

Abstracts¹

The Role of Japan in Achieving World Peace: A Baha'i Perspective **Nobuko Iwakura**

What role(s) can Japan play in the achievement of world peace? For the first time in humanity's history, Japan has experienced the tragedy of the atomic bomb firsthand. Japan also forms one pole of the Spiritual Axis with Australia. Japan also plays an extremely important role in the world economy today. Abdu'l-Baha, Shoghi Effendi and Ruhiyiyh Khanum all have praised the Japanese people for their spiritual qualities and virtues. It is obvious that Japan has both a tremendous capacity and a heavy responsibility to lead the world to peace. One of its keys is to learn to consult. A great contribution to world peace is much expected from Japan in this global age and society.

How the Baha'i Community Can Assist Japan with Achieving Peace **Kimiko Schwerin**

There are three kinds of peace: "inner peace" which must aid cultivation of spirituality within each individual, "global peace" which is a peace shared throughout the world, and "daily peace" which contains actions in daily life such as child education, sexual equality, elimination of prejudices and the like. Thus achievement of peace need to gradual and progressive, starting from individuals' inner peace, then to peace within family, to peace of the community, peace within a nation, and collective peace for the whole world. Individuals' efforts and examples are the starting point and the key. In this conjunction, the Baha'i mission lies in education. The Baha'is must educate people and society about God and His religion, about past and future of society and the world and most of all the coming of a new Revelation through Baha'u'llah. Practical actions include the following: Inform externally the

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