



## WILL IT EVER REALLY BE SAFE? SECURITY IN A NUCLEAR AGE A JAPANESE AND DUTCH PERSPECTIVE

On Sunday 4 September 2011 Peace Boat will dock near the Passenger Terminal Amsterdam. In addition to more than 1,000 passengers, this Peace Boat voyage also includes survivors of the U.S. atomic bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, as well as several people that have been strongly involved with the recovery, reconstruction and reflection after the Fukushima disaster earlier this year.

Seizing the opportunity of having the ship in Amsterdam a roundtable session to reflect on safety and security concerns of nuclear energy and nuclear weapons will take place from 13:00-16:30. Speakers will address the consequences of nuclear radiation, and the perceived value, safety, security and risks of nuclear energy and nuclear weapons.

Among the speakers will be a Hibakusha, a survivor of the nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Ike Teuling of Greenpeace the Netherlands, Takemura Shinichi, cultural anthropologist and member of the Japanese Government appointed Reconstruction Design Council, which overlooks the post-Fukushima recovery, Susi Snyder programme leader of the Nuclear Disarmament Programme of IKV Pax Christi and Yoshioka Tatsuya, founder and director of Peace Boat.

In addition to the panel discussion, Peace Boat will also show a photo exhibition from the affected areas after the earthquake and tsunami in Japan last March. So far the exhibition has visited China, Singapore, India, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, Croatia, Tunisia, France, Spain, Venezuela, Panama, Guatemala and Mexico. (<http://peaceboat.jp/relief/reports/photo-exhibition>)

### Background

The panel is a combined effort of Peace Boat ([www.peaceboat.org](http://www.peaceboat.org)), the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict ([www.gppac.org](http://www.gppac.org)) and the No Nukes Campaign of IKV Pax Christi ([www.nonukes.nl](http://www.nonukes.nl)). And will include speakers from Greenpeace ([www.greenpeace.nl](http://www.greenpeace.nl)) and the Tangible Earth Project ([www.tangible-earth.com](http://www.tangible-earth.com)).

Peace Boat is a Japan-based international non-governmental and non-profit organization that works to promote peace, human rights, equal and sustainable development and respect for the environment. ([www.peaceboat.org](http://www.peaceboat.org)) Aside from its headquarters in Tokyo, Peace Boat carries out its main activities through a chartered passenger ship that travels the world on peace voyages. For over 25 years, the ship has created a neutral, mobile space and enabled people to engage across borders in dialogue and mutual cooperation at sea, and in the ports that we visit. Activities based in Japan and Northeast Asia are carried out from our seven Peace Centers in

Japan. Peace Boat also serves as the Regional Secretariat of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC, [www.gppac.net](http://www.gppac.net)) in Northeast Asia.

GPPAC is an international network of civil society organizations that work on conflict prevention and peacebuilding. GPPAC was initiated in 2002 by the Netherlands based organization, then European Centre for Conflict Prevention, that now goes by the name of the Global Secretariat of GPPAC, and focuses on strengthening the role of civil society in the development of an effective strategy to prevent armed conflict and the promoting the cooperation in this field between civil society, Governments, Regional Inter-Governmental Organizations and the UN.

IKV Pax Christi works for peace, reconciliation and justice in the world. ([www.ikvpaxchristi.nl](http://www.ikvpaxchristi.nl)) Together with people in conflict areas IKV Pax Christi works on a peaceful and democratic society. NoNukes is IKV Pax Christi's campaign for a world free of nuclear weapons. The NoNukes campaign informs, mobilizes and speaks out for nuclear disarmament through campaigns, contacts with politicians, research and publications. ([www.nonukes.nl](http://www.nonukes.nl)).

### **Details for the Event**

The programme for the day will be;

- 12.30 Doors open
- 13.00 Start of the roundtable
- 14.30 Break on the Promenade deck with a view of Peace Boat
- 15.00 Continuation of the roundtable
- 16.30 Closing and drinks on the Promenade deck
- 18.00 Departure of Peace Boat

Location is;

Passenger Terminal Amsterdam  
Piet Heinkade 27  
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### **Interest and Registration**

If you are interested in attending the event or would like to receive more information, please contact Marte Hellema at [m.hellema@conflict-prevention.net](mailto:m.hellema@conflict-prevention.net). Registration is not required, but would be appreciated.