Message from Himeyuri

Himeyuri Peace Museum was founded by survivors of the Himeyuri Student Corps. The group was composed of 222 teenage students from two girls schools who were mobilized to a field hospital as nursing assistants as the Battle of Okinawa began in 1945. The purpose of this event is to explain the roles the museum continues to play in transmitting survivors’ message of peace to future generations.

Choukei Futenma has worked at the museum as a curator since its opening day. In 2018, he became the museum’s first director who had never experienced the war directly. He continues to lecture to visitors to pass on stories of the Himeyuri experience.

Masanori Nakahodo
Chairperson of Himeyuri Peace Foundation

A former professor of Okinawan Literature at the University of the Ryukyus, Professor Nakahodo has supported the museum on its advisory board for years. He will speak about Himeyuri’s exhibition project in Hawai‘i in the coming years.

Himeyuri Peace Lecture

An example of one of the museum’s new approaches to transmitting the experience of war, this presentation includes a 15-minute video, featuring testimonies from survivors, followed by descriptions of their lives from before, during, and after the Battle of Okinawa.

Wednesday, September 4
2:00-4:00 pm
Hamilton Library Room 301

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Library’s collection of Himeyuri books are displayed in the lobby!