

About this Journal

Hiroshima Journal of Peace is created in order to promote the studies on peace and peacebuilding from the realities on the ground. The City of Hiroshima, devastated just before the end of the Second World War, has proclaimed itself a City of Peace, not only because of its commitment to the abolition of all nuclear weapons but also because of its desire to promote and assist peace around the world. As a locality within the sovereign state, Hiroshima's role to promote peace is inherently limited, but because of this limitation, as well as its sincere efforts to facilitate any possibilities for peace and stability without recourse to any military means, it could find peace and peacebuilding as a subject for the integrated research of all the academic fields and for the interface of researches and practices.

Conflicts and their origins vary, so the approaches to different conflicts to make peace should. Through various research activities conducted in Hiroshima University Partnership Project for Peace and Capacity Development or HiPeC since 2006, Hiroshima University accumulated many experiences with practitioners who are working for peace and peacebuilding in conflict-affected areas and found that those experiences accumulated on the ground by peace and peacebuilding practitioners are not well brought into the research and analysis in academic terms. HiPeC has been since then working hard with those practitioners in peace and peacebuilding and produced many academic results and practical application of the results at the ground of peace and peacebuilding activities.

Now we have decided to expand this efforts beyond Hiroshima by creating an electronic forum for those practitioners who want to put their experiences for peace and peacebuilding on the academic platform and for those peace and peacebuilding academicians who feel the necessity to get their theoretical analysis tested on the ground to discuss with each other and find potentials to work together.

This electronic journal encourages not only the respective works of both the practitioners and academicians as stated above, but also their collaborative works so that their complementary skills and ideas can mutually develop to the standard that can help the parties in the conflict and in the conflict-affected areas to tackle their real problems.

We hope to have your kind understanding of these points and active contribution to this journal for promotion of the peace on the ground.

For peace and stability to be realized all the societies,

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