

Hiroshima G7 Summit Junior Conference Call for Applicants

1) Goals

Young people are our future. The Hiroshima G7 Summit Junior Conference aims to have young people of the same generation from G7 countries deepen their understanding about international issues and initiatives for their resolution by coming together to consider and discuss them. In addition, the Conference also aims to encourage young people to take on even the most challenging issues with a positive attitude.

2) Conference organizers

Citizens Council for the Hiroshima Summit

3) Conference dates

March 27 (Mon)-30 (Thurs), 2023

4) Conference location

Main location: Hiroshima City

Site visit locations: Hiroshima Prefecture (sites TBD)

5) Conference theme

We will choose a theme that allows participating young people to hold discussions about international issues and initiatives to resolve them, as well as the role that they believe young people play.

Examples of possible themes: peace, sustainability, multicultural coexistence

6) Program (tentative)

(1) Pre-conference program

We plan to hold multiple online half-day meetings during weekends in February and March 2023 to give participants background information, as well as facilitate friendships between participants.

(2) Conference program

Date	Primary program details (tentative)
March 27, 2023 (Mon)	Participants arrive in Hiroshima
March 28 (Tues)	Orientation
	Deepen understanding about the realities of the atomic bombing (tour of the Peace Memorial Museum, offer prayers and flowers at the Cenotaph for the A-Bomb Victims, attend a <i>hibakusha</i> testimony, etc.)
	Group discussions
March 29 (Wed)	Visit to sites in Hiroshima Prefecture
	Group discussions
	Meet with locals
March 30 (Thurs)	Group discussions
	Discussion between all participants, create a report on the results of Conference
	Present results (results planned to be made public)

7) Participation cost

There is no cost to participate.

The secretariat will cover the costs of lodging during the program, as well as travel from participants' homes to their lodging and meals. However, costs for internet use during the pre-conference meetings and all personal costs during the Conference itself (including medical costs for illnesses or accidents) will be the responsibility of the participant. We will also ask all participants to join an insurance policy related to Conference programs (cost will be borne by the secretariat).

8) Eligible participants

12 young people who are from one of the G7 countries (France, US, UK, Germany, Italy, Canada) (two participants from each country for a total of 12). We will put out a separate call for Japanese participants.

*** We are still open for application by people from France, Germany, Italy and Canada.**

9) Application criteria

- (1) Must be a young person (around 15-18 years old, equivalent to a high school student) residing in Japan who is from a G7 country (**France, Germany, Italy and Canada**)
- (2) Must have a deep interest in the Hiroshima G7 Summit and international issues
- (3) Must be able to participate in Conference program group activities
- (4) Must be able to participate in pre-Conference online meetings
- (5) Must be able to use what they learned during the conference to actively participate in international exchange and engage in their local communities

10) Application method and deadline

Please send the following documents to the secretariat via email or postal mail:

- Application form and personal statement

Important notes:

- If participants need to be accompanied by parents/guardians, the secretariat will not bear costs for parent/guardian travel or lodgings, but they will secure lodging for them (one parent/guardian per participant).
- If changes need to be made to submitted documents, please inform the secretariat (contact information listed below) as soon as possible.
- Application and personal statement forms are available for download on the Citizens Council for the Hiroshima Summit website.

<https://www.pref.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/hiroshima-summit/junior-summit-en.html>

- All submitted personal information will be managed by the secretariat and will not be used for any purpose other than the Conference.

Application deadline: January 31, 2023 (Tue) at 5 pm
(All documents must arrive at the secretariat by this time)

11) Participant selection process

- (1) Primary selection (document screening)
Applicants will be comprehensively screened based on the documents submitted, and all applicants will be sent notices early February 2023 to the address listed on their application form.
- (2) Secondary selection (online interview)
Those who pass the primary selection round will be interviewed online.

(January 13,2023 Update)

When participants receive the results of the primary selection round, **they will be contacted regarding the schedule for the secondary selection interview.**

(3) Announcement of selected participants

All applicants who were interviewed during the secondary selection round will be notified of the results.

(4) Decision annulment

After participants have been selected, their participation may be annulled for reasons such as inappropriate activities and health concerns.

12) Point of contact for applications/inquiries (secretariat)

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