Message for International Day of Peace (September 21, 2014), 100 Day Countdown

There are only 100 days left until International Day of Peace, held on September 21.

International Day of Peace is an important day to have the United Nations, its member countries, and people around the world join efforts and think about the importance and preciousness of peace, spread the idea of peace, and express the intention to realize world peace. Once again, I would like to extend my heartfelt respect for the leadership of United Nations Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon, who is strongly promoting this International Day of Peace.

Mayors for Peace, consisting of 6,084 member cities from 158 cities and regions, supports the concept behind International Day of Peace, and has been calling to the member cities for participation in this initiative. The Mayors for Peace Action Plan decided upon last August includes plans for the carrying out of commemorative events for International Day of Peace, and last year, such events were held not only in cities around Japan but also in the US, Russia, United Kingdom, Canada, and a variety of other places, praying for the realization of world peace.

This year as well, we are calling to member cities worldwide to hold events related to International Day of Peace.

We hope to collect the peace spirit of as many citizens as possible for this year’s International Day of Peace on September 21.

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