

The 10th GLH Working Group (WG) was hosted at UNITAR Hiroshima Office. The session started with a briefing by two researchers from Tsukuba University – Prof. Suzuki, leader of the team, described the study on the impact of the Atomic bombing on the cells of affected survivor trees. GLH will follow the research carefully as it unfolds.

WG members were also briefed on events on and around 6 August commemorations, involving the trees: in Geneva, at the Visitors` Center HQ of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in a solemn ceremony at 8h15 on 6 August, a Ginkgo biloba survivor tree was planted. In gardens in Santa Barbara (CA), Chile and Argentina special ceremonies with the trees marked the day. In Hiroshima itself, delegations from botanical gardens of Chile, as well as a study group from Russia, took part in the events – the Chilean delegation could also visit the Hiroshima Botanical Garden on this occasion.

Also, Mayors for Peace, during its general meeting held in Hiroshima in August, approved of an Action Plan for spreading seeds and saplings of A-bomb trees among member cities. This is an important development and GLH members will be briefed of the next steps at the November WG session.

Finally, GLH master-gardener informed WG of the schedule for seed picking, for the 2013-2014 season - one of GLH's happiest activities! All members are welcome to participate.

