



General Coordinator's Desk

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The 38th War Exhibition for Peace was held at

Kyoto Museum for World Peace, Ritsumeikan University, Japan

The 38th War Exhibition for Peace was held at Kyoto Museum for World Peace (KMWP) from July 31 to August 5, 2018. The exhibition has been jointly organized by various peace-oriented citizens organizations and individuals since 1980 under the leadership of an ophthalmologist named Nobuo Nakano, creator of contact lens, who once had a harsh experience as a Japanese soldier in the Burma Front. In the late 1980s. there was a historical encounter between Ritsumeikan University, exploring new social contributions based on the academic principle of peace and democracy, and the organizer of war exhibition for peace, searching for construction of a permanent exhibition hall. KMWP was established in 1992 through close collaboration between these two peace pursuers.

Hundreds of people visited the exhibition



Professor Shin'ichi Ago, new director of KMWP, made a speech at opening ceremony

every day in the extremely hot weather including many young children as shown below..



Children listening to their teacher

I have long been one of the promoters of this exhibition. In the opening greeting, I mentioned that Kyoto Museum for World Peace was born as Ritsumeikan University and war exhibition movement as parents, and that the birthed child has grown up well, now becoming known internationally. I also added that the secretariat office of the International Network of Museums for Peace (INMP) is now moving to the honorary director's room on the second floor of this peace museum.



Signs of secretariat of INMP

Supporters Group of INMP Secretariat started

According to the decision of the INMP board, the secretariat office is now being relocated from The Hague to Kyoto Museum for World Peace.



Kyoto Museum for World Peace



left: Wadatsumi Statue, a symbol of students who fell on the battlefield right: children watching permanent exhibits

I am closely cooperating with Dr. Kazuyo Yamane, INMP's executive board member, about general issues relating to office relocation. I appointed Kazuyo as a new accountant with the consent of Lonnie Franks, a previous accountant. In addition, I nominated Ms. Hitomi Katayama as accounting specialist who assists accounting director. She has abundant knowledge and experience in the field of accounting. I also appointed Mr. Manabu Anzai, a professional tax accountant, for accounting audit. I am planning to report the financial situation of the network to the executive board members and advisory committee members once every three months, and send annual accounting and audit reports to all members once a year.

I asked Ms. Kimberlye Kim, lecturer of international relations, to help with the editorial

work of the newsletter of our network. She has already played a part in the June issue.

Mr. Akifumi Fujita, peace researcher who was once my graduate student, also expressed his willingness to help INMP's activities. I will call for more cooperation to various people around me to support global networking of museums for peace.



INMP suppoters (From the left) back row: Hitomi, Kazuyo, Kimberye front row: Akifumi and Ikuro

Anzai's new book published

I am a scientist specializing in radiation protection and peace studies, having been authors/co-authors of some 150 books on various themes. A new book entitled "Making Full Use of the Nuclear Weapons Convention" (Japanese) has just been published today, a memorable day of 73 years since atomic bombing on Hiroshima.



"Making Full Use of the Nuclear Weapons Convention"

(Japanese)

Co-authored by
Ikuro Anzai,
Mitsuhiro Hayashida &
Akira Kimura

(Kamogawa Publishing Co.) A5 size, 176 pages

August 6, 2018 (today!)

About "From General Coordinator's Desk" This is a monthly informal newsletter published by Ikuro Anzai, General Coordinator of INMP, about a wide variety of events occurring around my desk. I hope you enjoy this.