

# Green Legacy Hiroshima

The 9th Green Legacy Hiroshima Working Group (WG) was hosted at the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, chaired by its new Chairman, Ambassador Yasuyoshi Komizo. WG members were briefed of status of partnerships worldwide, in particular breakthroughs in getting Hiroshima Gingko sapling to ICRC HQ in Geneva (safely arrived and to be planted on 6 August) and various seeds and saplings to Powell Gardens in Missouri, USA (also successful).

Members were also happy to hear of new partners, notably in Slovenia's Ljubljana, in Russia's Tver, in Australia's Northern Territory, having recently joined GLH family. The outcomes of the Rotary Peace Forum in Hiroshima, and the high profile given to GLH thanks to WG member Nishikiori san were presented. (GLH saplings were delivered to Rotary HQ in Evanston, IL. and to Honolulu, Hawaii in the U.S. and more than 40 Ginkgo/Aogiri saplings are being delivered to domestic Rotary offices).

Hiroshima City provided an overview of the status of survivor tree plaques, survey of which is currently being conducted by city authorities. In-depth discussions on Mayors for Peace and upcoming events for 6 August commemorations, as well as GLH priorities and possibilities were also debated. Last but not least Members were given a briefing on the research on the pros/cons of different fundraising options open to GLH. Though practically all GLH efforts are pro-bono, some minimal external resources for the operations of the Secretariat are becoming increasingly indispensable as GLH expands. Nonetheless, the research concluded that the current status was still the most appropriate, as GLH does not yet have the kind of structure to undertake major fundraising campaigns -- whether directly with foundations and corporations, or via the Internet. WG members brainstormed and finally agreed that setting up the simple bank account and involving all members to find possible donors maybe, at least at this stage, the most realistic approach. All WG members have committed to continue exploring ideas on this issue.

At closing, Members were informed of the departure for the U.K of UNITAR's competent and invaluable Mr. Kazuhiko Seriu - whose work in keeping the GLH Website constantly updated and informative has been so essential. WG Members were reassured, however, that while continuing his studies at the London School of Economics, Kazu-san would nonetheless remain part and parcel of GLH, actively expanding its presence in the U.K. The next WG meeting will be held in late August, at UNITAR Hiroshima Office.

