



Towards a Nuclear Weapon Free World

INVITATION TO A SYMPOSIUM

Date: September 9, 2010, 14:00–17:00 hrs

Venue: The Army Museum, Riddargatan 13,
Stockholm (Auditorium).

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2010 – A year of international disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control

The nuclear programs in Iran and North Korea – and possible similar programs in other countries – continue to pose serious challenges to the international community. At the same time the multilateral efforts for nuclear disarmament are continuing.

President Barack Obama's historical speech in Prague 2009 proposed a summit to strengthen the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in conjunction with the Proliferation Security Initiative and the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism.

The "Global Summit on Nuclear Security" took place in April this year. Forty seven states and three international organizations took part in the Summit, which issued a communiqué and a work plan.

Furthermore, the report "*Eliminating Nuclear Threats – A Practical Agenda for Global Policymakers*" was published in 2009 by *The International Commission on Nuclear Proliferation and Disarmament* (ICNND), established on an initiative by Australia and Japan.* The report offered a package of proposals to the conference to review the Nuclear Non Proliferation regime held in New York in May 2010. Unlike the conference in 2005, the 190 nations managed to agree on a final document this time. Results include a call for further talks to a nuclear weapon free zone in the Middle East, which is in line with the proposals offered by the ICNND-report.

Given these circumstances, the Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation (SJSF), in connection with its 25 years' anniversary, took the initiative for an exhibition about the Atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki and for a symposium about the challenges facing the efforts for disarmament and non-proliferation to prevent the use of nuclear arms again.

With the cooperation and support by The Nippon Foundation, the Army Museum and several other authorities and organizations, these ideas are now being realised.

The symposium will be held following the inauguration of the exhibition at the Army Museum "No More Wars" about the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombs on September 9, 2010.

The SJSF was founded in 1985 through a generous donation from The Nippon Foundation. Its mission is to promote the intellectual exchanges and the understanding between the Nordic countries and Japan for the purpose of contributing to world peace.

* (<http://www.icnnd.org/reference/reports/ent/index.html>)

PROGRAM

Moderator:

Dr. Ulrika Möller, Researcher at The Swedish Institute for International Affairs

14:00 Welcome address

Ambassador Magnus Vahlquist, Chairman of the Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation

14:05 Inaugural address

Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman, The Nippon Foundation

14:10 Opening the symposium

H.E. Ambassador Akira Nakajima, Embassy of Japan in Sweden

14:15 On Eliminating Nuclear Threats: A Practical Agenda (prel.)

Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, Member of Parliament (House of Councillors), Former Foreign Minister and Co-Chair of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (ICNND)

14:35 An Outlook for Nuclear Disarmament

Dr. Hans Blix, Former Foreign Minister of Sweden, Former Director General of IAEA and UN Special Investigator of Nuclear Arms in Iraq

14:55 A perspective on Nuclear Weapon in the Post Cold War Era

Dr. Bertel Heurlin, Jean Monnet Professor of European Security and Integration, University of Copenhagen, and Chairman of the Danish Institute for Military Studies

15:15 Surviving the Atom Bomb over Hiroshima – Memories and Thoughts

Ms. Shigeko Sasamori (survivor)

15:45 Break

16:05 Discussion and Q&A

17:00 Closing of the symposium

The symposium is free of charge. The number of seats is limited. Registration, with name, position and organization, should be sent to info@swejap.a.se no later than September 6, 2010.