

Membership Fees: Seeking increase in revenue and utilization to regional activities

1. Purport

The Mayors for Peace Membership Fee (hereafter referred to as “membership fee”) was decided upon at the 8th General Conference in Hiroshima in 2013 for the purpose of strengthening the sense that Mayors for Peace is supported by all member cities. The membership fee was officially implemented in 2015.

In drawing up the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2017-2020), we have 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”.

In order to solidify the financial basis for our future activities, we need to seek an increase to the membership fee revenues. To secure budgets for activities targeting our former objective “Realization of a world without nuclear weapons,” we will seek to improve the collection rates. To secure budgets for activities targeting our latter objective “Realization of safe and resilient cities,” we propose to make it possible for an increase from 2,000 JPY to 6,000 JPY.

2. Basic schemes

1) Improvement of the collection rates to secure budgets for activities targeting “Realization of a world without nuclear weapons”

- Lead Cities will inform member cities in their regional group that their membership fees are necessary to launch new projects and also expand existing projects to promote our objective “Realization of a world without nuclear weapons” in the Action Plan. Lead Cities will also propose to their members methods of payment to facilitate effective collection of membership fees.
- As in previous years, the fee collected by Lead Cities in their regional chapter can be utilized for activities within each regional group without transmitting them to the Secretariat on condition that they will discuss this with the Secretariat in advance and also to submit an annual financial report detailing the collection and usage of all membership fees. As is also the case in past years, member cities will not lose their membership if they do not pay the fee.

2) Membership fee increase to secure budgets for activities targeting “Realization of safe and resilient cities”

- While seeking to improve the collection rates mentioned in above 2- 1), Lead Cities can increase the fee from 2,000 JPY to 6,000 JPY in order to secure budgets for new projects to promote the objective “Realization of safe and resilient cities” .
- When Lead Cities anticipate a surplus after using the membership fees for their regional activities, they will be asked to send the surplus to the Secretariat so it can be appropriated to activities to promote the objective “Realization of a world without nuclear weapons.”

3) Implementation timing

We plan to enact these new schemes starting in 2019.