

## Attending a speech by United States President Barack Obama at Hiroshima Peace Park

Miss Imari Yasuno in class 6 in the second year of the international course attended a speech by U.S. President Barack Obama at Hiroshima Peace Park who visited Hiroshima city after the 2016 G7 Ise-shima global summit meetings. The following is her report.

“I attended U.S. President Barack Obama’s speech and an offering of flowers at the Hiroshima Peace Park at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a member representing an executive committee of a signature-collecting campaign comprising of one thousand high school students. There were many young guests ranging from small children to college students in addition to atomic bomb victims so I felt strongly that young people are putting the peace of Japan into their hands.

President Obama’s speech was abstract about the abolition of nuclear weapons, which was regrettable to me. However, America dropped the atomic bomb and still has nuclear weapons. I think that a visit to Hiroshima by an actively serving American president became the message of the abolition of nuclear weapons to other nuclear states around the world. I want President Obama to visit another city hit by the atomic bomb and know the current situation of its survivors. Moreover, I hope he will take an opportunity to talk with young people in Nagasaki.”

It should be noted Imari Yasuno was elected to the nineteenth annual high school peace ambassador assembly. In August she is going to visit the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland to deliver a speech about the abolition of nuclear weapons.

### American university students joined in a class of the International Course

On Tuesday, June 28th, 8 university students from the United States who were visiting Japan came to our school and joined in the international course. These 8 students who intend to be teachers in the future helped each second grade student thoroughly. The following is how the class was carried out.

- 1: Eight university students talked about their dreams to a rhythm.
- 2: The high school students were divided into eight groups and each talked about their dream. They had the essays about their dream corrected by the university students and then rewrote them.
- 3: They had a one-on-one conversation (about dreams, school life, hobbies, etc.).
- 4: They sang, danced and said goodbye to each other.



The students who participated in the class said their impression was as follows: “When I had a one-on-one conversation with the university students, I was so nervous that I couldn’t reply to them well, so I want to improvise my words and improve my skills”, “I was very nervous, but I communicated with them well”.



In front of the flowers offered by President Obama and Prime Minister Abe  
Center: Nagasaki City Mayor Tomihisa Taue  
Far Right: Miss Imari Yasuno

Third from right: Miss Rina Uchino (Grade 3 Class 5 who joined the eighteenth high school peace ambassador assembly)