
■Protest against new type of nuclear tests conducted by the US

It was announced that the United States conducted nuclear tests on the Z-Machine involving plutonium in September and October. On November 4, Mayors for Peace sent a Letter of Protest to the government of the US to protest the tests.

▼ Text of Letter of Protest:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/statement/protest/141104_en.pdf

■The 4th Japanese Member Cities Meeting

[November 10-11, Matsumoto, Japan]

On November 10 and 11, the 4th Japanese Member Cities Meeting was held in Matsumoto City, its first time being held outside of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. 159 representatives including 49 mayors from 102 municipalities in Japan participated in the Meeting.

On the first day, Secretary General Komizo of Mayors for Peace reported the nuclear disarmament efforts of international organizations, and was followed by a program titled, "Peace Messages from Matsumoto". This program included presentations of children in Matsumoto, a video showing messages of peace from famous people related to Matsumoto, and the presentation of a peace message by the special guest, actress Kirin Kiki.

The second day started with reports from the mayors of Yonezawa and Azumino cities on their activities for peace. Afterward, such agenda items were discussed and approved as the rules of the Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities, venues of future Japanese Member Cities Meetings, and submission of a Letter of Request to the Japanese government for the promotion of actions for the early realization of a Nuclear Weapons Convention. Also, the Mayors for Peace Secretariat explained the upcoming new system of membership fees, and exchanged candid opinions regarding the future activities of Mayors for Peace with those who attended the meeting. Lastly, attendees adopted the final document of the 4th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting.

■DVD Rental for Screenings in Mayors for Peace Member Cities launched

In order to spread the reality of the effects of the atomic bombing, we would like to rent out DVDs for screenings in Mayors for Peace member cities. The DVDs available for this project are "On a Paper Crane -Tomoko's Adventure", a story related to a girl named Sadako Sasaki who died at the age of 12, 10 years after she was exposed to radiation in Hiroshima, while folding 1,000 paper cranes in the hope of recovering from leukemia, and "Junod", an animated film depicting half of the life of Dr. Marcel Junod, a Swiss doctor from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) who carried out medical activities in Hiroshima after the bombing and saved many lives. Please utilize these DVDs to promote peace events in your city.

▼ For more details, please refer to the Mayors for Peace website:

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

▼ Download Application and Report Forms (Mayors for Peace website):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/DVD/application_report_DVDrental.doc

▼ PDF version of the description (Mayors for Peace website):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/DVD/about_renting_animation_DVD.pdf

■Article contributed by Mayor Thore Vestby of Frogn, Norway, Vice President of Mayors for Peace, to 'Cities Today'

Cities Today, a leading magazine on the sustainable development of cities, published an article in its October 2014 issue contributed by Mayor Thore Vestby of Frogn, Norway, who is also one of the Vice Presidents of Mayors for Peace. The article can be read at the link below.

▼ Article in 'Cities Today' (Page 4, Cities Today digital publication):

<http://es.calameo.com/read/003329972e7c959285b43?page=4>

▼ October issue of 'Cities Today' digital publication:

<http://es.calameo.com/read/003329972e7c959285b43?authid=vt02NBplikow>

■<<New Series>> “Peace News from Hiroshima”

- Contributed by the Hiroshima Peace Media Center

This new series of contributed articles from the Hiroshima Peace Media Center, managed by a local Hiroshima newspaper, the Chugoku Shimbun, will be included in the Mayors for Peace News Flash starting from this issue.



Anger was stirred among the citizens of Hiroshima when the United States made public in early November that it had repeatedly carried out tests in September and October to check the performance of its nuclear arsenal. A-bomb survivors said indignantly, “Has President Obama forgotten his call for a nuclear-free world?” The governor of Hiroshima Prefecture, the mayor of the City of Hiroshima, and a number of other mayors in the Hiroshima area sent letters of protest to President Obama.

▼ Related stories:

- Further tests by U.S. to check nation’s nuclear arsenal stir anger in Hiroshima

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=37900>

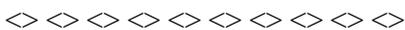
- A-bomb survivors and others protest U.S. nuclear tests

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=37823>

- Seven mayors in Hiroshima Prefecture send letters of protest to U.S. in response to nuclear tests

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=38016>

(From the website of the Hiroshima Peace Media Center)



<<Message from the Chugoku Shimbun’s Hiroshima Peace Media Center>>

Starting with this month’s issue, the Hiroshima Peace Media Center (HPMC) will help disseminate peace-related news from Hiroshima in the Mayors for Peace News Flash. The HPMC, launched on January 1, 2008, is a division of the Chugoku Shimbun, a daily newspaper based in the city of Hiroshima. The newspaper company, itself a survivor of the atomic bombing, believes it has a responsibility to convey the message of Hiroshima to people at home and abroad in an effort to bring about a peaceful world without nuclear weapons.

