



# HOST CITY: HIROSHIMA

**“By hosting FISE, an event that attracts worldwide attention mainly among the youth, in our International Peace Culture City, we believe that we can take the opportunity to connect with the youth around the world who will lead the next generation, and deliver the message of the value of peace.”**

The city of Hiroshima faces the scenic Seto Inland and the spectacular archipelago. It is a beautiful “water capital” built on the Delta area where Ota River branches into six arms as it runs through the city crossed by nearly 3000 bridges. Lying between the Chugoku and Shikoku mountain ranges it is insulated from snow and rain meaning the weather is relatively sunny throughout the year. The climate is warm and comfortable with an average temperature of 17.2 degrees Celsius.

The World Heritage Sea Route connects the city with two world heritage sites which are a must see for all visitors. Miyajima which is believed to be the island where God dwells and the island of Itsukushima Shrine which literally means Island of worship.

The sea and the mountains provide the city with a vast array of fresh and delicious food. Seafood such as Hiroshima oysters which grow in the peaceful Seto Inland Sea, and Hiroshima’s soul **food** Okonomiyaki (Japanese-style pancake) are just some examples of authentic tastes you cannot enjoy anywhere else.

In 1589 Hiroshima castle was built and what is now Hiroshima City was established. The city was devastated in 1945 when it was hit by the first atomic bomb attack in human history. Despite the devastating hit of the atomic bomb the city has achieved a remarkable reconstruction thanks to the tireless efforts of the citizens and the heartwarming support from inside and outside the nation.

Ever since the bomb hit Hiroshima has aspired to abolish nuclear weapons and build eternal peace for the world. The city has been recognised as the “Symbol of Peace” and “Symbol of Hope”.

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park was created to advocate eternal peace to the world, it is home to the A-Bomb Dome, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, and the cenotaph for the A-Bomb victims.

Hiroshima is known as a city that is passionate about all sports. It is home to Baseball and Soccer professional teams as well as Volleyball, Handball, Hockey, and track-and-field teams that are among the best in the country. You can enjoy watching top-level games in a wide variety of sports.

The FISE World Series will be held in the former Hiroshima Municipal Stadium site. It is where the first Hiroshima Municipal Stadium was completed in 1957 as the home field of



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Hiroshima Toyo Carp, the local professional Baseball team. The performances of Carp gave dreams and hope to the citizens of Hiroshima, who had been physically and emotionally wounded by the nuclear attack, and offered support to the reconstruction of the city of Hiroshima with the power of sport. (Note: Carp's home field has moved to another place.)