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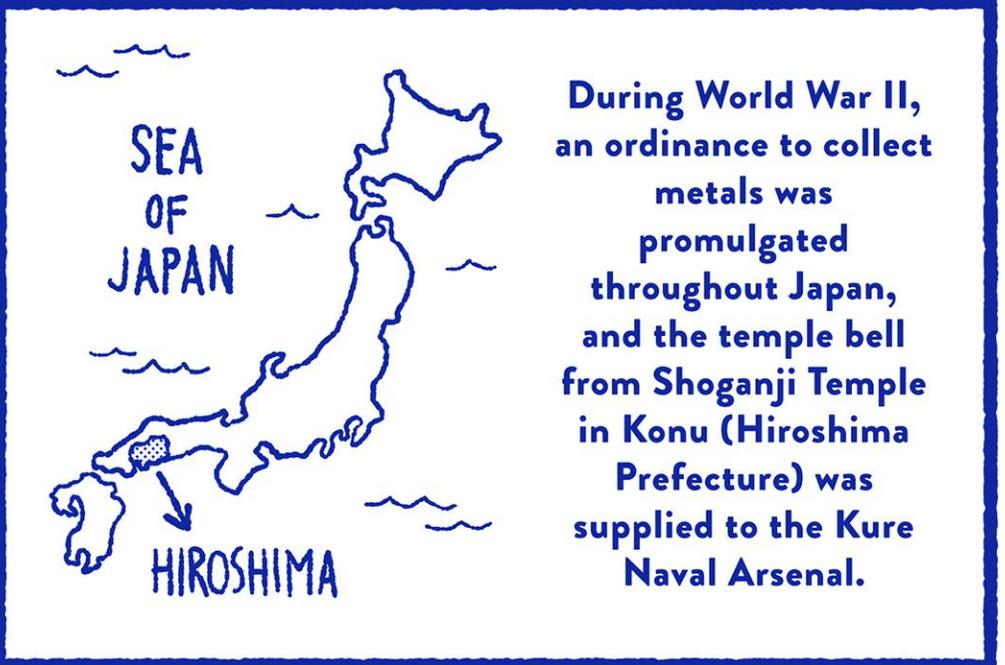
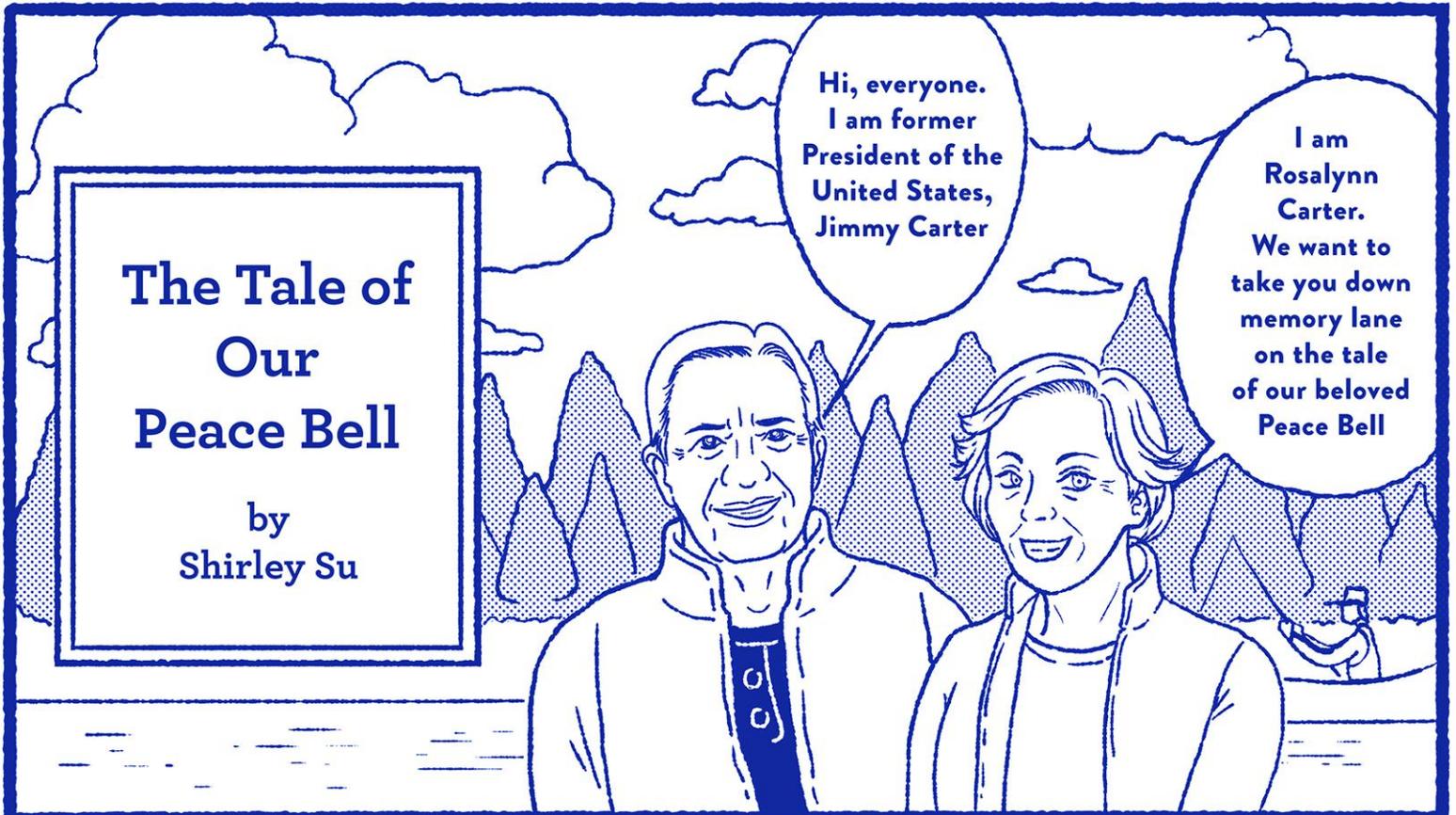
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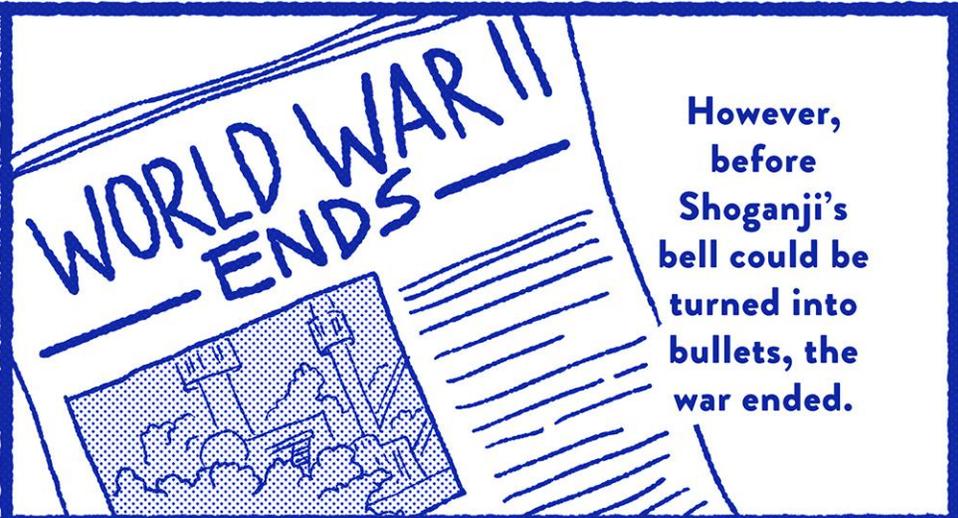
平和の鐘の物語

