Zambia  Ms.KANYEMBA, Patience Mweebo
Peace can only be brought by human beings. I want to educate my country the importance of peace and what can happen if there is no peace.

Iraq  Mr.GHAZI, Ali Faisal Ghazi
In order to achieve the world peace, people around the world have to read and understand clearly the message comes from story of Hiroshima peace and think a lot about it.

Malawi  Ms.MANDA, Clara
I am impressed with the ‘togetherness’ of the residents of Hiroshima city who managed to rebuild their city and also promote peace rather than continue the war.

Tanzania  Ms.MUSHI, Janeth Jackson
After knowing how Japan reconstruct after atomic bombing then I can spread the idea of work together and help each other in wherever I will go, and for those who will come across with me inside and outside of my country.

Afghanistan  Mr.SULTANZAI, Mohammad Shafi
Life is not enjoyable without peace. I want to have some awareness program for my people to unite them and bring peace in my country.

Myanmar  Mr.THWIN,Naing Myo
I am very impressed how Hiroshima is developing. It looks like atomic bombing never happened. I wish I could come here again.

Acceptance of Training Participants for Knowledge Co-Creation Program
This is one form of technical cooperation, wherein human resources at the core of development in various fields are invited to Japan from developing countries, and training related to the knowledge and technologies required by those nations are implemented mainly in Japan. Accepting approx. 10,000 participants each year as the pillar of Japan’s international cooperation, we have already accepted over 320,000 participants from 194 countries across the world. The majority of participants are persons in the government or public organizations. On the other hand, for the accepting side in Japan, we receive multifaceted support from the government, municipalities, universities, public-service organizations, private companies, NGOs, and the like, and can handle any theme from cutting-edge technology to know-how for village revitalization.
Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Peace Education through Promoting Mutual Understanding

This one-month training course is implemented with the goal that JICA participants will draw up action plans for peace education promotion in their respective countries, while also learning the experience and actual practice in Hiroshima. Since this course was established, 44 participants have completed it.

Around the world, citizens are experiencing violence and loss in some form, due to civil wars or conflict between ethnicities. In this kind of society, “peace education” has an important role to prevent conflict and violence, and to nurture attitudes and values that bring about a behavioral change for creating peace.

Through report presentations, workshops, lectures, and observations, participants in this course analyse the current situation and issues in education, in light of the conflicts and recovery in their own country, and the position and significance that peace education has in peace-building. Furthermore, while referring to Hiroshima’s experience, participants consider the roles of government, schools, and citizens in peace education and the mutual cooperation among them in the situation of their country, and draw up an action plan for an education promotion plan for peace in their own scope of work.
Global Hiroshima Project to Enhance Peacebuilding Human Resource Development for the Bangsamoro Government in Mindanao, the Philippines

“JICA Partnership Program” promotes and facilitates international cooperation activities in developing countries implemented by organizations such as Japanese NGOs, universities, municipalities, and public-service corporations as part of JICA’s official development assistance (ODA). At JICA Chugoku, we have been implementing the “Global Hiroshima Project to Enhance Peacebuilding Human Resource Development for the Bangsamoro Government in Mindanao, the Philippines” since January 2012 as a joint project between Hiroshima University and Hiroshima Prefecture. This project affects the Bangsamoro region of the Mindanao Island, which is now in a period of transition from armed conflict to peace. Before the establishment of the Bangsamoro autonomous government, planned for the near future, this project aims to train young people born in the said area into human resources who can pragmatically manage a fair and efficient government so that residents can truly feel the meaning of peace.

Afghanistan PEACE Project*

In order to support development of human resources who will contribute to the development of Afghanistan, JICA accepts officials and researchers from 18 government agencies in Afghanistan related to infrastructure development, agriculture, rural development, education, health and the like. The participants enter various graduate schools of Japanese universities and study each specific field. Since the first batch of dispatches in 2011, the total number of participants has reached 515. As of April 2017, 281 participants have acquired their degrees and returned to Afghanistan.

During summer vacation, we provide an opportunity for these PEACE participants studying at universities throughout Japan to visit Hiroshima, observing the Peace Memorial Museum and Atomic Bomb Dome and learning about the post-war recovery of Hiroshima.

