

U.N. choir holds concert for peace in Tokyo

- 1) A choir consisting of United Nations workers held a concert in Tokyo on Aug. 2 to commemorate 70 years since the atomic bombings and the establishment of the world body.
- 2) Twenty-four members of the U.N. Singers wore traditional outfits to represent their 13 nationalities at the "Sing for Peace and Hope" concert held at Kioi Hall in the capital's Chiyoda Ward.
- 3) They sang songs from around the world in their original languages.
- 4) Guillermo Vaisman, the 54-year-old Argentinian conductor of the choir, said he believes people can set aside their differences through the power of music.
- 5) The conclusion of the performance featured elementary school students from Tokyo



joining the choir and other artists on stage to sing "Furusato," a Japanese children's song.

- 6) The concert is scheduled to be held in Hiroshima on Aug. 6 and in Nagasaki on Aug. 9 to mark the dates of the 1945 atomic bombings of the cities. 【August 03, 2015／Asahi Shimbun/By REI KISHITSU/ Staff Writer】

←The United Nations Singers and other performers sing "Furusato" during the "Sing for Peace and Hope" concert at Kioi Hall in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward on Aug. 2

Events in Hiroshima and Nagasaki mark 70th anniversary of Second World War atomic bombings

- 7) TOKYO — The 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will be marked with memorial services, peace concerts and art exhibits.
- 8) More than 200,000 people died in the two blasts, which were the first wartime uses of nuclear weapons. The U.S. dropped the bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, and on Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945. The Second World War ended with Japan's surrender days later.
- 9) An annual government-sponsored memorial service marking the end of the war takes place Aug. 15 at Tokyo's Budokan hall, with Emperor Akihito, Empress Michiko, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and top ministers expected to attend.以下省略 【July 14, 2015／The Associated Press】
commemorate: 記念する outfit: 服装一式 set aside: わきに置く feature: 特徴づける blast: 爆破、爆風
annual: 例年の

★Ice breaker for active discussion★

1. Please describe the picture above. Can you name the countries each person represents?
2. Have you ever tried wearing any traditional costumes of other countries?
If yes, please share the story. If not, which one would you like to try?
3. Have you ever been to Hiroshima or Nagasaki? How did you feel when you visited the place?
4. Why were atomic bombs dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki?
5. According to the article, the conductor of the choir believes in the power of music.
Please comment on this.
6. Make sentences using the following words: commemorate, outfit, set aside, blast, feature and annual.