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The 17th Meeting of Japanese Citizens' Network of Museums for Peace was held in Okinawa on 8 & 9 September 2018

The 17th annual meeting of Japanese Citizens' Network of Museums for Peace was organized by Himeyuri Peace Memorial Museum in Okinawa which is now directed by Mr. Chokei Futenma who was born after the World War 2.

The meeting was attended by some 50 members from many different parts of Japan, but some members including Dr. Kazuyo Yamane were prevented from participating due to the influence of the most recent violent typhoon.

As shown in the picture below, Himeyuri Peace Hall at which the first day meeting was held is located in the middle of the shopping street of Sakaemachi market in Naha City.



Ikuro Anzai near the entrance of Himeyuri Peace Hall in the central area of Sakaemachi market

Unfortunately, I could only take part in the beginning of the first day meeting, because I was scheduled to preside the 52nd A-bomb Day Memorial National *Haiku* Convention to be held the next day in Kyoto. So, I took the first reporter on the program, and talked about the current state of International Network of Museums for Peace (INMP) referring to the ongoing relocation

of its office to Kyoto Museum for World Peace. I distributed 18 pages of materials to the audience and passionately appealed to join INMP. We have about 60 INMP members in Japan now, and I am aiming to increase the members to 100 for the time being.



The 17th annual meeting of Japanese Citizens' Network of Museums for Peace in Naha, Okinawa

Himeyuri Peace Memorial Museum has been exhibiting the tragedies of girl students mobilized in the Okinawa land battle during the World War 2, and has been visited by more than 300,000 people a year including many young children from all over the country. I had a chance to have a talk with Ms. Yoshiko Shimabukuro, former director of 90 years old, and Mr. Chokei Futenma, current director of 58 years old, which was one of the typical examples of smooth generational change in terms of the management of museums for peace. Mr. Futenma is a wonderful peace museum worker with a sincere and enthusiastic attitude towards peace museum movement both domestically and abroad.

Nagasaki A-bomb Museum Director wrote an interesting novel on Donald Trump

On 15 August 2018, I received an email from Mr. Akitoshi Nakamura, director of Nagasaki A-bomb Museum. He is a prominent novelist who once had won *Akutagawa Prize*, which is one of Japan's most prestigious literary awards. He has been publishing many excellent literary works over the years, one of which was made into film.



*Mr. Akitoshi Nakamura, director of
Nagasaki A-bomb Museum*

According to him, he wrote a new novel entitled "Fake Comedy" in the September issue of "Subaru" in which President Donald Trump suddenly visited Nagasaki A-bomb Museum before the historical talks with Kim Jong-Un in Singapore and puzzled the director. Through humorous conversations between President Trump and the museum director, Mr. Nakamura intended to uncover the dangerous idea of political leaders of nuclear weapon states.

But what is noteworthy is that "Former Professor A of R University in Kyoto" (*it's me!*) appeared in the novel who played a magic trick using *trump* cards in the annual meeting of the Association of Japanese Museums for Peace. Many people know that I have a magic trick as a hobby, and once in 2008 I invited Tom Verner and Janet Fredericks of Magicians Without Borders to the 6th Conference of INMP held in Japan.

In "Fake Comedy", Professor A is supposed to have played a magic trick to disappear a *trump* card and said "*Trump* will disappear soon".

A year ago, Mr. Akitoshi Nakamura co-worked with Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Kyoto Museum for World Peace to lend A-bombed artefacts to Nobel Peace Centre for its exhibition commemorating 2017 Nobel Peace Prize for ICAN.

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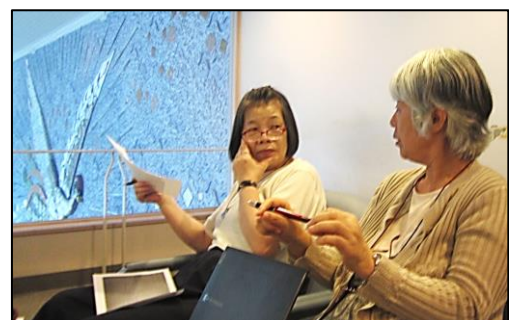
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*Ms. Hitomi Katayama and Dr. Kazuyo Yamane
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This is a monthly informal newsletter published by Ikuro Anzai, General Coordinator of INMP, about a wide variety of events occurring around his desk. Enjoy!