アメリカ合衆国ジミーカーター元大統領とロザリン夫人による平和の鐘のお話

第二次世界大戦中の1941年、日本全国に金属回収令が発令されました。寺院の鐘も例外ではなく、甲奴町正願寺の梵鐘は呉海軍工廠に支給されました。



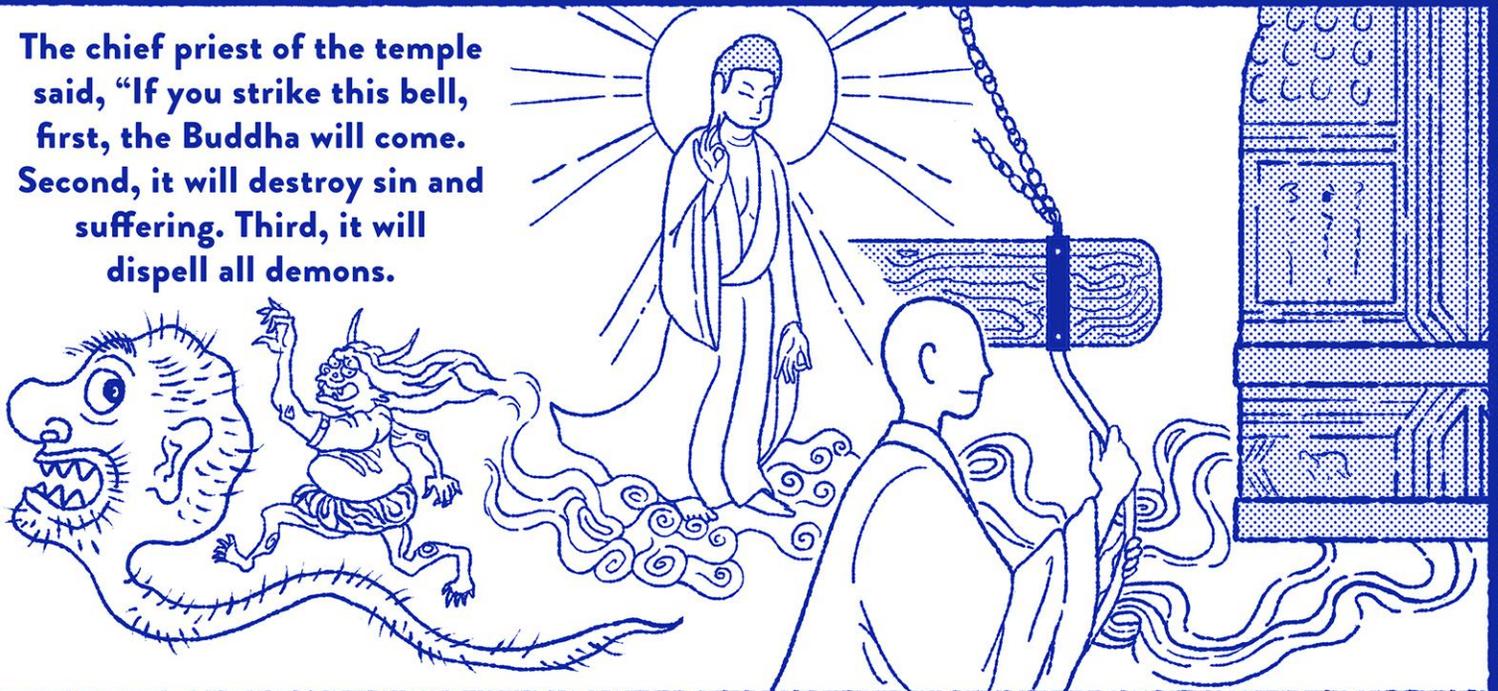
Peace Bell at Shoganji Temple,
Konu-cho, Hiroshima



However,
before
Shoganji's
bell could be
turned into
bullets, the
war ended.

According to the record of Shoganji Temple, the bell was cast in 1820.

The chief priest of the temple
said, "If you strike this bell,
first, the Buddha will come.
Second, it will destroy sin and
suffering. Third, it will
dispell all demons.



This temple was loved by the villagers and supported their lives as time signal,
a signal for Buddhist rituals, and even an emergency bell.

しかし、正願寺の梵鐘が弾丸になる前に終戦を迎えました。正願寺の記録によると、鐘は1820年に鑄造されました。

当時の寺院の住職は、「この鐘を打てば、一に仏が来臨する。二に罪苦を滅す。三に諸魔を退散させる。」と呼びかけて、この梵鐘を鑄造したとのこと。この梵鐘は、村人に親しまれ、時報として、仏事の合図として、更には緊急時の早鐘として、村人の生活を支えました。

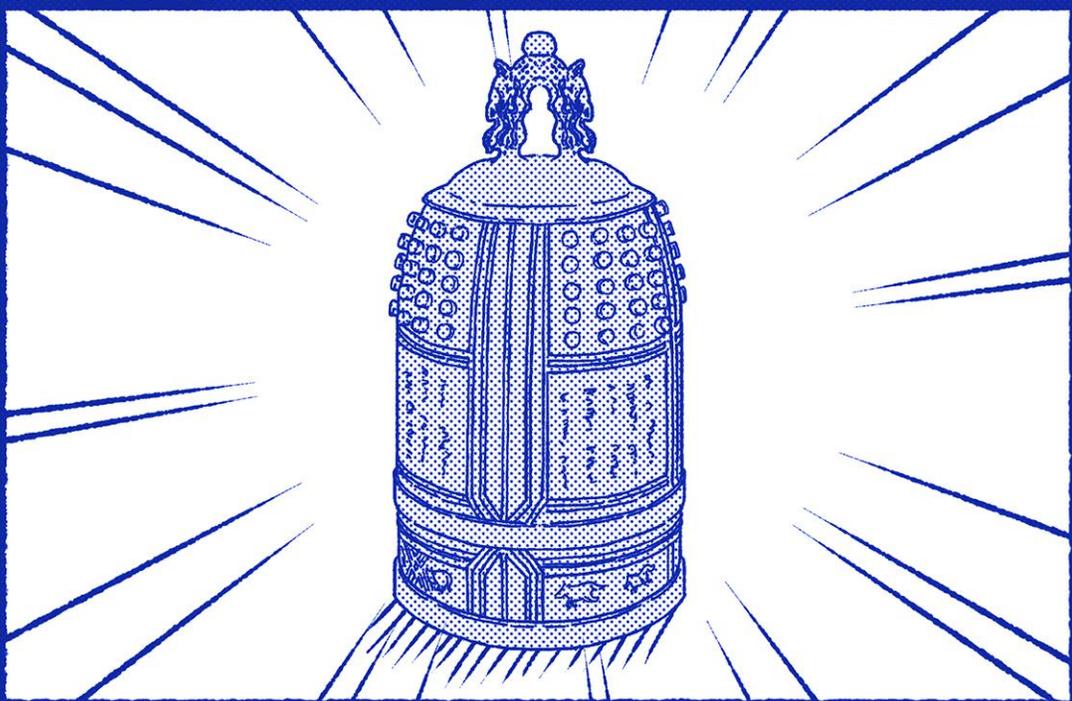
No one knows how the bell came to be in England.

In James Tayler's house, to be exact.

James' son, Milos, discovered the bell in 1958 while sorting through his father's belongings in England.

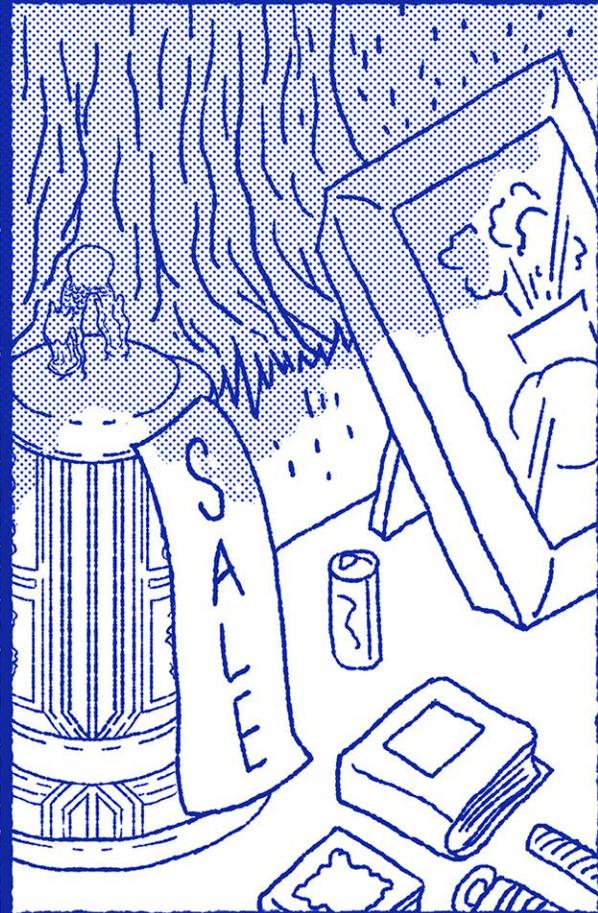


His father never left England and Milos has no idea how this bell ended up with his father.

