



Mayors for Peace

Secretariat

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Dear Fellow Mayor:

I trust this letter finds you well.

In August 1945, two single atomic bombs instantly reduced the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to rubble, taking tens of thousands of precious lives. Even today, many of our citizens still struggle with the aftereffects of radiation. The pain of our people, who lost family, friends, and their entire community, is beyond my ability to describe.

With our *hibakusha* aging, we are determined to have their experiences and strong desire for peace absorbed and wholeheartedly accepted by future generations, and to have those commitments spread throughout the world. I am convinced that disseminating their message will eventually lead to the realization of their most cherished wish, the abolition of nuclear weapons.

To realize this goal, Hiroshima and Nagasaki established Mayors for Peace, and, in conjunction with partner cities around the world, has developed the *2020 Vision Campaign*, calling for the total abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020. We need to achieve our goal as soon as possible so that as many of our aging *hibakusha* as possible can enter with us into that nuclear-weapon-free world. The fact that Mayors for Peace has grown to 7,956 member cities from 164 countries and regions is clear evidence that people around the world wish to be liberated from the nuclear threat.

In drawing up the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2017-2020), we have set two main objectives that we hope will lead us to our ultimate goal of lasting world peace: “Realization of a world without nuclear weapons” and “Realization of safe and resilient cities.” We are working first and foremost to abolish nuclear weapons— to protect people from mass destruction, and also working hard to equip cities with higher resilience to make them capable to address various issues of their own, such as sustainable development, the refugee crisis, or countering terrorism.

Mayors for Peace is a non-partisan international network of municipalities, registered at the UN with ECOSOC. The rapidly growing number of Mayors for Peace members is a powerful force generating real momentum toward peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons. To bequeath to our children a cleaner, safer, more peaceful and sustainable world, I humbly ask that you join our effort toward genuine and lasting world peace.

Sincerely yours,

MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor of Hiroshima
President of Mayors for Peace



Mayors for Peace Registration Form

To Mr. MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor of Hiroshima
President of Mayors for Peace

I hereby express my city/municipality's support for the abolition of nuclear weapons and desire to join Mayors for Peace.*

Name of the city/municipality**: _____

**This is the name we will use to refer to your city/municipality in our database.

Name of your country: _____

Mayor's name: _____

Title: Mr. Ms. Other: _____

Mayor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mayor's office address: _____

TEL: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Municipal Population: _____

Contact person

Name: _____

Title: Mr. Ms. Other: _____

Position: _____

E-mail: _____

**This registration form implies your city/municipality's decision to join Mayors for Peace. If your city/municipality requires specific procedures, including approval from your city/municipal council, please submit this form after such procedures are completed.*

Please send this form to:
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Mayors for Peace

1. Outline

In August 1945, single atomic bombs dropped on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki instantly reduced them to rubble, taking more than 210,000 precious lives. With more than 75 years since the bombings, many survivors (hibakusha) still suffer from the physical and emotional aftereffects of radiation. To spread throughout the world the hibakusha's ardent wish symbolized in the message that "no one should ever suffer as we have", and to ensure it is passed on to future generations, Hiroshima and Nagasaki remain steadfast in our assertion to the world that nuclear weapons are inhumane and continue to call for their abolition.

On June 24, 1982, at the 2nd UN Special Session on Disarmament held at the UN Headquarters in New York, then Mayor Takeshi Araki of Hiroshima called for cities throughout the world to transcend national borders and join in solidarity to work together to press for nuclear abolition. Subsequently, the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki established "The World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity" (now, Mayors for Peace), composed of mayors around the world who formally expressed support for this call. In 1991, the organization was registered as a NGO in Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

*On August 5, 2001, the organization changed its name from "The World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity" to "Mayors for Peace".

2. Mission

The purposes of the "Mayors for Peace" are to contribute to the attainment of lasting world peace by arousing concern among citizens of the world for the total abolition of nuclear weapons through close solidarity among member cities as well as by striving to solve vital problems for the human race such as starvation and poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation.

3. Structure

1) Member Cities (as of September 1, 2020)

<p>7,956 cities</p> <p>in 164 countries & regions</p>	Area	Countries & Regions	Member Cities
	Asia	31	3,238
	Oceania	9	131
	Africa	48	434
	Europe	48	3,090
	North America	3	328
	Latin America and the Caribbean	25	735

Regions: Taiwan / Palestine / Northern Cyprus (Asia), Northern Mariana Islands / French Polynesia (Oceania), Somaliland (Africa), Greenland (North America), Puerto Rico (Latin America and the Caribbean)

2) Executive Cities

The following 27 cities are executive cities.

President City:

Hiroshima (Japan)

Vice President Cities:

Nagasaki (Japan)

Hannover (Germany)

Volgograd (Russia)

Malakoff (France)

Muntinlupa (Philippines)

Manchester (UK)

Ypres (Belgium)

Biograd na Moru (Croatia)

Granollers (Spain)

Halabja (Iraq)

Fongo-Tongo (Cameroon)

Mexico City (Mexico)

Frogn (Norway)

Des Moines (US)

Executive Cities:

Bangkok (Thailand)

Fremantle (Australia)

Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Semey (Kazakhstan)

Cochin (India)

Montreal (Canada)

Wellington (New Zealand)

Santos (Brazil)

Cartago (Costa Rica)

Tehran (Iran)

Grigny (France)

Cervia (Italy)

*Underlined are Lead Cities in charge of their regional chapter:

24 cities

3) Secretariat

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4. How to Join

1) Registration Process

- i. If your city/municipality would like to join us, please send a "Registration Form" to the Secretariat.
- ii. The Secretariat registers its new member cities once a month (around the 20th).
- iii. Date of affiliation is the 1st day of the month following the date registration procedures are completed by the Secretariat. "Certification of Membership" will be sent out to newly affiliated cities after the date of affiliation.

