

OVERVIEW OF THE

PEACE BELL PROJECT

HERE IS EVERY STEP WE HAVE TAKEN IN CONSTRUCTING THE PEACE BELL TOWER

FEBRUARY 5, 2021

Project kick-off meeting with The Japan–America Society of Georgia and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia, the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta, and Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Atlanta

JUNE 11, 2021

Frist meeting with Konu-cho, Hiroshima

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Cutting of cypress trees

The trees for the bell tower were harvested from the hill behind Mr. Kimiaki Takafuji's property in Nishikamihara, Sera Town, Hiroshima. He provided a magnificent 150-year-old cypress tree. [Click here to view the video](#)

EARLY DECEMBER 2021

Wood processing

Kondo Kensetsu contrition company processes the wood using Japanese building techniques. [here](#) and [here](#)

APRIL 17, 2022

Bell tower construction completed In Konu-cho, Hiroshima. click [here](#) to view the video

APRIL 26-27, 2022

Disinfection treatment of wood

Disinfection treatment was conducted at the Sasabe Lumber Mirasaka Plant.

MAY 6, 2022

Bell tower transported to packing company

Sanyo Kaiun Co., Ltd. transported bell tower from Sasabe Lumber Mirasaka Plant to Sanyo Shipping's warehouse (Hikino-cho, Fukuyama City).

MAY 12, 2022

Packing

Sanyo Kaiun Co., Ltd. transported the bell tower from its warehouse (Hikino-cho, Fukuyama City) to OSS Fukuyama Factory (Minooki-cho, Fukuyama City), a packing specialist.

JUNE 2022

Shipping

Yamato Transport Co., Ltd. handled custom clearance procedures and container loading at Kobe Port. The shipment departed from Kobe on June 4

AROUND JUNE 25:

Arrival in Los Angeles, U.S.A.

From Los Angeles, the cargo will be transported overland (by rail and truck) to Atlanta.

JULY 8, 2022

Groundbreaking Ceremony

The groundbreaking ceremony at The Carter Center will feature a traditional Buddhist ceremony by Soto Zen Buddhism North America Office.

JULY 11, 2022

Construction of the concrete foundation

Construction of the concrete foundation for the tower will commence at The Carter Center by Mazza Landscape. Surveying and project plans were provided by the Atwell Group, Phillips Partnership, and MJM Architects,

AUGUST 2-20 2022

Four personnel from Kondo Kensetsu (two carpenters – Mr. Noritaka Kondou and Mr. Daisuke Koyama, and two tile workers – Mr. Yoshihiko Hirata and Mr. Chikashi Miyaguchi) will oversee the construction of the bell tower in Atlanta. Airline tickets have been provided by Delta Air Lines. They will be assisted by local Japanese carpenter Mr. Hitoshi Kawamura and team.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

A completion ceremony featuring a Buddhist ceremony by Soto Zen Buddhism Japan HQ will be held with the attendance of all parties concerned as well as local dignitaries.

