An exchange event between Afghans, in Japan to finish eight months of training to become leaders of their country, and Japanese people was held at the Central Community Center in Hakushima, Central Ward on the 8th of November. Including the 40 Afghans some 60 people took part. The event was co-organised by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Hiroshima Peace Contribution Network.

After choosing a Japanese man and woman to be a couple, the traditional activities surrounding an Afghan wedding were introduced. With relatives gathered, henna dye was applied to the palms of the bride and groom and a demonstration was given showing prayers made for happiness. Dancing from Afghanistan and the *kendama* from Japan were also demonstrated and both cultures were introduced. One participant, Mr. Najib Sabory (30) was an Associate Professor at the Engineering Department of Kabul University. Mr. Sabory stated “I am happy to have been able to introduce our culture, and I would like Afghanistan to redevelop like Japan. With the President of the USA decided, Afghanistan must change.”