2) Membership Fee

2,000 yen/year *However, when deemed appropriate, Member Cities can be exempt from Fee payment.

Member Cities will not lose their membership if they do not pay the Fee.

3) Member Cities' Activities (Examples)

- i. Promote the petition drive calling for all states to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as soon as possible
- ii. Hold peace-related events such as the Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition and share reports
- iii. Invite mayors of your sister cities and neighboring cities who are not yet members to join Mayors for Peace
- iv. Attend the General Conference

*Please see "Peace-Related Activities Offered to Members of Mayors for Peace" for more activities that member cities will get the opportunity to participate in.

5. Conferences

1) General Conference

Mayors for Peace holds a General Conference once every four years in principle. Hosted alternately between Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the General Conference is an opportunity for member cities to decide and approve agenda items significant to the organization.



9th General Conference
(August 2017, Nagasaki)

2) Executive Conference

Mayors for Peace holds an Executive Conference generally once every two years in one of the executive cities, where executives discuss future initiatives and plans for the next General Conference.

6. 2020 Vision (An Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons)

1) Outline

With the hope of realizing a world free of nuclear weapons while hibakusha are still alive, in October 2003, Mayors for Peace developed the 2020 Vision (Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons), which is a set of concrete action guidelines aiming for the abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020. Based on this vision, Mayors for Peace is globally promoting various initiatives aimed at the abolition of nuclear weapons, forging links with member cities, citizens, NGOs and other organizations around the world.

The EU Parliament, the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the Japan Association of City Mayors, and the National Council of Japan Nuclear-Free Local Authorities have expressed their support for the 2020 Vision. The UN Secretary-General António Guterres has issued a message which states that the total elimination of nuclear weapons remains the highest disarmament priority of the UN and that he will work with Hiroshima and Nagasaki to that end.

2) Projects

Aiming toward the target year of 2020, Mayors for Peace adopted the “Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2017-2020)” at the 9th General Conference held in Nagasaki in August 2017, which set two main objectives that would lead us to our ultimate goal, that of lasting world peace: “Realization of a world without nuclear weapons” and “Realization of safe and resilient cities”. Based on this Action Plan, Mayors for Peace is promoting various projects.

Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2017-2020)



[Main Projects]

- i. Calling on the UN and national governments to act
- ii. Expanding membership
- iii. Promoting regional activities spearheaded by Lead Cities
- iv. Sharing seeds/saplings from A-bombed trees
- v. The Youth Exchange for Peace Support Programs
- vi. The petition drive calling for all states to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as soon as possible
- vii. Holding the Mayors for Peace A-bomb Poster Exhibition
- viii. Promotion of peace education



Speech by the president at the 3rd Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2020 NPT Review Conference (May 2019, New York)



Meeting with Ms. Nakamitsu, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs (June 2017, New York)



Meeting with national government representatives (April 2019, New York)



Presentation by a youth from a member city at the Mayors for Peace Youth Forum held in UNOG (April 2018, Geneva)



Planting ceremony of a second generation A-bomb Ginkgo seedling by a member city (April 2018, Guernika-Lumo)



Discussions at the Mayors for Peace Youth Exchange for Peace: Support Program for "HIROSHIMA and PEACE" by youths from member cities (August 2019, Hiroshima)



Petition Drive by the president and high school students in the street (July 2019, Hiroshima)



Presenting signatures to the affiliates of UN by high school students participating in the petition drive (April 2019, New York)



Holding the Mayors for Peace A-bomb Poster Exhibition by a member city (June 2015, Muntinlupa)



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Peace-Related Activities Offered to Members of Mayors for Peace

Upon joining Mayors for Peace, your city will have the opportunity to participate in activities and programs which reflect the ultimate goal of the Mayors for Peace 2017-2020 Action Plan: lasting world peace. We hope you will join us and that together, we will make significant strides towards realizing our goal.

Below please find a list of activities which we offer to our member cities:

1. Seeds from A-bombed Trees

Mayors for Peace distributes seeds from trees that survived the atomic bombings to all member cities who wish to receive them. It is our hope that by taking care of these trees, which serve as symbols of peace, member cities can foster the ideals of peace amongst their citizens.

Seeds are provided free of charge.



2. Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program

Mayors for Peace provides financial and other support to selected youth from member cities who would like to participate in the “International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future” and “HIROSHIMA and PEACE” programs aimed at fostering a better understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings and to inspire proactive contribution to nuclear abolition efforts in their home cities.

Financial support will partially cover expenses associated with the programs, such as travel, accommodation, daily allowances, and other various expenses based on Mayors for Peace guidelines.



3. Children’s Art Competitions

Based on the art prompt “Peaceful Towns”, Mayors for Peace has held an art competition for children ages 6 to 15 in member cities since 2018 with the aim of furthering the promotion of peace education in younger generations around the world.



4. A-bomb Poster Exhibitions

Mayors for Peace calls on member cities to hold exhibitions of Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bomb Posters and other related materials to foster a deepened understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings and strengthen the resolve towards nuclear abolition among their citizens.

Posters are available in: Japanese, English, German, French, Russian, Dutch, Spanish, and Catalan.

Posters are provided free of charge (files can be downloaded from the Mayors for Peace website).



5. Hibakusha Testimonies via Skype

By request, Mayors for Peace can help connect venues in member cities to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum so they can experience hibakusha testimonies via Skype.

Available free of charge.



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