

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/7c318ce4a3/local-authorities-call-for-rio-20-to.html>

■ A “Minute of Silence” on the International Day of Peace proposed by the City of Montreal

The City of Montreal, Canada has celebrated the International Day of Peace every September 21 with a “Minute of Silence—Moment of Peace” at 12 noon since 2005. This year, they are encouraging all of our member cities to do the same.

They will broadcast the ceremony via the Internet and a special platform has also been created to allow cities around the world to participate and upload photos and videos of events in their own cities.

The International Day of Peace held on September 21 was established by the UN as an annual day of non-violence and cease-fire in 2001.

For further information regarding this proposal, please refer to the letter from the City of Montreal sent to each member in June, or visit the webpage below:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/membercity/2012/120704montreal_international_day_of_peace.pdf--

■ Financial contributions from member cities to the 2020 Vision Campaign - Update for June 2012 [Ypres, Belgium]

The 2020 Vision Campaign received donations from 18 cities in 3 countries during the month of June coming to a total of 8.695 Euro.

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/artikel/aa74208582/contributions-update-june-2012.html>

▼ List of cities that made contributions in June:

http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/fileadmin/user_upload/2020VC/Members/Contributors/Contributions_June_2012.pdf.

▼ How to make contributions:

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/members/contribute-to-mayors-for-peace.html>.

■ Member City Activities

The City of Oita, Japan will celebrate the 29th Mutchan Peace Festival on August 2, 2012 offering a thousand paper cranes, a chorus singing the Song for Mutchan, a Peace Music Festival and more.

Mutchan is an orphan girl appearing in a story based on the writer’s experience in Oita during World War II.

Oita City Hall holds the Mutchan Peace Festival every August.

Three major cities in the UK and Ireland will be hosting the Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bomb exhibition this summer, and it will be on display for visitors to the London Olympics. The exhibition was originally donated to the City of Manchester in 2010 by the Mayor of Nagasaki on the 30th anniversary of Manchester’s ‘nuclear weapons free city’ declaration. It will be hosted in Ireland’s capital Dublin from July 15-31. It then transfers to London in time for the 67th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings and the city’s hosting of the 2012 Olympic Games from August 3-18. Then it will travel north to the city of Newcastle, where it will be on display from August 23-30. Other member cities have booked the exhibition for later in the year.

Please visit the “Member City Activities” page on our website to get ideas to implement in your city.

The URL of this page has been changed.

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

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/membercity/index.html>.

<<Please Send Information on Your City’s Peace Activities >>

Please help us tell others about what you are doing!

We can create a link to your city’s website or the website of your peace event.

We need comprehensive information including the date, venue, organizers and description of the event.

We will be glad to help you advertise.

▼ Please send the name/title of the activity along with the link to: mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

■New poster exhibit commemorates 5,000-city milestone [Russian version ready]

To commemorate the 5,000-city milestone, please hold a new poster exhibit in your municipality sometime in August 2012.

By holding these exhibits in as many cities as possible, we hope to directly inform millions of citizens regarding the impact of nuclear war, including the fact that even a limited war would cause catastrophic climate change resulting in global famine, and the role city leaders strive to play. Please do hold an exhibition and bring this problem to the attention of people in your city.

And while you're at it, please set up petition booths during the exhibition to collect signatures calling for an immediate start to negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention.

The posters are now available in Russian as well as English, German and Japanese. You can download from the Mayors for Peace website. We are also preparing Arabic, Spanish, French and Catalan versions. For detailed information, please refer to the instructions for downloading the posters in "The Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki -The 5,000-Member Milestone Exhibition,-" a document forwarded to our member cities.

>>Posters: A2 size (approximately 24 by 36 inches); 19 posters.

>>This poster exhibit was created based on a mandate from the 8th Executive Conference held in Granollers, Spain last November and Japanese member cities' Conference in January.

The first poster exhibitions were held in Vienna International Center and Vienna City Hall during the first Preparatory Committee Meeting for the NPT Review Conference to lead those taking place in all the member cities. Please be sure your city joins this movement.

▼ Related Information:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/poster/index.html>

■Please support the petition drive for a nuclear weapons convention

The next step in abolishing all nuclear weapons by 2020 is to negotiate a nuclear weapons convention.

A nuclear weapons convention will prohibit the acquisition, development, possession, deployment and use of nuclear weapons and all related activities.

At our Executive Conference in Granollers, Spain in November 2011, we agreed to promote a global grassroots petition drive through which all member cities can call for an immediate start to negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention.

On behalf of Mayors for Peace, President Kazumi Matsui handed a certificate representing 478,303 signatures collected by April 30 to Mr. Peter Woolcott, chairman of the first Preparatory Committee Meeting for the 2015 NPT Review Conference in May 2012 in Vienna, Austria.

We will continue collecting signatures until 2015 and present them to the UN at appropriate times.

Please promote this petition drive in your city. For example, the City of Hiroshima has set up petition booths in the lobbies of City Hall and other municipal offices since April 2, and we have been collecting signatures at the venues of events organized by the city. Please let us know how your city is working on this petition drive so we can tell others. Let's gather millions of signatures and make our voices heard. (The petition is available for printing or online at the links below.)

▼ 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>.

■ Mayors for Peace member cities – 5,296 cities in 153 countries/regions

Thanks to your invaluable support, as of July 1, the number of member cities increased by 20 to 5,296.

As a result of recruitment letters from 4 Mayors for Peace in the Netherlands, 10 cities from the Netherlands joined.

We welcome further initiatives to promote membership and can provide support from Hiroshima as needed. Please

