

G-7 Summit: Hiroshima, Japan:

G-7 Declaration and Chinese Protests

May 22, 2023

May 22, 2023: Beijing: China has opposed the G-7 communique and conveyed its protest to Japan, the host nation saying that the seven nations have interfered in China's internal affairs. China's foreign ministry has summoned the Japanese ambassador, **Hideo Tarumi**, to register its protests.

The G-7 communique had voiced concern over human rights violations in China. It highlighted the importance of maintaining peace in Taiwan straits. The communique also asked Beijing "to honour its commitments" to the UK on "high degree of autonomy for Hong Kong."

Sun Weidong, China's vice foreign minister said that Hong Kong, Xinjiang and Tibet were purely China's internal affairs, and that China would never allow any external forces to interfere.

At the meeting, the Japanese ambassador, **Hideo Tarumi** called for active measures by China to address the issues, referred in the G-7 Communique.

The Chinese embassy in Britain had earlier asked London to stop slandering and smearing China to avoid further damage to China-UK relations.



Prime Minister of Japan: Kishida Fumio

On assuming the Chairmanship of G-7, **Kishida Fumio**, Prime Minister of Japan had said, " There are mounting challenges facing the international community, such as the global economy including energy and food security, regional affairs including Ukraine and the Indo-Pacific, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, economic security, and global issues including climate change, global health, and development. As Chair, I will facilitate candid discussions among the G7 Leaders to articulate ideas and plans for the future."

He had also said that the program of G-7 will be designed to bring the youth to start getting involved with global issues.

PROGRAM OF G-7: May 18, 2023: At the very beginning, the Leaders of G-7 visited Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park.

The Peace Park at Hiroshima has been set up at exactly the place, where for the first time, an atom bomb was dropped on 6th August 1945.

The visit to Peace Park was followed by Session 1 at Grand Prince Hotel, Hiroshima.



After Session 1, the Leaders visited the Shinto shrine – Itsukushima (The word means: "island dedicated to the gods."). The entry is through a floating gate TORIL. All visitors by boat to the island shrine have to pass their boats through TORIL.

RETAINING PURITY OF THE SHRINE: since 1878, no deaths or births have been permitted near the island. To this day, pregnant women are supposed to retreat to the mainland as the day of delivery approaches, as are the terminally ill or the very elderly whose passing has become imminent. Burials on the island are forbidden.



The torii of Itsukushima Shrine: appears to float in the water



Itsukushima (i.e. "island dedicated to the gods.") Shrine

Reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Itsukushima_Shrine

The three goddesses, who are the deities in the *Itsukushima Shrine*, are believed to be "manifestations of Kannon. Kannon is a **goddess of Knowledge** and is revered all over East Asia.

(Please see, for the names, used in different countries of East Asia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guanyin#Names_in_other_Asian_languages)

The sacred island is understood as the home of the **Bodhisattva**.

On 18th May 2023, after the visit to the Shrine, other working sessions were organized.

May 19, 2023: A family photograph of the G-7 was organized at Grand Prince Hotel, Hiroshima.



May 19, 2023: Prime Minister and Mrs. Kishida welcomed the Outreach and their Partners.

A side event: Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima) was also arranged at Hiroshima.

May 20, 2023: Prime Minister Kishida accompanied the Leaders of the Outreach to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park.

A session of G-7 with President of Ukraine was organized. G-7 offered increased support of lethal arms to Ukraine for continuing to wage the war with Russia.

The session was followed by a session of G-7, Partner countries and Ukraine.



Meeting of G-7 with Partner countries



May 20, 2023: Session 8 (G-7 + Ukraine)

At the end of G-7 Summit, Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishida held a Press Conference for the media of the world.
