“Excellent restoration of Itsukushima Shrine”

UNITAR workshop press conference

A four-day training workshop on ‘World Heritage Management’ organized by the Hiroshima office of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Hiroshima ended on April 21 and a press conference was held in the UNITAR office in Naka-ku, Hiroshima.

Ms. Teresa Swiebocka, Senior Curator of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Oswiecim, Poland, like the A-bomb dome also a world heritage site, visited the dome and the Peace Memorial Museum. She emphasized that both the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum have a common mission of warning humanity of the horrors of nuclear weapons and genocide.

Mr. Richard Engelhardt, Regional Advisor for Culture for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Bangkok Office, Thailand commented that while the restoration after the typhoon and the management of the Itsukushima the shrine was excellent, the buffer zone tended to emphasize tourism aspects too strongly.