

## NPDI Youth Exchange Program report

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I have learned a lot of things in NPDI. I would like to write about the three things that impressed me in particular.

### 1, Attend the Dialogue with Civil Society

This conference did not get good result because we could not make an international rule that nuclear possession is illegal as we desired. I feel that it is very pity. But I felt that governments, atomic bomb victims and peoples over the world had the same hope of "the abolition of nuclear weapons" in this program. Based on this meeting I hope that young people including me will realize we need to continue to strive further towards abolition of nuclear weapons. Abolition of nuclear weapons will require much time. But, I think that we need to continue to struggle in order not to repeat the tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki again. I felt that I would like to engage in work related to peace like people who I met at this meeting. I felt again that I want to work in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the future.

### 2, Attend the testimony of Atomic Bomb Survivor, followed by photo opportunity with Ministers

Almost all foreign people had never heard directly from the survivors their experience of the atomic bombing. The majority of students who participated in this meeting had never heard it, either. I think that this experience became a very precious experience for students. Learning the importance of peace is necessary, but we shouldn't stop there, we have to tell it to future generations. That is because it's the only action that we can do now. In addition, I think that I hope more people all over the world will listen to the story of the survivor of atomic bombing in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. But I think that it should be handed down in the real voice. So I must take some action in order to convey the real voice.

### 3, Group Discussion

I regret not telling my opinions well during this discussion. I read books and articles more than usual for this meeting. And I went actively sit in on a lot of peace lectures. But I could not speak at all to them about what I learned. I feel that I could not make the best of this precious chance. I want to tell my experience and knowledge of peace to more people all over the world. So I would like to learn English more, because I think that we need to share our knowledge and experience to understand with each other. And I want to achieve "the abolishment of nuclear weapons" with young people all over the world together.

A lot of people prepared for this meeting. For example, Ministry of foreign Affairs, Hiroshima Prefectural Office, Hiroshima City Hall, Board of Education in Hiroshima city, Motomachi High School students, Sanyo High School students and Funairi High School students. I am very

grateful. I was able to spend precious time.