima Miracle"



Impressions from street children in Cebu, Philippines



I love the scene of
"promise me that no matter what happens,
you won't hate other people -- you'll move
forward and make your life a happy one!"

My favorite scene is when Taeko
and her mother talking and Taeko's
mother said that, no matter what
happens, you won't hate other people
you'll move forward and make
your life a happy one! I like
it very much.

In addition, children gave us impressions of this comic with pure thoughts on peace as follows:

I learned about the Importance to live.

I was able to think deeply about the warmth in people's hearts and the power to live positively.

I want to live thinking about what I should do and how to do in the future.

We will expand the circle of this activity and bring up children who realize world peace, so please register as a supporter and support us continuously.

Register as a supporter here: <https://peacepieceproject.com/p-support> (See page 22 for details)

Enlightening Activities, Supporters Recruitment

World Congress of FCEM (Femmes Chefs D'Entreprises Mondiales) in Russia /
Mother Teresa Photo Exhibition, hosted by Mother Teresa Memorial Museum / Pilot International Japan District /
"Doyu club", Economic Friends Association Public interest incorporated corporation /
L.B.A. Women's Entrepreneurs Association / Hiroshima Economic Activation Promotion Club /
Okonomiyaki Academy / Tokyo Metropolitan Ethics Corporation Chuo Ward / KKC /
Hiroshima Southeast South Rotary Club / Hiroshima Asa Rotary Club /
The 1st Hiroshima Hawaii Next Generation Business Leaders Program (hosted by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Honolulu, Hawaii, Hiroshima Prefecture and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry) etc.



Pink Day on April 4 to share happiness by giving pink presents

We established Pink Day on April 4 with the desire to increase the number of happy people around the world. * Registration: Japan Anniversary

April 4, 2019, Pink Party

To celebrate the first Pink Day, we held a luxury party surrounded by pink at The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo, and 100 people participated.



Company Supporter

Brilliant Co., Ltd

Road Accident Medical Information Association

Japan Management Center Ltd.

Nihon Foods Co., Ltd.

Joyaku-Kenkyujo Co., Ltd.

Tanaka Shoten Co., Ltd.

Irodori Dental

Sanshu Industry Co.,Ltd.

Color Techno.,Ltd

Sakakibara Co., Ltd.

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Amaneko sha Co., Ltd.

FUJITECHNO Co., Ltd.

Sangyo Supply Co., Ltd.

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Medical corporation Hyakka Ryoran

Asahi Real Estate Co., Ltd.

Yuko Holdings Co., Ltd.

Force Around, Ltd.

Ryoji Mori

Koko Kobayashi

The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo

Hideichi Co.,Ltd. (H-1 Balloon)

uk Co., Ltd.

Pink Day event

We held pink-related events such as gifting pink Black Thunder and pink stationery, offering special pink course dishes, and lighting up pink.



Company Supporter

Yuraku Confectionery Co.,Ltd.

Restaurant be

Seven-Eleven Hiroshima University Hospital shop, Hiroshima Deshio 1chome shop

KOKUYO Co.,Ltd.

KATSUKI Ladies Clinic

Overseas Activities

Principality of Monaco's summer ball (Hosted by the Royal Family), World Congress of the World Association of Women Entrepreneurs (FCEM), The International Women's Federation of Commerce and Industry (IWFCI), Women CEOs Summit, Street Children School in the Philippines, and many others



Donation of stationery to slum children in Cebu, Philippines



Reported to Mr. Prayut Chan-o-cha, Thai Prime Minister



Reported at the World Congress of the Entrepreneur Association of 120 countries join



Reported to Monaco women entrepreneurs

Visiting country report in 2019 - Conquered two laps around the earth

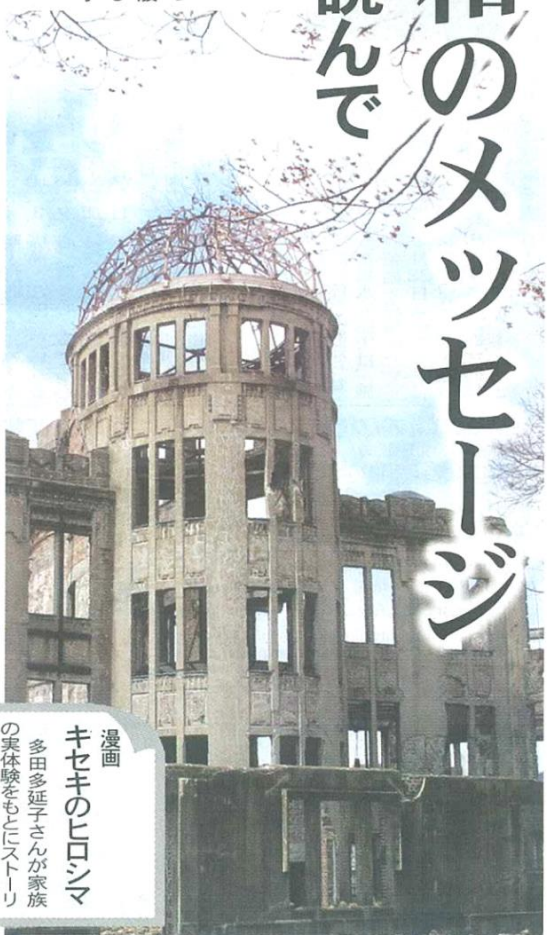
United States (New York, Houston, San Francisco, Portland), France (Nice, Saint-Tropez), Principality of Monaco, Germany (Munich), Netherlands (Amsterdam), Belgium (Brussels), Russia (Moscow, St. Petersburg), Australia (Melbourne), Brazil (Campo Grande, Sao Paulo), Armenia (Yerevan), Qatar (Doha), Chile (Santiago), Mexico (Los Cabos), Philippines (Cebu, Boracay), Singapore, Korea (Busan), Thailand (Bangkok), China (Beijing), India (Delhi, Udaipur)



