

# Messages from supporters of the Graduate School of Peace Studies

**SAKAMOTO, Shigeki** Professor, Doshisha University (International Law), President of Japanese Society of International Law (2014-2016)



As memories of the atomic bombings start to fade, the Hiroshima City University will establish a Graduate School of Peace Studies, fittingly in the city of Hiroshima, to advance peacebuilding and nuclear disarmament. There is no other graduate school where students can learn analytical methods in specialized areas such as peace studies as well as international politics, international law and international relations, and acquire knowledge of systems and models essential to realizing sustainable peace. I hope that the school will endeavor to convert Shuntaro Tanikawa's quote that "human beings wage war" into the past tense.

**ISHIDA, Atsushi** Professor, University of Tokyo (International Politics), President of the Japan Association of International Relations (2016-2018), President of the Peace Studies Association of Japan (2009-2011)



What threatens the existence, welfare and dignity of human beings, is the actions or inactions of humans themselves and nothing else. "Global peace," a state in which no such threats exist, would benefit all humankind across national boundaries. People have pledged to never repeat the mistakes and errors of the past, nevertheless, we are not free from threats to peace. So, what is needed to realize peace? I have great hopes for the efforts of the Graduate School of Peace Studies in the city of Hiroshima.

**TASHIRO, Akira** Specially Appointed Senior Staff Writer, The Chugoku Shimbun



For we who live in the nuclear age, the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki could be called the "starting point" of this age. Those working in journalism must fully understand the significance of experiencing nuclear attack as part of human history. Based on such an understanding, we must strive to tackle wide-ranging nuclear issues. In addition to learning about what's happening on the ground in hot spots, it is also important to systematically acquire a broad base of knowledge. The Graduate School of Peace Studies, due to be established by the Hiroshima City University next spring, will undoubtedly provide a springboard for such beneficial learning opportunities.

**OSHIMA, Kenzo** Former Ambassador to the United Nations, former U.N. Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs



As the world further globalizes, problems relating to peace and national security have worsened on the Korean Peninsula, the Middle East and other regions; and international affairs are becoming increasingly complex. Newly establishing a public graduate school in the atomic-bombed city of Hiroshima, where a wide range of peace-related problems such as nuclear disarmament, conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and the role of the United Nations will be comprehensively and practically researched and taught to train effective peacebuilders, holds great significance in these times. I hope that it will be a highly acclaimed school that continues to develop and improve over time.

## Support systems for adult learners

\* The systems below are provided to encourage the enrollment of committed adult learners.

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| ① Tuition Fee Exemptions | There is an admission and tuition fee exemption system aimed at people working for national and local governments, news media, and international organizations. (Applications will be screened.) |
| ② Long-term Study System | Students who apply to be, and are accepted as, "long-term study students" may, once they have paid for two-year's worth of courses, take the courses over a three or four-year span.             |

## Overview of 2019 academic year entrance examination

In order to accept applicants from a diversity of backgrounds such as university graduates, adult learners and international students, we will implement four different entrance examination systems.

Examination Category	Number of Applicants to be Admitted	Selection Method
General Examination	10 (Small number of applicants to be admitted by AO examination)	Written Examination (Essay), Oral Examination
Special Examination for Adult Learners		Document Screening, Oral Examination
Special Examination for International Students		Document Screening
AO Examination		Document Screening, Oral Examination

\* The details stated here are provisional and subject to change. See "Application Guidelines" on our website for more details.

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**KOJO, Yoshiko** Professor, University of Tokyo (International Politics), President of the Japan Association of International Relations (2010-2012)



Contemporary international relations continue to present a multitude of challenges to the realization of peace. Such challenges include the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction such as nuclear weapons, civil wars, refugee crises, and peacebuilding following disputes. How should the international community and Japan respond to such challenges? Human beings capable of pursuing this question are increasingly required. The Hiroshima City University Graduate School of Peace Studies aims to train professionals that have acquired the academic credentials and knowledge. The opening of a new school in Hiroshima to research peace studies is significant, and I have high hopes for its success.

**OTA, Masakatsu** Senior Writer, Kyodo News



Nuclear issues and war are major topics covered perennially by journalists all over the world. Devoting oneself to the academic study of nuclear issues and peace in a city that has experienced a nuclear attack holds special significance. Hiroshima is where it all started for me as a reporter, and it has been a precious "dojo" or training hall of continual learning. I have high hopes that the Hiroshima City University Graduate School will produce young journalists that are well informed about topics including the real facts about conducting and experiencing atomic bombing, contemporary nuclear issues, disarmament, non-proliferation policy, and war and peace.

