



**Mr. Masashi Ieshima—visiting Spain, France & UK**

*Tokyo Federation of A-bomb Survivors Associations (Toyukai)*

Mr. Masashi Ieshimawas born in 1942 at Ushita-machi, Hiroshima City. At the time of the atomic bombing, Masashi was a toddler, playing inside his house located at 1.8 kilometres from the blast centre. Around the end of the summer in 1945, he moved to his grandparents' house in Tottori Prefecture, where grew up.

Upon graduating from university, he started working at the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications. After retiring from the Ministry work in 2001 as the director of the East Japan Business Center of Postal Savings, he moved on to serve in

postal-related agencies and companies for another 6 years. Then he decided to join Toyukai (Tokyo Federation of A-Bomb Survivors Associations), with the determination to dedicate the rest of his life to the work of abolishing nuclear weapons and sharing his A-bomb experience with younger generations.

**Ms. Kuniko Kimura—visiting Spain, France & UK**

*Chiba Association of A-Bomb Survivors*

Born on April 6, 1940. Ms. Kuniko Kimura is a Hiroshima survivor. She was at age 5 when she was caught by the A-bomb at 1.7km from the hypocentre. In 1964, she got married and moved from Hiroshima to Chiba City, where is near Tokyo. Since 1975, she worked as a cramming school teacher.

In 2005, she retired from the job and joined in the Chiba Association of A-bomb Survivors. Since then she has been active in telling her experience of the A-bombing not only to her community people but to people of Japan and abroad. She is now working as Assistant Secretary General of the association.



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# 70 Years Hiroshima & Nagasaki

## Hibakusha Events in Europe 2015



Remembering the Past—Changing the Present—Shaping the Future

**On August 6 and 9, 1945, the United States dropped two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki,** turning them into cities of death within a second. A total of 210,000 people were killed by the end of that year.

Through their own experiences, the *Hibakusha*, the survivors of the atomic bombings, have told countless people countless times about the horror atomic bombs unleash. Their message is clear: They wish to make sure no more Hibakusha will be created. They say, “Do not start nuclear war; abolish nuclear weapons; achieve State compensation for the loss and damage caused by the atomic bombing.”

Seventy years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki, however, a nuclear-free world is yet to be achieved. There still exist some 16,000 nuclear weapons in the world. Moreover, their twin, nuclear power, is a major part of energy policies of too many countries still.

But the world is changing. Official policies and citizens' opinions in favour of the abolition of nuclear weapons have become a growing trend. Since 2012, the International Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons was held 3 times. In the last few years, the Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster has shown that abolition is the only solution to this uncontrollable force.

**In autumn 2015, some of the last Hibakusha will come to Europe,** together with witnesses of the Fukushima disaster, to share their vision, knowledge and determination for a peaceful and safe planet with you. Meet them in:

**Belgium & the Netherlands:** September 17-23

**Finland:** October 5-7

**Sweden:** October 8-11

**Spain:** October 5-6

**France:** October 8-10

**United Kingdom:** October 11-12

**Ms. Teruko Yokoyama—visiting Belgium & the Netherlands**

*Nagasaki A-bomb Survivors Council*

Born in Nagasaki on July 27, 1941. At the time of the A-bomb attack on Nagasaki city, she evacuated and was living in the countryside of Nagasaki prefecture with her grandparents and 2 elder sisters. Her parents and younger sister remained in the city. Nine days after the A-bombing, she returned to her house and entered the city centre. She was frozen with fear to see the devastation of the city. The fear still haunts her.

Her father lost the sight of his right eye. Her younger sister lost her voice and she became gravelly-voiced. Until she died at age of 44, her younger sister had to stay at a hospital for a long time and repeatedly. Both of her parents died of cancers. One of her older sisters, who entered the city 3 days after the bombing, died of multiple primary cancer. Her oldest sister is still suffering from leukaemia.

Ms. Teruko Yokoyama has worked at the Nagasaki A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organization since 1974, engaging in counselling of the Hibakusha and developing their movement. Every time she counsels the Hibakusha, her heart aches with their sufferings.

**Dr. Osamu Saito—visiting Finland & Sweden**

*Representative Director, Japan Council against A and H Bombs (Gensuikyo)*

Dr. Saito Osamu was born in 1947 in Fukushima Prefecture. After graduating from Fukushima Prefectural Medical University in 1975, he worked in the Research Institute for Radiation Biology and Medicine of Hiroshima University, Hiroshima University Health Service Center, and Fukushima Co-op Hospital. For 30 years in Hiroshima City, Dr. Saito worked to provide the A-bomb survivors with medical treatment, consultation and relief. Since 1997, he has supported a series of A-bomb victims' lawsuits filed against the Japanese government, seeking official recognition and allowances on their A-bomb-induced medical conditions.

At Fukushima City's Watari Hospital since 2009, he went round different shelters to meet emergency medical needs of the victims of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power disaster for about one month. To this day, he has been working to provide the people in Fukushima with knowledge and information on radiation and health problems, and also offer consultations with general clinicians on necessary information to help them meet the needs of the victims. He has also served as a member of the advisory council of Fukushima City on health management of the nuclear accident victims.



**Ms. Reiko Yamada—visiting Finland & Sweden**

*Tokyo Federation of A-bomb Survivors Associations (Toyukai)*

Born in Hiroshima on April 23, 1934. She was caught by the A-bombing in Hiroshima. In 1958, she went up to Tokyo and entered the Tokyo Federation of A-Bomb Survivors Associations (Toyukai) in 1966. In 1974 she became one of the directors of Toyukai, and now she is vice president of Toyukai and a committee member of the Consultation Office of Nihon Hidankyo (Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations). She has been to many countries to tell of her experiences of the A-bombing. On behalf of the Hibakusha, she spoke at the NGO session of the NPT PrepCom in 2014.

