



RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STUDENT SESSION

SUMMARY OF STUDENT SESSION HELD ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

Panelists:

Eight students participated in the ISCN Summer School held in August-September



Topic:

What is peace in light of the war in Ukraine and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference (NPTRC)? How should the world and Japan address against nuclear-related threats?"

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Discussion topics:

- 1) What do you consider a threat in light of the war in Ukraine and the NPTRC?
- 2) How should the world community address against this threat?
- 3) How should Japan and we address against this threat?

→Finally, summarize "**recommendations from the student session**".

However, there were a variety of threats that students perceive. Failed to consolidate recommendations into one.

Recommendations from the student session

Even among students who have learned about nuclear energy,

We could not unite the threats we perceive.

All of us have some kind of blur, but...

we can't summarize what the solution should be.

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER A THREAT IN LIGHT OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND THE NPTRC?

[Issues raised on the threats].

- It could **reverse the trend toward disarmament, which would lead to arms expansion**
- **It could provide an incentive to develop and possess nuclear weapons**, and non-nuclear weapon states will have weaker voice.
- **Energy supply issue and/or security issues at nuclear power plants** due to the possible attack or seize control of nuclear power plant.

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER A THREAT IN LIGHT OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND THE NPTRC?

[Common awareness among the students]

The right to peaceful use of nuclear energy must be protected.

[Controversial point]

Whether or not a state feels incentivized to possess nuclear weapons depends on its position and circumstances of the times.

HOW SHOULD THE WORLD RESPOND TO THIS THREAT?

- We **cannot obtain the information** on whether the international framework is working, **in an understandable manner** on whether the framework is working.
- Even if information is obtained, it is **difficult to evaluate and make decisions.**

→For these reasons, the international community is not functioning the way it should?

HOW SHOULD JAPAN AND WE ADDRESS TO THIS THREAT?

[What does mean "bridge-builder," that Japan claims?]

Current situation is:

- The formation of the World Order is difficult.
- Unable to break free from dependence on nuclear weapons

HOWEVER:

It means that **Japan should convey the tragedy of nuclear weapons through its experiences, and spread the norm of never allowing them to be used.**

Recommendations from the Student Session

- Fear of nuclear weapons use
 - it feels like not having nuclear weapons is a loss.
 - Peaceful use of nuclear energy may be threatened.
 - **Anxiety arises from :**
 - the fact that Russia is standing member-nation of the UN Security Council
 - The current situation that information is not accurately communicated.
- We should raise at the International Forum is the **current situation where students were unable to put together a proposal.**

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