

Mayors for Peace News Flash (August 2011) No.20

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!

■ Hiroshima and Nagasaki Peace Declaration

On the occasion of the 66th anniversary of the A-bombings, the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki announced 2011 Peace Declaration on August 6 and 9 respectively. The full text of the declarations is available from the links below.

▼Hiroshima Peace Declaration:

<http://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/shimin/heiwa/declaration.html>.

▼Nagasaki Peace Declaration:

<http://www1.city.nagasaki.nagasaki.jp/peace/english/appeal/archives.html>.

▼Related Story (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/083024f426/hiroshima-and-nagasaki-mayors-call-f.html>.

■Nagasaki Mayor Calls for North East Asian Nuclear Weapon Free Zone

On August 3, Mayor Taue of Nagasaki, Vice President of Mayors for Peace, met with Foreign Minister Matsumoto and called on the Japanese government to work toward the creation of a nuclear weapon-free zone in the Northeast Asia covering Japan and the Korean Peninsula. Mayor Taue submitted the signatures of 103 mayors in Japan in support of this proposal to the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo. This initiative has been promoted by Peace Depot, an NPO dealing with peace and disarmament issues.

▼Related Story (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/ae38fe7d45/nasagaki-mayor-calls-for-north-east.html>.

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

The 2020 Vision Campaign received donations from 10 cities in 6 countries this July, coming to a total of € 8.927,75. It is noteworthy that the most considerable contribution during this period was made by Malakoff/AFCDRP, France (€5.000). 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/members/contributors/artikel/32423cc67a/contributions-update-july-2011.html>.

▼List of cities that made contributions in July:

http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/fileadmin/user_upload/2020VC/Members/Contributors/Contributions_July_2011.pdf.

■Mayors for Peace in Peru march in solidarity with Hiroshima and Nagasaki [Lima, Peru, August 6]

Over one hundred people marched through the streets of La Victoria, a new member city of Mayors for Peace in Peru, to commemorate A-bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In the city hall of La Victoria, an event called "A Thousand Cranes for Peace", organized by the Women Network of Local Authorities of Lima and Callao (MUALIC) together with Mayors for Peace, was held.

Mayors of the Lima municipalities of San Borja, Miraflores, San Martin de Porres, Surquillo and metropolitan Lima and Miraflores, folded paper cranes and called for peace and nuclear disarmament on the march. The

movement was led by the Mayor of La Victoria, Alberto Sánchez Aizcorbe, who launched white balloons to the sky as an expression of peace from Peru to the world.

▼Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/d56157eaa8/march-by-mayors-for-peace-in-peru-in.html>.

■ U.S. Conference of Mayors issues Mayors for Peace Recruitment Appeal

On July 29, the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) for the first time sent a recruitment letter on behalf of Mayors for Peace to its full membership of nearly 1,200 mayors of cities with populations over 30,000 as part of the international Mayors for Peace drive to reach 5,000 members. The letter, on USCM letterhead, was signed by Mayor Donald Plusquellic of Akron Ohio, a Mayors for Peace Vice-President and USCM Past President, Mayor Jean Quan of Oakland California, new Chair of the USCM International Affairs Committee, and 13 additional Mayors for Peace members from across the country. We hope this USCM initiative will inspire additional national mayoral associations to issue similar recruitment letters.

▼Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/f2de214a37/us-conference-of-mayors-issues-may.html>.

▼Full text of the USCM Mayors for Peace recruitment letter:

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

■ Mayors for Peace Member Cities – 89 new cities

Thanks to your invaluable support, as of August 1, 2011, the number of member cities reached 4,892 in 151 countries and regions. 33 Japanese municipalities joined Mayors for Peace. Thanks to the supporters in Austria and Italy, 15 cities from Austria and 13 cities from Italy joined. As our recruitment drive will continue, we would be most grateful if you could invite your fellow mayors who are not yet members to join us.

▼Related information (PDF):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2011/newmembers1108_en.pdf.

▼Related Story (2020 Vision Campaign website)

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/36f82c4e8e/global-membership-nears-5000-toward.html>.

■ Mayors for Peace laments the passing of Mr. Kafui Attipoe, Campaigner in Ghana

Mr. Kafui Attipoe, who worked devotedly for Mayors for Peace as a 2020 Vision Campaigner, passed away after a sudden illness on June 30. He helped us tremendously by expanding our activities in Ghana and recruiting many mayors to join our conference. Among the 33 member cities in Ghana, he has directly introduced 24 cities to Mayors for Peace. Mayor Adams Nuhu of Awutu Senya in Ghana issued a message of condolence and assured that they would continue to support 2020 Vision Campaign to accomplish his deepest wishes. On behalf of Mayors for Peace, President Matsui sent a message of condolences on August 1.

■ Newly arrived information on “Member Cities’ Activities” Webpage

Information from member cities is available on the webpage “Member Cities’ Activities” on the Mayors for Peace website. Information from Zushi, Japan (link to Japanese page) is now available. If you wish to introduce the peace related activities of your city, we can create a link to your city’s website or the website of the peace event. Please send the name/title of the activity along with the link to the address below.

▼Email: mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

▼To see the “Member Cities’ Activities” webpage, click the link below:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/memberecity/activities/index.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

