

リボンインターナショナル 要約

私たちは、核兵器廃絶の思いをリボンでつなぐ国連 NGO「リボン・インターナショナル」との出会いから、2019年夏に本校で行われた SOFIS の仲間呼びかけて、核兵器廃絶のメッセージをこめたリボン（平和への願い、核戦争を阻止したいという願いを表す布）を作りました。このリボンは 2020 年 2 月に国連研修生がニューヨークに持っていき、メンバーの田野純様にお渡ししました。

田野様からのメッセージには「世界の平和を願って、皆さんは今日リボンを作って下さい。その祈りは直ぐには届かないかも知れません。時は経っても、何も変わっていない様に感じるかも知れません。でも目には見えなくても、皆さんの祈りはどこかで何かを変えていることでしょうか。そしていつか必ず、皆さんの祈りが聞き届けていただけたと思える日が来ると信じています。皆さんは素晴らしい学校に入ったことにより、自分だけでなく周りの人達や違う国の人達、そして地球や宇宙について深く思い考える機会を与えられています。皆さんが今受けていらっしゃる教育は、学校を卒業した後も心の中で育ち、大きく身を結ぶことでしょうか。生徒の皆様の未来が平和であります様に、そしてこの素晴らしい環境を作っていらっしゃるシスターの皆様や先生方、理解ある親御様方に沢山の幸せがあります様、心からお祈りいたしております。」とありました。高校生の自分たちにも世界を変えるためにできることがあると知った今、2020年8月の原爆投下75周年には、「核戦争のない世界」を願って、私たちも心を合わせて祈り、平和を訴えます。

The Ribbon International

Yuko Kodama

The 2019 UN Tour group attended a conference held at the UN, where Sister Taguchi met Ms. Tano from Ribbon International. That organization started when the foundress Justine Merritt saw how cruel the atomic bomb was when she visited Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum in 1982.

It is a United Nations Non-Governmental Organization that created a large decorated cloth promoting nuclear disarmament and the care and protection of the earth. In an event held on August 4, 1985, panels were connected in an 18 mile (29 km) long strip stretching from the Pentagon into Washington. Ms. Tano asked to hold an event in August in Sapporo to commemorate Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

This summer, SOFIS was held in Sapporo. Students from sister schools of the Sacred Heart gathered to think about issues surrounding the world around us and discuss possible solutions. Everyone participated in an activity called Ribbon International.

We made this banner. Everyone pressed a colorful handprint on a white cloth that said “No Nuclear War” in the middle to express a strong desire to abolish nuclear weapons.



The 2020 UN Tour group took the banner to New York and gave it to Ms. Tano, and she promised to use it for the 75th Anniversary of the Nuclear Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki next year.

Here is her letter:

“In 1982, Justine Merritt, the foundress of The Ribbon International, visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. After witnessing how cruel nuclear war was, she planned to go to Washington with a ribbon in August 1985, the 40th anniversary of the atomic bombing, so that it would never happen again.

The ribbons gathered on that day were 24 kilometers long and surrounded the Pentagon and reached the National Mall and the Capitol Building. After that, she feared that a nuclear war would happen again, but the Cold War between the US and the Soviet Union ended, and the Berlin Wall collapsed.

Next year will be the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing. However, the threat of nuclear war has not gone, and we tend to forget the pain experienced by the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. So “Ribbon 2020” was launched to once again wish for a world without nuclear war.

In hope of world peace, you will make a ribbon today. That prayer may not be answered immediately. You may feel that nothing has changed over time. But even if you can't see it, your prayers may have changed something somewhere. I believe that someday, the day will come when you will see your prayers answered.

By entering this wonderful school, you have been given the opportunity to think deeply not only about you, but also the people around you, the differences between countries, the earth and the universe. The education you are currently receiving will grow in your heart even after you graduate from school.

I sincerely hope that the future of the students here will be peaceful, and that the sisters, teachers and understanding parents who have created this wonderful environment will have a lot of happiness.”

Until now, I was very worried about what high school students like me could do to eliminate nuclear weapons. No matter how much I raised my voice, I thought it wouldn't reach anyone unless the government changed. However, participating in Ribbon International has greatly changed my mind. I think by showing our strong will and making an effort to create a better world with our own hands, our voices will surely reach the world.

We cannot really understand the pain and suffering of those exposed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki because we have never actually experienced war. But, we can deliver the voices of bomb survivors. On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing, we recalled the horror of nuclear weapons and felt that it was important to communicate to the world not to repeat the tragedy again.

I think Ribbon International has taught us the role we should play now. I will continue to act with determination and give prayers for the realization of a peaceful future.