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**G7 Hiroshima Foreign Ministers' Meeting Pre-Event**

**Forum of Youth Communicators for a World without Nuclear Weapons in Hiroshima**

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs held the “G7 Hiroshima Foreign Ministers’ Meeting Pre-Event: Forum of Youth Communicators for a World without Nuclear Weapons in Hiroshima – What Young People Can Do to Realize a World Free of Nuclear Weapons” on March 27.
2. In the first session, Mr. Fumio Kishida, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, who launched the Youth Communicators for a World without Nuclear Weapons program, delivered opening remarks to young people who served as Youth Communicators for a World without Nuclear Weapons. Minister Kishida stressed the importance of spreading understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings across generations and borders, and announced 1) commencement of the International Networking Initiative of Youth Communicators for a World without Nuclear Weapons and 2) a plan to invite over 1,000 people to Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
3. Following these remarks, representatives of Youth Communicators conveyed a message of hope to Foreign Minister Kishida that Japan will lead, as a global leader, global efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons leading up to the G7 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting to be held in Hiroshima in April.
4. In the second session, former Youth Communicators reported their activities, video messages from young Americans were shared, and panel discussion with atomic bomb survivors were held. The forum ended with a success.