The center’s multilingual website provides a wealth of information on various topics including:

· The atomic bombing of Hiroshima

Testimonies by A-bomb survivors (hibakusha)

A-bomb-related photos, film footage, maps

· Nuclear issues

Insight on radiation victims around the world

Updates on the nuclear accident in Fukushima

· Global peace efforts

and much more

Please visit <http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp>.

The Chugoku Shimbun lost 114 employees as a result of the atomic bombing, about one-third of its workforce at that time. After the war, the newspaper began making special efforts to report on the atomic bombing and peace-related issues. Based on the company’s own experience of the bombing, its mission involves appealing for no more Hiroshimas, both in Japan and overseas, in order to realize a world without nuclear weapons or war.

■Member City Activities

*Manchester, UK

Manchester's Hiroshima seeds 'Project Ginkgo' launch
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Manchester formally welcomed the receipt of ginkgo seedlings from Hiroshima at a special ceremony on the 34th anniversary of the city's famous nuclear-weapons-free declaration. The Lord Mayor of Manchester and other senior councillors were in attendance as details were also provided regarding the plans Manchester City Council has in place to grow the ginkgo trees and promote their message of peace. The seedlings were grown from trees damaged in the A-bombing of Hiroshima which managed to grow even after the devastating attack on the city. Manchester is very grateful to receive these seeds from Hiroshima, and they are now growing well in Hulme Community Garden Centre in the south of the city.

The November 5th ceremony allowed Lord Mayor Councillor Susan Cooley to officially plant the seedlings and also hear of the exciting project to use them as powerful local symbols of peace.

In spring 2015, all of Manchester's schools will be invited to take part in an arts project called 'Project G'.

Schoolchildren will be told of the atomic bomb attacks and of the remarkable transformation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and asked to think about the role nature can play to regenerate areas affected by terrible disaster and destruction. Entries will be displayed in a special exhibition in the summer and the artists of the winning entries will be asked to 'adopt' a tree and see it nurtured, with the aim of having their schools host one of the trees in the future. A special event in November 2015 will allow representatives from Hiroshima to meet some of the children with their winning entries. Some of the trees will also eventually be planted in a number of other important city centre locations and become a part of the Manchester City Centre Peace Trail, which is one of seven European cities involved in the 'Discovering Peace in Europe', EU funded project.

▼ Full story (Mayors for Peace website):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/membercity/2014/Manchester/1105Project_Gingko.html

▼ Related story (Manchester City Council website):

http://www.manchester.gov.uk/news/article/7016/hiroshima_trees_sprout_hope_and_peace_in_manchester

▼ Related information (Discovering Peace website):

<http://www.discoverpeace.eu>

*Des Moines, USA

Mayor Frank Cownie speaks in New York on Nuclear Disarmament, Nuclear Power and Climate Change: Making the Connections

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On 20 September, Des Moines, Iowa Mayor Frank Cownie was a featured speaker at a conference workshop in New York City, held in connection with the massive People's Climate March. The workshop, organized by Mayors for Peace North American Coordinator Jackie Cabasso, with Western States Legal Foundation, American Friends Service Committee and Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, and with support from the Jane Addams Peace Association, was titled "Deadly Connections: Challenging Nuclear Weapons, Nuclear Power, and Climate Change." Tony DeBrum, Foreign Minister of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, spoke about his country's historic cases in the International Court of Justice calling for the nuclear-armed states to comply with their disarmament obligations. Mayor Cownie, a Mayors for Peace member long active on both nuclear disarmament and climate change, talked about what could be done on the local and regional level. Other speakers addressed the current state of nuclear arsenals, the current push to sell nuclear power as a climate change solution, and the relationship between nuclear weapons, nuclear power, and the growing risk of war among nuclear armed countries. The following day Mayor Cownie and Minister DeBrum were among the 400,000 participants in the People's Climate March in New York City. Mayor Cownie was a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Climate Summit on 23 September.

▼ Full story (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/1064483347c9f3b75432b0e276662ae4/us-mayor-frank-cownie-s-peaks-in-new.html>

Please visit the "Member City Activities" page on our website for event ideas to implement in your city.

