

Green Legacy Hiroshima

The 17th session of GLH Working Group met on 27 August 2015 at ANT Hiroshima offices.

Members were briefed on the expanding network of international and national partners, some of whom (recently in Chile, Germany, Japan and the United States) took the initiative to mark the 70th commemorations of Hiroshima's bombing on 6 August by holding tree-related events. Mayors for Peace also briefed the WG on some initiatives by its member cities around the trees, as did Hiroshima Botanical Garden, which held a special exhibition on this anniversary year. Master gardener Chikara Horiguchi reported on state of seeds and saplings, including the 2015 seed-picking schedule. The streamlining of responsibilities within the city administration for the care of trees was discussed extensively, as was the question of plaques for worldwide partners that would now allow a single symbol or mark to distinguish descendants of A-bombed trees anywhere in the world. Finally, Prof. Uye reported on the first round of investigations he has led on Hiroshima University campus, in view of creating a peace trail by planting A-bombed trees on symbolic sites (a first tentative walk with GLH master gardener identified some 17 sites). As a next step partners at Hiroshima University will now discuss modalities further and report to GLH WG, hopefully by its next session.

