

Mayors for Peace News Flash (November 2011) No.23

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!

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■ The 8th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace in Granollers, Spain and the Opening of a Permanent Exhibition about the Atomic Bombings in the United Nations Office at Geneva [November 9 to 11]

During the two-day conference on November 9 and 10, participants discussed various issues, such as the future activities of Mayors for Peace and the 2013 General Conference in Hiroshima. They also had a candid discussion about future management policies.

On November 11, the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki attended the opening ceremony for a permanent exhibition about the atomic bombings and disarmament titled “Toward a World Free of Nuclear Weapons” in the United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland and each mayor gave a speech at a commemorative lecture.

The Mayors for Peace delegation also had meetings with the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and so on, and asked them for cooperation in the activities of Mayors for Peace. Details will be reported in the next issue.

▼ Resolution towards the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons (PDF):

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/directors/8th/resolution.pdf>.

▼ Final Communiqué (PDF):

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/directors/8th/communique.pdf>.

■ General and Board of Directors Meeting of the 2020 Vision Campaign Association [November 8]

The General and Board of Directors Meeting of the 2020 Vision Campaign Association was held in conjunction with the 8th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace in Granollers, Spain and discussed future plan of the 2020 Vision Campaign. Details will be reported in the next issue.

■ The XXXII Prize for Peace from the UN Association of Spain [Barcelona, Spain]

On October 24, Mayors for Peace was awarded the XXXII Prize for Peace from the United Nations Association of Spain (ANUE). ANUE recognized the work of Mayors for Peace, which now consists of more than 5,000 member cities in 151 countries/regions around the world, for peace, disarmament and especially the elimination of nuclear weapons. The Awards Ceremony was held on November 9 at Diputacio de Barcelona (Barcelona Prefectural Hall) with about 100 attendees including participants of the executive conference and mayors of neighboring cities.

▼ Full article:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/award/2011_peace_award/index.html.

■ Report by the mayor of Nagasaki on the International Forum for a Nuclear Weapons-Free World in

Kazakhstan

[Astana, Kazakhstan, October 12 to 13]

On October 12 and 13, Mayor Taue of Nagasaki attended an "International Forum for A Nuclear Weapons-Free World" in Astana, Kazakhstan. He delivered a speech at the Panel Session 1 of the forum. He also visited Semey City, formerly known as Semipalatinsk City.

▼ Full article of the report by Mayor Taue of Nagasaki:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2011/111012_kazakhstan/index.html.

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

The 2020 Vision Campaign received donations from 6 cities in 5 countries this October, coming to a total of € 2.707,73. Significant donations were made by our member cities in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Spain and Germany. 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/7b05043afa/contributions-update-october-2011.html>.

▼ List of cities that made contributions in October:

http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/fileadmin/user_upload/2020VC/Members/Contributors/Contributions_October_2011.pdf.

■ Mayors for Peace Member Cities – 5,053 cities

Thanks to your invaluable support, as of November 1, 2011, the number of member cities reached 5,053 in 151 countries and regions, with 34 new members. Thanks to the continued efforts of the supporters, 11 cities from Brazil, 6 cities from Italy and 4 cities from Austria joined during the month. 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/newmembers1111_en.pdf.

■ Mayors for Peace Newsletter No. 31 issued

Mayors for Peace News Letter No.31 was issued in October, featuring information that membership has exceeded 5,000 as well as other activities of Mayors for Peace since March 2011.

▼ Mayors for Peace News Letter No. 31 (PDF):

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/library/newsletterpdf/31.pdf>.

■ Petition Asking for a Nuclear Weapons Convention

Thanks to your invaluable support, the total number of signatures collected for our grass-roots petition drive, "Cities Are Not Targets! (CANT)", between February 2007 and December 2010 reached 1.06 million. Mayors for Peace launched a new version of the petition drive in December 2010, focusing on a nuclear weapons convention and clearly setting a timeframe for the abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020. We would appreciate your continued support.

▼ Petition form (PDF):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/petitionform_en.pdf.

▼ Online petition:

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

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