

# PEACE BOAT Voyages

**2017**

Oslo (Norway)

ICAN awarded Nobel Peace Prize

In 2017, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) received the Nobel Peace Prize for its role in adopting the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Peace Boat is an ICAN International Steering Group member.



**2012**

Yokohama (Japan)

Global Conference for a Nuclear Power Free World

10,000 people from 30 countries gathered to examine the reality of the Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster, and create a society free from dependency on nuclear power.



**1995**

Kobe (Japan)

Disaster relief volunteer activities following the Kobe Earthquake.

Coordinated over 1,000 volunteers in Nagata Ward, Kobe City.



## PEACE BOAT Voyages

Peace Boat's voyages create connections between people, beyond national borders or interests. We have expanded our activities through this network, including projects in collaboration with the United Nations. Our voyages will continue to build bridges and connections between people around the world.

**1980s**

Conducted voyages throughout Asia

With the slogan "Reflect upon Past Wars to Build Peace for the Future," Peace Boat conducted 2-3 week long voyages in Asia annually.

**2005**

New York City (USA)

Global Launch of GPPAC

GPPAC is a global network led by civil society organisations (CSOs) actively working to prevent violent conflict and build more peaceful societies. Peace Boat has been Regional Secretariat for GPPAC in Northeast Asia since it was launched in 2005.



**2015**

Paris (France)

COP21

Peace Boat introduced its Ecoship Project at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference.



**2022**

Ukraine

Launch of humanitarian support

Peace Boat Disaster Relief (PBV) launched humanitarian relief in cooperation with our global network, partnering with NGOs in Ukraine and neighbouring Romania.



**2004**

Kenya

Tree planting in cooperation with the Green Belt Movement

During visits to Kenya, Peace Boat planted trees with the Green Belt Movement, established by Nobel Peace Laureate Wangari Maathai.



**2005**

Fallujah (Iraq)

Delivered 100 wheelchairs to a hospital in Fallujah, Iraq.



**2016**

Cambodia

Awarded Royal Order of Cambodia

Received this award from the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia for P-MAC's contribution to demining in an area of 1.54 million square metres.



**2023**

Offshore from Timor-Leste

Experiencing the total solar eclipse

Participants observed the rare celestial phenomenon of a total and annular solar eclipse. Voyages provide the opportunity to experience the wonders of our planet.



**2008**

Chiba (Japan)

Global Article 9 Conference to Abolish War

Held a 3-day event with 30,000 participants to share and uphold the principles of the peace clause of Japan's constitution.



**2005**

Viet Nam

Launched support for Agent Orange survivors

Fundraising carried out to provide support for people affected by Agent Orange and defoliants used during the Viet Nam War.

**2007**

Galapagos (Ecuador)

Galapagos Forest Revitalization Project

Launched this project with the Charles Darwin Foundation to plant native species such as Scalesia.



**2007**

Venezuela

Joint Campaign with "El Sistema"

Began delivering musical instruments and organising concerts and music education with the National Network of Youth and Children's Orchestras of Venezuela.



**2019**

New York City (USA)

United Nations World Oceans Day Event

Held in cooperation with the UN onboard the ship docked in Manhattan, with over 500 partners in attendance.



**2014**

Brazil

Peace Ball World Cup Campaign 2014

Through donations, built a football ground for street children in Brazil at the time of the World Cup.





## International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)



**For a nuclear-free world**  
Peace Boat works together with Hibakusha, Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bomb survivors, to share their testimonies and appeal for nuclear abolition. Since launching the project in 2008, over 170 Hibakusha have travelled onboard Peace Boat to share their urgent call.

### What is ICAN?

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is a coalition of 650 NGOs in 110 countries (as of August 2023), promoting the United Nations nuclear weapon ban treaty. ICAN was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize for its contribution to this treaty. Peace Boat is an International Steering Group member of ICAN.



## Ecoship

Ecoship is the next step in our 40-year evolution. It will be the future platform for our global voyages carrying 6,000 people per year; hosting green technology exhibits in 100 ports, and serving as a floating laboratory for ocean, climate, and green technology research.



## Ocean and Climate Youth

The programme brings youth leaders from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) on the front line of climate change and marine degradation to travel onboard our ship, engaging in capacity building and bringing their message to citizens and government representatives through the voyage.



## Peace & Green Boat

Aiming for a peaceful and sustainable future for Asia, since 2005 Peace Boat has coordinated with Korea's Green Foundation to bring together citizens from Japan and Korea for joint onboard and in-port programmes while travelling through Asia.



## Historical Recognition and Reconciliation

In 1983, Peace Boat's inaugural voyage challenged government censorship on Japan's past military aggression. Japanese students chartered a ship to learn directly from war survivors in neighboring countries, fostering people-to-people exchange.



## Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



### Partnership with the United Nations for sustainability

Peace Boat collaborates on UN initiatives for a sustainable world. Our voyages deliver messages and support the 17 SDGs with 169 targets, spanning inequality and poverty reduction, climate action and environmental protection.

### Campaigning for the SDGs

Since August 2016, Peace Boat's ship has sailed with the SDGs logo painted on its hull. We carry out various awareness raising actions with guests onboard the ship including UN officials.



