Peace contribution through World Heritage
UNITAR Hiroshima Office organized a public roundtable with WH experts

A public roundtable “(WH) Conservation for Peace” has been organized by UNITAR Hiroshima Office in the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Building in Nakaku, Hiroshima.

The roundtable was part of a training workshop started end of March and was attended by 100 people including the training participants from 28 countries. The panellists were composed of six heritage managers from the world who discussed how WH conservation could contribute to peace.

Mr. Richard Engelhardt, Cultural Advisor for Asia and the Pacific of UNESCO Bangkok Office has given the examples of the A-Bomb Dome and Auschwitz and said “Heritage is source of knowledge. It tells us what could happen when humanity doesn’t give priority to peace”.

Prof. Norioki Ishimaru of Hiroshima International University stressed the importance that the “negative” heritage sites with tragic memories transmit their messages. Mr. Masaru Maeno, Japan ICOMOS National Committee and Professor Emeritus of Tokyo University of Fine Arts said “It is necessary for us to read the history behind the A-Bomb Dome and think what we have to do not to repeat the tragedy”.

The UNITAR workshop concluded with this public roundtable.
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