Invitation

Danger of Space/Nuclear War, Hope of Genuine Peace on Earth

John F. Kennedy gave a speech at Rice University, Austin, Texas in September 12, 1962, warning that man was facing the watershed to “decide this new ocean of space will be a sea of peace or a new terrifying theater of war.” Even though his daughter Catherine is the US Ambassadress to Japan, we are facing more terrific version of such watershed.

Controlling drones, United States is carrying out a new mode of “war from space —Space Based Network Centric Warfare”. In order to defend military satellite constellations, US has developed a new hardened satellite which can survive even in the nuclear space war.

Following US model, Abe Administration of Japan decided a new version of “Principal Plan of Space Policy”, proposing the hardening of military satellites of Japan to survive under the harsh condition of Space War.

Since 2013, in order to detect the launching of the missiles from North Korea or China, US selected a X-band radar Base to Kyougamisaki, in Kyoto Prefecture, which locates on a beautiful seashore and is a part of a precious geo-park. Suppressing the concern of majority people of the affected communities, the base was activated on December 26, 2014.

In Okinawa Island, US Marine is now beginning the construction works to build a huge Marine Air base, destroying precious coral reef, despite of the strong opposition including the Governor of Okinawa and all the Congressmen and woman elected from Okinawa.

Since 1992, Global Network against Weapon and Nuclear Power in Space has held an Annual Conference in the various “hot places” connected to the Militarization of Space. It is our honor to host the 23rd conference in the historic city of Kyoto. Kyoto had been the capitol of Japan for more than 1000 years. It locates 300 miles west from the disastrous Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant.

Kyoto Conference will be closed 4 days before August 6, the 70th Anniversary Day of the first atomic bombing over Hiroshima. Hiroshima locates 150 miles west from Kyoto.

Please come to a marvelous city of Kyoto and join us. Let us learn the reality of Space Warfare, the danger of war-fighting on nuclear facility sites, and find a way to implement genuine peace on earth.
Tentative program

Wednesday, July 29
17:00 – 19:00 Registration at Kyoto Utano Youth Hostel (YH)
18:30 – 20:00 Supper at Utano YH
20:30 – Welcome Party at Utano YH

Thursday, July 30
7:00 – Breakfast at Utano YH
9:00 – Visit to Kyoto Museum for World Peace, Ritsumeikan University by bus
12:00 – Lunch in Co-Op Dining Room, Doshisha Univ.
13:00 – 17:00 Kyoto Seminar 1:
   “Missile Defense” and its evaluation, followed by local reports from Korea, Okinawa, Kyougamisaki and other parts of the world
   Venue: Doshisha University, Kyoto, just north of Kyoto Imperial Palace
19:00 – Supper at Utano YH
20:10 – Meeting at Utano YH

Friday, July 31
7:00 – Breakfast at Utano YH
8:30 – Bus tour to X-band Radar Kyoto Base of U.S. Army at Kyougamisaki, Northern part of Kyoto Prefecture, discussion with local people of the affected communities
19:00 – Supper at Utano YH
20:30 – Meeting, Music, Video

Saturday, August 1
7:00 – Breakfast at Utano YH
9:30 – 12:50 Kyoto Seminar 2:
   Local Report from various places
   Venue: Ritsumeikan University
14:00 – 17:20 Kyoto Seminar 3:
   Let’s connect everything – Imagine the nuclear space war, blast of nuclear power plant, global warming, and economic degradation. Search alternative paths to nuclear disarmament, military base elimination, and more peaceful and happier future of all life and existence sharing this beautiful planet of Earth.
   Venue: Room 210, Keigaku-kan at Ritsumeikan University
19:00 – Supper at Utano YH
20:00 – Farewell Party at Utano YH

Sunday, August 2
7:00 – Breakfast at Utano YH
9:30 – 12:00 Business Meeting of Global Network at Utano YH
Call for Papers
We invite oral presentations at the Conference. If you would like to give a presentation, please inform us by May 1, 2015 using the Registration Form, and submit your abstract by May 31, 2015. The abstract should be within 600 words in English, and in Microsoft Word file format.
You may attach reference materials to your abstract, but only the abstract will be translated to Japanese in the proceedings, so we ask you to make your reference materials as graphic as possible.
Your full paper should be submitted to us by June 30, 2015.

