

Hiroshima National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims
Special Exhibition

Trembling Gazes

The Message Left Behind
by A-bomb Photographers

March 1 to December 29, 2022

Their Words
Born from
Gazing Upon
Destruction



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Free
Admission

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On August 6, 1945, when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, there were people who were able to catch the rising mushroom cloud on camera. With no way of knowing that it was caused by the first atomic bomb ever used, the photographers instinctively captured the tremendous scene happening before their eyes. Toshio FUKADA, then 16 years old, explains, "Since I had a camera, I wanted to document the truth as it happened."

How did these photographers from completely different professions and positions in life, including a cameraman in the military, a proprietor of a photo studio, and a junior high school student working for a newspaper, manage to capture on film the tragic aftermath of the atomic bombing seen in their viewfinders while suppressing their urge to look away? This exhibition also highlights how they expressed their experiences in words with their keen descriptive abilities.



Toshio FUKADA
(Army Ordnance Depot)



Seiso YAMADA
(Junior High School Student & Newspaper Co.)



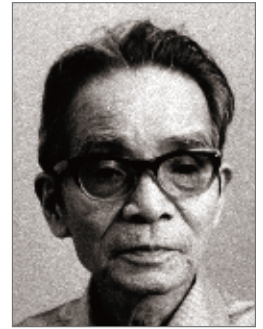
Masami OKI
(Weapons Engineer, Kure Naval Arsenal)



Masami ONUKA
(Photography Section, Army Shipping HQ)



Yoshito MATSUSHIGE
(Newspaper Photographer)



Yoshita KISHIMOTO
(Proprietor, Photo Studio)

※ Occupation at the time of the bombing appears in parentheses.

Approx. 20 minutes from Hiroshima Station (South Exit)

By Streetcar: Take the streetcar headed for Miyajima-guchi or Eba and get off at Atomic Bomb Dome.

By bus: Take the Hiroshima Bus bound for Yoshijima and get off at Hondori.

※ No parking available.



West end of Miyuki-bashi Bridge on August 6, 1945
(Photograph by Yoshito MATSUSHIGE, Chugoku Shimbun Newspaper Archives)

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