

An atomic bomb dropped by the US bomber Enola Gay detonated 43 seconds later about 600 meters in the air. It created a fireball as hot as the sun more

than a million degrees Celsius.

One second after detonation, it was more than 2000 meters in diameter.

The 3,000 to 4,000 °C near the hypocenter incinerated the surface.

All this happened in Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m. on August 6th, 1945. Regardless of

species, race, nationality or age, the bomb burned sentient beings to death, and its

radiation is still sickening and killing seventy-seven years later.

Who and what do nuclear weapons deter?

Source: The Outline of Atomic Bomb Damage in Hiroshima, City of Hiroshima

All peoples have the right to live in peace, free from fear and want. (From the preamble of the Japanese Constitution)

Now is precisely the time to activate Article 9 for an immediate ceasefire. The Ukraine invasion has taught us we must build a security framework in Asia that includes Japan, the US, South Korea, North Korea and China; we do not need increased defense budgets or nuclear

sharing. (Masahiko SHIMIZU) ◆ can't stay silent! The giant sell-out to the LDP and KAWAI is an appalling shame for Hiroshima, and it's not over yet. ◆ An administration that falsifies documents is unqualified to discuss the constitution. ◆ Building a base from which to

attack an enemy violates the Constitution! Nuclear sharing is even worse; it's unforgivable! ◆ After election, the faction seeking constitutional change controls more than two-thirds of the lower house. The movement to worsen the constitution is stronger, but we can't let the

flame protect Japan's Article 9 die out. ◆ Nuclear weapons don't stop war; you invite it. ◆ What is most important? Let's think about this in the context of life. ◆ Sexual violence always occurs in war. To prevent war, we have Article 9. ◆ If Taiwan

becomes "an emergency," Okinawa becomes disposable. We can't let that happen. ◆ Foreign Technical Intern Trainees are valuable neighbors. Let's build a society that makes working and living here easy and guarantees human rights. ◆ Article 9 is my life. It's your

life. It's the life of this beautiful planet. ◆ Two percent of GDP to the military? Absolutely not!! We need to support our children, students, and people in need. ◆ The Peace Constitution is in danger. Article 9 takes responsibility for the more than 20 million people

killed by Japan's aggression. ◆ Diplomatic is the strongest defense. ◆ Never accept "state of emergency" laws. ◆ The abolition of nuclear weapons and nuclear power by Japan is an effort to protect the Earth. ◆

The Article 9 Society demands lasting peace, and acts to take Article 9 beyond Japan.



The Constitution of Japan Article 9 RENUNCIATION OF WAR Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes. In order to accomplish the aim of the preceding paragraph, land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized.

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