

## Youth Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons

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### **1. Background**

- (1) As the only country to have ever suffered atomic bombings, Japan has the responsibility to firmly pass on to the next generations the correct understanding of the realities of atomic bombings beyond borders and generations. In this regard, in September 2010, the Japanese Foreign Ministry launched a program called “Special Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons” to support atomic bomb survivors (Hibakusha) to tell their first-hand experiences about the consequence of the use of nuclear weapons.
- (2) In addition to this, as Hibakushas are aging, the Foreign Ministry recognized the necessity to transmit the reality of atomic bombings to future generations. In this regard, a program called “Youth Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons” was launched by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Fumio Kishida in April 2013. To further develop this program, Mr. Kishida expressed his strong desire to share this sense of mission with young people around the world in March 2016.

### **2. What is the mission of “Youth Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons”?**

- (1) The “Youth Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons” is expected to pass on the realities of the use of nuclear weapons to the international community as well as to future generations through attending various international events, such as atomic bombing exhibitions.
- (2) The opinions expressed by the “Youth Communicators” during these occasions do not necessarily represent the views of the Government of Japan, but their commissioned activities are supported by it.

### **3. How to apply?**

Applicants of “Youth Communicators” should meet all the following requirements. Applications are required to be submitted through local governments, high schools, universities, or appropriate organizations.

- (1) 15-30 years old
- (2) A person who has a record of or concrete plans for activity, research, training, or

education in the disarmament and non-proliferation field with a central focus on activities in relation to nuclear disarmament or non-proliferation

- (3) A person who, having been assigned the title of Youth Communicator, will speak to an international audience about the results of activity, research, training, or education in the disarmament and non-proliferation field, either in Japan or abroad, with a central focus on activities aiming for a world without nuclear weapons
- (4) A person upon whom the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan determines that it is appropriate to bestow the title of Youth Communicator

#### **4. Expenses**

The Japanese governments does not fund for the travel or any other expenses of Youth Communicators.