



The list of events including those commemorating the Hiroshima and Nagasaki days and the International Day of Peace is available at the link below.

▼List of peace events as based on those in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (As of September 7)(PDF, Mayors for Peace website)

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/2013\\_2017action\\_plan/2016/160907\\_List\\_of\\_Activities\\_E.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/2013_2017action_plan/2016/160907_List_of_Activities_E.pdf)

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**■2016 Mayors for Peace Youth Exchange for Peace: Support Program for “HIROSHIMA & PEACE”**  
[August 2 - 10, 2016]

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Mayors for Peace launched its Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program this year, which is aimed at supporting participation by young people from its member cities in ongoing programs of Hiroshima City to share A-bomb survivors' experiences and their message of peace and to promote youth exchanges.

As part of this support program, 8 young representatives from 6 member cities around the world attended the Hiroshima City University's intensive summer course "HIROSHIMA and PEACE," in which students from around the world study and discuss Hiroshima and peace in English from August 2 to August 10. In addition to the university's course, they joined in the Mayors for Peace's own program, in which they exchanged views on their future peace activities.

The report of this support program will be posted on the Mayors for Peace website soon.

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**■Events to Commemorate the International Day Against Nuclear Tests of August 29**

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The United Nation has established August 29 as a fixed International Day Against Nuclear Tests to call for increasing awareness and education about the effects of nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions and the need for their cessation as one of the means of achieving the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world. On this day various events are organized across the world.

On August 28 and 29, the Senate of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan and Parliamentarians for Nuclear Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) co-sponsored an international conference "Building a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World" in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan, in commemoration of the International Day Against Nuclear Tests and also the 25th anniversary of the closing of the Soviet nuclear test site in Kazakhstan.

Nearly 200 parliamentarians, mayors, religious leaders, government representatives, disarmament experts and representatives from international organizations from around the world joined this forum. Honorary Mayor Thore Vestby of Frogn, Norway, represented Mayors for Peace and delivered a message on behalf of President of Mayors for Peace.

▼Information about the conference:

<http://www.astanaconf2016.org/>

▼Message to the conference from Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima and President of Mayors for Peace:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2016/Message\\_from\\_Mayor\\_of\\_Hiroshima\\_Astana.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2016/Message_from_Mayor_of_Hiroshima_Astana.pdf)

On August 31, there was an informal meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to mark this year's International Day Against Nuclear Tests at the UN Headquarters in New York. Following the official Opening Ceremony was a High-Level Interactive Panel on "Strengthening the Global Norm Against Nuclear Tests – CTBT@20." Along with the President of the General Assembly and the UN's Under-Secretary General for Disarmament, Randy Rydell, Executive Advisor of Mayors for Peace, also joined this meeting as a panel member to address prospects for entry into force of the CTBT and to voice Mayors for Peace views to a UN community audience.

▼ Information about the meeting:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/againstnucleartestsday/events.shtml>

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## ■ The 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace in 2017 – Request to Fill Out the Questionnaire

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Mayors for Peace will hold its 9th General Conference in Nagasaki from August 7 through 10, 2017.

To ensure that this General Conference is guided by our member cities, we are seeking your opinions through the questionnaire we sent to every member city on September 9. Please fill it in and return it by e-mail, fax or physical mail to the Secretariat in Hiroshima by Friday, September 30. The questionnaire form is available in English, French, German and Spanish and can be downloaded and submitted through the Mayors for Peace website.

▼ Questionnaire for the 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace Scheduled in Nagasaki City in August 2017 (Mayors for Peace website):

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/meeting/9th/questionnaire/index.html>

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## ■ “Peace News from Hiroshima” (Contributed by the Hiroshima Peace Media Center)

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It is now a crucial time for the international community to advance toward abolishing nuclear weapons, a goal long called for by the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Last month, the United Nations working group on nuclear disarmament adopted a report which recommends to the U.N. General Assembly that negotiations for a legal ban on nuclear weapons begin in 2017. Full discussions on this matter will be held at the U.N. General Assembly in September.

Some say this is a large step forward, since there has been a long-standing impasse in the progress of nuclear disarmament. Others see a widening rift between the countries calling for nuclear abolition and the nations with nuclear arms and those protected under a nuclear umbrella. The United States and other nuclear powers have not even joined the working group. Australia and others that are protected under a nuclear umbrella opposed the adoption of the report. It will not be easy to bridge the gulf between the two sides, even within the U.N. General Assembly.

Japan abstained from voting, but needless to say, it will play a central role in the future developments involving this issue. As the only nation to have experienced atomic attack, Japan should play its part fully, serving as a bridge between the nuclear and non-nuclear nations so that the international community will work in earnest toward achieving a favorable balance between nuclear abolition and the national security of every nation. Hiroshima must continue conveying to the world its message that nuclear weapons are inhumane and that a nuclear war could lead to the extinction of the human species. Such efforts will reflect the wishes of the A-bomb victims and the survivors, who have had to live with the grief of losing loved ones to the bombings while facing continuous fears over the aftereffects of radiation.