小学生が紡ぐ平和のメッセージ 漫画「キセキのヒロシマ」を読んで

広島市中島小6年生
半田市(愛知県) 半田小5・6年生

2018年は戦後73年目。年々、平和の尊さを自らの体験として次世代に伝える人たちが減っている。こうした中、原爆投下後の広島を舞台にした漫画「キセキのヒロシマ」を出版した一般社団法人ピースピースプロジェクト(多田多延子代表)では、学校に漫画を贈呈したり、無料貸し出ししたりしながら、子どもたちの平和教育を推進している。漫画を読んだ広島市の市立中島小6年生と、愛知県半田市の市立半田小5・6年生のメッセージを紹介する。



被爆者の支え合いが復興に／原爆について伝えたい

中島小6年生

一人ひとりの生きよう、元に戻そうという思いが、支え合いながら生きていく姿がすごいなと思います。今の広島になったこと、お好み焼きという広島で有名なものが一銭洋食から生まれたことを、この本から学びました。一人ひとりの人間がせいじつばいの力をだすことで、世の中はよくなっている、と思います。

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相手が苦しんでいたら無視せず、話しかけて助け合おう。今の広島がある！と思いました。カーブも、他のチームとはちがいで、広島のみなで育てたのはすごく深くていいと思います。70年間、草も木もはえないといわれていたけど、今の広島は明るく、平和です。ばらしいです。

原爆のおそろしさが改めて分かりました。原爆でたくさんの方が亡くなっていました。生き残った

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漫画「キセキのヒロシマ」

多田多延子さんが家族の実体験をもとにストーリーを練り、東京の漫画制作会社が作画を担当した。壊滅的な被害を受けた原爆投下後の広島で、多田さんの母親と叔父を、女手一つで育ててきた曾祖母と、戦後の復興を支えてきた女性たちの前向きに生きる姿を描きながら、平和の大切さを伝えている。お好み焼きのルーツや、カーブ誕生の史実なども盛り込み、広島市の復興していく過程が時系列で描かれている。漫画は全5巻で各巻ともA5判32ページ。戦後70年に合わせて出版した。広島市内の市立小・中・高校に寄贈している他、全国の学校には無料貸し出しも行っている。英語版も2016年3月に制作した。各巻432ページで、5巻セットで2160円。インターネットで販売している。詳細はピースピースプロジェクト(082-253-0968)。



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FEATURE: Women's resilience takes the stage in manga of A-bomb survivor's kin

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The horrors of the world's first atomic bombing in Hiroshima are often captured in black and white photos of the devastated western Japan city and images of survivors' scars.

But Taeko Tada, whose mother survived the U.S. atomic bombing on Aug. 6, 1945, at the age of 5, has a different take on the tragedy, as her self-published manga focuses on the happier faces of women who let go of their pain, decided to forgive and helped rebuild the city.

In her book entitled "The Hiroshima Miracle: Hiroshima is in the Pink!" Tada, 47, uses the color pink on its cover and title to reflect her desire to depict the atomic-bomb survivors' tales as one that brings hope and joy to people. Pink is her favorite color which represents joy.

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Tada's great-grandmother lost her daughter-in-law at age 56 due to the effects of the atomic bomb and raised Tada's mother alone.

Tada released the manga in Japanese in five booklets last year, to mark 70 years since the end of World War II. It was printed in English in March and will be available on iBooks.

The book was sent to American Ambassador Caroline Kennedy, who in April wrote a letter of thanks. Kennedy said a copy will be sent to Washington.

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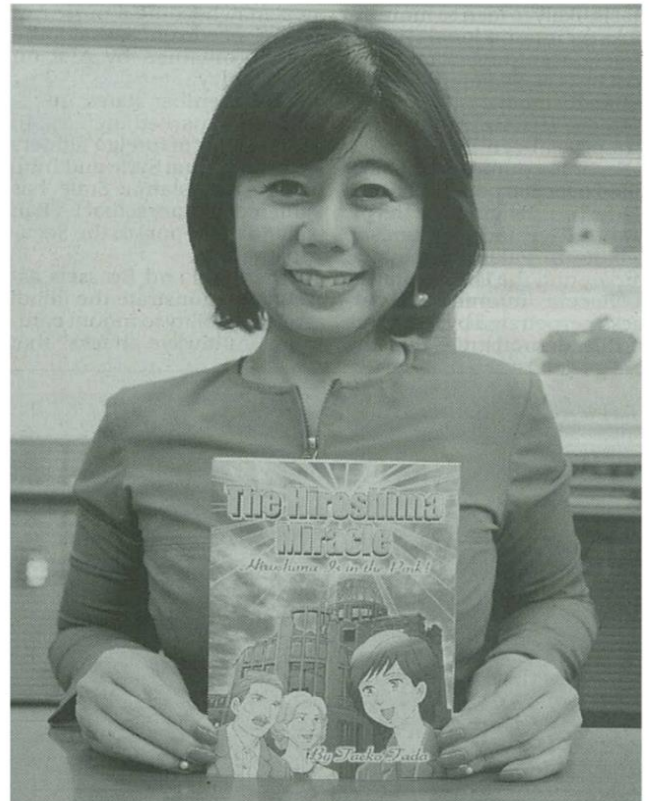
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Taeko Tada holds a copy of the manga she wrote about women who survived the atomic bombing, seen on May 25. KYODO

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