

Mayors for Peace News Flash (March 2011) No.15

Dear member cities and supporters of Mayors for Peace,

Thank you for your ongoing support for the activities of Mayors for Peace.

Please find below news related to the most recent activities of Mayors for Peace.

If your city has any news it wishes to share with others, please feel free to contact us!

■ Powerful earthquake, huge tsunami and nuclear accident in Japan

On March 11, a powerful earthquake, huge tsunami, and nuclear accident hit the north-central part of Japan. The devastation there is beyond description and all Japanese are struggling with grief over the horrible damage. On behalf of all Japanese, let us extend our gratitude to all those who have sent us encouraging messages. Let us all offer our heartfelt condolences for their loss and pray for strength to recover from this ordeal. If you would like to do something for the affected people, we humbly ask for your donation through a trustworthy organization in your country.

▼ Full article:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2011/110311east_japan_earthquake.html

■ Japanese mayors and NFLA raise safety concerns concerning nuclear energy

We wish to share information and perspectives from local governments concerning the nuclear disaster in Fukushima, Japan, including comments of Japanese mayors with nuclear power plants within or near their cities/municipalities excerpted from several Japanese news media, and a report of an initiative of the UK and Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA).

▼ Full article: (2020 Vision Campaign website)

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/pages/567/>

■ 2020 Vision Campaign Contributions Update for January/February 2011

[Ypres, Belgium]

We would like to extend our gratitude to all the cities who generously contributed to the 2020 Vision Campaign in January and February this year. Over half of this money has come from our members in Belgium; undoubtedly, the invaluable assistance of the city of Ypres has been vital to this success. Cities in Switzerland and Italy also contributed a significant proportion. We would also like to specially thank the cities of Boechout, Belgium, and Quistello, Italy, for pledging to make annual donations until 2020.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/pages/570/>

▼ List of the cities that made contributions in January and February:

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/filestorage/570/File/1/FundraisingreportJanFeb.pdf>

■ Mayors for Peace addresses historic meeting at the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva [Geneva, Switzerland March 3, 2011]

At an “Interactive side-event with members of the NGO Committee on Disarmament” following a plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament (CD), Mayors for Peace’s Representative to the UN Office in Geneva urged diplomats to negotiate legally binding negative security assurances (NSAs) with a view to achieving total nuclear disarmament.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/pages/568/>

■ Nagasaki-donated exhibition is now on tour across the UK

A Nagasaki-donated exhibition is now on tour across the British Isles. It was held in Dundee last month. It is now in Clydebank where it is part of a wider exhibition coinciding with the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Clydebank in 1941. In April, the exhibition is then transferring to Ireland where it will be hosted in Newry and then Dundalk. Later in the year it is planned to go to Edinburgh and the Scottish Parliament, Lerwick in the Shetland Islands, Rotherham and Oxford.

▼ Full article:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/membership/activities/UK_March2011.html.

■ Orlando, Florida joins Mayors for Peace with Public Ceremony; U.S. Membership Growing

On February 10, Orlando, Florida joined Mayors for Peace with a moving public ceremony at City Hall. The signing ceremony was a high point of the 7th Annual Orlando Latin American Film & Heritage Festival (OLA Fest). Opening the ceremony, OLA Festival organizer Nelson Betancourt, described it as a “sacred occasion.”

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/pages/569/>.

■ Mayors for Peace Member Cities – 25 new cities

Thanks to your invaluable support, as of March 1, 2011, the number of member cities reached 4,540 in 150 countries and regions. As a result of promotion by the city of Volgograd on the occasion of the visit by the Mayors for Peace president last September, six Russian cities joined Mayors for Peace this month in addition to 13 cities last month. Thanks to supporters in Greenpeace, Spain, four Spanish cities joined. Five Japanese cities including four from the Tohoku area joined. As our recruitment drive will continue, we would be most grateful if you could invite your fellow mayors, who are not yet our members, to join Mayors for Peace.

▼ Related information (PDF):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2011/newmembers1103_en.pdf.

■ Mayors for Peace News Letter No. 30 issued

Mayors for Peace News Letter No.30 was issued, featuring the 2020 Hiroshima Conference in July 2010 and the other activities of Mayors for Peace since July 2010.

▼ Mayors for Peace News Letter No. 30 (PDF):

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/library/newsletterpdf/30.pdf>.

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