

The 26th ASEACCU Students Conference 2018 in Hiroshima, Japan

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The 26th ASEACCU Students Conference was held at Elisabeth University of Music in Hiroshima from August 21 to 26, 2018. This year's theme was "Catholic Education and Peace Initiatives". During this conference, we were arranged into groups of mixed gender and nationality, visited the popular tourist attractions in Hiroshima, participated in many classes, and gave a presentation together. I communicated with students from other countries and discussed the concept of peace. I was particularly impressed with the idea of peace education. I learned many things in this conference.

First, I learned that to see and hear about people's experience of war is important so we do not feel that it is somebody else's problem. Therefore, to see things with my eyes and to hear about victims' experiences is essential for peace education.

In addition, seeing victims' pictures at the Peace Memorial Park made us think about the importance of human rights. The thought of human rights comes from the Christian faith. In short, if each people respect each other's human rights deeply and understand people from different countries, we can create a peaceful future.

To be in Hiroshima with many students from different universities and countries was a wonderful and exceptional experience and a very important one in terms of developing ideas to discuss the concept of peace. Finally, I am very grateful for the support I received from Nanzan University and its staff who offered me this great opportunity.