

Film Screening & Talk Event

Paper Lanterns

Director: Barry Frechette/Producer: Nobuko Saito Cleary



2026.10.18 14:00-16:15

(Room E201, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Building, Shizuoka Campus, Shizuoka University)

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On August 6, 1945, twelve American prisoners of war lost their lives in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

For decades, Mr. Shigeaki Mori, who survived the bombing at the age of eight, searched for the truth about these forgotten POWs. As a historian, he traced the lives of these men whose stories had long gone unrecognized. Against the glow of floating lanterns lit in remembrance of the dead, the film tells the story of Mori's lifelong quest and honors the American POWs who died in Hiroshima and ensures that their stories will not be forgotten.

Hosted by Department of Humanities and Social
Sciences, Shizuoka University

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We are pleased to announce a screening of the film Paper Lanterns followed by a special talk session. We warmly invite you to attend. This event has been made possible through the support of Ms. Nobuko Saito Cleary, Founder and President of Cross Cultural Communications and Producer of Paper Lanterns.

Event Information:

- Date: Sunday, October 18, 2026
- Time: 2:00 PM - 4:15 PM
- Venue: Room E201, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Building, Shizuoka Campus, Shizuoka University
- Admission: Free
- Register:<https://peatix.com/event/5194729>



Program:

- 2:00 PM - Opening Remarks
Producer's Talk :Ms. Nobuko Saito Cleary Producer of Paper Lanterns
- 2:20 PM - 3:20 PM Film Screening: Paper Lanterns
- 3:25 PM - Special Discussion Session
Speakers: Ms. Nobuko Saito Cleary
Professor Kazuyuki Hizume, President of Shizuoka University
Professor Ai Yasunaga,Department of Language and Culture, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shizuoka University
Closing Remarks:Professor Hirofumi Hori, Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences,Shizuoka University

* Schedule is subject to change. A short break will be held after the screening.



► Guest Speaker:Ms. Nobuko Saito Cleary

Producer of Paper Lanterns.

Recipient of the Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays (2022) awarded by the Government of Japan.

Through her contributions to culture, the arts, and international business, she has promoted long-standing exchanges between Japan and the United States. She has received recognition from organizations including the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO), and has also received Distinguished Awards from the Japan Society of Northern California (JSNC) and the Japan Society of Boston (JSB). She was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by NAJAS in 2026.



► Panelist : Professor Kazuyuki Hizume

(President, Shizuoka University)

Specialist in Public Administration, Local Governance, and Nonprofit Studies. Research interests include civic participation in Japan and the United States, community engagement, and nonprofit activities.



► Panelist : Professor Ai Yasunaga

(Department of Language and Culture, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shizuoka University)
Born in Hiroshima City. Specialist in French Literature. Director of the Institute for Piano and Well-being since 2023.

Moderator:Professor Hisayo Maitani

(Department of Law, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shizuoka University)

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