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.