

## Green Legacy Hiroshima

The 6th Working Group session - hosted by the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and held at the Peace Memorial Museum - reviewed developments in countries where GLH has recently arrived, notably Afghanistan, Argentina, Chile. Thanks to dedicated friends and partners in these three countries, the safe arrival and planting of seeds was made possible in the past weeks.

WG members were also asked to review a number of documents -- notably a step-by-step page that should help with understanding requirements for application and receiving of seeds by international partners. Mr. Horiguchi then provided members with an update on the selected species for 2012-2013 (*Kurogane holly*, *Camphor*, *Gingko*, *Kaki*, *Japanese fern palm*, *Japanese hackberry*, *Muku tree* and *Bead tree*). He also provided a schedule of seed-picking so that all WG members (and others) interested may participate.

The WG then discussed some longterm issues relating to the preservation of the trees. Members asked whether it was becoming possible to imagine a 'live archive' of all survivor trees, gathered in one location. Also, some of the original survivor trees visibly will not be living much longer -- members debated different options with regard to protecting them and their legacy. Other topics discussed were how to organize a system to facilitate at the secretariat of GLH the cost and complications of seed dispatch, once a new home has been found for them in another country.

Finally - Alexander Mejia, the former head of UNITAR's Hiroshima Office and a steadfast friend of Green Legacy Hiroshima joined the gathering briefly, to say farewell - he has been posted to Geneva. Alex promised his unwavering support and commitment to GLH, for the 'next 999 years!'. He shall be deeply missed but Working Group members are at least happy to know that GLH will have a good ally in Switzerland.

