

Thursday, 22nd August 2019

Association of Sexual Violence and Conflict in DRC (ASVCC)

2018 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr. Denis Mukwege's Visit to Japan October 2—8, 2019

We are honored and pleased to announce the visit to Japan by Dr. Denis Mukwege, the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and a gynecologist from the Democratic Republic of Congo, as part of his global campaign on "Peace, Justice and Women's Rights." You are cordially invited to the following press conferences and lectures in Tokyo, Hiroshima and Kyoto, coordinated by the ASVCC, in collaboration with the University of Tokyo, NGO Peace Boat, and Ritsumeikan University.

Due to the time constraint, requests for individual interviews with Dr. Mukwege cannot be arranged. Also, your names and affiliation are required for participation in press conferences, a doorstep interview and lectures. If you wish to film lectures, please inform us whether a camera crew will join or not.

Objective of Dr. Mukwege's Visit in Japan

*For details, refer to the introductory paper on our website.

1. to raise awareness on the ongoing problem in the DRC on sexual violence, conflict minerals and global economy as well as poor governance; 2. to raise awareness on the importance of eradicating sexual violence as a weapon of war and culture of impunity, just like abolishing nuclear weapons; 3. to call for actions for eradicating sexual violence and promoting women's rights as prerequisites for global peace and stability; 4. to obtain support from committed individuals and groups in terms of supporting Dr. Mukwege's agenda by spreading awareness, providing logistics/finance and researching on related issues

Tokyo

1. Press Conference

- Date/Time: Thu, Oct 12:00 - 13:30
- Venue: Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan (5F, 6F, Nijubashi Building, Marunouchi, Chiyoda)
- Language: Japanese, English, French (Simultaneous interpretation)

2. Lecture *For details, please refer to the press release by the University of Tokyo

- Date/Time: Oct. 4 (Fri) 12:30 - 15:00
- Venue: Ito Hall, Ito International Research Center, Hongo Campus, the University of Tokyo (7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo)
- Language: Japanese, English, French (simultaneous interpretation)
- Target Audience: Open to general public (advance registration required)
- Inquiry: 03-5841-1708 Email: sdgs@ifi.u-tokyo.ac.jp

Hiroshima *Details on lecture to be announced soon.

1. Memorial Hall, Peace Park, Memorial Museum

Dr. Mukwege will meet with *Hibakusha*, and visit Peace Memorial Museum and Peace Memorial Park.

- Date/Time: Sat, Oct 5. 14:30 - 17:00
- Language: Japanese (consecutive interpretation from French)

2. Lecture and Press Conference

- Date/Time: Sun, Oct 6. 9:30 - 11:50 (Press conference beings after the lecture.)
- Venue: Memorial Hall, Hiroshima peace Memorial Museum
- Language: Japanese (consecutive interpretation from French)
- Target Audience: Open to general public (advanced registration required)

Kyoto *Details on lecture to be announced soon by Ritsumeikan University.

- Date: Mon, Oct 7.
- Venue: Ritsumeikan University
- Languages: Japanese, English, French
- Target Audience: Open to general public (advanced registration required)

Check our website for details <https://congomm2016.wixsite.com/asvcc> or contact asvcc.pr@gmail.com (Ms. Ishizaki, Ms. Ohira) for all programs EXCEPT for the lecture at University of Tokyo. Thank you.