Registration
All friends planning to attend the conference are requested to register by completing the Registration Form and sending it via email attached to the Conference Secretariat (s.a.p.kyoto@gmail.com).
Deadline:
Registration for friends who want to present paper: May 1, 2015
Registration for friends who will not present paper: June 30, 2015
Sending paper abstract: May 31, 2015

Registration Fee
$50–$100: friends from developing countries
$100–$200: friends from advanced countries
Registration Fee covers conference materials, Kyougamisaki tour, interpretation service, accommodations including breakfasts from July 30 to August 2, and dinners from July 29 to August 1 at Utano YH.

Payment Procedures
All participants are requested to pay at the registration desk on-site.
Note that credit cards will not be accepted at the registration desk. So please pay registration fees in cash: US dollar.

Cancellation
All cancelations must be informed by e-mail to the Conference Secretariat by July 15, 2015.

General Information
*Venue
Lodging:
Kyoto Utano Youth Hostel (Evening of July 29 – Morning of August 2, 2015)
http://yh-kyoto.or.jp/utano/index.html
Conference Secretariat has already reserved triple rooms, four-bed-type rooms, six-bed-type rooms, and very few twin rooms for participants. Please inform the Conference Secretariat, in case that you need to book for the night of July 28. Please book rooms in other hotels and pay by yourself, if you would like to stay in a single room or twin room. We recommend you to book in the central or western area of Kyoto City. For those people Conference Secretariat reserved two single rooms and one twin room at “The Palace Side” hotel, just in front of Kyoto Imperial Palace. If you want to stay here, please inform the Secretariat. Single room costs you 6,800Yen/day and Twin room 9,700Yen/day. Rooms will be furnished to the applicants on a first-come-first-served basis. 
http://www.palacesidehotel.co.jp/english_site/

Conference Rooms:  
Doshisha University, Kyoto (July 30)  
http://www.doshisha.ac.jp/information/campus/access/imadegawa.html  
Ritsumeikan University: Room 210, Keigaku-kan at Kinugasa campus, Kyoto (Aug. 1)  
http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/html/about/abo_08.html/#kinugasa

*Money and Change  
Be careful that money currency exchange service is not provided at Utano YH, Doshisha University, nor Ritsumeikan University. You are requested to change money into Japanese Yen beforehand according to your needs.

*Languages  
The official languages of the conference are English and Japanese. Simultaneous interpretation and consecutive interpretation are provided at the conference.

*Passport and Visa  
A valid passport is required to enter Japan. In addition, some foreign nationals require a visa: please contact the Japanese Consulate in your country at least three months before departure for Japan. For details, please contact your local travel agent or carrier.

*Access  
The easiest way to Kyoto, Japan is to arrive via Kansai International Airport (KIX) or Osaka/Itami Airport (ITM).

From Kansai International Airport (KIX) to Kyoto Utano YH : 1) or 2)  
1) By JR train and taxi (about 4,000Yen, about 110min.)  
In the KIX JR station, buy a normal ticket from Kanai Airport to Hanazono Station, as well as Limited Express Haruka’s Non-reserved ticket to Kyoto. If you will come in the crowded time, you might be better to buy a reserved sheet ticket. Price is
roughly 3,200 JY. Get off Haruka at Kyoto Station, and change it to Local Train of Sagano line (the platform is #32 or #33). and get off at JR Hanazono Station. Then take a taxi to Utano YH. After 8 minutes ride, taxi will bring you to Utano YH. It will cost you about 800Yen.

You can search a proper train, clicking a site below. Departure Sta. is Kansai-airport, and arrival is Hanazono.


If you are millionaire, just take a taxi at Kyoto Station to Utano YH, it will cost you roughly 3,000Yen with 30min. ride.

