## Peace Declaration

At 11:02 a.m., on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1945, Nagasaki became a burnt field in the moment because the U.S. military dropped an atomic bomb aimed to the city. We were taught about the fact from the textbook without understanding the terror of atomic bombs. Then, we could get an opportunity to visit Nagasaki and have learned for a month about the atomic bombs and the day when the atomic bomb was dropped. We were shocked to learn about the number of people injured by the atomic bomb and the fact that the operation of the injured people were done without anesthesia because of the lack of medical equipment and medicine. The radiation released by the bomb killed a lot of people, and also resulted from illnesses and disabilities that still afflict those who survived the bombing.

Today, we can live in peace and safety; therefore, it is difficult for young people to consider the war. The average age of the atomic bomb survivors will be over eighty. We are reaching "an era without any atomic bomb survivors." We are afraid that the tragedy of Nagasaki will be faded away from Japanese people. So young generation need to face up to the past.

There are about fifteen thousand nuclear weapons in the world. If they are used again, our ordinary life such as talking with our friends, feeling the warmth of our families, will be taken away. So we have to make the world without nuclear weapons. As the only nation in the world to have suffered a nuclear bombing, we can tell people all over the world atomic bombs.

We were able to notice the preciousness of peace through the visit to Nagasaki and the previous learning. It is important to stop having the nuclear weapons and we mustn't repeat the tragedy. We have to pass our thought to people around us and the future generation. And we will not only tell but also continue thinking what we can do for the world peace.

We swear, not to forget the preciousness of the environment and the moment that we live, to keep thinking what a permanent peace is and what we can do not to start the war, to hope for world peace, to feel and thank for living, to treasure ourselves and others, to think and act of our own will even it is a small thing.

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