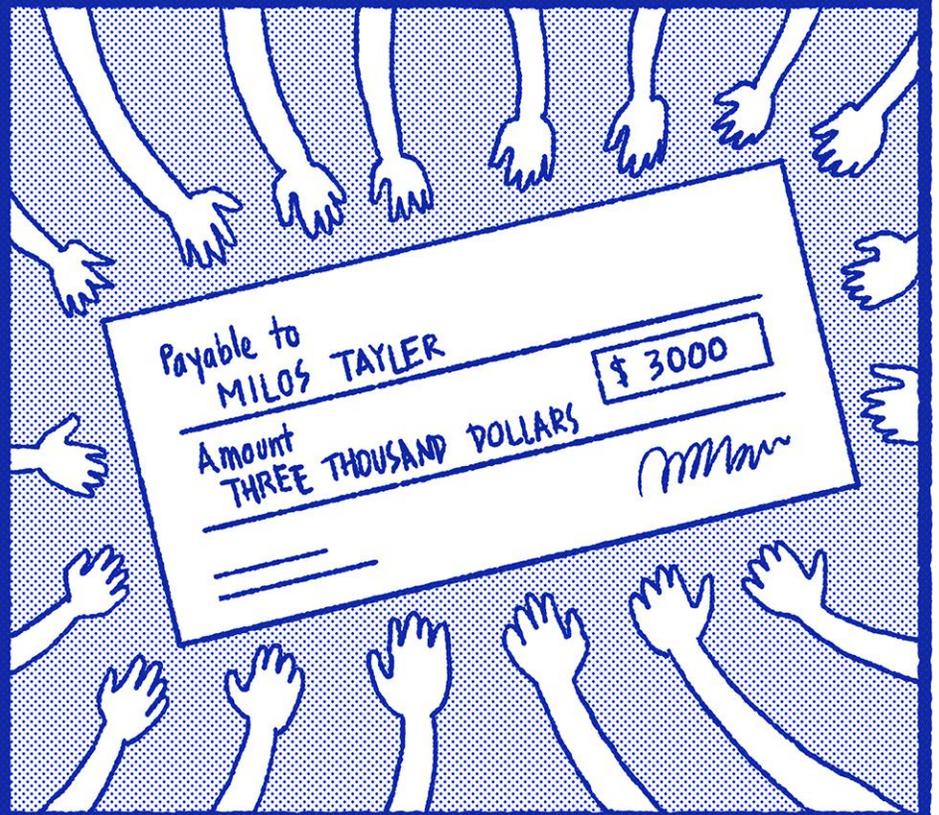


梵鐘は終戦後英国に渡り、英国人のジェームズ・テラー氏のもとに一旦は落ち着きます。その経緯についてはついに判明せず未だに謎です。

息子のミロス・テイラー氏が1958年に父親の所持品を整理しているときに梵鐘を発見しました。ジェームズ・テラー氏は、一度も英国を離れたことはなく、ミロスさんもお父さんがどのように梵鐘を手にいれたのかわからないままです。



The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia in Atlanta solicited donations and paid \$3,000 or about Japanese Yen 750,000 at the time, to purchase the bell.

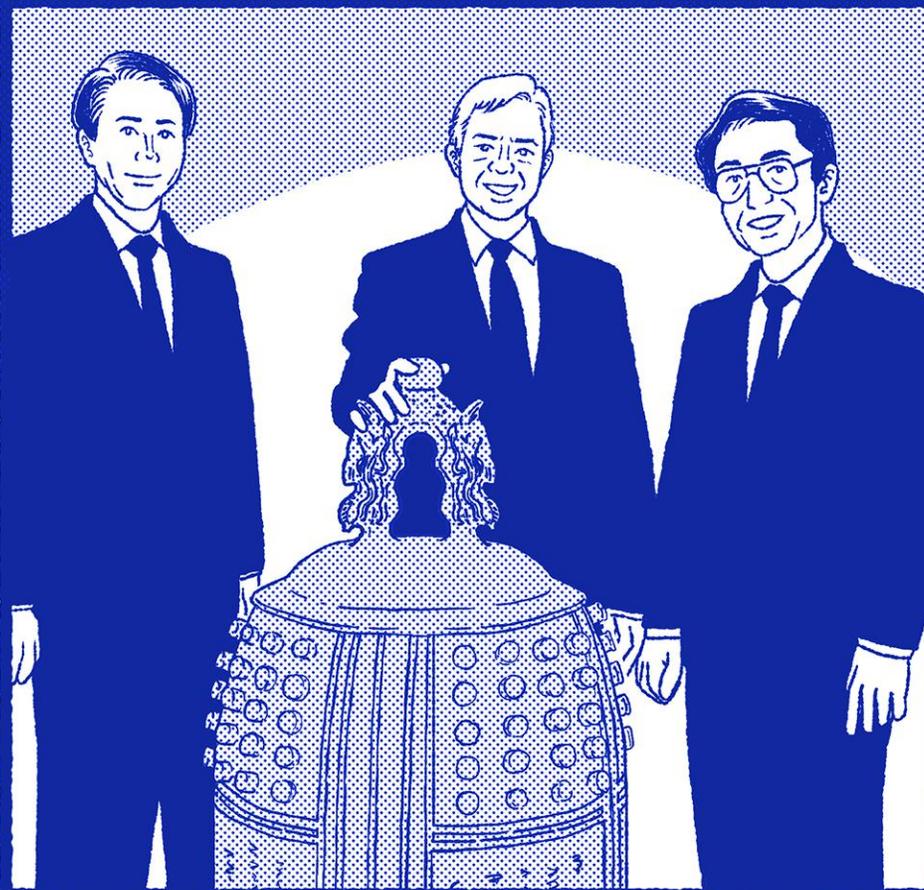


In 1985, before returning to England, Milos put the bell for sale.

1982年、ミロスさんは、梵鐘を持ってフロリダ州イーストオレンジパーク(ジャクソンビルの近く)に引っ越しましたが、1985年、イギリスに戻る前に梵鐘を売りに出しました。

このことを知ったアトランタのジョージア日本人商工会と在アトランタ日本国総領事館は、梵鐘を購入するために寄付を募り、3,000ドル(当時は約75万円)を支払いました。

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Kazuhisa Konoma, the Chairman of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia (JCCG) and the Consul General, Takayuki Kimura dedicated the Peace Bell.

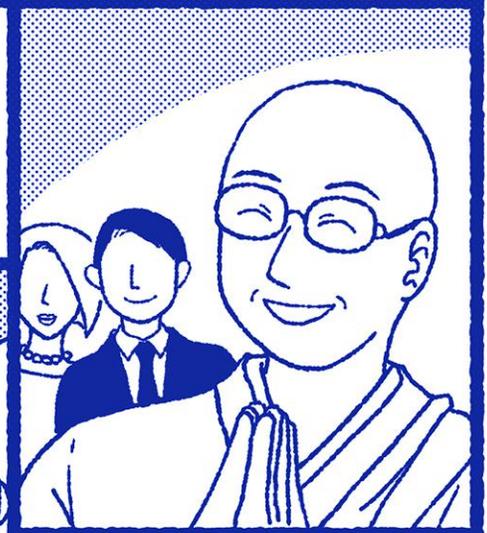
When Hajime Akiyama, a member of the Japanese Diet, visited The Carter Center after the bell was donated, he confirmed the bell was inscribed with the name of Shoganji Temple in Konu, Hiroshima.

1985年7月24日、カーター・センター建設と日本庭園着工を記念し、カーター元大統領の世界平和推進活動への感謝を込めて、日本人コミュニティを代表し、野々山忠致総領事と荒木博光ジョージア州日本商工会議所会長が、カーター元大統領夫妻にこの鐘を寄贈しました。

寄贈後にカーター・センターを訪問した秋山肇参議院議員は、鐘に正願寺の名前が刻まれていることを発見しました。

An inscription on the surface of the bell bears the name and location of Shoganji Temple, so on September 26, 1987, Mr. Hajime Akiyama, a member of the House of Councilors, and Mr. Noriyuki Oku, former Consul General of Japan in Atlanta, visited Shoganji to report that their temple bell had been donated to President Carter.

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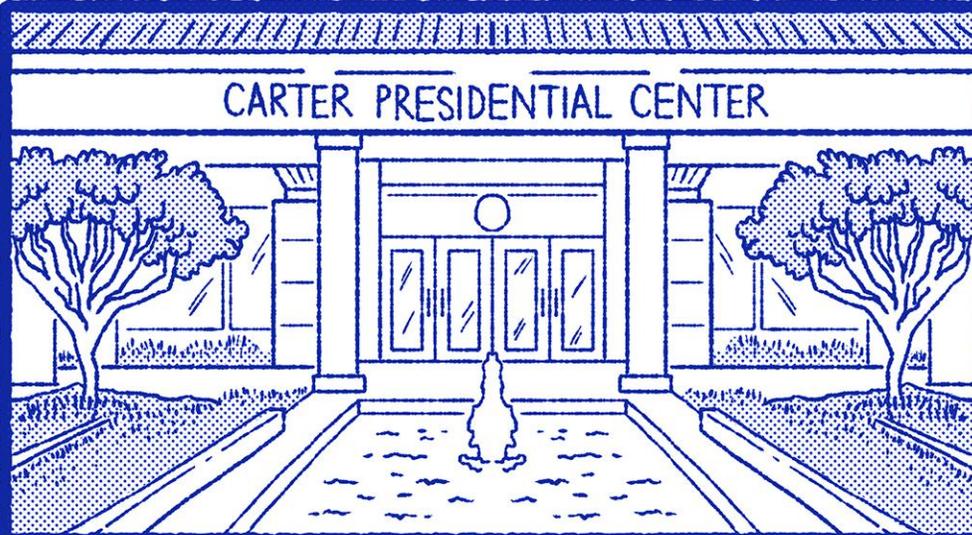
was in fact carefully preserved at The Carter Center as the "Peace Bell,"



