

## Mayors for Peace News Flash (July 2011) No.19

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!

\*\*\*\*\*

---

### ■ Protest against nuclear tests conducted by U.S.A.

---

On July 20, the executive cities of Mayors for Peace sent a letter of protest against the subcritical nuclear tests conducted in December 2010 and in February 2011 to the United States and the U.S. Embassy in Japan, on behalf of our 4,803 member cities in 151 countries and regions.

▼ Full text of the Letter of Protest (PDF):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2011/110720\\_Protest%20\(toUS\).pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2011/110720_Protest%20(toUS).pdf).

---

### ■ Mayor Matsui's First Policy Speech

---

On June 17, 2011, Mayor Matsui of Hiroshima delivered his first policy speech at the Hiroshima City Council. He expressed basic ideas and major policies to promote city administration, including the efforts for our "city with a shared wish for peace." His response to a question about Mayors for Peace on June 23 is also available.

▼ Excerpts from Mayor Matsui's First Policy Speech:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2011/mayor\\_matsui\\_first\\_policy\\_speech.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2011/mayor_matsui_first_policy_speech.html).

---

### ■ The Financial Contributions from Member Cities to the 2020 Vision Campaign - Update for June 2011 [Ypres, Belgium]

---

The 2020 Vision Campaign received donations from 11 cities in 5 countries this June, coming to a total of € 2.916,45. We would like to extend our gratitude to our member cities for this generosity in supporting our efforts to realize a nuclear-weapon-free world by 2020.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/news/contribution-update.html>.

▼ List of cities that made contributions in June:

[http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2020VC/Home/News/contributions\\_June.pdf](http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/fileadmin/user_upload/2020VC/Home/News/contributions_June.pdf).

---

### ■ Belgian Mayors Commemorate Hiroshima-Nagasaki Days [Ypres, Belgium]

---

On August 6th, the world will commemorate the Hiroshima-Nagasaki bombings. In Belgium, nine cities (Aalst, Antwerp, Bastogne, Brussels, Ghent, Leuven, Mechelen, Mons and Ypres) and peace organizations will commemorate the atomic bombing through various events. Belgian Mayors for Peace member cities joined efforts with Abolition 2000 to organize these unprecedented events in solidarity with Hiroshima and Nagasaki, while asking the Belgian government to facilitate the immediate start of negotiations to establish a nuclear weapon-free world by 2020.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/6cd7e0f0cc/hiroshima-nagasaki-commemorations-p.html>.

---

### ■ FAM Convenes Mayors across Latin America to Join Solidarity with Mayors for Peace [Buenos Aires, June 30]

---

FAM (Argentina Federation of Municipalities) has invited all its members to join Mayors for Peace before August 6th's commemoration in Hiroshima. FLACMA (The Latin America Federation of Cities, Municipalities and Associations of Local Governments) is also involved with Mayors for Peace. The

solidarity of FAM and FLACMA is welcomed by Mayors for Peace and the organization is that other institutions can develop similar initiatives the upcoming weeks because the world's eyes will turn to Hiroshima on August 6.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/2a922feb26/fam-calls-mayors-across-latin-america.html>.

---

### ■ Hiroshima Moves Public to Tears in Paranaguá

[Brazil, July 4]

Mayors for Peace and the Brazilian Association of Hibakusha were invited for the commemorations of the 363rd anniversary of the city of Paranaguá (PR), in Brazil. The Mayor of Paranaguá, hosted a special event to celebrate their membership to Mayors for Peace with the opening of a public exhibition of the A-bomb. The Mayor of Paranaguá successfully invited other mayors from coastal cities of the state of Parana to join Mayors for Peace. Testimony from representatives of the Hibakusha Association of Brazil as survivors of the 1945 nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and the screening of the documentary "A Mother's Prayer" at the City Hall, moved the audience to tears and raised public commotion for the inhumanity of nuclear weapons.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/2055284b8a/hiroshima-moves-paranagua-to-tears.html>.

---

### ■ Mayors for Peace /NFLA English Forum Joint Seminar

[Oxford, UK July 8]

On Friday, July 8, the UK Mayors for Peace Working Group held a business meeting, followed by a joint seminar with the NFLA English Forum in Oxford, UK. At the business meeting there was agreement on a joint letter to recruit new members and on a UK tour of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bomb exhibition. The afternoon joint seminar considered issues with UK nuclear weapons policy with speakers from BASIC, CND, NIS and Mayors for Peace.

▼ Full article:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/membercity/activities/UK\\_July2011.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/membercity/activities/UK_July2011.html).

---

### ■ Mayors for Peace Member Cities – 71 new cities

Thanks to your invaluable support, as of July 1, 2011, the number of member cities reached 4,803 in 151 countries and regions. The Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands is still suffering from the consequences of nuclear tests and is among the new members. Riyadh Region joined as the first member city from Saudi Arabia. 42 Japanese municipalities joined Mayors for Peace this month, making the number of Japanese member cities reached 1,017. Thanks to the mayor of Paranaguá, six Brazilian cities 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 us.

▼ Related information (PDF):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2011/newmembers1107\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2011/newmembers1107_en.pdf).

▼ Related Story (2020 Vision Campaign website)

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/c9a28a1e45/global-membership-tops-4800-japan.html>.

---

### ■ Cities Are Not Targets! (CANT) Petition Drive Continues

Thanks to your invaluable support, the total number of the signatures collected for our grass-roots petition drive, "Cities Are Not Targets! (CANT)", since February 2007 has reached 1.1 million. Mayors for Peace launched a new version of the CANT petition drive last December, focusing on a nuclear weapons convention and clearly setting a time framework for abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020. We would appreciate your continued support.

▼ Petition form (PDF):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/petitionform\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/petitionform_en.pdf).

▼ Online petition:

<https://www.ssl-hiroins.city.hiroshima.jp/pcf/en/form.htm>.

\*\*\*\*\*

**If you have any comments, questions, or would like to unsubscribe  
or change your contact information, please contact us at:**

Mayors for Peace Secretariat

1-5 Nakajima-cho, Naka-ku, Hiroshima 730-0811 Japan

Tel: +81-82-242-7821 Fax: +81-82-242-7452

Email: [mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp).

\*\*\*\*\*