
Hiroshima Field Trip

All the International Christian University second year JDS fellows got a chance to visit one of the most interesting places of the Japan: Hiroshima. It was a three-day trip which was started from Dec 7 and ended Dec 9. The group consisted of 7 JDS fellows and Ms. Satako Ohno from ICU.

The first day of the tour we visited the JICA Chugoku Office where we had a lecture and discussion with the director of the JICA centre. He delivered an interesting lecture regarding the activities of JICA as well as ODA programmes. After that, we got a valuable opportunity to meet some African participants to share our development experiences especially on education.

The second day was an unforgettable day for us. We visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Peace Park, which were built after the atomic bomb fell on 6th August 1945. The whole group were shocked with the understanding about the risk and damage an atomic bomb can cause to the world. It took thousands of human lives as well as property and the natural environment away.

In the second half of the day, we participated in a lecture given by Prof. Noboru Goto regarding the promotion of tourism through use of local resources. It was a very interactive lecture that discussed most of the important factors that should be considered in tourism promotion in Hiroshima. The next item was group work about "What we learnt from Hiroshima and how to utilize it". We must thank Ms. Akiko Sasaki for her contributions to this event.

The final day was very exciting because we got a chance to visit Hiroshima Castle, Miyajima and Itsukushima Shrine. We should express our sincere gratitude to Prof. Noboru Goto for dedicating his valuable time with us.

We would like to thank ICU, JICE, JICA and specially Ms. Satako Ohno for giving this wonderful opportunity to us and for making it a success.

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