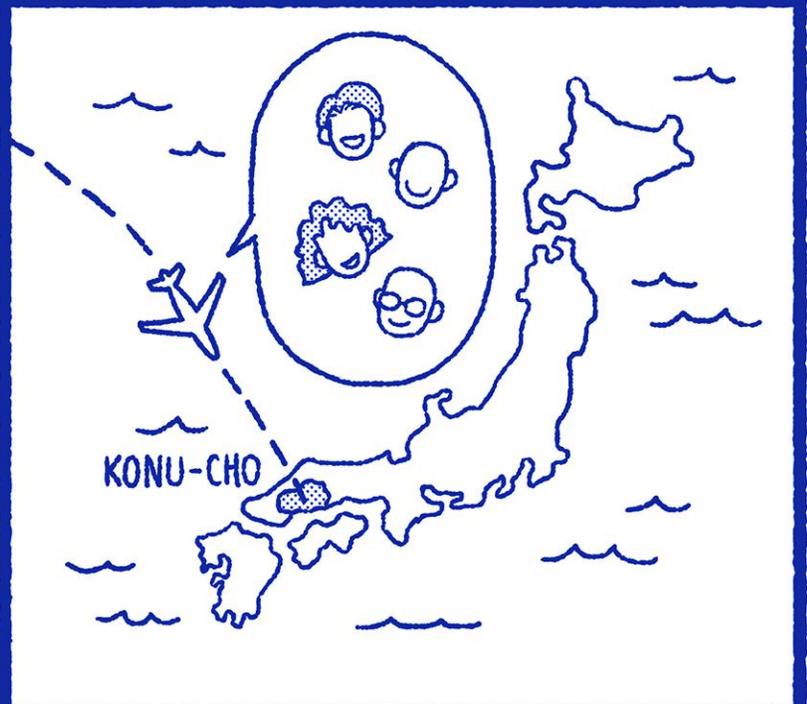
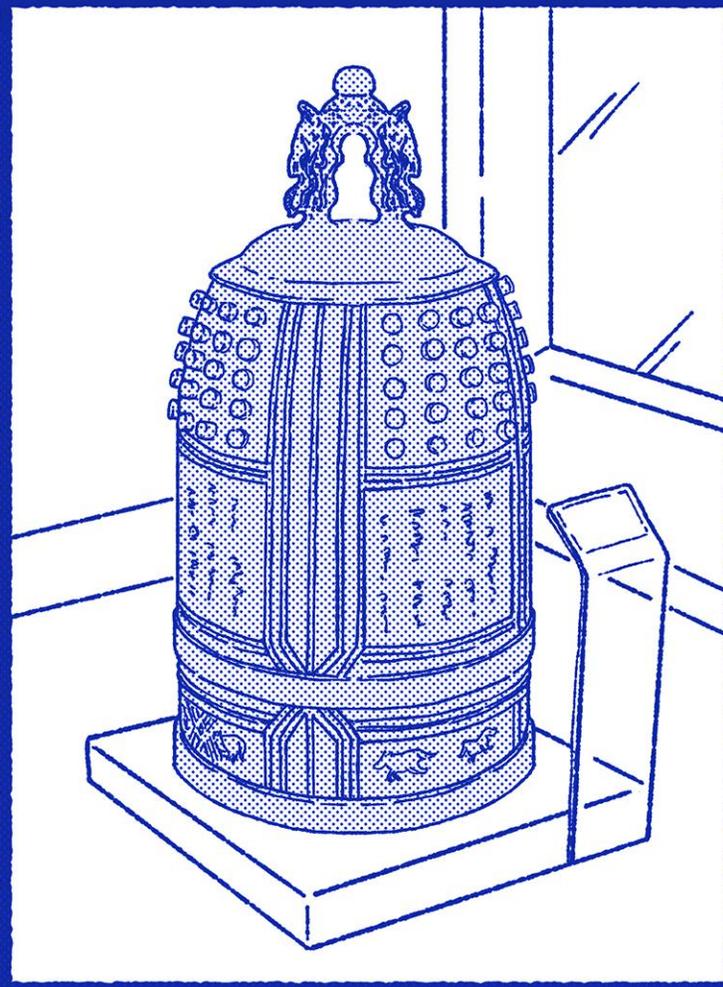
a symbol of goodwill between Japan and the United States.

1987年9月26日、秋山氏は元在アトランタ日本国総領事の奥則之氏とともに正願寺を訪れ、カーター元大統領に梵鐘が寄贈されていたことを報告しました。

砲弾の資材として溶かされたと思っていた梵鐘が、日米親善のシンボル「平和の鐘」としてカーター・センターで大切に保管されていることを知り、正願寺関係者は大変喜びました。



In March 1989, the bell was displayed at the entrance of The Carter Center as the “Hiroshima Bell, Symbol of Peace” with an explanatory note. It has attracted visitors from America and around the world.



On November 8-9, 1989, Councilor Hajime Akiyama, former Consul General of Japan in Atlanta Noriyuki Oku, political journalist Reiko Tamura, and editorial witer Richard Matthews of the Atlanta Journal Constitution visit Konu-cho.

1989年3月にカーター大統領図書館とカーターセンターの入り口に、“平和の象徴 広島の鐘”と明記されて日米の友情の証として展示され、訪問する米国や世界中の人々を魅了しています。

1989年11月8日～9日、秋山肇評議員、元在アトランタ日本総領事奥利幸、政治ジャーナリスト田村玲子、アトランタジャーナルの論説委員リチャード・マシューズ氏が甲奴町を訪問しました。

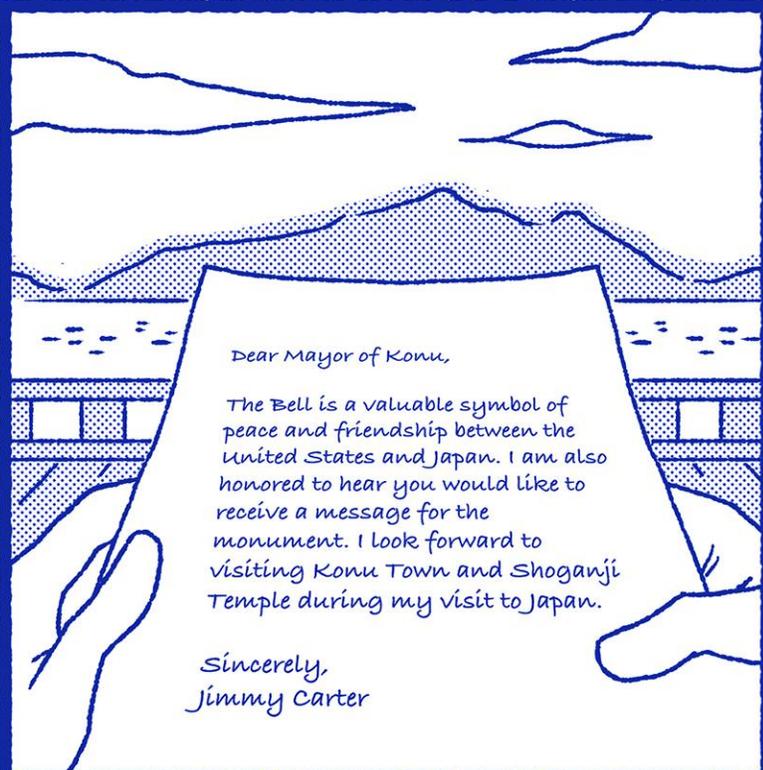
On November 11, 1989, Mayor of Konu sends a letter to former President Carter.

Dear Mr. President Carter,

I was very impressed to hear that the bell of Shoganji Temple, which has a long history in Konu Town, is on display at the entrance of the Carter Presidential Library and the Carter Center as a testament to the friendship between the United States and Japan. We are proud to have established ties with the 39th President of the United States, Mr. Jimmy Carter, and we would like to take this opportunity to further develop this relationship based on the cooperation of the citizens of the town for the future.

1. We would like to receive two handwritten messages from you as we would like to set up a monument in the center of town and at Shoganji Temple to commemorate the friendship between Japan and the U.S. and world peace.
2. We would like you to visit Konu Town when you visit Japan.

Sincerely,
Mayor of Konu



Dear Mayor of Konu,

The Bell is a valuable symbol of peace and friendship between the United States and Japan. I am also honored to hear you would like to receive a message for the monument. I look forward to visiting Konu Town and Shoganji Temple during my visit to Japan.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Carter

On December 11, 1989, a letter from President Jimmy Carter to the Mayor of Konu arrives.

On October 21, 1990, President Carter visited Konu-cho with his daughter, Amy Carter.

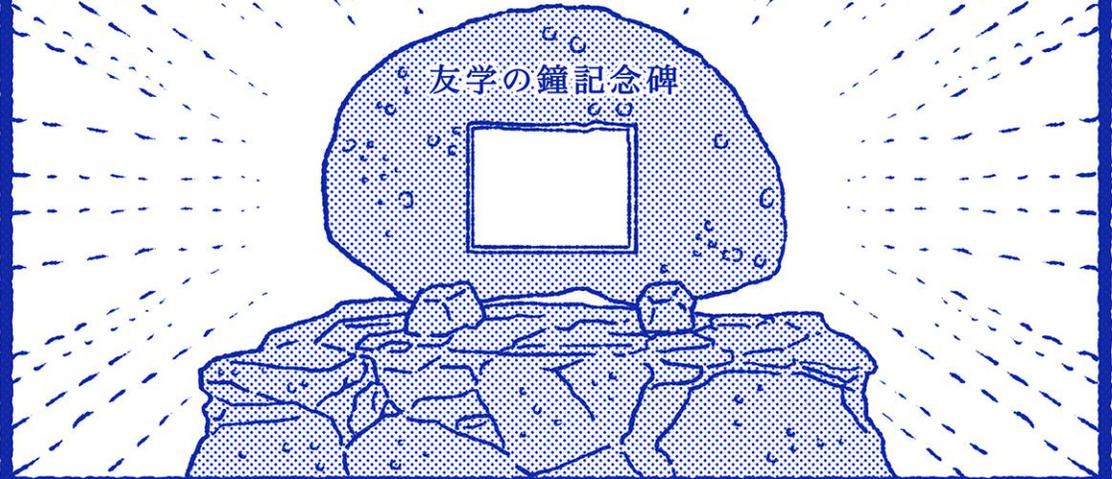


He was on a trip to Japan to give a lecture at the World Conference of Religions for Peace held in Kyoto the day before.

