

ナスリーン・アジミさん (48)



イラン生まれ、国籍はスイス。ユニタール本部長補佐(ジュネーブ)、ユニタール評議会秘書、ユニタールニューヨーク事務所長などを経て、2003年7月、開設されたユニタールアジア太平洋地域広島事務所の初代所長に就任した。

初代所長。広島から平和のメッセージ発信を  
広島は過去・現在・未来が融合する美しい街

開口一番「広島に事務 所があることは、本当に 意義のあることだと思っ ます」と目を輝かせる。 国連機関の一つ、国連調 査研究所(ユニタール)の 広島事務所が開設され ている。世界各國の研 究参加者が被爆地から 平和への思いを新たに する「ヒロシマ効果」を 強調する。

ユニタールは、国連加 盟国の外交官や政府関係 職員の研修機関として1 965年に設立された。 広島事務所はジュネーブ の本部、ニューヨークに 続く第3の拠点で、アジ ミ・太平洋地域の52カ国 をカバーする。これまで に▽紛争からの復興▽世 界遺産の管理と保全▽ などテーマに研修プロ グラムを行い、40カ国約 1100人が参加した。コ

ユニタールは小さな大学と いった感じかな」と説明 した後、「広島は原爆の 街(笑)。過去と現在と 未来が溶け合っているよ うな美しい街の風景、た だずまいに感動します。 私をサポートしてくれる 市民もフレンドリーで感 謝しています」と微笑む。

事務所は原爆ドームが 眼下に広がる広島商工会 議所ビル5階にある。「オ ーストリアは、困難を 抱えた国や開発途上国の 人たちの参加も多々、自 分たちもできる」と希望 を持つアジミさん。 「成果は上々です」

イラン生まれで、数カ 国語の言語を駆使する。 国語の言語を駆使する。 後、「大好きな広島で、 研修プログラムをもっと 充実、平和を希求するユ ニタールの声を、広島か ら発信していきたい」と 力を込めた。県内各地の 建築物を見て回るのが休 日の楽しみ、と言。

ユニタール広島事務所 長

Wendy 広島, 2007年12月1日

Living in Hiroshima

Director of UNITAR Hiroshima Office for Asia and the Pacific: Nassrine Azimi (48)

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Born in Iran, Swiss citizen. Worked as the Deputy to the Executive Director of the UNITAR Head Office (Geneva), Secretary to the UNITAR Board of Trustees, and Director of the UNITAR New York office, following these positions, in July 2003, she became the first Director of the UNITAR Hiroshima Office for Asia and the Pacific.

The first thing said, with shining eyes, was “It is truly meaningful to have a UNITAR office in Hiroshima.” It has been four years since the UNITAR Hiroshima office was established. The Director expressed her desire that UNITAR’s participants from many countries should be able to appreciate the “Hiroshima Effect” emanating from this A-bombed city in order to renew their overall motivation towards peace. Established in 1965, UNITAR is a training organisation for diplomats and government officials of UN member states. The Hiroshima office covers 52 countries in the Asia-Pacific region and

is the 3<sup>rd</sup> UNITAR office after the head office in Geneva and another office in New York. Up until now there have been various workshops held at the Hiroshima office, including on Post-Conflict Resolution and the preservation of World Heritage Sites, with over 1100 participants from 40 countries. After explaining that UNITAR is perhaps “a small university”, the Director stated that Hiroshima is a city that has risen beautifully from the ashes of the atomic bombing and has many facilities such as the Peace Memorial Park and the Peace Boulevard that speak to the heart. Therefore during training in Hiroshima participants are able to gain not only knowledge but also learn with their hearts. Amongst the participants, many come from developing countries which have many problems. They are hopefully returning to their home countries with a belief that “We can do it too.” The results so far have been encouraging.

Born in Iran, the Director speaks several languages. She wanted to “...perform work that would be beneficial to the people of the world”, and using these abilities, she became a program coordinator for UNITAR’s Environmental Training Programme in 1991.

Until now the Director has visited 50 countries and Japan (in Hiroshima) is the ninth country in which she has resided. Laughingly, she states that “I am as comfortable in Hiroshima as a fish in water. The past, present and future are blended into a beautiful cityscape, I am moved by the atmosphere. In addition, I would like to express continuing gratitude to Hiroshima citizens, who lend support to us in such a friendly manner,” she says with a smile.

The office is located on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce and Industry Building which has the Atomic Bomb Dome right before it. “The office is a precious space which makes me think.” Then, after looking at the scenery beyond the window, the Director emphasized “I want to make our programs more fruitful and I want the peace-aspiring voice of UNITAR to spread from the Hiroshima that I love.” In her spare time, she enjoys viewing architectural structures around Hiroshima Prefecture.

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