

weapons. He also urged heads of states to continue their efforts to debate a legal framework, such as a nuclear weapons convention, and visit the atomic-bombed cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

The full texts of the declarations are available at the links below.

▼Hiroshima Peace Declaration:

<http://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/www/contents/1343890585401/index.html>

▼Nagasaki Peace Declaration:

http://www.city.nagasaki.lg.jp/heiwa/3020000/3020300/p027408_d/fil/english.pdf

■Hiroshima Day and Nagasaki Day commemorations around the world

On the milestone year of the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings, many cities, municipalities and peace organizations around the world observed commemorative events on and around Hiroshima Day (August 6) and Nagasaki Day (August 9). Mayors for Peace sincerely appreciates the efforts of those around the world who have organized commemorations to console the souls of A-bomb victims and pray for peace.

The list of events commemorating the occasion of the 70th anniversary, as based on reports received from member cities, is available at the link below.

▼List of commemorative events (As of August 10th)(PDF, Mayors for Peace website)

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/70th_anniversary/List_of_commemorative_events.pdf

<<PLEASE SEND INFORMATION ON YOUR CITY'S COMMEMORATIVE EVENT >>

▼Request to Hold Commemorative Events for the 70th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings (Mayors for Peace Website)

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/70th_anniversary/index.html

■Release of a joint statement by religious leaders, mayors and parliamentarians

[Hiroshima, Japan; August 6th, 2015]

On August 6th, leaders of Religions for Peace, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) and Mayors for Peace released a joint statement in support of nuclear disarmament at a meeting in Hiroshima.

The three organizations released a statement titled “A Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: Our Common Good”, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and also the 70th anniversary year of the establishment of the United Nations.

The statement will be circulated for endorsement by religious leaders, mayors and parliamentarians. It will then be presented to the United Nations on September 26, the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, in order to support UN initiatives and processes for complete nuclear disarmament.

▼Press release including the text of the joint statement in seven languages (PNND website):

<http://www.pnnd.org/article/nuclear-weapon-free-world-our-common-good-legislators-and-religious-leaders-join-force>
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■Op-ed article by Mayor of Hiroshima and Mayor of Nagasaki in ‘Cities Today’

‘Cities Today,’ a leading magazine on the sustainable development of cities, published an article in its July 2015 edition contributed by Mr. Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima and President of Mayors for Peace, and Mr. Tomihisa Taue, Mayor of Nagasaki and Vice Present of Mayors for Peace.

▼Article in ‘Cities Today’ digital publication July 2015 edition:

<http://bit.ly/1H9lxIk>

■Launch of the Mayors for Peace Information System

An online information system for Mayors for Peace has been launched in order to facilitate information sharing among member cities. This system enables searches for member cities' information, the renewal of records by each member as well as payment of membership fees by credit card without transfer charges. We hope that each member city will keep their own information up-to-date and utilize this system for their activities related to Mayors for Peace. The instructions on how to use this system are included in an email which was recently sent to each member city.

▼ Mayors for Peace Information System:

<https://www.mfpinfosys.org/>

▼ Mayors for Peace Information System Operating Manual:

https://www.mfpinfosys.org/manual/secure/pdfs/lec7/lm/07manu_pdf_en.pdf

▼ Please email us at the following address if you have any inquiries about the Mayors for Peace Information System:
mfpssystem@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

■A call to hold events to mark the 2015 International Day of Peace on September 21st

The United Nations has established September 21 as a fixed International Day of Peace (IDP) and an annual day of non-violence and cease-fire. The theme of the 2015 International Day of Peace is "Partnerships for Peace - Dignity for All."

Mayors for Peace has been a long-time supporter of the IDP. It is included in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan that all member cities will also be encouraged to commemorate the International Day of Peace on September 21. In an earlier issue of this Mayors for Peace News Flash sent on June 19, we included a message titled "International Day of Peace, 100 Day Countdown", and asked all member cities to hold a commemorative event marking this day.