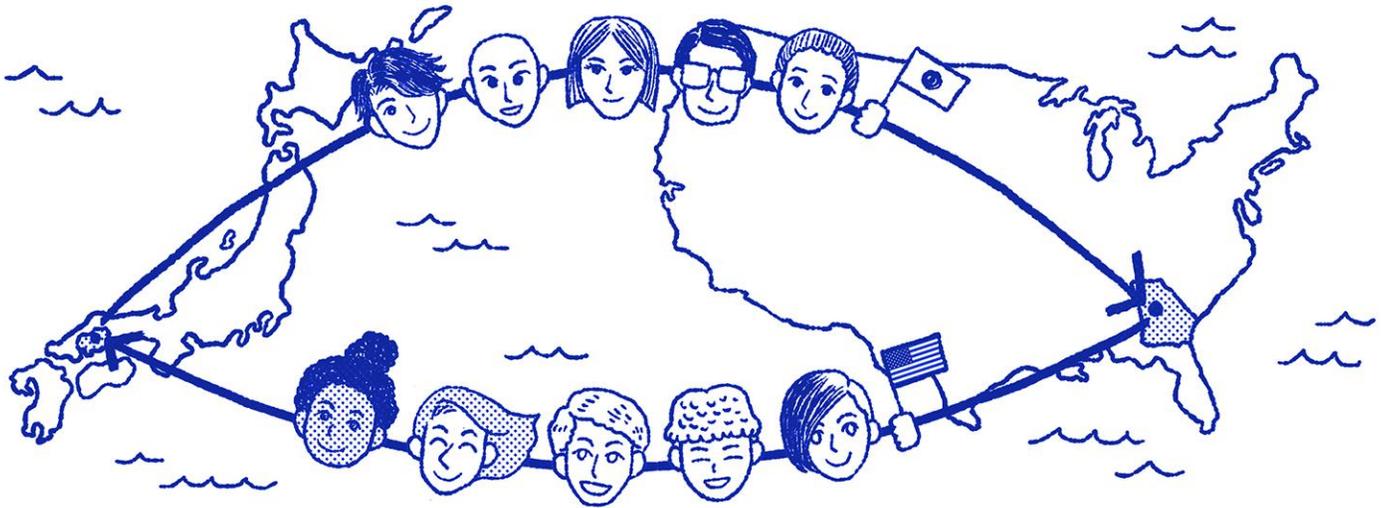
1989年11月11日に甲奴町の町長からカーター大統領に手紙が送られ、同年12月11日には、大統領から甲奴町町長へ手紙が送られました。

1990年10月21日に、カーター大統領は京都で開催された世界宗教者平和会議の講演のあとで翌日娘のエイミーさんとともに甲奴町を訪問しました。

His visit consisted of the unveiling of a monument featuring President Carter's handwritten message at Shoganji Temple and his expectations for world peace and mutual exchange through the "Bell of Friendship"



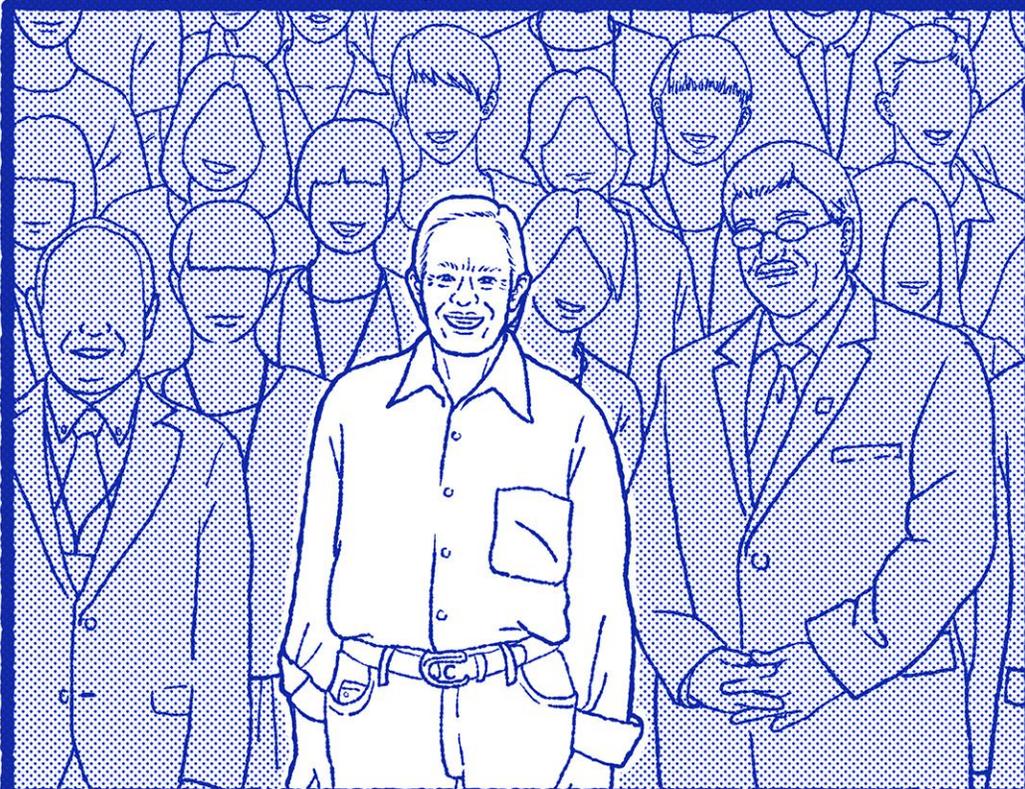
In 1990, the people of Konu made a replica of the bell.



In 1991, Konu (now Miyoshi City) and Americus, Georgia began mutual visits and established a sister city relationship. Visits from Miyoshi City continue every year to this day.

カーター大統領の訪問中には、直筆メッセージを刻んだ記念碑の正願寺での除幕式が行われ、甲奴町の人々が作った「友愛の鐘」のレプリカを通じて、世界平和と相互交流への期待を表明しました。

1991年に甲奴町（現在の三次市）とジョージア州アメリカスは相互訪問を開始し、姉妹都市関係を確立しました。三次市からの訪問は毎年今日まで続いています。



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It includes a gallery called the Peace Learning Center that tell the story of President Carter's life, his presidency and the work of The Carter Center in Atlanta.

カーター大統領は、いつも時間を割いて甲奴の生徒たちに会い、故郷の日曜学校で教えています。そのお返しに甲奴の人々は、アメリカスからの代表団を迎えています。

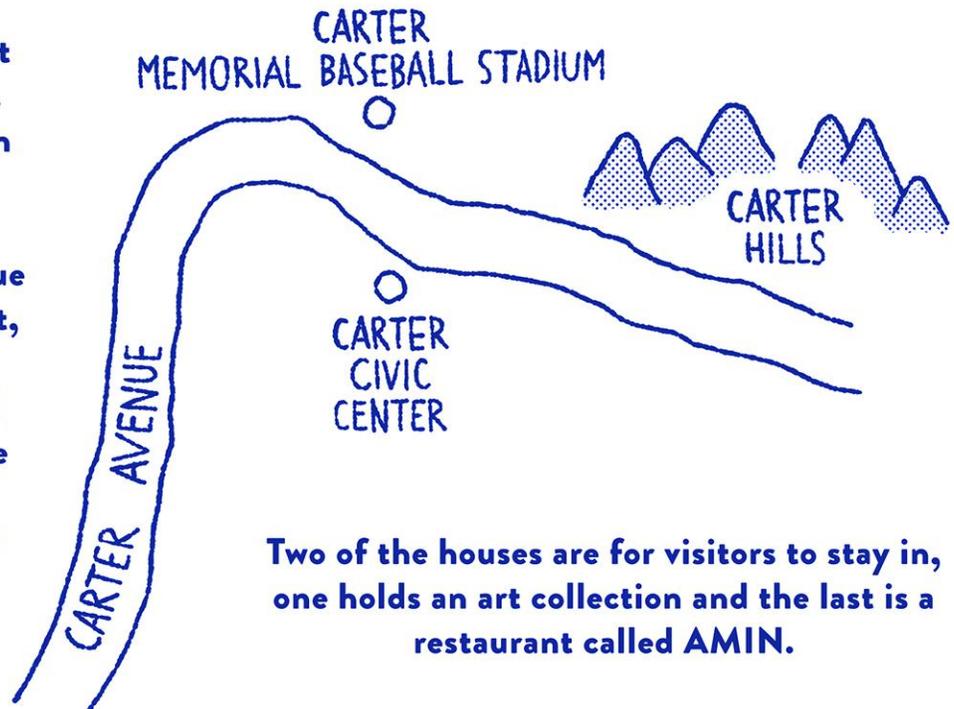
1994年に三次市は、市民活動の拠点としてジミー・カーターシビックセンターを創設しました。その中には、カーター大統領の生涯、大統領職、アトランタのカーターセンターの仕事について語る、ピース・ラーニングセンターと呼ばれるギャラリーがあります。

On July 7, 1994, President and Mrs. Carter attended the completion ceremony for the Jimmy Carter Civic Center in Konu.