**ABE, Nobuyasu** Former U.N. Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs



War probably started at the advent of human civilization and it has been never-ending all over the world, despite people's wishes for peace. Why is war never-ending? What is needed to reduce or prevent it? And how can we stop the use of weapons with enormous destructive capability like nuclear weapons that may take mankind to the edge of oblivion? The Graduate School of Peace Studies offers much to consider and learn. I sincerely hope that those who study here will go out into the world and help lead humankind to peace.

**KOMIZO, Yasuyoshi** Chairperson of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, Secretary General of Mayors for Peace



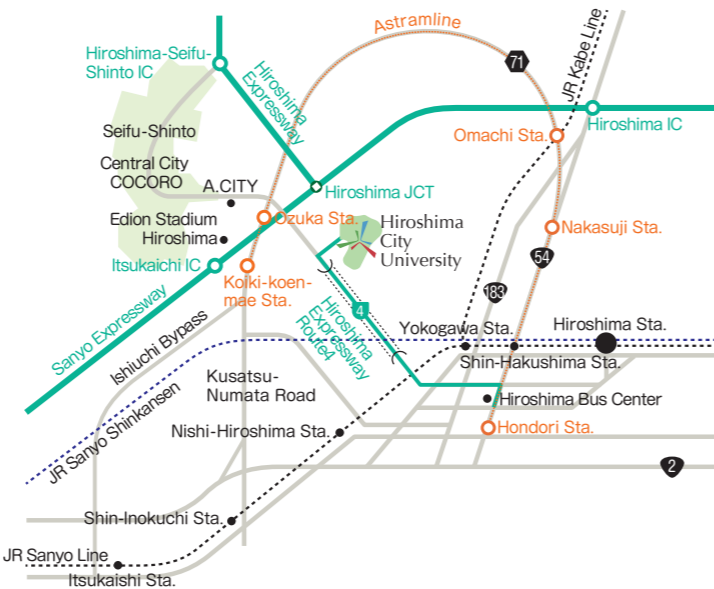
Existing systems and orders are weakening, and the gap between the rich and poor is widening in places where mutual values that support diversity are underdeveloped. As the danger of exclusivist tendencies and armed conflict arising from such mutual distrust and conflict intensifies, it is a plain fact that approximately 15,000 nuclear weapons currently exist in the international community at the beginning of the 21st century. There is a need for humankind to transition to "cooperative security" from the "confrontational security" represented by nuclear deterrence. I hope that these new Hiroshima-grown peace studies efforts provide a signpost for political leadership and wide-ranging civil society collaboration.



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Hiroshima City University

# Hiroshima City University Graduate School of Peace Studies (Master's Degree Program)

Enrollment Commences in April 2019



Purpose of establishment

As a university located in the city that experienced the first atomic bombing in human history, Hiroshima City University established the Hiroshima Peace Institute in April 1998 as an affiliated research institute. The Institute conducts peace-related education and academic research that aims to contribute to the abolition of nuclear weapons, the establishment of world peace, and the development of local communities.

The establishment of the Graduate School of Peace Studies aims to contribute to the realization of world peace by providing a curriculum that fosters graduates who have acquired; i) analytical academic methodologies in specialized areas such as peace studies, international politics, international law and international relations, and ii) the specialized and wide-ranging skills needed to analyze a diversity of real problems.

Message from the President



AOKI, Nobuyuki  
President of  
Hiroshima City University

Hiroshima City University has dedicated itself to peace-related education and research since opening in 1994 and launching the Hiroshima Peace Institute four years later. As a public university in Hiroshima, the first city in history to experience an atomic bombing, we believe that developing professionals who will contribute to world peace-our founding principle-is a vital mission bestowed on the university.

Founded on our previous academic achievements, we will be opening a Graduate School of Peace Studies in April 2019. We hope it will serve as a world-class hub for education and academic research relating to the realization of peace and peacekeeping, and will foster professionals such as researchers, journalists, and public servants who will actively share the insights gained here with the world.

We at Hiroshima City University intend to fulfill our mission with even greater vigor in the years to come.

Career paths graduates will be prepared for:

We aim to train students to become professionals who have the ability to analyze the dynamics behind international disputes from various perspectives and communicate to the world about effective ideas and methods for realizing peace. Students will be prepared for career paths such as:

- (1) Researchers who have the intellectual ability to identify and analyze the connections between 1) the framework of international relations and basic structure of politics and governance, and 2) human security, while at the same time being able to propose effective preventive measures aimed at avoiding and solving disputes;
- (2) International officials and international NGO and NPO employees who can contribute to the drafting and formulation of international public policy aimed at building and realizing peace, and national and regional public servants involved with public policy and internationally related work; and
- (3) Journalists and mass-media specialists who have acquired the skills to astutely and systematically analyze a diversity of issues including current international disputes and global problems, and who have the ability to share information with civil society and the international community from a peacebuilding perspective.

