



カナダの新国際政策綱領について説明するライト大使

国連改革や平和貢献
駐日カナダ大使講演

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カナダのロバート・ライト駐日大使(左)が9日、広島市中区の広島商工会議所ビルで講演した。国連訓練調査研究所(UNITAR)ユニタール)広島事務所が主催し、約四十人が聞き入っ

た。
ライト大使は、カナダ政府が四月下旬に外交、防衛、開発、通商の四分野で定めた国際政策綱領について「開発援助の対象国や分野を狭めること(援助の)実現可能性を高める」「米国との関係をより発展させる」などと説明した。
国連改革をめくっては「選挙をしないで安全保障理事会の常任理事国拡大を決めることは、国連の民主主義の要素を損なう」と述べた。日本の常任理事国入りへの賛否には触れなかった。
地方自治体の平和貢献策について、ライト大使は参加者からの質問に対し「ヒロシマの声に世界は必ず耳を傾ける。核兵器廃絶に向けて、地方都市が政府に圧力をかけてほしい」などと答えた。

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UN reform and peace contribution

Lecture of H.E. Mr. Robert G. Wright, Canadian Ambassador to Japan in Hiroshima

H.E. Mr. Robert G. Wright, Canadian Ambassador to Japan gave a lecture at the Hiroshima Chamber and Commerce and Industry building in Naka-ku, Hiroshima on 9 May. The lecture was organized by the UNITAR Hiroshima Office and about 40 people participated.

Referring to the Government of Canada's *International Policy Statement* for diplomacy, defense, development, and international trade which has just been released at end of this April, Ambassador Wright mentioned that in order to enhance the effectiveness of Canada's development aid, Canada would narrow down the countries and areas focused on. Canada would also continue to develop its relations with the United States.

Regarding UN reform, the Ambassador said that expansion of the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council without election undermines the democratic principles of the U.N. He did not refer directly to the appropriateness of Japan's bid to become a member of the U.N. Security Council.

In answer to a question from the audience about the contribution local authorities can make toward peace, Ambassador Wright said that the world listens to what Hiroshima says and he urged cities to pressure state governments to eliminate nuclear weapons.