



Earth Caravan 2015

On the 70th anniversary of the end of the Pacific War,
a flame, kindled from the embers at the atomic bomb site, continues to burn!

“THE FLAME OF PEACE” An epic journey from Hiroshima to Jerusalem July 5th → August 12th

This summer the Non-Profit Organisation Uni will hold “Earth Caravan 2015,” a global peace initiative. The intention is to carry a flame, originally kindled from the atomic bomb fires, to cities touched by the horrors of war. Carried by bicycle from Hiroshima to Tokyo, “The Flame of Peace” will thence be transported by special air courier to Europe, eventually reaching Jerusalem via Prague, Vienna, Munich and Auschwitz. At its final destination in the West Bank, Palestine and Jerusalem, Israel, priests from the four major religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism) will conclude a memorial of prayer for victims of war and for the propagation of peace. Similarly, at each stop along the way of this global pilgrimage at the flame’s altar, pledges will be delivered in the hope of overcoming the disparities between nationality, race and creed, and the desire for a world without war.



What is “The Flame of Peace”?

It is the flame lit from the embers of the atomic bomb site at Hiroshima and carefully preserved in the village of Hoshino, Fukuoka. After seventy years the fires of pain and grief have been transformed into a Flame of Peace.



Four religions celebrate peace

To celebrate world peace through singing, chanting, and spiritual unity, festivals will be held in Bethlehem, Palestine on August 6th, the day the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, and in Jerusalem on August 9th, the day the bomb dropped on Nagasaki.

Cycling for Peace: the flame will travel 800km across Japan, ignited by the aspirations of the A-bomb victims.



Main cyclist, Susan Eddie

Britain’s Susan Eddie will cycle the entire course of 800km. Her determination to transmit the message of “World Peace” is reflected in the distance that her wheels will carry her.



Shingo Tsurumi will escorts Susan

The cyclist team LEGION, led by the actor Shingo Tsurumi, will escort Susan along her route. Mr. Tsurumi will cycle the first section.


Norimasa Ito
(2nd generation A-bomb victim)

Will collect the Flame of Peace from Hoshino village on July 3rd.




Junji Kajikawa
(2nd generation A-bomb victim)

Will collect the Flame of Peace with Mr Ito.




Yoji Ishimi
(prenatal A-bomb victim)

Will light the Flame of Peace at Earth Caravan, Hiroshima, on July 5th.



Yoichi Takahashi
(2nd generation A-bomb victim)

Chief Producer at Anx Co, Hiroshima donated the bicycle for the caravan.



Peace Cycling Route, Map & Schedule



[Schedule / Course] (Plan)

- July 5 (Sun) Hiroshima Central Park Hannover Garden- Hiroshima Airport
- July 6 (Mon) Hiroshima Airport – Fukuyama station
- July 7 (Tue) Fukuyama station – Kurashiki Undo Koen (Kurashiki Athletic Park)
- July 8 (Wed) Kurashiki Undo Koen – Aioi station
- July 9 (Thu) Aioi station – Kobe Port Tower
- July 10 (Fri) Kobe Port Tower – Chion-in
- July 13 (Mon) Chion-in – Hikone-jo (Hikone castle)
- July 14 (Tue) Hikone-jo – Atsuta Jingu Koen (Atsuta Jingu Park)
- July 15 (Wed) Atsuta Jingu Koen – Hamamatsu station
- July 16 (Thu) Hamamatsu station – Fuji station
- July 17 (Fri) Fuji station – Odawara-jo (Odawara castle)
- July 18 (Sat) Odawara-jo – Shin Yokohama Koen (Shin-Yokohama Park)
- July 19 (Sun) Shin Yokohama Koen – Zojoji (temple)

Famed poet and lyricist Chris Mosdell will read his new poem

Well-known songwriter, renowned for his work with Michael Jackson, Eric Clapton, Ryuichi Sakamoto and YMO, and a passionate supporter of Earth Caravan, will read his poem, especially composed for the event, at the Atomic Bomb Dome, Hiroshima (July 5th), Chion-in temple, Kyoto (July 12th) and Zojoji temple, Tokyo (July 19th).



