

UN Tour Guides Visit Hiroshima RERF for Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation Training Program

Hiroshima RERF hosted a group of United Nations tour guides, providing them with a lecture and a tour of RERF facilities, on December 4, 2017. Six people—from the Dominican Republic, Switzerland, Germany, France, Malaysia, and Australia, who work at UN headquarters in New York, as well as UN offices in Geneva and Vienna—visited together with six staff from the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation. The UN staff were in Hiroshima to participate in the Peace Culture Foundation's program "Hiroshima Training for United Nations Tour Guides."

After formal greetings in his office, Dr. Ohtsura Niwa, RERF Chairman, gave a presentation to the trainees in the RERF Auditorium about the basic properties of radiation, the effects on human health of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and a summary of the research results produced over the years by RERF.

After a question-and-answer session—information from which the trainees planned to use to respond to questions concerning the atomic bombings—the group was given a tour of the RERF facilities. During the tour, many questions were asked about RERF's research and general points about the atomic bombings and their aftermaths. The conversation included a question from RERF's tour guide about the best place to live among the three UN office sites, with each visitor having a different opinion but all sharing the common acknowledgement that Vienna's coffee is best.



Tour guides learning from each other...



UN trainees of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation's program "Hiroshima Training for United Nations Tour Guides" take in Chairman Niwa's explanation about the atomic bombings and their health effects