Hiroshima National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims

Special Exhibition

A Blank in the Weather Map

The Hiroshima of the Weather Experts

March 15, 2023 to February 29, 2024

Accounts of the People who Continued to Observe



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On August 6, 1945, the atomic bomb inflicted enormous damage on the city of Hiroshima. At the Hiroshima Regional Meteorological Observatory, located approximately 3.7 km south of the hypocenter, the windows facing the hypocenter were shattered, and many of the staff members were seriously injured.

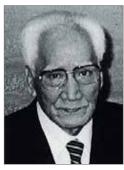
Even under such circumstances, three young staff members went to the center of the city to telegram the latest meteorological data to the Central Meteorological Observatory, believing that "those in charge of meteorological observations must continuously keep track of changes in weather events over time." What they found there, however, was a veritable hellscape.

In addition, Typhoon Makurazaki swept through Hiroshima just one month later, making the damage from the atomic bombing even more serious. In order to pass on the lessons of this double disaster to future generations, the meteorological observatory staff members visited the area to conduct detailed interviews with survivors and compiled their findings into a valuable research report.

This exhibition will explore the reality of the atomic bombing from the perspective of the observatory staff through their personal accounts of the bombing.



Isao KITA Chief Meteorological Supervisor



People associated with the former Hiroshima Regional Meteorological Observatory

Toshinori FURUICHI Meteorological Engineer



Masanobu YAMANE Meteorological Engineer



Kenji FUKUHARA Meteorological Student



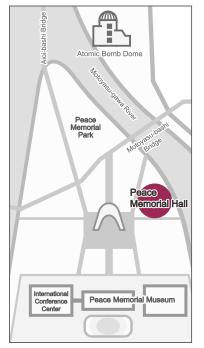
Nobuko FUKUHARA Kenji FUKUHARA's sister



Munetaka NISHIDA Meteorological Student

Kunio YANAGIDA

*Position or relationship appears under each name



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.

A lecture (in Japanese) by Kunio YANAGIDA will be held to commemorate the opening of the special exhibition.

This exhibition was supervised by Kunio YANAGIDA, author of "A Blank in the Weather Map". To commemorate the opening of the exhibition, a lecture will be held as follows.

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Time: 14:30-16:00

Place: Seminar Room, Peace Memorial Hall

Language: Japanese

If you wish to attend, please send an e-mail with your name, address, and telephone number to the e-mail address below.

(Please write "I wish to attend the lecture" in the subject line of the e-mail.)

Another lecture by Mr. YANAGIDA is scheduled to be held in August 2023. Details will be posted on the museum's website as soon as they are finalized.

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Sep-Nov: 8:30 am to 6 pm Dec-Feb: 8:30 am to 5 pm

Closed: 12/30-31

