

Participating in the NPDJ youth program

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This NPDJ youth exchange program had the goal that we tried to find the mission of nuclear disarmament through visiting Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, hearing a testimony of A-bomb survivor and understanding the fact of Hiroshima in 1945. After that, we made practical plans to solve the mission.

The discussion was the most impressive for me in this program. We discussed what to do for nuclear disarmament as youth and tried to make our plan more practical through this discussion. I thought that participating in this discussion under the same understanding of the international situation of each country was very meaningful and also efficient to improve nuclear disarmament.

This is because I think that cooperation and mutual understanding all over the world are needed to improve nuclear disarmament. So, this opportunity, which we were able to discuss with youth from many countries by surrounding one table and having understanding of backgrounds was so meaningful and efficient.

At first, we discussed which country we have to focus on and what they have to carry out of each country in many various views. Though it is said that succeeding generation have to take action from now on, it is difficult for us to have a large influence on all over the world by ourselves in fact. So we thought that we had no choice but to fall back on the government.

There was one proposal from one foreign student, which was said that we had to invite leaders abroad especially President Obama. She said, "I was able to realize many things through many activities in Hiroshima such as hearing a testimony, watching staffs which were exposed by A-bomb with my own eyes and so on." And she also said, "All of those experiences are very precious and meaningful. And also they touched my heart." I was very happy to hear that. This is because I have had same proposal with her and I felt that I was able to share my thought with foreign student of same generation.

I thought that exchanging my opinion with foreign students meant being able to find companion, who I have to cooperate with and also felt an expanse of our network for future all over the world.

But I felt keenly it was needed for me, a skill which was persuasive enough to discuss.

So I will continue to say "The abolition of nuclear weapons is only way for us." in order to lead the world as one girl born in Hiroshima getting the skill to discuss with people all over the world on even ground.