In accordance with these initiatives, the city of Takayama, Japan, a member city of Mayors for Peace, will organize a Peace Bell Ceremony where like-minded bell owners in the city, such as temples and churches, will sound their bells in unison at noon on the IDP. Furthermore, the mayor of Takayama City requests our member cities to do the same in their own, local time, in order to offer as many people as possible an opportunity to renew their determination to bring peace to the globe.

In this context, we humbly ask that you consider calling for the ringing of bells at noon on September 21 at facilities and organizations which own bells in your city. If you intend to organize such an event, the Secretariat would be pleased if you would inform our office.

▼ Request from Mayors for Peace (PDF, Mayors for Peace website):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2015/Sep21_peaceday/Request_from_Takayama_City.pdf

<<PLEASE SEND INFORMATION ON YOUR CITY'S 2015 IDP EVENT >>

If your city is planning to organize an event to commemorate the International Day of Peace, please send your event report to our secretariat. We will share the report on the Mayors for Peace website, etc.

▼ Please mail us with an outline of your event at:

mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

■"Peace News from Hiroshima"

- Contributed by the Hiroshima Peace Media Center

Hiroshima commemorated the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing on August 6. Representatives from a record 100 nations and the European Union attended the Peace Memorial Ceremony. There were also more reporters from overseas to cover the event than in typical years, though the number was not as large as in 1995 on the 50th anniversary. About 25,000 participants of the World Scout Jamboree, an international gathering for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts held in Yamaguchi Prefecture, visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and learned about the suffering caused by the atomic bomb. This is equivalent to about 10 percent of the number of annual visitors to the museum. Most of these

young people are between the ages of 14 and 17. We hope they will bring back to their countries what they learned in Hiroshima and share this information with their compatriots. It was a fresh reminder that the citizens of Hiroshima, too, must step up their efforts to convey what happened here 70 years ago to the people of the world.

Visit the following links for articles from the Hiroshima Peace Media Center:

- Hiroshima mayor urges action for nuclear abolition in Peace Declaration to mark 70th anniversary of atomic bombing
<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=49617>

- World Scout Jamboree visits Peace Memorial Park to learn about Hiroshima
<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=48921>

- Korean A-bomb survivors pledge to continue efforts to support North Korean survivors
<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=48917>

- Foreign minister to submit new resolution on nuclear abolition to U.N.
<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=48394>

- Nationwide survey: 43 A-bomb survivors' organizations to dissolve without members, while 49 organizations hope to maintain existence
<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=47990>

■Member city activities

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Granollers, Spain

*The City Council of Granollers approved a declaration in support of nuclear disarmament.

*The exhibition "Hiroshima-Nagasaki. 70 Years from the Atomic Bombing" is ready for itinerancy.
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On July 28th, to mark the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the City Council of Granollers, a Mayors for Peace Vice President City, issued an Institutional Declaration to express its solidarity with all people in the world who have been affected by nuclear weapons and to ask for the creation of a treaty to ban nuclear weapons. All the political parties of the Council endorsed the Declaration. The Declaration was approved by the City Council of Barcelona in March and has been sent to the rest of the Catalan member cities of Mayors for Peace for their approval.

▼Declaration by the City Council of Granollers (PDF, translated into English from Catalan)

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/membercity/2015/Granollers/Declaration_jul2015_E.pdf

After being displayed in Barcelona and Granollers from January to March 2015, the exhibition "Hiroshima-Nagasaki. 70 Years from the Atomic Bombing" will travel to other cities in Catalonia starting this September.

Jointly with the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the City of Granollers hosted this exhibition to mark the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings. In both cities, the exhibition attracted many visitors and raised the public's interest in disarmament. The panels have been donated to Granollers so that they may be displayed in other Catalan cities to allow more people to understand what happened in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. The next city in Catalan to host the exhibition will be la Garriga, from mid-September to mid-October. In November, the exhibition will be displayed in Lloret de Mar. In 2016, the exhibition will travel to other cities.

