



friendship force
HIROSHIMA



Welcome to Friendship Force Hiroshima

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Club History

In 2004 the FF Hiroshima club was born in Miyoshi City, Hiroshima Prefecture. In 2007 the Hiroshima Chapter of the club was established and the Fukuyama City Chapter in 2009. They have so far developed independently under mutual cooperation, however in July 2009 these three chapters were integrated into one unified tri-city entity of the Friendship Force Hiroshima club.

This organizational innovation is enabling us to take advantage of the urban and local resources for the FF exchanges throughout Hiroshima Prefecture.

Club Profile

The membership of the club comprises these tri-city residents. **Hiroshima** is the most keenly calling for the total abolition of nuclear weapons in the world. **Fukuyama** is the city of roses and has many scenic spots of historical and cultural assets like temples and shrines. **Miyoshi** is the garden city of Japan's typical pastoral landscape of rice paddies, gardens forests and rivers.



Hiroshima City

Advocating Peace Culture City Globally



Fukuyama City

City of Roses on Seto Inland Sea



Miyoshi City

Garden City in Fog-Clad Basin

Club Location

Hiroshima Prefecture with these three cities mentioned above and some more cities and townships is located in the western part of Honshu, Japan's main island. To the north of the Prefecture lies the Chugoku Mountain Range and to the south along the coastal line is the Seto Inland Sea ranging from the east to the west in the Prefecture, adding to its geographic diversity.

Mild climate helps produce abundant agricultural and marine products as well, which well enriches and diversifies local culture. Historically, Hiroshima was the main artery of home traffic connecting eastern Japan with western Japan. Furthermore Hiroshima region also flourished as part of important ocean routes serving ancient Korean ambassadors visiting then Imperial Court of Japan from Korea.

The City of Hiroshima capital of Hiroshima Prefecture, having been tragically atomic-bombed for the first time in human history, is visited by those sharing the same value of eternal peace on the earth and it is continuing to send a message of world peace with great dedication.

Club Highlights

Official club name : Friendship Force Hiroshima

The membership : 65

Maximum number of ambassadors our club can host : 20~25

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Access

Closest major airport : **Kansai, Haneda, Narita International Airport**

Closest regional airport : **Hiroshima Airport**

Cost of limousine between the airport and the cities (one way per person)

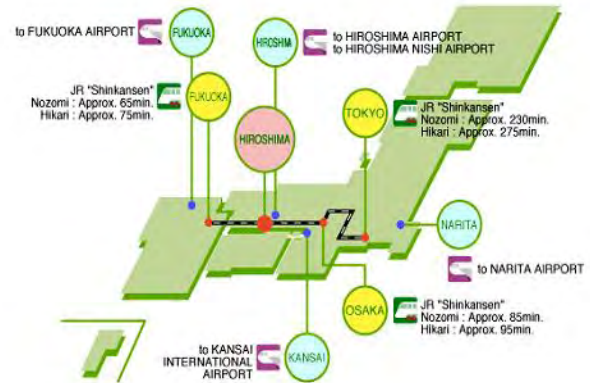
To Hiroshima city : **¥ 1,300**

To Fukuyama city : **¥ 1,000~1,300**

To Miyoshi city : **¥ 1,500**



Access map from the World



Access map to Hiroshima

About Tri-City Arrangement

Those ambassadors bound for our tri-city FF Hiroshima club can hopefully select the hosts from among these three city areas Hiroshima, Fukuyama, and Miyoshi, however if and when a sudden alteration in matching plan take place for some inevitable reason or other, he or she is kindly requested to understand the situation and accept it.