*Formal name
Project for the Promotion and Enhancement of the Afghan Capacity for Effective Development (PEACE)

Japanese Initiative for the Future of Syrian Refugees : JISR

In this program, we provide the chance for education to young Syrians, who lost the opportunity to go to school because of the crisis in Syria, thus developing the human resources who will play an important role for the recovery of Syria in the future. Accepting them as JICA long-term participants, we provide opportunities to study at Japanese universities, up to 100 Syrian students over five years. The main fields of study include engineering, information communication, business administration, peace-building, and Japanese language and culture. This program also offers support for their family members accompanying to Japan.

Through this program, we aim to develop human resources who will contribute to peace-building and recovery in Syria and act as a bridge between Syria and Japan in the future.
Republic of Kosovo
“Community Development for Livelihood Improvement and Confidence Building”

Since the Kosovo War in the 1990’s, the Republic of Kosovo has promoted the coexistence of both Serbian and Albanian ethnicities. JICA invites officers/staffs from the central ministries, regional governments, and private organizations involved in regional revitalization to Hiroshima. Here, they learn about the experience of Hiroshima achieving recovery from the tragedy of war and the atomic bombing through trust and unity between the government and residents, and about the efforts for livelihood improvement and regional economic improvement through the agricultural diversification (so-called “sextiary sector”) in current hilly and mountainous areas, thus aiming to contribute to the peaceful coexistence and prosperity for all residents of Kosovo.

HIROSHIMA Peace Talk

The “HIROSHIMA Peace Talk,” which is held as part of an exchange program between citizens and JICA participants from countries that have experienced conflicts, such as Rwanda and Afghanistan, provides an opportunity for JICA participants and citizens of Hiroshima to share their own experiences and thoughts about peace with one another. Each time it is held, many attendees across generations gather for this valuable opportunity to hear about the actual experiences of the JICA participants or their families. Attendees have commented that, “We learned about the conflict from a perspective different from news on mass media, by interacting with people who lived in the country at that time. We learned a lot and it was very moving.” In Hiroshima, which includes peace learning in mandatory education, citizens have a great interest in recovery and peace-building, having heated debates about true peace together with the participants. We aim not only to promote the understanding of citizens towards efforts for peace around the world, but also to give opportunities to JICA participants to discuss with citizens to gain hints about the development of countries.
Hiroshima Peace Study Tour

This is an orientation program for the JICA participants staying at JICA Chugoku when they arrive at Japan, which has them learn the history of and experience the truth about the bombing of Hiroshima and its recovery. Over 1,200 participants have attended so far.

The basic program contents are comprised of tours of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park (Atomic Bomb Dome), and lectures for “History of Peace City Hiroshima.”

Also, depending on the training course, the program can be arranged to add a session for discussions with university students in Hiroshima or in combination with observations at corporations or research facilities in Hiroshima Prefecture related to technical training courses. It is an opportunity for participants to experience the “past and present” of Hiroshima, and to learn more deeply about the significance of recovery and peace.
Alignment with “Hiroshima for Global Peace” Plan

Hiroshima Prefecture has established the following five pillars as the “Hiroshima for Global Peace” Plan, and is advancing peace promotion policies.

(1) Supporting the roadmap for the abolition of nuclear weapons
(2) Reducing the risks of nuclear terrorism
(3) Developing human resources to build a peaceful international community
(4) Creating ideas for nuclear disarmament, conflict resolution, and building peace
(5) Building a sustainable peace-support mechanism

JICA Chugoku contributes to pillar (3) and (5) above acceptance of technical training participants and partnership program projects.
“Seeing various things that occurred in Hiroshima, I became very sad. However, I believe that the fact that it actually happened can be the driving force that upholds world peace.” “I admire the people of Hiroshima who, instead of revenge, focused their energy on rebuilding Hiroshima.” “I also want to join the ambassadors calling for world peace.” “I hope that the people of Hiroshima will continue to spread the message of peace.”

These are comments from JICA participants after “Hiroshima Peace Study Tour,” which includes visiting Peace Memorial Museum. After learning the tragedy that occurred 72 years ago at the Peace Museum, participants place themselves in the still and solemn atmosphere of Peace Memorial Park and look upon the Hiroshima of today, which achieved recovery and was reborn as a city of peace. By doing so, many participants are instantly reminded of the preciousness of peace, firmly believing that peace itself is the foundation for developing a country. Together with the people of Hiroshima, we JICA Chugoku hope to continue international cooperation towards the building of sustainable, peaceful society in developing countries.