

# Text for Mr. Yamashita:

## **Accueil**

Welcome, Mr. Yamashita to our school. We are very honored to have you here today. I believe I speak for all of us when I say that we are very interested in what happened during the atomic bombing of 1945, and how to rebuild peace. You, who have endured this experience, have made us extremely interested in finding out more in detail about this tragic event. We are really looking forward to meeting you and learning more about you and this event. (Juliette)

## **Rappel des événements:**

Nagasaki got hit by an atomic bomb on August 9, 1945, 3 days before Hiroshima got hit by another bomb. Mr. Yamashita, you have survived from the young age of 6 and have become what is called, a hibakusha. For those of you who don't know who a hibakusha is, it is someone who has survived an atomic bomb (Thomas). Even though these were tragic events, you survived, which makes you a very special person. We know that this bomb was a very colossal and terrible experience for you and all other survivors, so to survive and live through this and after, is truly incredible (Anabel).

## **C'est quoi une bombe nucléaire?:**

Now, some of you may be thinking, what is the atomic bomb? It's a weapon of mass destruction whose power is due to the splitting or fusion of the nuclei of an atom such as Uranium. Then, that causes a rapid chain reaction. The consequences are radioactivity, heat, and a massive explosion, that results in terror and destruction (Jorge). The problem has only escalated; now

there are 15,000 nuclear bombs in 9 different countries. That is enough to destroy the world *at least* once, maybe more times, but people around the world are trying to stop other people from making more bombs by creating numerous treaties, so that all the children around the world can eventually banish this weapon. To fight against the making of nuclear weapons, in 2017, the Campaign for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons won the Nobel Prize for Peace, the highest recognition in the world, for their contribution to peace. (Sofia)

### **Valeurs de l'école:**

You are such an inspirational person in our school. In our school, we strongly believe in respect, open-mindedness, resilience, integrity, and kindness. So, therefore, we welcome you with open arms and are very excited to hear your story. This school is very open-minded and loves to learn from experiences to better understand the world we live in. We appreciate that you are here with us, so you can tell us your story (Molly). By simply living through and living after this experience shows us all here at school that you are the living definition of one of our values: resilience. You show just how resilient a person can be. You are with us today because you never gave up. We really appreciate that you are here with us (David).

### **Réflexion de la paix:**

One question we ask ourselves is, how to live and build peace after an event that has shocked us? To live means to have hope, joy and the desire to live. Peace means not to be afraid, not to fight, and the it's opposite of terror. We need peace and kindness in this world because without it, our world would be in war, even if there was no violence. Peace doesn't just mean no war and no violence, it means to be confident and that we need to build

ourselves up both emotionally and physically (Julie). We need healthy bodies and a healthy minds. If the world had this, it would be one step closer to perfect. We are very pleased that Japan and the United States of America decided to make peace with each other after the tragedy of 1945. If our school could make peace around the world, one thing we would want to do would be to abolish nuclear weapons.

I will hand the mic to you Mr. Yamashita (Gabriel)

### **Après l'intervention de M.Yamashita: Remerciements**

Thank you so much for coming and sharing your story with us. We are grateful that you could come to the San Diego French American School. Now, we are asking all of you to please give the fallen people that went through the Nagasaki and Hiroshima bombings, and suffered greatly both physically and mentally a moment of silence. (Fay) This was a very lucky opportunity for all of us. We have learned greatly about you. We will always remember what giant mistakes can be made by humans. Thank you very very much. (Titouan)