Today, Konu's main street is named Carter Avenue. There is Carter Station on the same street.

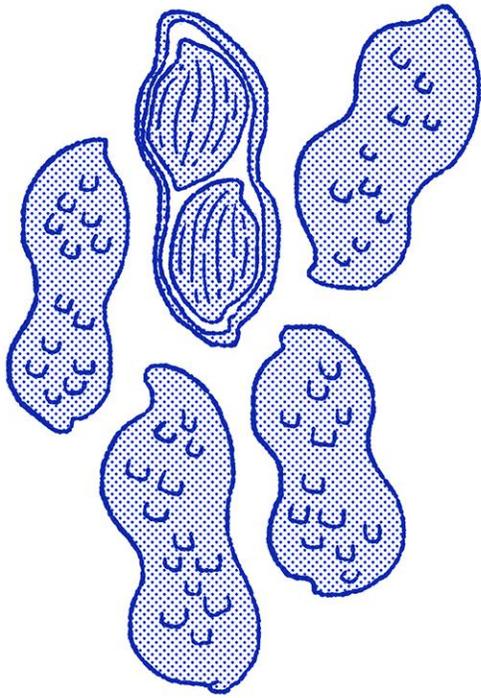
If you follow Carter Avenue out of town and turn right, you enter Carter Hills, pass the Carter Baseball Stadium and finally come to the Civic Center and four houses built to look like they came from Plains, Georgia.



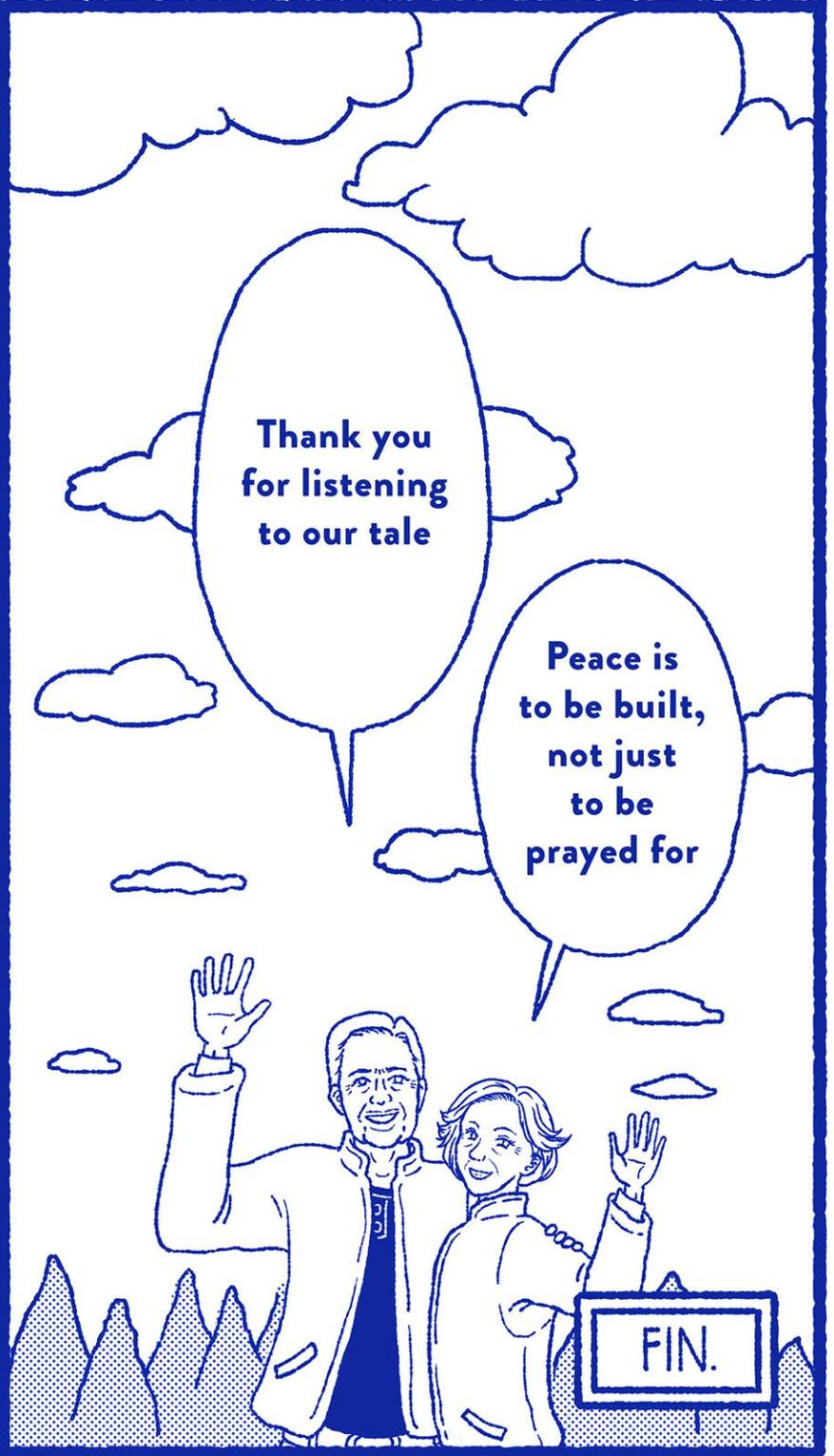
Two of the houses are for visitors to stay in, one holds an art collection and the last is a restaurant called AMIN.

1994年7月7日、カーター大統領夫妻は、甲奴町にあるジミー・カーターシビックセンターの完成式典に出席しました。ジョージア州プレインズを模倣して、メインストリートはカーターアベニューと呼ばれており、その通りにカーターステーションがあります。町から出てカーターアベニューを進み、右に曲がるとカーターヒルズに入り、カーター野球場を通過するとシビックセンターに到着します。その向こうに4軒の家があり、2軒は来館者宿泊施設、1軒はアートコレクション、もう1軒はアミンというレストランとなっています。

Now, many of
Konu's farmers have
taken to growing
"Carter Peanuts"

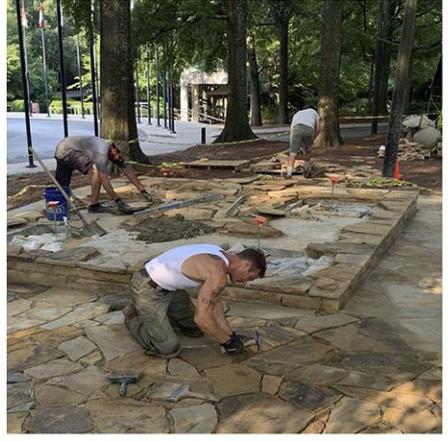
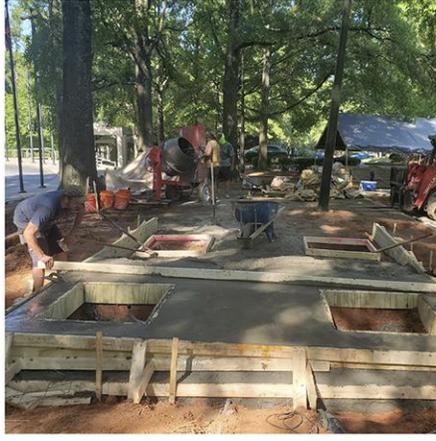


There is a
Carter Peanut Festival
each year
in November.



甲奴町の多くの農家が「カーターピーナッツ」の栽培に取り組み、毎年11月にカーターピーナッツ・フェスティバルが開催されています。

「平和は願うより作るもの」



PEACE BELL CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS Part 2



Friends of Japan in Georgia Construct Traditional Japanese Bell Tower for President Center’s “Peace Bell”

ATLANTA – The Japan-America Society of Georgia and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia, in cooperation with the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta and Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Atlanta, are constructing a traditional Japanese bell tower to hang President Center’s “Peace Bell” on the grounds of The Carter Center. The bell tower, intended to be a symbol of friendship between the people of Japan and Georgia, will raise awareness of the contributions of President Jimmy Carter to the Japan-Georgia relationship, as well as highlight economic, cultural, educational, and political ties between Japan and Georgia. The “Japan-Georgia Friendship Bell Tower” will be a replica of the bell tower at Shoganji Temple in Konu, Miyoshi City, Hiroshima Prefecture where the bell originated in Japan. Construction will be directed by carpenters from Konu. The ribbon cutting and opening ceremony will be September 30, 2022 at 4:00 PM, the day before President Carter’s 98th birthday on October 1.



