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## Japanese ship arrives in Vietnam for festival, peace forum



**A Japanese vessel berthed in Danang in central Vietnam Friday with over 1,000 people on board who will attend an ongoing local festival and a peace forum.**

Peace Boat's passengers comprise mainly Japanese youths in addition to 20 members of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) belonging to 14 nations.

Soon after arrival the visitors took part in the opening ceremony of the Danang-Beach Appeal Festival.

On Saturday they will attend a forum titled War Aftermath: Agent Orange, Peace and Justice, held by the Danang Friendship Organization and GPPAC.

Peace Boat belongs to a Japanese NGO of the same name which works to promote peace, human rights, equal and sustainable development and respect for the environment.

The vessel, on its 58<sup>th</sup> visit to Vietnam, leaves Saturday afternoon.

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