Just Glimpse

HIROSHIMA PEACE MEMORIAL PARK : On August 6,1945 an atomic bomb was dropped on



Hiroshima City for the first time in the world and more than hundred thousand people were killed in a matter of seconds and most of the city was destroyed and disappeared. The park was built in order to make it possible for the visiting people to learn from the memorials and eventually make

Atomic Bomb Dome

eternal peace on this planet. In the park there are Hiroshima

Peace Memorial Museum, Hiroshima National Peace Memorial Hall for Atom Bomb Victims, Cenotaph for the Atomic Bomb Victims, Flame of Peace and Children’s Peace Monument etc. In 1996 UNESCO’s World Heritage Commission designated Atomic Bomb Dome as a World Cultural Heritage, an architecture passing down the devastation caused by nuclear weapon. Atomic Bomb Dome together and Auschwitz Concentration Camp in southern Poland are the only two World

Cultural Heritage passing down the tragedy of World War 2nd.

MIYAJIMA, ONE OF JAPAN'S BEAUTIFUL TRIOS : Miyajima is a beautiful island in the Seto Inland Sea scattered with so many islands. A long historical and legendary background makes Miyajima all the more attractive and rich in natural beauty. Standing in the sea is the towering iconic Great Torii Gate of Itsukushima Shrine against the backdrop of Mt. Misen soaring solemnly in the sky.

People enjoy seeing the beautiful gorge covered with gorgeous maple tints in the fall and the primeval forests are kept untouched and preserved well. From the ancient times people have liked such a natural landscape of the sea and the forests that Miyajima is renowned as one of Japan's most beautiful trios along with Matsushima



Floating shrine on sea water

and Amano-hashidate. In 1996 Itsukushima Shrine with surroundings was designated as a World Cultural Heritage site. The Shrine displays upon the sea water an exceptionally unique architectural structures painted in vermillion against the deep green backdrop of Mt. Misen in the center.

TOMONOURA, SCENIC SPOT IN SETO INLAND SEA :

Representing the scenic spots in the Seto Inland Sea National Park is Tomonoura. The green islands floating in the nice and calm Seto Inland Sea are just as good as the ones out of the picture postcards. There remain lots of historical landmarks and relics in Tomonoura as an important port of call for the ships to stop



Sensuijima of Tomonoura

to wait for favorable tide and wind. It flourished as a port town for trading import export and was also such an important sea route junction that it was versed in Manyoushuu Japan's collection of ancient poetry. Unforgettably Rai Sanyou an ancient painter-poet now remembered in connection with his artistic activities in Hiroshima touched upon the scenic beauty of Tomonoura. He said nothing is better than having a drink with his dinner at sunset in the sight of Tomonoura's Sensuijima and reading at dawn at the same location suits him best. The atmosphere and the old

history of this quiet port town associates us with the image of nice and old hometown in our minds.

JIMMY CARTER CIVIC CENTER IN KOUNU : During the Second World War the Military



requisitioned the temple bell of Shoganji Tmple in Kounu Town, Miyoshi City to use as the materials for arms. Strangely it was not used for that purpose, but went through an ironical journey of fate from England to the U.S.

Bell of Hiroshima The temple bell once doomed to become weaponry is now exhibited in the Carter Center in Atlanta Georgia titled ‘The bell of Hiroshima’ symbol of peace. This was the beginning of friendship between Mr. Jimmy Carter and Kounu Town and eventually led to the Presidential visit to Kounu Town two times.



**Presentation Embroidery Picture
to Mr. Jimmy Carter**

For more information visit

Hiroshima City:<http://www.city.hiroshima.jp/e/index-E.html>

http://www.miyajima-wch.jp/index_e.html

Fukuyama City:http://city.fukuyama.jp/hishoka/english/index_en.html

<http://www.city.onomichi.hiroshima.jp/kanko/english/touristspot.html>

Miyoshi City:

http://www.city.miyoshi.hiroshima.jp/hisho_m/english_pages/info.html_tag/top_2.jsp

Exchange Album

2004: Lincoln club, Nebraska to Hiroshima



2006: Hiroshima club to Lincoln, Nebraska



2008: Auckland & Rotorua club to Hiroshima



2009: Hiroshima club to Auckland North Shore, NZ



2009: Houston club, Texas to Hiroshima

