Afghan Style Wedding Ceremony Reenactment
UNITAR Trainees
Exchange with Citizens in Central Ward

On November 8th, 30 trainees attending the UNITAR Hiroshima Fellowship for Afghanistan interacted with citizens at the Central Community Center in Central Ward, wearing traditional dress and reenacting a traditional Afghan wedding ceremony. With Hiroshima University students selected as “newlyweds” at the front, they introduced prayer ceremonies for fertility and happiness. Participants were treated to dry fruits and sweets from Afghanistan. Kaori Kobayashi (29) a company employee from Fuchu-cho said “When talking about Afghanistan, the images of suicide bombers and civil war are strong, but having experienced a wedding ceremony I could feel the friendliness.”

The trainees, government workers, doctors and technicians, have been studying social infrastructure and the know-how of infrastructure redevelopment since April in places such as India. From the 4th of this month they have been receiving training in Hiroshima that concludes the programme.