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Representatives from the government of South Sudan and other organizations visited Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park on Sunday to learn lessons from Hiroshima as a city which recovered from the tragedy of the A-bombing. They are eager to employ these lessons to reconstruct South Sudan, a country in Africa that faces challenges from the ongoing conflict.

About 30 representatives were invited for a training taken place by UNITAR Hiroshima Office, a UN institute in Hiroshima.

They visited A-Bomb Dome lead by UNITAR staff, and studied that the A-bomb was dropped to the densely populated area, where now became the cente of economy and administration of the city.

They walked through the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and spent time to observe remains from the bombing such as a uniform of a junior high school student as well as a steel-flame which was largely bent by the high pressure caused by the blast of A-bomb explosion.

South Sudan has had more than 1.5 million refugees in three years, who tried to escape from the ongoing conflict that is triggered by a conflict between forces of the government and opposition forces.

A female participant from education sector in South Sudan said, "In the museum, I saw the replica of the city of Hiroshima after A-bombing, which was completely destroyed and burned out. However, as I'm out from the museum, I can see the beautiful city in the very same area where A-bomb was dropped. I can't imagine how this city could recover from such tragedy."

A male participant from the government of South Sudan noted, "I would like to employ lessons learned from Hiroshima and work together with the people of South Sudan for the reconstruction of the country"

They are going to stay in Hiroshima until 16th February for a training by UNITAR Hiroshima Office, through which participants learn skills to identify problems in the country and propose solutions to each problems.



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各地で紛争が続くアフリカの南スーダンの行政機関の担当者などが広島市の平和公園を訪れ、原爆投下後の惨状から復興した広島を国づくりの参考にしたいと述べました。

広島市を訪れているのは南スーダンの行政機関の担当者など30人で、国連の機関、ユニタール=国連訓練調査研究所の広島事務所が研修を行うため招きました。

一行は、まず始めに原爆ドームを訪れ、ユニタールのスタッフから、原爆が大勢の市民が暮らしている場所に投下されたことや、その後、復興し、経済や行政の中心となっていることなどの説明を受けました。

このあと、原爆資料館で、被爆した中学生が身につけていた制服や、爆風の重圧で大きく曲がった鉄骨などを1つ1つ時間を

かけて見学していました。

南スーダンでは、政府軍と反政府勢力との対立をきっかけに国内各地で紛争が続き、この3年間で150万人以上が周辺国に逃れる事態となっています。

南スーダンで教育に携わっている女性は「原爆資料館で焼け野原となった広島の街を見ましたが、外に出ると立派な街があり、ここまで復興したのが信じられません」と話していました。

また、政府関係者の男性は「みんなが協力して復興した広島のことを南スーダンの国づくりの参考にしたい」と話していました。一行は、広島市のユニタールで今月16日まで、国の課題を分析して解決を目指す方法などを学ぶ研修を受けることになっています。

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