100 Day Countdown Message for the International Day of Peace

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

The International Day of Peace is an important day to have all countries and people around the world join efforts to express their determination to realize everlasting world peace and reflect on the importance and preciousness of peace. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt respect to United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres, for the leadership he has shown in strongly promoting this Day.

Mayors for Peace aims to realize the abolition of nuclear weapons and everlasting world peace, and fully supports the idea of the International Day of Peace. Therefore, we have been calling on our member cities around the world to participate by holding commemorative events based on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2013-2017).

This year as well, we call upon our 7,355 member cities from 162 countries and regions around the world to hold events on a day from August 6 to August 9, which respectively mark the dates of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and on September 21, the International Day of Peace, in order to share their desire for peace with as many people as possible and to pray for its realization.

The world is still suffering armed conflicts and terrorism, in which the risk of nuclear proliferation looks more realistic. The international community has regrettably seen more and more troubles lately. With the aim of realizing a peaceful world free from nuclear weapons, let us member cities of Mayors for Peace use the 100 days which lead up to September 21 to gather our voices together and call for peace.

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