

Results of outreach at the UN Summit of the Future

1. Summary and objectives

Principal Director Shimada of the Hiroshima Organization for Global Peace (HOPE) visited the United States from September 18th to 23rd, on the occasion of the UN Summit of the Future (SOTF) held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, and promoted the efforts of the prefecture and HOPE and called for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

2. Current situation and background

This year, the SOTF was held from September 22nd to 23rd. Given the current unstable situation, which is making it increasingly difficult to achieve the SDGs, the participants considered what kind of cooperation is necessary to ensure that a wide range of stakeholders can effectively achieve the goals and to address new threats, and the outcome was adopted as the "Pact for the Future."

3 Overview

In addition to speaking at a side event organized by UNITAR, he also participated in Action Days (September 20th–21st). Furthermore, the Principal Director met directly with those involved in the summit to seek their support for the prefecture's initiatives.

[Schedule]

(dates are local time)

Date (mm/dd)	Event	Location
9/18 (Wed)	• Meeting with the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations • Meeting with the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations	New York
9/19 (Thu)	• Panelist at a side event hosted by UNITAR • Meeting with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) • Meeting with the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations	
9/20 (Fri)	• Meeting with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) • Meeting with the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations	
9/21 (Sat)	• Participation in the UN Summit of the Future Action Days, etc. • Meeting with the International Organization for Migration (IOM)	

(1) Side event speech [September 19 (Thu)]

He discussed the role digital technology can play in achieving an inclusive society where no one is left behind and sustainable peace.

The panel discussion focused on the importance of promoting intergenerational and intercultural dialogue to ensure that digital technologies benefit everyone, regardless of their age, gender, upbringing, or background; the need for fair and responsible risk management systems; and ways to use



digital technologies as a driving force for international cooperation and economic growth. The speakers called on participants to take concrete action in their respective fields so that technological innovation can function as a force for social prosperity and peace where no one is left behind.

The prefecture/HOPe pointed out that while digital technology, including AI, poses the risk of destructive power similar to that of nuclear weapons, it also has the power to promote a peaceful future. As an example of an initiative in Hiroshima, the Principal Director explained how the use of digital reproduction technology has helped to recover and maintain the memories of atomic bomb survivors being lost due to the destruction of the atomic bomb and aging. He also called for the abolition of nuclear weapons from the perspective of sustainability, looking toward a future beyond the SDGs.



[Date] Thursday, September 19th, 10:15–11:30 am

[Location] Permanent Mission of Monaco to the United Nations in New York
(New York)/Online

[Organizer] UNITAR

[Co-organizer] Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations in New York,
Permanent Mission of Monaco to the United Nations in New York,
Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva, United
Nations Youth Office

[Theme] "Intergenerational dialogue for a sustainable future: Creating an inclusive society with the power of digital technology"

[Welcoming Remarks] Ms. Isabelle Picco, Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Monaco to the United Nations in
New York

[Panel discussion participants]

Moderator:

- Mr. Alex Mejia (Director, Division for People and Social Inclusion UNITAR)

Panelists:

- Luis Gallegos (Chairman of the Global Initiative on Ageing (GIA))
- Amir Hamza Syed (Associate Manager Global Advocacy, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB))
- Mr. Kunihiro Shimada (Principal Director of Hiroshima Organization for Global Peace (HOPe))
- Ms. Daniela Bas (President & Founder, DB SunstainABILITY Advisory Coutique)
- Ms. Munahil Sultana (MSFS Candidate, Georgetown University)
- Mr. Sean Lee (Student, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania)

[Participants] 75 people

(2) Approach to the United Nations and stakeholders of various countries [September 18 (Wed)–21 (Sat)]

During his stay, he met individually with UN officials and government officials from various countries, explained the prefecture/HOPe's efforts to abolish nuclear weapons, asked for their cooperation, and directly urged them to continue working toward nuclear disarmament.

A. Meeting with Political Coordinator Michael Giesler (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations)

Views on the future outlook for the international situation surrounding nuclear weapons were exchanged. The Political Coordinator said that while the overwhelming majority of the public is of the opinion that nuclear weapons should be eliminated from the face of the earth as soon as possible, he felt that in reality, values regarding the nuclear umbrella were changing in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

B. Meeting with Ms. Margaret Murphy (Disarmament Adviser, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations)

They exchanged opinions on the future outlook for the international situation surrounding nuclear weapons, the status of discussions at SOTF, etc. The Permanent Mission explained Ireland's ongoing efforts towards the abolition of nuclear weapons.

C. Meeting with Ms. Inger Andersen (Under-Secretary General of the UN and Executive Director, UNEP)

Views on the future outlook for the international situation surrounding nuclear weapons were exchanged. It was said that discussing the issue of nuclear weapons from the perspective of global environmental and development issues is a very persuasive approach.

D. Meeting with Ambassador Munir Akram (Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations)

Views on the future outlook for the international situation surrounding nuclear weapons were exchanged. The Ambassador advised that the issue of nuclear weapons would be more easily accepted if it were discussed not only from the perspective of security, but also in relation to other areas such as climate change, biodiversity, and poverty.

E. Meeting with Ms. Hafida Lahiouel, Director of UNOPS (United Nations Office for Project Services)

They exchanged opinions on the status of discussions at SOTF and future developments for the prefecture/HOPe's initiatives within the UN. The Director expressed the opinion that it is important to spread the idea that the abolition of nuclear weapons and economic and social development are two sides of the same coin.

F. Meeting with Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish (Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations) and others

Views on the future outlook for the international situation surrounding nuclear weapons were exchanged. The Ambassador stated that the prefecture/HOPe initiative could open up new possibilities in the debate over nuclear weapons and serve as a catalyst for the start of a movement toward more effective measures.

G. Meeting with Ms. Amy Pope, Director-General of IOM (International Organization for Migration)

They exchanged opinions on the status of discussions at SOTF and future developments for the prefecture/HOPe's initiatives. The Director-General suggested that one idea would be to make a proposal that combines multiple issues, such as the impact of nuclear weapons, the climate crisis, and conflict, and then hold workshops or similar events based on that.

4 Results

[Contribution to the UN Summit of the Future]

- Through speaking at side events and meeting with conference participants, we were able to emphasize the importance of nuclear disarmament and the abolition of nuclear weapons from the perspective of sustainability.

[Expanding the supporter base]

- We were able to gain support for the approach of raising issues concerning nuclear weapons from a sustainability perspective from many side event participants and summit stakeholders, including many young people. We were also able to receive practical advice for future activities aimed at positioning the abolition of nuclear weapons within the post-SDGs framework.

[Strengthening the delivery of messages from the atomic bomb-affected areas]

- At the side event, we shared the efforts of young people and digital initiatives to pass on the reality of the atomic bombings to future generations, highlighting to summit participants the importance of the abolition of nuclear weapons and progress in nuclear disarmament.