

from Nagasaki to the World



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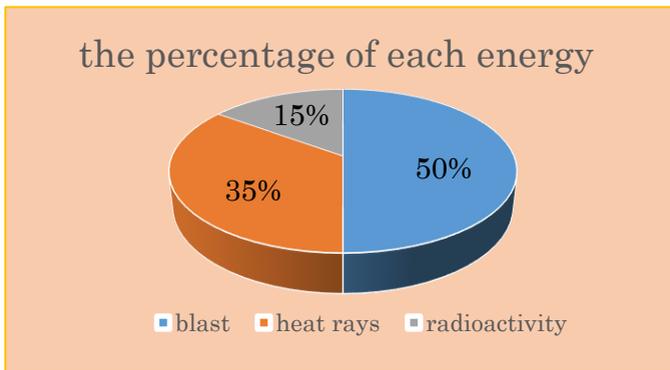
Explanation of a Weapon Dropped Over Nagasaki

- Why was the atomic bomb dropped over Nagasaki?

→Our city, Nagasaki is a port town where people trade with foreign countries actively. At that time, there were many arms factories. That is one of the reasons. In addition, Nagasaki was suitable for seeing the damage by the atomic bomb because Nagasaki had had little damage by air raid before.

- What's the difference between atomic bombs and general bombs?

→ Atomic bombs have three characteristics—strong blast, heat rays, and radioactivity.



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→ 「A Mushroom Cloud」
Taken by the U.S. military

- **strong blast**

The strong wind blew at a speed of 440m, which broke wind panes, and tiles.

- **heat rays**

People who were 4km away from the bombing-point even got burned on their body in about 4000°C heat.

(Iron melts at 1500°C)

- **radioactivity**

The amount of the emission of radioactivity was 8700 times as large as the dose limit. The large number of radioactivity caused people to lose their hairs and suffer from after-effects.

An atomic bomb survivor, Kazuo Maruta's experience



On August 9th in 1945, I was a junior high school student in Nagasaki and went to school to take a semester test. After finishing the test, I went back home. After a while, I heard a noise of an American combat plane. I thought that it didn't have any harm for us, and it would just pass Nagasaki city because the air-raid alarm had been canceled in the morning. But, the plane suddenly nosedived over the city. And the moment which determined our destiny came. It was an instant. Dazzling light covered me, and I was blown off by the black, strong, hot wind. I lost consciousness.

After a short time, I noticed I was under some debris. I felt a severe pain in my back. Some broken pieces of glass had gotten stuck. I heard some women and children screaming. I shouted "Help me!" but no one discovered me. I stood up with all my strength. I was shocked at the view, most of buildings were completely destroyed, and there were many fires around.

I started walking with my injured body to find someone. And, finally I could meet a neighbor, but what she told me about was the fact that my mother had died. I asked her for the details of her death. She was talking with a neighbor outside the front door at that time, and it was an instant death. After that, I could meet my uncle, and went back to my house together. We found my mother's body in my

neighborhood, and cremated it. Strangely, no tear welled up in my eyes. It was so odd.

On August 11th, I went to the station to evacuate the suburbs of Nagasaki. There were a lot of bodies on the road and I was surprised by the enormous amount of damage. A doctor pulled broken pieces of glass out my back at the station.

I saw a doctor at the gymnasium used as a shelter. The doctor diagnosed the illness as dysentery because I had blood in my stool then. So I had been in the hospital accommodating patients with an infectious disease for a month.

After I got out of the hospital, I had taken a rest for two months at relative's house. When three months had passed from the day the bomb had been dropped, I came back from my place of refuge. And I started to go to Nagasaki Prefectural Nagasaki Junior High School that would later be Nagasaki Higashi High School.



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『Prefectural Keiho Junior High School』
Taken by Shigeo Hayashi

An atomic bomb survivor, Chizuko Komine's experience

I was sixteen years old, a fourth-year student at Nagasaki girl's high school. I took a day off and stayed at home in Irabayashi-machi with my classmate.

It happened in an instant. We squatted down under the window because of an orange flash and a strong blast. The curtain was torn off and the glass window blew away. We couldn't understand what had happened. We ran down, where pieces of broken glass were scattered. We rushed into a dugout in my home with crying. We and my mother, father and sister held hands and trembled with fear of constant explosion from B29.

4 or 5 days later, we went to arms factory in Mori-machi to look for my friend in spite of my family's objection. We ran desperately where bodies of dead horses and burnt trains lied. Finally we reached at the factory and saw a terrible sight on the first floor. Charred people who can't be distinguished between man and woman, people who died instantly after drinking only a cup of water... How painful they were!

At the gas station in Mori-machi, about 50 dead bodies were lined up. We joined our hands in prayer for the remains and looked for our friend. Strangely, I wasn't seized with fear, but my eyes were filled with tears just because of a bitter disappointment. I found the edge of my friend's loose work trousers. I heard that she was crushed under the crane. When flames came just around her, she took off her watch and asked to give it to her mother. And then, she died. Her such admirable behavior made me cry bitterly.

