Workshop on the World Heritage started
5 days in Hiroshima
Participants visited the Atomic Bomb Dome

A 5-day training on the workshop for management and conservation for World Heritage sites organized by UNITAR Hiroshima Office for Asia and Pacific started on March 13. 45 researchers and governmental officials from 28 countries are participating this workshop and they visited the Atomic Bomb Dome on the first day. Dr. Yushi Utaka, Associate Professor of the University of Hyogo, member of ICOMOS which is an advisory body of UNESCO, guided the tour to the A-bomb Dome. They spent about 30 minutes at the dome, observing the inside of the structure.

Participants asked questions about 3 restruction works of the A-Bomb Dome which, donation for conservation of by Hiroshima citizen, antiseismic reinforcement and other conservation plan for the future. Mr. Mohammad Amir Foladi from Bamiyan, Afghanistan as a staff of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development of Afghanistan, said “I would like to inform my countries of the enthusiasm of citizens of Hiroshima who have overcome the devastation of war and conserve the A-Bomb Dome.

The workshop will continue until March 17. A study tour to Itsukushima shrine in Miyajima-cho in the Hatsukaichi-city and a roundtable open to public are planned.

Same kind of workshop has been conducted by UNITAR Hiroshima Office since 2004 making the best use of the two World Heritage sites of Hiroshima, Itsukushima shrine and the Atomic Bomb Dome. The third workshop this year is the largest in scale.