

# John Kerry To Address South Florida Students

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US Secretary of State John Kerry speaks during a press conference following the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Hiroshima on April 11, 2016. Kerry said on April 11 he was "deeply moved" by his visit earlier in the day to the Hiroshima atomic bomb memorial in the Japanese city. (KAZUHIRO NOGI/AFP/Getty Images)

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MIAMI (CBSMiami) — Secretary of State John Kerry will be stopping into South Florida this week.

Kerry will address Miami-Dade Honors College students at the historic Freedom Tower in Miami on Thursday.

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His address comes after his trip to Japan.

While there on Monday, Kerry spoke about a controversial topic in U.S. history – the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

The U.S. Secretary of State said that Hiroshima’s horrible history should teach humanity to avoid conflict and strive to eradicate nuclear weapons.

“Going through this museum was a reminder of the indisputable truth – the war must never be the first resort. If it must be, it must be the last resort because of the utter failure of all diplomacies and of all other choice,” said Kerry.

Kerry was speaking after a visit to Hiroshima’s peace museum and laying a wreath at the adjoining park’s stone-arched monument, with the exposed steel beams of Hiroshima’s iconic A-Bomb Dome in the distance.



The US attack on Hiroshima in the final days of World War II killed 140,000 people and scarred a generation of Japanese, while thrusting the world into the dangerous Atomic Age.

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No serving U.S. president has visited the site of the bomb, and it took 65 years for a US ambassador to attend Hiroshima’s annual memorial service.

Kerry was the first U.S. Secretary of State to tread upon the ground of the world’s first atomic bombing.