

Within 3 Kilometers of the Hypocenter

— That Moment: Testimonies from *Hibakusha* (Atomic Bomb Survivors) —

**Free
Admission**



Courtesy of Takeyo HATAMURA, Collection of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Exposed at Hiroshima Station, approx.1,900 m from the hypocenter

Friday, August 1-Sunday, August 31, 2025

**Open daily
during the event**

Hours 8:30 am - 7 pm (8 pm on Aug 5-6)

Seminar Room, Hiroshima National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims

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At 8:15 a.m. on August 6, 1945, an atomic bomb was dropped, and exploded approximately 600 m above Shima Hospital, which stood about 160 m from what is now the Atomic Bomb Dome. The city of Hiroshima was instantly reduced to ruins. In the case of Hiroshima, the atomic bomb exploded at the center of a flat city. Thus, the extent of the damage can be categorized by concentric circles radiating from the hypocenter. This special exhibition, organized by distance from the hypocenter, conveys the destructive effects of the atomic bomb's heat rays, blast, and radiation through the personal accounts of *hibakusha* (atomic bomb survivors) and historical materials.



Mitsuo KODAMA — Exposed at approx. 900 m from the hypocenter

A sudden flash! With my left eye, I saw that mysterious golden sun transform into a giant pillar of fire and fall onto the south-facing window. We had been hit. It was time to take cover. I was already partially crouched down, so I thought I could quickly dive under a desk. It was unclear how much time had passed in silence. (omitted) Peering beneath the collapsed school building, where the dust had finally settled, I saw a friend with black hair-stained bright red with blood. His skull had likely been crushed by a fallen beam and his white-pink brain was exposed, his body lifeless.



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Tokie MORITA — Exposed at approx. 1,900 m from the hypocenter

As my awareness gradually returned, I felt searing pain all over my body. It was as if my head, neck, arms and legs had been slashed or stabbed. My hair was singed and frizzy, my scalp was burned, and my right arm was blackened and blistered. The gray shirt and monpé pants I had been wearing were burned and torn to shreds, with the charred remnants stuck to my skin.



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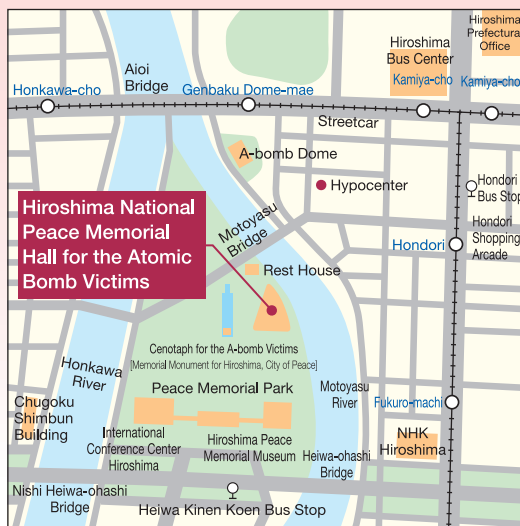


Toraki DEGUCHI — Exposed at approx. 2,900 m from the hypocenter

While I lay under the desk with my hands covering my eyes and ears, a deep, earth-shaking roar hit me, followed by a storm-like blast of wind. (omitted) Broken shards of window glass had turned into sharp blades, piercing the pillars throughout the room. (omitted) One image that remains seared into my memory is of a fellow cadet from my platoon whose forehead had been split open by a piece of shrapnel. Blood was gushing from the wound, yet even as his uniform was soaked in it, he was still trying to straighten and adjust it.



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Access

Approx. 20 minutes from JR Hiroshima Station (South Exit)

From each stop below, it's about a 5-minute walk to the Memorial Hall.

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

By Streetcar: Take the streetcar bound for Hiroshima Port (Ujina) via Kamiya-cho and get off at Hondori.

Take the streetcar bound for Miyajima-guchi or Eba and get off at Genbaku Dome-mae (Atomic Bomb Dome).



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