During World War II, an ordinance to collect metals was promulgated throughout Japan, and the temple bell from Shoganji Temple in Konu was supplied to the Kure Naval Arsenal. An estimated 95% of temple bells in Japan were lost during this period. However, before Shoganji’s bell could be turned into bullets, the war ended. Following the war, the bell ended up in England, where it resided for a time with James Taylor. His son, Milos, discovered the bell in 1958 while sorting through his father’s belongings. In 1982, Milos moved to East Orange Park, Florida with the bell. In 1985, before returning to England, Milos put the bell up for sale. The Japanese Chamber of Commerce in Atlanta and the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta solicited donations to purchase the bell, and on July 24, 1985, Consul General of Japan in Atlanta Tadayuki Nonoyama and Hiromitsu Araki, Chairman of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia, presented the bell on behalf of the Japanese community to President and Mrs. Carter to commemorate the construction of The Carter Center, the groundbreaking of the Japanese Garden, and in appreciation for President Carter’s work promoting world peace.

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Download photos and videos [here](#).

Project schedule

February 5, 2021: Project kick-off meeting with The Japan-America Society of Georgia and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia, the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta, and Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Atlanta

June 11, 2021: First meeting with Konu-cho, Hiroshima

September 1, 2021: Cutting of cypress trees

The trees for the bell tower were harvested from the hill behind Mr. Kimiaki Takafuji's property in Nishikamihara, Sera Town, Hiroshima. He provided a magnificent 150-year-old cypress tree. Video link [here](#).

Early December 2021: Wood processing

Kondo Kensetsu construction company processes the wood using Japanese building techniques. Video links [here](#) and [here](#).

April 17, 2022: Bell tower construction completed In Konu-cho, Hiroshima.

Video link [here](#).

April 26-27, 2022: Disinfection treatment of wood

Disinfection treatment was conducted at the Sasabe Lumber Mirasaka Plant.

May 6, 2022: Bell tower transported to packing company

Sanyo Kaiun Co., Ltd. transported bell tower from Sasabe Lumber Mirasaka Plant to Sanyo Shipping's warehouse (Hikino-cho, Fukuyama City).

May 12, 2022: Packing

Sanyo Kaiun Co., Ltd. transported the bell tower from its warehouse (Hikino-cho, Fukuyama City) to OSS Fukuyama Factory (Minooki-cho, Fukuyama City), a packing specialist.

June 2022: Shipping

Yamato Transport Co., Ltd. handled custom clearance procedures and container loading at Kobe Port. The shipment departed from Kobe on June 4.

Around June 25: Arrival in Los Angeles, U.S.A.

From Los Angeles, the cargo will be transported overland (by rail and truck) to Atlanta.

July 8, 2022 at 10:00 am: Groundbreaking Ceremony

The groundbreaking ceremony at The Carter Center will feature a traditional Buddhist ceremony by Soto Zen Buddhism North America Office.

July 11, 2022: Construction of the concrete foundation

Construction of the concrete foundation for the tower will commence at The Carter Center by Mazza Landscape, Inc. Surveying and project plans were provided by Phillips Partnership and Atwell, LLC.

August 2-19 2022: Carpenters from Konu dispatched to Atlanta to oversee construction

Four personnel from Kondo Kensetsu (two carpenters - Mr. Noritaka Kondou and Mr. Daisuke Koyama, and two tile workers - Mr. Yoshihiko Hirata and Mr. Chikashi Miyaguchi) will oversee the construction of the bell tower in Atlanta. Airline tickets have been provided by Delta Air Lines. They will be assisted by local Japanese carpenter Mr. Hitoshi Kawamura and team.

September 30, 2022 at 4:00 PM: Opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting at The Carter Center

A completion ceremony featuring a Buddhist ceremony by Soto Zen Buddhism Japan HQ will be held with the attendance of all parties concerned as well as local dignitaries.

Comments from the leaders of the four partnering organizations

“The Carter Center has been the paragon of the Japan-Georgia relationship for many decades and in many areas ranging from business relationship, cultural exchange, youth exchange, sister city relationships and many others,” said Kazuyuki Takeuchi, Consul General of Japan in Atlanta. “What lies as the underlying guiding light has always been the Carters' vision of and dedication to peace and humanity. The Peace Bell donated by the Japanese community in Georgia to The Carter Center in 1985 has been a symbol of such steadfast relationship between Japan and Georgia. The Bell Tower initiative is sure to bring it to a new height by enshrining the bell in a fitting abode on the premises of The Carter Center. Just as the then Consul General represented the Japanese

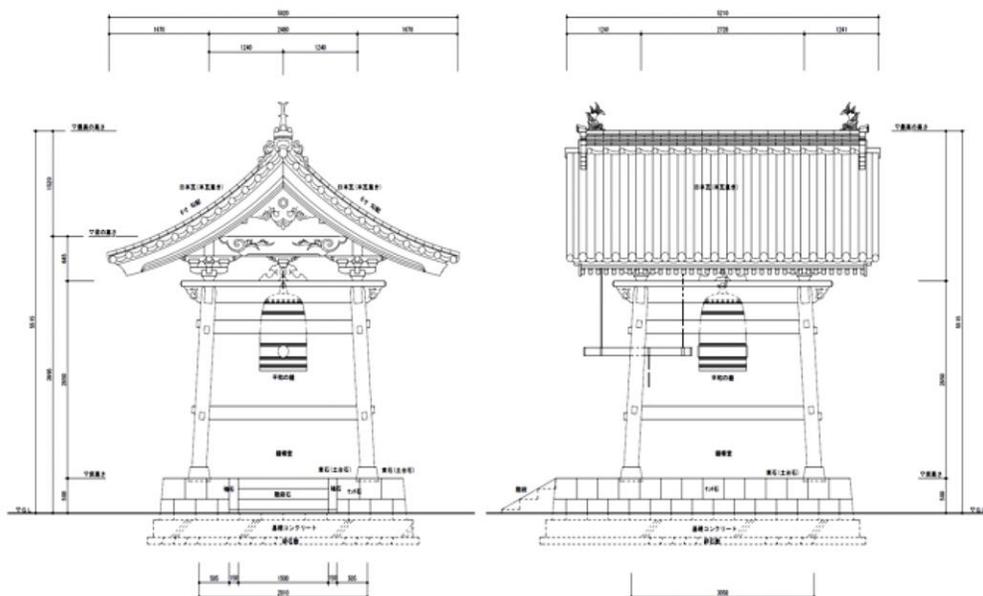
community along with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce when the bell was donated in 1985, I am wholeheartedly delighted to be able to cooperate with this initiative.”

“The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia is dedicated to supporting the activities of Japanese companies and people in Georgia,” said Nagachika Kikuno, Chair of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia. “By introducing Japan and its culture to the local community, we are not only able to deepen their understanding of Japan but also to strengthen the exchange between the U.S. and Japan, which in turn will increase the presence of the Japanese community. Understanding and exchange are difficult to express in a tangible way. By participating in this project, we believe that we will be able to express the meaning and importance of deepening mutual understanding and continuing exchange through the symbol of the Peace Bell. We hope that the Peace Bell will continue to speak to us about the importance of exchange between Japan and the U.S. for many years to come in Georgia.”

“We can think of no better place in Georgia to build a symbol of enduring friendship between Japan and Georgia than on the grounds of The Carter Center, an organization started by a man who has dedicated his life to ‘waging peace,’” said Jessica Cork, Chair of The Japan-America Society of Georgia. “From his work while governor to recruit Japanese companies to invest in Georgia, to his multiple visits to Japan, including two trips to Hiroshima, to hosting students from Hiroshima each year in Plains, President Carter has been building bridges between Japan and Georgia his entire career. When students from Hiroshima visited with President Carter several years ago, he told them, ‘I think it’s very important for all of the students ... to remember the importance of peace, human rights, and love for one another, and the principles that never change in our lives.’ This bell tower will serve as an important reminder of President Carter’s words.”

“The Japan-Georgia Friendship Bell Tower will not only be a symbol of friendship between Japan and Georgia but will also make Japanese companies feel they are welcome here in Georgia, which will lead to closer economic relations,” said Takuya Takahashi, Chief Executive Director, JETRO Atlanta.

Full list of sponsors and project details are available at www.jasgeorgia.org/Georgia-Japan-Peace-Bell/.







The Japan-America Society of Georgia
ジョージア日米協会

Mission

The Japan-America Society of Georgia (JASG) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to promote mutual understanding between the people of Japan and the state of Georgia through establishing and promoting ties and programs in the areas of business, culture, education, public affairs, and social networking.

Vision

The Japan-America Society of Georgia's vision is to make Georgia the most desirable place in North America for Japanese and other international visitors to live and work – and to make Georgia's citizens and businesses the most internationally aware in North America.

Whom We Serve

We work with other international organizations and institutions to build appreciation of international culture and commerce in Georgia. At the same time, we have a unique and important part to play as the state's foremost bridge between Japan and Georgia, between Japanese visitors and Georgia's citizens, between Georgia's corporations and Japanese markets, and between Japanese and American individuals, students, and families in Georgia. We reach out to Japanese businesspeople and their families, anticipating and fulfilling their needs. We also reach out to Georgians, including government and civic leaders, with a message that international business and tourism are important to Georgia's future, and that understanding Japanese culture and business practices is a way of contributing to the state's growth. Our programs, events and materials are targeted at groups interested in Japan and America for different reasons, but they have a common thread: They are enlightening, interesting, and welcoming. They seek not just to teach about Japanese or American culture and business practices, but to introduce Japanese and American individuals to one another with the purpose of forming lasting professional and personal relationships.



