

Held in Hiroshima - Meaningful and Comprehensive Chugoku Shimbun, 30 March 2005

広島開催 有意義と総括

PKOテーマ 国際会議が閉幕



会議終了後、会見する共同議長の小和田氏(左)、UNITARのボイザード本部長(右から2人目)ら

国連訓練調査研究所(UNITAR)が、国連平和維持活動(PKO)の課題をテーマに広島市中区で開いた

国際会議は二十九日、二日間の日程を終えた。

会議では、政府関係者や学識経験者ら十九カ国の約六十人が、過去のPKOの検証や国連機能の展望など五分野で議論を展開した。共同議長を務めたUNITARのボイザード本部長は会議終了後に記者会見し、「平和都市広島で開催した意義は大きい。ハイレベルな議論ができた」と評価した。

同じく共同議長で国際司法裁判所(ICJ)判事の小和田恒氏は、「停戦監視など従来の活動に加え、政府の機構づくりや難民問題の解決、法整備など国家建設を支えることが大きな課題だ」と述べ、文民の役割の重要性を指摘した。

会議の内容は近く、アナウンサーに報告される。

Closing of the international conference on UN Peacekeeping.

An international conference held by the UNITAR Hiroshima office and others over a period of two days closed on March 29.

About 60 government officials, academics and others from 19 countries discussed monitoring of peace keeping operations, the development of the function of the UN and other issues in five areas. One of the co-chairs, the Executive-Director of UNITAR, Mr. Boisard, commented at the press conference at the end of the conference, that "it was significant that it was held in Hiroshima, city of peace. The discussions were of a very high level."

Another co-chair, Judge Owada of the ICJ, said that "in addition to discussions on the traditional activities of cease-fire monitoring, issues related to nation-building such as government capacity building, solutions to refugee issues and the establishment of legal structures were among the issues discussed." He also emphasized the important role of civil society has to play.

A report of the conference will be submitted to the UN Secretary General.