Another sister, who worked in an arms factory, came back alive in the evening of that day which the bomb was dropped. She was in rags and crawled with a stick. She

suffered from alopecia and diarrhea for about 3 months, but recovered miraculously and got married happily. When she became pregnant with her second child, she suddenly vomited blood and died of cancer, being worried about her only daughter. It was 33 years old when she died. I also suffered from bleeding in mouth and diarrhea for 2 weeks from that day.

After that, I recovered, however, I had been in bed in every August until around 50 years old.

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『Nagasaki city seen from Tateyama town-Irabayashi area-』

Taken by Ogawa Torahiko

Message for the young from Kazuo Maruta

Japan has been at peace for the last 71 years because there has been no war in Japan. The next generation should keep the peace forever. So they should learn the history, get lessons, and make up their mind never to fight a war again. The young people's having a strong resolution will help to broaden peace around the world. But, today many terrible and sad accidents such as murder, ill-treatment, bullying, and suicide occur. We should make efforts to solve these problems.

Peace by us and around the world is what we should build by ourselves. And, “the importance of life” is really what we should keep in mind.



Komine Chizuko's hope

I strongly wish the abolition of nuclear weapons.
I felt sorrow rather than anger to nuclear tests. Why
people don't stop developing nuclear weapons that
destroy humans and the earth?

They won't be able to do that if they learn about the
terrible sight of Nagasaki and Hiroshima caused by the
atomic bombs.

We should hand down the terror of atomic bombs
and keep this world peaceful.



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『A Mushroom Cloud』

Taken By Matsuda Hiromichi

Teachers, tell us!

We asked our two teachers from foreign countries for some questions about the atomic bombs and peace.

Q1: What is the meaning of the word “peaceful” to you?



When people get along together without interfering with others.

Mr. Matt (from America)

“Peaceful” means living and work together in harmony. We settle our conflicts with thoughtful discussions, and not with violence and war.



Ms. Paige (from South Africa)

Q2: Have you ever taken peace education like that of Japan in your country?



Not formally, but in school we would have different events to promote peace.

Not really. My country does not offer much people education.



Q3: Before you came to Japan, did you know the fact two atomic bombs were dropped into Hiroshima and Nagasaki?



Yes!

Yes, I did know. We learned about this in school, although most lessons focus on Hiroshima. I think this is not right. We should learn about the nuclear attacks in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



Q4: What do you think about the fact?



As a history teacher, I believe that the atomic bombs were a terrible part of world history. However, it is important to remember the event so we don't repeat it again in the future.

(He worked as a history teacher at school in America.)

I think it is important that we all learn about the atomic bombs, so that we know how terrible they are. These weapons cause devastation, and should not be used in the future.



Q5: Do you think nuclear weapons necessary, unnecessary?



I think they are unnecessary. Instead of nuclear weapons, we should focus on creating safer nuclear power.



I think all nuclear weapons are unnecessary. They lead to so much death and destruction.

Let's discuss!

THEME

「through the atomic bomb... to get rid of international conflict」

Can you learn about the atomic bomb? From now, we want you to do role – playing (to discuss as if you were different from around you people particular) and study more about “peace”.

Japan is the only country that suffered from the atomic bombing. But, have you ever thought about the country that had dropped them? Why did American chose to drop them? So, let's start a discussion!



1. Please divide two groups : 「**affirmative team** for the atomic bomb」 and 「**negative team** against the atomic bomb」

Affirmative team: please consider the reason why America dropped the atomic bomb.

Negative team : please consider the reason why it was bad to use the atomic bomb. After that, you gather the opinions of each group.



↑ **Negative team**

↑ **Affirmative team**

2. **Negative team**: explain your opinions.
3. **Affirmative team**: explain your opinions.
4. Let's talk about how to put an end to wars without killing people. Reflect on both teams' opinions.
5. How do you feel after this discussion?

Memo for Discussion

Editors' postscript

War is so terrible. Human's judgment between right and wrong become dull because of it. Once a war starts, people start to think of killing the enemy in front of them in order to protect themselves and their family or friends. During the war, people would die one after another, and we have to live in fear of our enemies every day. There's no right or wrong in the war. No one must be blamed. And none of us want to fight a war, do we?

If you have uncomfortable feelings with other countries, why don't you discuss this with the country, not settling with military force? If you do that, you can find your misunderstanding or achieve the best solution.

Nuclear weapons have never been the best solution. Calling for this message is a mission given to us, who were born in this bombed country, Japan.

Reference and Cooperation

- Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum
- The Nagasaki Shimbun
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- Mr. Matthew Vespestad
- Ms. Paige Frankson

PEACE

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Peace Messengers.