Peace Concert/Stage

An array of artists / musicians, dedicating their talents for peace, will perform at Earth Caravan. Artists scheduled include PANTA, Seifuku Kojo Linkai, Kobo Inoue (vice priest of Jodo Shu Korinji temple).

100% net profit donated to charity

From a “taking” to a “giving” world. Flea market stalls at the sites throughout the world will donate all profits to charity. The money will go towards the purchase of a “Peace Bus,” taking relief supplies to Gaza, and to support children in Rwanda.

Earth Caravan Theme Song “SHARE!”

“ Let us heal the wounds of the Earth” “SHARE” – born from this sentiment.

A miracle CD that connects the world

Musicians, from 18 countries sing “SHARE,” dedicating their artistry to world peace. A 3,000 JPY donation allows you to receive the CD and more. Please visit our website for further details.



A “One World” promotion video

A Palestinian boy, an Israeli girl, participants from Rwanda, and singers from eighteen countries join in to sing SHARE - a musical relay to unite the world.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiXX-bWemRw>

Supporters of Earth Caravan 2015

Actress Sayuri Yoshinaga is among the many well-known supporters of this event.

Others include:



Mayor of Nagasaki city
Tomihisa Taue



Novelist/ Professor at Meiji Gakuin Uni
Genichiro Takahashi



Doctor (Palestinian)
Izzeldin Abuelaish



Videographer
Hitomi Kamanaka



Film Director
Guy Davidi



Herb Specialist
Venetia Stanley-Smith



Rwandan national musician
Mani Martin



Environmental Journalist
Irene Mioko Smith



Poet
Arthur Binard

Outline – Earth Caravan 2015

Venues	13 cities in the world JAPAN (Hiroshima, Kyoto, Tokyo), AUSTRIA (Dornbirn, Vienna), Germany (Dachau, Munich), Czech (Praha), Poland (Auschwitz), Canada (Toronto), Palestine (Bethlehem), Israel (Neve Shalom), Jerusalem		
Dates	5th July 2015 – 12th August 2015		
Organizer	NPO UNI	Domestic co-sponsor	Jojo Shu Peace Association
Co-operations	Non-profit Inc. Foundation Jodo-shu Tomoiki Zaidan / Hiroshima wo Tsunageteiku Kai		
Supporters	Hiroshima city / Nagasaki city / General Mission of Palestine-Tokyo / Kyoto Newspaper / Kyoto Broadcasting System (KBS) / Asahi newspaper Tokyo branch / Mainichi newspaper / Chugoku newspaper / FM Kyoto / Mazda Motor Corporation		
Co-operative companies	Andex Co / Natural Harmony Co Ltd / KK Champion System Japan / LEGON / Maruki Gallery For The Hiroshima Panels / OGK Kabuto Co Ltd / Terada Honke Co / KK JCN (Kirishima-Kurozu) / KK Genmai Koso / Tao Shiatsu International, etc		
Endorsement	Kodansha Co Ltd / Hozokan / Tricab Group / Human World / social welfare service corporation Urakawa Betheru-no-le / Bethebukuro etc		

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Earth Caravan 2015 Regional Event Schedule

Japan

Date	Place	Event Contents
July 5th Sunday	Hiroshima around Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park	<p>◎ Earth Caravan Hiroshima</p> <p>Peace Memorial Park (Heiwa Kinen park) :10:00~11:30 Interfaith festival for World Peace Hannover Garden in Hiroshima : 12:00~19:00 Peace concert and Charity market Near Atomic Bomb Dome : 19:30~20:30 Peace candle night</p>
July 12th Sunday	Kyoto Chion-In Concert Hall in Maruyama Park	<p>◎ Earth Caravan Kyoto</p> <p>Chion-in Amidado : 11:00~ Interfaith festival for World Peace Concert Hall in Maruyama Park, Kyoto : 11:00~16:00 Peace concert and Charity market Chion-in, in front of Sanmon (Main gate) : 17:00※~20:00 Peace Concert,etc (※times could be changed)</p>
July 19th Sunday	Tokyo Zojoji temple	<p>◎ Earth Caravan in Tokyo</p> <p>11:00~ Interfaith festival for World Peace、 12:00~Peace Concert and Talk Event 11:00~20:00 Charity market 19:00~20:00 Peace Cycling Goal Ceremony</p>