Paths after completing the degree program

- Newspaper or news agency journalist
- Educator at a higher educational institution such as a university, or a think-tank researcher
- Staff of an international NGO or NPO
- International official, national or regional public servant
- Progress to Doctoral degree program

\* We will establish a Doctoral degree program in the 2021 academic year so that students can further develop their expertise following completion of the Master's degree.

Graduate School of Peace Studies Master's Degree Program Curriculum

The aim of the Master's degree program is for students to study the history of peace and war, and to acquire peacebuilding skills that have already been widely developed in the global community. To systematically acquire these skills the Science Concepts and Methods," "Peace Theory" and "Global/Regional Governance," and these categories are further divided into groups of courses.

study the dangers and human misery of nuclear war, skills that have already been widely developed in the curriculum is divided into three categories "Social Regional Governance," and these categories are

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Classification	Groups of Courses	Requirement	Course Name	Credit	
Social Science Concepts and Methods	Analytical Approach	At least four credits	1. Peace Studies	2	
			2. Global Governance	2	
			3. Contemporary Society and Peace	2	
			4. Contemporary International Law and Peace	2	
			5. Constitution of Japan and Pacifism	2	
	Hiroshima and Nuclear Issues	At least four credits	1. Nuclear History I	2	
			2. Nuclear History II	2	
			3. Memories of Atomic Bombings	2	
			4. Atomic Culture	2	
			5. Global Hibakusha	2	
Peace Theory	Peace and Disarmament (A)	At least eight credits:  Including two from both (A) and (B)	1. International Disarmament Law	2	
			2. Nuclear Disarmament and Nuclear Arms Control	2	
			3. International Humanitarian Law	2	
			4. Science and Peace	2	
	Fostering Peace (B)		1. War Crimes Trials and International Criminal Tribunals	2	
			2. International Security	2	
			3. Peacebuilding	2	
			4. Global Communication	2	
			5. Journalism Studies	2	
			6. Pacifism and Peace Movements	2	
Global/Regional Governance	Regions and Peace (C)		At least eight credits:  Including two from both (C) and (D)	1. Conflict and Cooperation in Southeast Asia	2
				2. Korean Foreign Policies and Nuclear Issues	2
				3. Politics and Foreign Policy in Contemporary China	2
				4. Politics and Foreign Policy in Contemporary Central Asia	2
		5. Modern and Contemporary History of Japan		2	
		6. Peace and Security Policies of Japan		2	
	International Organizations and Peace (D)	1. United Nations		2	
		2. International Organizations and International Systems		2	
		3. Regional Organizations and their Peace and Security Policies		2	
		4. Preventive Diplomacy		2	
Special Seminar		Four credits		Peace Studies Special Seminar I・II・III・IV	1
Internship		0		Peace Internship	1

Course completion requirements

- (1) Students must be enrolled for at least two years, satisfy prescribed conditions, and acquire at least 32 credits.
- (2) Students must submit a Master's thesis, and pass the thesis screening as well as a final examination.

Degree  
MA (Peace Studies)

GRADUATE FACULTY



Professor  
OSHIBA, Ryo  
International Relations  
(Global Governance Studies)



Professor  
OKIMURA, Tadashi  
International Relations, International  
Institution Studies, United Nations  
Studies



Professor  
GANESAN, Narayanan  
Southeast Asian Politics and  
Foreign Policy



Professor  
KIKKAWA, Gen  
International Relations, Peace Studies,  
International Security



Professor  
SATO, Tetsuo  
International Law, the Law of  
International Organizations



Professor  
JACOBS, Robert  
History and Culture of Nuclear  
Science and Technologies,  
American History



Professor  
NAONO, Akiko  
Sociology



Professor  
NAGAI, Hitoshi  
Modern Japanese History,  
Japan-Philippines Relations



Professor  
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International Relations, Nuclear  
Disarmament, and Issues on  
Atomic-Bombing



Professor  
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Regional Organizations, Political  
Change, and Security in the  
post-Soviet Area



Associate Professor  
KAWAKAMI, Akihiro  
Theory of Constitutional Law, Theory  
of Local Government, Theory of  
Human Rights



Associate Professor  
XU, Xianfen  
History of Japan-China Relations,  
International Relations in East Asia,  
International Cooperation Studies



Associate Professor  
SON, Hyun Jin  
International Law, Situation on the  
Korean Peninsula, North Korean Issues



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TAKEMOTO, Makiko  
Modern and Contemporary German  
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Associate Professor  
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