



## Mayors for Peace

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### 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 forces 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.

As a way towards lasting world peace, Mayors for Peace has set up and is working for two main objectives: "Realization of a world without nuclear weapons" and "Realization of safe and resilient cities". We fully support the idea of the International Day of Peace, and have so far been holding commemorative events as well as calling on our member cities around the world to participate by holding the events.

This year too, we call upon our 7,595 member cities from 163 countries and regions around the world to hold events on a day between August 6 and 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 not seeing progress in nuclear disarmament and has been exposed to the threat of armed conflicts and terrorism. With the hope of realizing a peaceful world free from nuclear weapons, let us member cities of Mayors for Peace use the 100 days leading up to September 21 to gather our voices together and call for peace.

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