## Peace Boat Disaster Relief (PBV)



### People help people: Disaster relief volunteering

Since the 1995 Kobe Earthquake, Peace Boat has engaged in disaster relief worldwide, including Hurricane Katrina and the Sumatra earthquake. PBV was established after the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, dispatching 80,000 volunteers to affected areas.

### Launch of humanitarian aid for Ukraine

After the February 2022 Russian military invasion, PBV initiated aid for people displaced in Ukraine and neighboring countries like Romania, partnering with local organizations. PBV ensures adaptable, enduring assistance to address evolving needs.



## Peace Ball

The Peace Ball project unites people through sports, using football's global appeal for communication and solidarity. It delivers donated sports equipment to underprivileged communities and hosts friendly matches in ports of call. Since 1999, Peace Boat has gifted 12,397 soccer balls to 43 nations.



## Mine Abolition Campaign

Land mines cause suffering even after the end of a conflict. Peace Boat Mine Abolition Campaign (P-MAC) supports demining activities and landmine survivors together with local partners in countries including Cambodia and Afghanistan.



## Peace Education

The ship is a dynamic learning space to foster global perspectives and skills. The Montessori Programme educates young children, the Global English and Espanol Training Programme (GET) facilitates communication. Global University merges in-port exposure and onboard seminars in a peace and sustainability curriculum.



## GPPAC Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict

GPPAC is a global network of civil society organisations (CSOs) actively working in 15 regions to prevent violent conflict and build more peaceful societies. Peace Boat, a founding member, has served as Regional Secretariat for Northeast Asia for 20 years.



## United People's Alliance (UPA)



### Going beyond national interest and connecting individuals

Building direct connections between people on the grassroots level, this project delivers material aid to partner organisations around the world. Items are collected in Japan following consultation with local partners, to match community needs.

### Items delivered to date

We have made the most of our ship to deliver many items around the world. These range from stationery, sports goods and musical instruments, to wheelchairs (Iraq), road safety mirrors (Eritrea), ambulances (Cuba) and trucks (Nicaragua).



# Connecting people to people through voyages at sea

Peace Boat is a Japan-based international NGO working to promote peace, human rights, and sustainability. Guided by the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Peace Boat's Global Voyages offer a unique programme of activities centered on experiential learning and intercultural communication. With 40 years of experience, we have organized over 100 voyages, bringing more than 80,000 people to 200 ports in more than 80 countries.



## Our History

- 1983**
  - Peace Boat is established, first voyage held.
- 1984**
  - UPA Project to deliver aid goods launched.
- 1990**
  - Peace Boat launches first global voyage.
- 1991**
  - Voyage visits Sakhalin and "Northern Territories."
- 1994**
  - First global voyage to and from Japan.
- 1995**
  - Disaster relief after Great Hanshin Earthquake.
- 1998**
  - P-MAC de-mining campaign established.
- 1999**
  - Year-round global voyages begin.
  - 'Peace Ball' soccer friendship project launched.
  - Voyages recognized as programme of UNESCO International Year for the Culture of Peace.
- 2000**
  - Global University established.
- 2001**
  - Visit to both North and South Korea during the same voyage.
- 2002**
  - Special Consultative Status with UN ECOSOC.
- 2004**
  - Participation in World Social Forum during the voyage call to India.
- 2005**
  - GPPAC Global Conference at UN Headquarters.
  - First 'Peace & Green Boat' voyage with Korean Green Foundation.
- 2006**
  - Peace Boat US established in New York with the Hague Appeal for Peace.
- 2007**
  - Peace Boat's Travel and Peace Essay Competition launched.
- 2008**
  - Global Article 9 Conference to Abolish War held.
  - Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World: Peace Boat Hibakusha Project begins.
- 2009**
  - Onboard Montessori Programme launched.
- 2010**
  - Onboard alternative education programme 'Global School' launched.
- 2011**
  - Peace Boat Disaster Relief (PBV) is established.
  - Over 15,000 volunteers dispatched after Great East Japan Earthquake & Tsunami.
  - Launch of the Fukushima Youth Ambassadors Programme.
- 2012**
  - The Global Conference for a Nuclear Power Free World in Yokohama.
- 2013**
  - Awarded the Ambassador for Peace Award at the World Travel Market in London.
  - Received the Green Planet Award from Korea's Green Foundation.
- 2014**
  - Campaign to build football fields for street children before the Brazil World Cup.
- 2015**
  - Peace Boat's Ecoship Project announced for decarbonisation of the maritime sector.
- 2016**
  - Peace Boat sails for the UN SDGs with the logo painted on the hull of the ship.
  - P-MAC's contribution is recognised with the Royal Order of Cambodia.
- 2017**
  - ICAN awarded Nobel Peace Prize. Peace Boat is a member of ICAN's International Steering Group.
- 2018**
  - Peace Boat celebrates 35th anniversary with the 100th Global Voyage.
- 2019**
  - World Oceans Day event with the UN onboard the ship in New York City.
- 2021**
  - Peace Boat awarded "Lifetime War Abolisher of 2021" by World Beyond War.
- 2022**
  - PBV launches humanitarian aid for Ukraine, utilising Peace Boat's global network.
- 2023**
  - Peace Boat sails with the MV Pacific World, having overcome the Covid-19 pandemic.

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## Building a Culture of Peace Around the World



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