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**To Enhance its Function, The Institute for Peace Science Hiroshima University Develops into “The Center for Peace, Hiroshima University” in the New Academic Year**

As of 1st April 2018, The Institute for Peace Science Hiroshima University develops into “The Center for Peace, Hiroshima University,” intending to strengthen its function so that it can play a more pivotal role than ever in peace-related research and education in and outside Japan.

The Institute for Peace Science Hiroshima University was set up on 8th July 1975 (in the era of Showa 50), which is the first academic research organization in Japan specialized in peace-related studies.

The Institute aims to conduct peace-related research/survey as well as to collect peace-related materials, delivering its research products through international symposiums or university journals in the past. In addition, in recent years, it has been networking actively with peace-related organizations in and outside Japan including Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, while being involved with the planning and management of peace-related subjects in the liberal arts education at Hiroshima University.

From now on, the Institute intends to proactively participate in the educational programs concerning “peace” to be implemented at Hiroshima University. As for research, it is going to establish two research domains such as “Peace Studies on Hiroshima” and “Global Peace Studies” by establishing collaborative mechanism with the researchers or organizations involved with peace studies which spread across inside or outside Hiroshima University.

Apart from these, the Institute is going to be actively involved with the planning concerning the preservation and utilization of No.1 Building of the Faculty of Science in Higashi Senda.

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