Europe

Date	Place	Event Contents
July 25th Saturday	Dornbirn, Austria	<p>Earth Healing Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace walk • Prayers • International cuisine • Concert • Making a peace flag • Others
July 26th Sunday	Dachau, Germany	<p>Guided tour & Ceremony in the Dachau Memorial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided tour • Musical Nembutsu chanting and multiple religion joint prayers • Heart Practice • Music • Others <p>The night event at seminar center in Dachau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint reflection • Music
July 27th Monday	Munich, Germany	<p>Peace event at pedestrian street in Munich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Tao Shiatsu • Gift of origami cranes for Peace • Peace hugs • Others
July 28th Tuesday	Prague, Czech Republic	<p>Guided tour Peace Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Tao Shiatsu • Gift of origami cranes for Peace • Making a peace flag • Peace hugs • Others

July 29th Wednesday	Auschwitz, Poland	Guided tour and Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided tour • Music Nembutsu chanting and multiple religion joint prayers • Healing Nembutsu chanting • Music Others
July 30th Thursday	Vienna, Austria	Ceremony and concert at Tao Sangha Vienna
July 31st Friday	Vienna, Austria	Peace Event at Mariahilfer street, Vienna We are walking together with different religious groups to visit temples and churches near Tao Sangha Vienna. We pray together and sing together.

North America

Date	Place	Event Contents
July 5th Sunday	Toronto, Canada	9:30 am - 10:30 am, Nembutsu for World Peace 10:45 am - 12:45 pm, Healing Meditation for World Peace
August 6th Thursday	Toronto, Canada	1 pm - 2 pm, Nembutsu to pray for world peace and all the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima (70 years ago) 4:30 pm - 8:45 pm, We will join the Hiroshima Day Coalition at the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Middle East

Date	Place	Event Contents
August 6th Thursday	Jerusalem - Bethlehem, Israel and West Bank, Palestine	Healing visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial museum. Human alphabet letters event "SHARE!" (Simultaneously with Hiroshima and Tronto) Memorial service for Hiroshima atomic bomb victims. The Bethlehem Live Festival begins.
August 7th Friday	Bethlehem- Hebron West Bank, Palestine	Day tour to the south Hebron hills and meeting with peace and reconciliation Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger. Evening participation at the Bethlehem Live Festival with live music, art, dancing and charity shiatsu.
August 8th Saturday	Bethlehem, West Bank, Palestine	Day tour to Tent of Nations - People Building Bridges Ecological Farm Evening participation at the Bethlehem Live Festival with live music, art, dancing and charity shiatsu.
August 9th Sunday	Neve Shalom, Israel	Healing the wounds of conflict and oppression: Full day tour to stations of suffering (both Israeli and Palestinian), with interfaith prayers and meditation at each stop. Evening: ceremony at Neve Shalom/Wahat Al Salam to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Nagasaki Day with music, art, origami and the Hiroshima Peace Flame.
August 10th Monday	Beit Jala, West Bank, Palestine	Full day seminar with Israelis, Palestinians and Internationals: Heal Your Trauma and Change Your Destiny.
August 11th Tuesday	Sderot, Israel	Negev desert and Sderot: Day tour to pain points in southern Israel including the town of Sderot, and a healing ceremony near the Eretz crossing at Gaza. Evening program in Jerusalem.
August 12th Wednesday	Jerusalem, Israel	Closing day program: Live musical guests from Israel and Palestine; Inter-religious ceremonies and meditations; the story of the Caravan; activities and music for children; Japanese cultural activities.

※Dates and events could be changed.