▼ To see the "Member City Activities" webpage, click on the link below:

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

<<PLEASE SEND US INFORMATION ABOUT 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 to help you advertise.

Please include comprehensive information including the date, venue, organizers and description of the event.

We are looking forward to receiving information from your city.

▼ Please email us at the following address with the name/title of your event and the URL for it:

mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

■ Mayors for Peace A-bomb poster exhibition

To commemorate the 5,000-city milestone of the Mayors for Peace membership numbers, we called for all member cities to hold a poster exhibition.

By holding these exhibitions in as many cities as possible, we hope to directly inform millions of citizens of the impact

of nuclear war. We would like exhibition attendees to understand that even a limited nuclear war would cause catastrophic climate change resulting in global famine, and to consider the role that city leaders should strive to play.

We have heard from more than 250 cities around the world, such as London in the UK, Volgograd in Russia and Kabul in Afghanistan, that they held poster exhibitions in response to our request.

We recently received reports of poster exhibitions taking place earlier in the Japanese municipalities of Matsuzaka and Oiso, both held from August 1 to 15.

We ask that your city also hold an exhibition to help bring the issue of nuclear weapons to everyone's attention.

The posters are available in English, Spanish, Catalan, French, Dutch, German, Japanese and Russian. Updated posters can be downloaded from the Mayors for Peace website. We would be most grateful if you would continue to lend your support by using the new posters to hold an exhibition in your municipality.

We would appreciate it if you notified us of when you will hold a poster exhibition and submit a report afterwards to the Secretariat. The report format is provided at the Mayors for Peace website below.

>>Posters: A2 size (approximately 24 by 36 inches, or 61 by 91.5 cm); 18 posters.

▼ Related Information and download link to the posters:

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

■ A plea to 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 development, production, testing, stockpiling and use of nuclear weapons and all related activities.

At our Executive Conference in Granollers, Spain in November 2011, Mayors for Peace members agreed to promote a global grassroots petition drive through which all member cities can call for an immediate start to negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention. Promotion of this petition drive is also included in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2013-2017) adopted at the 8th General Conference.

Thanks to many supporters across the world, we have received 1,162,340 signatures as of November 1, 2014.

Let us gather millions more and make our voices heard.

(The petition is available to print or to sign online at the links below.)

▼ Petition form (PDF):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/01_monthly Updating/11_petitionform_en.pdf.

▼ Online petition:

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

**■ Financial contributions from member cities to the 2020 Vision Campaign
- Update for October 2014 [Ypres, Belgium]**

In the month of October, the 2020 Vision Campaign received donations from cities in Belgium, Australia and The Netherlands, amounting to a total of 5,000 euros.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the people behind every single donation for their continuing 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/abcb48f540daf266586537b5a2a4d9ba/contributions-october.html>

▼ List of cities that made contributions in October:

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/abcb48f540daf266586537b5a2a4d9ba/contributions-october.html>

▼ How to make contributions:

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

■Visitors to the President of Mayors for Peace last month

President Kazumi Matsui of Mayors for Peace welcomed the following visitors last month and asked them to support the activities of Mayors for Peace and cooperate towards membership expansion.

- October 6- H.E. Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Foreign Minister of Nepal
- October 9- H.E. Mr. Pan Sorasak, Secretary of State, the Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia
- October 21- H.E. Mr. Urs Bucher, Ambassador of Switzerland to Japan
- October 22- Delegation of the Deutsch-Japanische Gesellschaft zu Luneburg e.V.
- October 29- H.E. Mr. Damcho Dorji, Minister for Home and Cultural Affairs of Bhutan

■Mayors for Peace member cities - 6,374 cities in 160 countries/regions

Through your invaluable support, on November 1 we added 52 new member cities, bringing total membership to 6,374.

Thanks to the continued efforts of the team at the Teheran Peace Museum, 43 cities from Iran joined this month and the total number of Iranian member cities reached 428—the third largest number of member cities belonging to a single country.

Six cities joined from Japan, making the total number of Japanese member cities 1,514. These Japanese member cities account for 87.0 percent of all municipalities in Japan.

We also welcomed two cities from Italy and one city from Catalunya, Spain.

We encourage further initiatives to promote membership and can provide support from Hiroshima as needed. Please help us invite mayors who are not yet members to join Mayors for Peace.

▼ Related information (PDF):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2014/newmembers1411_en.pdf

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