▼Related links on the exhibition (the City of Granollers website, in Catalan)

<http://www.granollers.cat/noticies/ajuntament/hiroshima-i-nagasaki>

<http://www.granollers.cat/noticies/ajuntament/inauguraci%C3%B3-expo>
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Manchester, UK and other member cities of the UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace

Commemorating Hiroshima and Nagasaki on the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings

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Over 70 events were held around the UK and Ireland to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings. Large civic events were held in the likes of London, Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Dublin, Leeds, Oxford, Bristol, Bradford, Sheffield, Paisley, Dundee, Aberdeen and Milton Keynes. Smaller but important events were also held in places as diverse as Hebden Bridge, Haverfordwest, Newport, Stirling, Keighley, Rochdale, Littleborough, Hastings, Dunbar, Ayr, York and Inverness. The Vice President of Mayors for Peace, Manchester, held its event in Manchester Museum and promoted its 'Project G' Hiroshima seeds, a school arts and poetry competition led by the Lord Mayor of Manchester.

In London, a large audience took part in its civic commemoration in Tavistock Square and an evening event showed the famous 1965 BBC film 'The War Game' of the fictional impact of a nuclear weapon attack on the UK.

In Wales a special Hiroshima and Nagasaki event was held at the Welsh Eisteddfod, its annual festival of the Welsh language and culture. MPs, MEPs, Mayors, councillors, faith groups, peace groups and community groups took part in the many imaginative events held around the UK and Ireland.

A full report and photos of the UK and Ireland events will be uploaded to the Mayors for Peace website shortly. An article and weblink of Manchester's event and the development of its 'Project G' is attached below.

▼ Report on the event in Manchester and the development of its 'Project G':

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/membercity/2015/Manchester/Development_of_Project_G_M4P.pdf

<<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 a description of the event.

We look forward to receiving information from your city.

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

mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

■ 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 as a way in which all member cities can call for an immediate start to negotiations of a nuclear weapons convention. Promotion of this petition drive is also included in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2013-2017) that was adopted at the 8th General Conference in August 2013.

Thanks to many supporters across the world, we have received 2,085,099 signatures as of August 1, 2015.

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>

■ Visitors to the President of Mayors for Peace (August 1st - 7th)

Hiroshima City commemorated the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing this year and received many visitors on and around August 6th. President Kazumi Matsui welcomed the following visitors between August 1st and 7th and asked them to support the activities of Mayors for Peace and cooperate towards membership expansion.

- *August 4th - Ms. Hideko Tamura Snider, Hiroshima Peace Ambassador
- *August 4th - Dr. Thomas Mathew, Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaigner and Executive Director of NGO SEEDS-INDIA
- *August 4th - Participants of the 8th "Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World: Peace Boat Hibakusha Project
- *August 5th - Hon. Mr. Andrey V. Kosolapov, Mayor of Volgograd, Russia
- *August 5th - Mr. Kim Won-soo, UN Acting High Representative for Disarmament Affairs
- *August 5th - Dr. Mohammadreza Soroush, Chair of the Board of Directors, Tehran Peace Museum
- *August 5th - Delegation of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND)
- *August 6th - Delegation of the Basse-Normande Regional Council, France
- *August 7th - Hon. Mr. Stefan Schostok, Mayor of Hannover, Germany
- *August 7th - H.E. Mr. Jan Hamacek, President, Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic
- *August 7th - Ms. Setsuko Thurlow and Dr. Kathleen Sullivan, Hiroshima Peace Ambassadors
- *August 7th - Mr. Michel Cibot, Special Advisor to the Mayor of Malakoff; Ms. Miho Cibot, Advisor for the French Association of Communes and Departments for Peace (AFCDRP); and the delegation from the City of Vitry-sur-Seine, France
- *August 7th - Delegation of the Origamiak Project from the City of Gernika-Lumo, Spain

■ Mayors for Peace member cities - 6,779 cities in 161 countries/regions

Through your invaluable support, on August 1st, 2015, we added 46 new member cities, bringing total membership to 6,779.

The municipality of Kaser Bin Ghashir, a town in the Tripoli District, Libya, joined as Libya's first member of Mayors for Peace, making our membership network expand to 161 countries and regions.

Thanks to the continued efforts of the team at the Tehran Peace Museum, 21 cities from Iran joined this month and the total number of Iranian member cities reached 713.

We also welcomed eight cities from France, Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands.

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.

▼ List of new members (PDF):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2015/newmembers1508_en.pdf

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