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## The 2020 Students' Peace Summit in Hiroshima

### Description of the Purpose of the Summit

The postwar international community has advocated and nurtured a spirit of international cooperation based on freedom and openness. If progress in the integration of the global economy is considered a boon for human beings, then the associated repercussions in outlying regions of the world is manifest in issues that include poverty; climate change; public health problems such as infectious diseases, both new and recurring; and innumerable refugees in the developing world that increasingly suffer under a system of exploitation. It would be difficult for any one nation to solve these global issues alone, and thus cross-border cooperation on a global scale is necessary. This has become our new reality. The global community has had to confront these worldwide problems by strengthening systems of global cooperation primarily through the efforts of the United Nations. These initiatives include the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and others. While debate continues over many of these issues, rather than taking an anti-globalist stance, the global community has cooperated in the effort to overcome the flaws inherent in globalization.

The recent coronavirus pandemic has triggered movements that threaten to overturn the global systems of cooperation that have been constructed over the 75 years since the end of World War II, although no one country can solve this problem on its own. Ironically, each country is almost completely preoccupied by its own domestic situation; rampant attitudes of “our own country first” lead countries to abandon international cooperation resulting in hatred among peoples. As people turn their backs on the spirit of tolerance, the threat of discrimination and violence is increasing. Even within each country, rural and outlying regions are becoming isolated, and the global public health “authority” of organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) has been impaired.

It is under these circumstances that Hiroshima University – which has long advocated peace – looks toward the “post-coronavirus” age rationally, searches for peace

through international cooperation in order to avoid the pitfalls of nationalism, and hopes to provide concrete proposals. As part of these efforts, we want students – those in the next generation who will be responsible for the future – to debate and discuss peace in the post-coronavirus age.

It is for this purpose that we will hold 2020 Students' HIROSHIMA Summit to Think about Peace in Hiroshima.

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2020 学生ヒロシマ「平和」を考えるサミット  
開催の趣意

戦後、国際社会は自由で開かれた国際協調主義を標榜し育んできた。経済のグローバル化が進展する一方、これに伴う影の部分として、途上国における貧困、気候変動、新興・再興感染症などの公衆衛生や難民問題が深刻化していった。これらのグローバル課題は、一国だけで解決することは困難で、国境を越えた世界規模での協調の必要性は常識であった。議論はあったにせよ、国際社会はグローバル化の瑕疵を反グローバリズムによってではなく、グローバルな協調によって乗り越えようとしてきたのである。

ところが今般の新型コロナ禍は、一国では解決できない問題であるにもかかわらず、戦後 75 年長きにわたって構築されてきたグローバルな協調体制を根底から覆すような事態を招いている。皮肉にも、各国は自国を考えることで手一杯となり、他国との協調を捨てた「自国第一主義」が広がりつつある。

こういった時代であるからこそ、「平和」を標榜する広島大学は、冷静にポスト・コロナの社会を見据えて、自国主義に陥らない国際協調による「平和」を模索し、具体的な提案をする使命を負っている次世代を担う学生を中心に、ポストコロナの「平和」を自由闊達に議論してもらおう場として、2020 学生ヒロシマ「平和」を考えるサミットを開催する。