

SGH Domestic Fieldwork (Peace group)

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On Monday, July 24th, members of the Peace group listened to Professor Yoko Ida lecture about “Thinking about Peace” at the Exchange Plaza in Nagasaki University Department of Economics. They heard about how peace should include not only a world without wars but also a world without poverty and discrimination. It became a chance to consider their research theme again. The students seemed to have thought about tragic events such as children fighting wars occurring somewhere in the world as their own problems.

After that lecture they were divided into groups and exchanged ideas with overseas students. At first, the students seemed to have been nervous. But they gradually opened up and finally they could discuss openly. While they rotated members until the end, each group finished their discussions with a feeling that talking is not enough. This event was a valuable experience of learning different points of view.



② Peace Park & Atomic Bomb Museum

On Tuesday, August 1st, members of the Peace group did fieldwork at the Peace Park and the Atomic Bomb Museum. They prepared appropriate questions and anticipated good answers, and they sent out appropriate questionnaires to people who come to the Peace Park.

Each group felt a wide depth of thinking about peace. After that, they went to the Atomic Bomb Museum, and they listened to lecture from Mr. Takashi Matsuo, the manager of *Nagasaki City Hibaku Keisho Ka* (the section to keep records of the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb for the generations to follow). They listened to an explanation that was easy to understand about diorama pictures of the time when the atomic bomb was dropped and about the blast of the bomb. They also learned that the message of peace from Nagasaki is sent by showing the visitors the sufferings of the atomic bomb victims. Mr. Matsuo further mentioned that the idea of peace is different from country to country. This seems to have broadened the students’ horizons, motivating them to tackle the problems that hinder world peace.

