

Keep CTBT Known to the Young and the Public

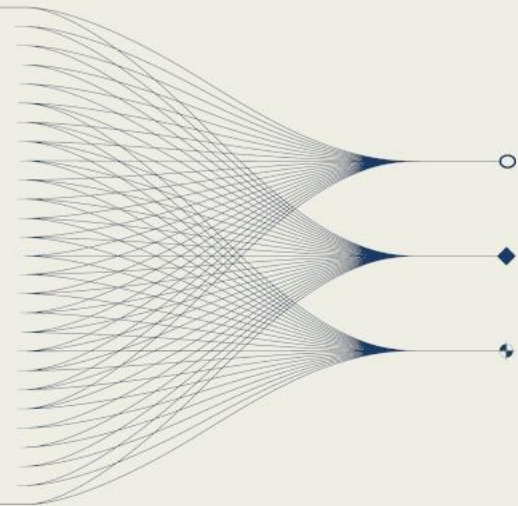
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INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

This presentation provides insights into educating the public and younger generation about the importance of CTBT for nuclear disarmament, international security, and human well-being.





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Introduction

While scientists and specialists have been persistently doing research and exploring every potential to push CTBT earlier ratification, people in other fields gradually turn their attention away from this issue over time. It is therefore increasingly crucial, now and in the future, to educate younger generation, raise public awareness, and keep decision-makers alert to the importance of CTBT for nuclear disarmament, international security and human well-being.

Firstly, there can be more courses and lectures on the CTBT in universities and schools. It is important to teach this topic because many critical issues are associated with nuclear tests and nuclear weapons, such as climate change, public health, sustainable development, not to mention the threats of nuclear accident, nuclear war and nuclear winter.



A student doing a presentation on CTBT

Activities

For more than ten years, Professor Liu has been teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses on arms control and international security at Beijing Language and Culture University in China, with the CTBT being an integral part of the course. Since 2010, the CTBTO online *Intensive Policy Course has been incorporated* into the curriculum of her regular courses, like *International Security*, with approximately 50 undergraduate and 20 postgraduate students attending each year. Among the students enrolled in the courses, more than half participated in the CTBTO online course, and almost all of these participants obtain a certificate of completion from it.

Secondly, educators can also keep up with the updated progress of monitoring and verifying technologies and make good use of scientific knowledge and achievements on CTBTO official website in class.

Moreover, scientific and technical experts should engage more deeply and broadly with the young students and the public. Both the scientific and civilian applications of any new verification techniques are supposed to receive greater media attention, particularly through the new media platforms, in order to raise public awareness and promote the concerned decision makers' early ratification of CTBT.

Impacts

By structuring the teaching of the CTBT to first introduce its historical background and achievements in the initial three weeks, followed by open discussions and debates in class, and finally encouraging participation in the CTBTO online course, nearly one hundred students, about 80% of the total number in the classes, registered for the CTBTO online courses, and most of them obtained their final certificates.

Professor Liu has published papers and led seminars in the field of nuclear arms control, as well as supervised many university students in writing dissertations on this subject.



Students' certificates of completion of the CTBTO online course