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

- A-bomb exhibition to take place in Chicago next month with Sadako's paper cranes and A-bomb accounts

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=64630>

- Paper crane made by President Obama to be displayed in Nagasaki

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=64589>

- Students submit declaration from Hiroshima Junior International Forum to Japanese foreign minister

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=64574>

- Hiroshima Round Table ends with chairman's summary, calls on countries to have dialogue on nuclear disarmament

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=64587>

- High school peace ambassadors report on their activities at U.N. headquarters in Geneva

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=64591>

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## ■ Member City Activities

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UK groups and the local Mayors for Peace chapter welcome the Peace Boat to special events in London  
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A special symposium and reception welcoming the Japanese Peace Boat group will take place in London on October 3rd. It will directly follow on from the business meeting of the UK and Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter.

The high quality speaker programme for the symposium will include a first and second generation Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivor of the atomic weapon attacks in August 1945. Other speakers include the Shadow Defence Secretary Emily Thornberry (invited), the investigative journalist Rob Edwards - who will profile his recent report on the safety of UK nuclear weapon convoys by road, the ICAN Vice Chairs Akira Kawasaki from Peace Boat and Rebecca Johnson from the Acronym Institute, and Sean Morris of NFLA / Mayors for Peace. The meeting will be co-chaired by Cllr Grace Fletcher-Hackwood from Manchester City Council and London Assembly Member Caroline Russell.

▼The updated flyer and the programme for the symposium are available at the Nuclear Free Local Authorities website :

<http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/events/protecting-our-cities-a-message-from-hiroshima-and-nagasaki/>

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Wellington, New Zealand

Exhibition of children's artwork "Tumanako! Hope For A Peaceful World"  
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The City of Wellington, a Lead City of Mayors for Peace, had an exhibition of children's artwork titled "Tumanako! Hope For A Peaceful World" at Wellington's Central Library from August 7 to 28 to commemorate Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day. The exhibition of about 260 artworks from over 300 students (ages 8 to 15) demonstrated their vision of peace and a peaceful world based on what happened in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

▼Full report and photos on the Mayors for Peace website:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Wellington/Tumanako.html>

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**■Request to Promote Various Measures as Based in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan**  
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At the 8th General Conference of Mayors for Peace held in August 2013, an Action Plan for up to the year 2017 was decided on with the aim of raising international support for nuclear weapons abolition through a variety of different measures. We would be grateful if you could plan events as based on those in the Action Plan within your municipality or regional group. You will find some examples of the types of events you can organize throughout the year on the webpage below.

▼Examples of measures:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/2013\\_2017action\\_plan/index.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/2013_2017action_plan/index.html)

▼Mayors for Peace A-bomb poster exhibition:

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

▼DVD rental for screenings:

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

▼Please send a report about your event to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat to:

[mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

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**■Mayors for Peace Information System**  
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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 any transfer charges. We hope that each member city will utilize this system for their activities related to Mayors for Peace.

Please check your city's information on the system such as the name and contact information of the mayor, contact person, etc. If this information needs revision, we ask that you log into the system and make corrections. We would greatly appreciate each city keeping its own information up-to-date.

Instructions on how to use this system and your city's login information are included in an email which was sent to each member city on July 15, 2015. To newly joined members after August 2015, the same information was sent when they joined Mayors for Peace.

▼ 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](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](mailto:mfpssystem@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

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### ■ Request for Payment of the 2016 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee

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At the 8th General Conference of Mayors for Peace in August 2013, the introduction of an annual Membership Fee was determined in order to strengthen the foundation of Mayors for Peace and the sense of solidarity amongst member cities. Following this decision, last year, we launched an annual membership fee of 2,000 Japanese Yen (about USD19/EUR17) per city. This year again, we would like to ask each city to contribute the same amount. If you have not paid the 2015 Membership Fee but intend to do so, please send it along with this year's payment. The funds raised by this fee will be utilized as a resource for the projects listed on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2013-2017).

A request for payment of the 2016 membership fee was sent to each city on June 24. We deeply appreciate your kind cooperation.

▼ Request for the 2016 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee (Mayors for Peace website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/outlines/membership\\_fee.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/outlines/membership_fee.html)

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### ■ Plea to Support Our Nuclear Weapons Convention Petition Drive

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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. Mayors for Peace is promoting 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 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 2,420,206 signatures as of September 1, 2016.

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](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>

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### ■ Visitor(s) to the President of Mayors for Peace (August 8-31)

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President Kazumi Matsui welcomed the following visitor between August 8 and 31 and asked him to support the activities of Mayors for Peace and cooperate towards membership expansion.

\*August 31- H.E. Mr. Nguyen Duc Hai, Chairman of the National Assembly's Committee for Financial and Budgetary

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**■ Mayors for Peace Member Cities - 7,132 Cities in 161 Countries/Regions**  
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Thanks to your invaluable support, on September 1, we added 18 new member cities, bringing total membership to 7,132.

Thanks to the continued efforts of the team at the Tehran Peace Museum, 12 cities from Iran joined this month and the total number of Iranian member cities reached 905.

We also welcomed two cities each from India and Germany and one city each from Argentina and Greece.

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

▼ List of New Members (PDF):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2016/newmembers1609\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2016/newmembers1609_en.pdf)

▼ Map of Member Cities:

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

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**If you have any comments or questions, please contact us at:**

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