



**The International People's Tribunal
on 1945 US Atomic Bombings**

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Notice Concerning the Convening and Procedures of the International People's Tribunal (IPT) on the 1945 Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

To:

Embassy of the United States of America in the Republic of Korea

Attention:

U.S. Department of State

The International Organizing Committee of the International People's Tribunal (IPT) hereby provides advance notice concerning the International People's Tribunal scheduled to be convened in 2026.

The IPT is being prepared with the participation of lawyers, scholars, activists, and relevant experts from Korea and abroad. Korean atomic bomb victims will participate as claimants in the proceedings, which will address issues of international legal responsibility arising from the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, as well as the use and threat of use of nuclear weapons.

The IPT is being organized in recognition of the fact that the experiences of Korean atomic bomb victims — who were victims both of Japanese imperial aggression and colonial rule, and of the atomic bombings carried out by the United States — have not been sufficiently brought to light before the international community.

The IPT also seeks to contribute to international legal discussions concerning the restoration of victims' human rights, including official apology, compensation, guarantees of non-repetition, and the prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons, as well as to broader efforts toward the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and the realization of a world free of nuclear weapons.

The IPT Panel of Judges and the International Organizing Committee are currently preparing and coordinating the IPT Statute, hearing schedule, and related procedures. The proceedings are expected to include the submission of written materials and exchanges of views, followed by an oral hearing.

The oral hearing is currently scheduled as follows:

- **Date:** November 13–15, 2026
- **Venue:** Graduate School, Korea Christian Theological University, Seoul, Republic of Korea

In addition, the International Organizing Committee intends to formally transmit to the Government of the United States, in late July or early August 2026, an official Written Submission setting forth the relevant claims, legal arguments, and supporting materials.

The Government of the United States may participate in or submit its views concerning these proceedings in any of the following ways:

1. Attendance at or observation of the tribunal proceedings;
2. Submission of a written statement or observations;
3. Designation of an official representative or observer;
4. Submission of relevant historical materials and official positions; and
5. Presentation of views, explanations, or comments concerning the matters under consideration.

Whether and how the Government of the United States participates in or submits views pursuant to the above procedures is a matter for the Government's own discretion. The International Organizing Committee would appreciate receiving a response at an appropriate time, if possible.

The IPT will be conducted in accordance with the principles of independence and autonomous procedural management. The facts and legal issues will be reviewed on the basis of the materials and views submitted.

Further details concerning the schedule and procedures will be provided in due course.
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Thank you.

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