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The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia

The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia (JCCG) is a non-profit organization established in Georgia by companies and individuals with economic and other interests related to Japan.

Our Mission

The mission of The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia is to make Georgia a model region for U.S.-Japan relations, to promote mutual understanding and friendships between the United States and Japan, and to maintain and enhance a positive business environment for its members while introducing Japan and its culture to the local community.

One of our missions is to build and to keep great relationship between the U.S. and Japan and to support the activities of Japanese companies and people in Georgia and the surrounding states.

In order to achieve these goals, we continue to:

- (1) Promote relationships between Japanese and Americans
- (2) Provide networking opportunities and exchange information among our members
- (3) Enhance the educational environment for children, including providing support to Japanese language schools
- (4) Improve the business environment

JCCG aims to be an organization of members for members and to continue our activities with the cooperation of our members.



Mission:

The Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta was established in 1974, and is an overseas establishment of the Government of Japan. The jurisdiction of our office in Atlanta is; Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

The main function of our office is to protect Japanese nationals and economic interests, provide consular services and cultural exchange. There are 18 diplomatic missions in the United States, and Atlanta is one of them.

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For any inquiries or questions, please take a look at our website for any updates.

Should you wish to reach out for a specific question, please find the email contact from below:

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Follow us on our SNS account ([Facebook](#)/[Instagram](#)) for any updates from our office activities!



JETRO Atlanta

What is JETRO?

JETRO, or the Japan External Trade Organization, is a government-related organization that works to promote mutual trade and investment between Japan and the rest of the world. Originally established in 1958 to promote Japanese exports abroad, JETRO's core focus in the 21st century has shifted toward promoting foreign direct investment into Japan and helping small to medium size Japanese firms maximize their global export potential.

JETRO's Activities

- (1) Facilitating Innovations Through Inward Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Japan and Supporting Overseas Expansions of Startups
- (2) Supporting Exports of Japanese Agricultural, Forestry, and Fishery Products and Food
- (3) Assisting Japanese Companies with Their Overseas Businesses
- (3) Contributing to the Activities and Trade Policies of Japanese Companies Through Surveys and Research

JETRO Atlanta

JETRO Atlanta office was established in 1985 and has been making efforts to increase trade and investment opportunities between U.S. and Japanese companies in its coverage states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Contact: <https://www.jetro.go.jp/usa/contact/jetroama.html>





The Carter Center was founded by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, in 1982 to wage peace, fight disease, and build hope in communities worldwide. A not-for-profit, nongovernmental organization, the Center has worked in more than 80 countries to resolve conflicts, advance democracy, protect human rights, prevent disease, and improve mental health care.



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Leading an eradication campaign that has reduced incidence of Guinea worm disease worldwide by 99.9 percent, from an estimated 3.5 million cases in 1986 to just a handful today
- Observing more than 100 elections around the world to help establish and strengthen democracies
- Furthering avenues to peace in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Nepal, Liberia, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, the Korean Peninsula, Haiti, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Syria, and the Middle East
- Strengthening international standards for human rights and the voices of individuals defending those rights in their communities worldwide
- Pioneering new public health approaches to preventing or controlling devastating neglected diseases in Africa and Latin America, including establishing village-based health interventions in thousands of communities in Africa
- Advancing efforts to improve mental health care and diminish stigma against people with mental illnesses



WAGING PEACE

A pioneer in the field of election observation, the Center monitors elections to help ensure the results reflect the will of voters and works to build global consensus on standards for democratic elections.

The Center's peace-building programs advance access to information, government transparency, and administration of justice as important elements of a strong democracy.

Human rights also are crucial to ensuring people can live in peace and reach their full potential. The Center supports brave human rights defenders and works to advance laws that uphold the dignity of each individual.

Meanwhile, when lives are threatened by conflict and formal diplomacy fails, the Center offers its conflict resolution expertise, which has furthered peace in Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, and Asia.

Top: Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter founded The Carter Center in 1982.

Center: The Carter Center is working for better oversight of the lucrative mining industry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Bottom: In Myanmar, citizens wait to vote in an election observed by The Carter Center.

FIGHTING DISEASE

A leader in the eradication and elimination of diseases, the Center has pioneered new public health approaches to preventing or controlling devastating diseases in Africa and Latin America. These efforts bring better disease surveillance and health care delivery to nations with limited resources, and new public health approaches to treating multiple diseases at once. The Center currently fights six diseases—Guinea worm, river blindness, trachoma, schistosomiasis, lymphatic filariasis, and malaria.

The Carter Center also strives to improve access to mental health care in the United States and abroad and to diminish the stigma that remains against people with mental illnesses.

BUILDING HOPE

Since 1982, The Carter Center has helped people around the world live healthier and more peaceful lives. The goal is always to give people the knowledge and tools they need to improve their own lives and sustain positive change. This progress is enabled by forming partnerships for change among governments, international agencies, nongovernmental organizations, corporations, and most of all, with people at the grass roots.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

PEACE

Democracy
Human Rights
Conflict Resolution
Global Access to Information
Americas
China

HEALTH

Guinea Worm Eradication
River Blindness Elimination
Trachoma Control
Lymphatic Filariasis Elimination
Schistosomiasis Control
Hispaniola Initiative
Mental Health



Top: A woman in South Sudan checks a water filter provided by The Carter Center. The filter prevents Guinea worm disease.

Center: In Ethiopia, schoolchildren learn how trachoma, a bacterial eye disease, is transmitted.

Bottom: On the border between Venezuela and Brazil, a health worker measures a Yanomami child before administering medication to prevent river blindness.

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OVERVIEW OF THE

PEACE BELL PROJECT

HERE IS EVERY STEP WE HAVE TAKEN IN
CONSTRUCTING THE PEACE BELL TOWER

FEBRUARY 5, 2021

Project kick-off meeting with The Japan–America Society of Georgia and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia, the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta, and Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Atlanta

JUNE 11, 2021

Frist meeting with Konu-cho, Hiroshima

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Cutting of cypress trees

The trees for the bell tower were harvested from the hill behind Mr. Kimiaki Takafuji's property in Nishikamihara, Sera Town, Hiroshima. He provided a magnificent 150-year-old cypress tree. [Click here to view the video](#)

EARLY DECEMBER 2021

Wood processing

Kondo Kensetsu contrition company processes the wood using Japanese building techniques. [here](#) and [here](#)

APRIL 17, 2022

Bell tower construction completed In Konu-cho, Hiroshima. click [here](#) to view the video

APRIL 26-27, 2022

Disinfection treatment of wood

Disinfection treatment was conducted at the Sasabe Lumber Mirasaka Plant.

MAY 6, 2022

Bell tower transported to packing company

Sanyo Kaiun Co., Ltd. transported bell tower from Sasabe Lumber Mirasaka Plant to Sanyo Shipping's warehouse (Hikino-cho, Fukuyama City).

MAY 12, 2022

Packing

Sanyo Kaiun Co., Ltd. transported the bell tower from its warehouse (Hikino-cho, Fukuyama City) to OSS Fukuyama Factory (Minooki-cho, Fukuyama City), a packing specialist.

JUNE 2022

Shipping

Yamato Transport Co., Ltd. handled custom clearance procedures and container loading at Kobe Port. The shipment departed from Kobe on June 4

AROUND JUNE 25:

Arrival in Los Angeles, U.S.A.

From Los Angeles, the cargo will be transported overland (by rail and truck) to Atlanta.

JULY 8, 2022

Groundbreaking Ceremony

The groundbreaking ceremony at The Carter Center will feature a traditional Buddhist ceremony by Soto Zen Buddhism North America Office.

JULY 11, 2022

Construction of the concrete foundation

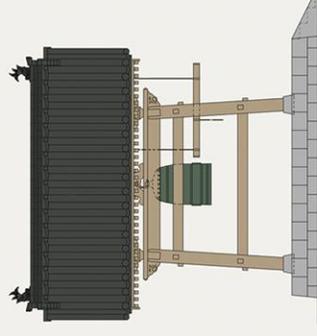
Construction of the concrete foundation for the tower will commence at The Carter Center by Mazza Landscape. Surveying and project plans were provided by the Atwell Group, Phillips Partnership, and MUM Architects,

AUGUST 2-20 2022

Four personnel from Kondo Kensetsu (two carpenters - Mr. Noritaka Kondou and Mr. Daisuke Koyama, and two tile workers - Mr. Yoshihiko Hirata and Mr. Chikashi Miyaguchi) will oversee the construction of the bell tower in Atlanta. Airline tickets have been provided by Delta Air Lines. They will be assisted by local Japanese carpenter Mr. Hitoshi Kawamura and team.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

A completion ceremony featuring a Buddhist ceremony by Soto Zen Buddhism Japan HQ will be held with the attendance of all parties concerned as well as local dignitaries.





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