2) By MK Skygate Shuttle (3,600Yen, 150-200min.)
KIX ~ (Shuttle taxi) ~ Utano YH
Please reserve by yourself below, at least a week before departure.

http://www.mktaxi-japan.com/#!kyoto-kansai/c1duk

From Osaka/Itami Airport (ITM) to Utano YH : 1) or 2)
1) By MK Skygate Shuttle (2,400Yen, about 90-100 min.)
ITM ~ (Shuttle taxi) ~ Utano YH
Please reserve by yourself below, at least a week before departure.

http://www.mktaxi-japan.com/#!kyoto-kansai/c1duk

2) By Limousine bus, JR train, and taxi (about 2,350Yen, 90min.)
Take a Limousine bus to JR Kyoto Station (bus starts every 15-20minutes, 1,350Yen, 55min.). At Kyoto Station, buy a JR local train ticket to Hanazono Station of Sagano line, (200Yen, 11min.). Be sure that you have to walk about 10 min. from Limousine Bus stop of “Kyoto Station” to the platform of JR Sagano line.
At Hanazono Station, you must take a taxi to Utano YH (800 Yen, 8 min.)
If you are millionaire, just take a taxi at Kyoto Station to Utano YH. It will cost you roughly 3,000Yen with 30min. ride.

*Optional tour program
A. Okinawa field trip from July 26 to the morning of 29, 2015

Okinawa is one of the centre stages of the global struggle against militarism and colonialism. The island nation is at its crossroad as the majority of its people oppose the construction of a new marine base and military port at Henoko, on the Northeastern shore of Okinawa island, while the Japanese and US governments force through the plan.

Participants of this trip will visit the protest site at Henoko, interact with the people there, look at some of the US military bases, and hear experts and activists talk about their struggle and its historic, political and social significance. We will also try to visit historic and cultural sites to deepen our understanding of
the current challenges.

The guide will be Ms. Satoko Oka Norimatsu, co-author of Resistant Islands: Okinawa Confronts Japan and the United States (Rowman and Littlefield, 2012) and Director of Peace Philosophy Centre, based in Vancouver, Canada.

The cost within Okinawa will be approximately 300 US dollars, including 3-nights accommodation, transportation within Okinawa including car rental and driver, site visits, and guest speakers (not including air transportation to and from Okinawa). The expense may vary depending on the number of participants.

**B. Sightseeing tour around Kyoto from 9:30 to 17:30 on July 29, 2015 starting from Utano YH.**

Fee: $30, including travel expenses and entrance fees
Visiting places: some Buddhism temples and Shinto shrines of the World Heritage, and etc.

**Relative Events**

We introduce two big relative events after August 2, 2015:

(A) 2015 World Conference against A and H Bombs in Hiroshima
(B) 2015 World Conference against A and H Bombs in Nagasaki

These events are not held by our Organizing Committee, but different organization named Gensuikyo. However for your convenience, we will extend some assistance.

If you would like to attend (A), or/and (B), please inform us via the Registration Form. We will inform Gensuikyo of your participation. The organizer of the conferences, Gensuikyo will reserve hotel rooms for you, but not forget to pay registration charge of 3,000 JY, room charges roughly 6,000 JY per a night, as well as transportation expenses to and from Hiroshima. Prof. Fujioka will take you to Hiroshima from Kyoto Utano YH on Sanyo Shinkansen in the afternoon of August 2 after the seminar. Regarding to (A), you will be able to attend various events and meetings, as well as the 70th Ceremony in Hiroshima Peace Park on Aug. 6 and Lantern Floating event in this evening. After the morning of August 7, you will be free. Extra cost will be about $500 which covers a fare of Shinkansen from Kyoto to Hiroshima, and fees of registration and hotel accommodations.

If you would like to prefer (A) and (B), Gensuikyo will provide free bus service from Hiroshima to Nagasaki on August 7. But you must pay another extra cost of $200 which covers hotel accommodations in Nagasaki. You can attend the 70th Ceremony in Nagasaki Peace Park on Aug.9. As for the return trip from Nagasaki to the airport, you must find the way by yourself.

**Last Remark:**

If you have any questions, please contact Conference Secretariat: Ms. Narumi Tomita at s.a.p.kyoto@gmail.com