



Peace website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2016/MfP\\_President's\\_message\\_to\\_member\\_cities.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2016/MfP_President's_message_to_member_cities.pdf)

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## ■ Mayors for Peace Representation in the 5th UCLG World Congress in Bogota

[Bogota, Colombia; October 12-15, 2016]

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From October 12 to 15, the city of Bogota hosted the 5th World Congress of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders. The Summit titled “Local Voices for a Better World” gathered over 5,000 representatives of towns, cities, metropolises and regions, civil society, the business world and academia to discuss the main dynamics that local representatives confront in their daily work.

Mayors for Peace was represented in the Congress by Granollers and Mexico City, both of whom are vice president and lead cities of Mayors for Peace. Mayor Josep Mayoral of Granollers made a presentation about Mayors for Peace in one of the dialogues of the Summit, where he discussed the responsibility of cities to work for the promotion of peace as citizens are the main victims in times of conflicts and the need for support to achieve an agreement for a nuclear weapons convention.

▼ Full report on Mayors for Peace website:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Granollers/5th UCLG World Congress Bogota.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Granollers/5th_UCLG_World_Congress_Bogota.html)

▼ Report of the congress on the City of Granollers website (in Catalan):

<http://www.granollers.cat/noticies/alcalde/lalcalde-de-granollers-ha-assistit-al-5%C3%A8-congr%C3%A9s-mundial-de-ciutats-i-govern>

▼ Information about the congress on the UCLG website:

<https://www.bogota2016.uclg.org/en>

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## ■ Regional Chapter Activities

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### < Japan Chapter >

#### \*The 6th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting

On November 7 and 8, the 6th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting was held in Sakura City, Chiba Prefecture and was attended by 185 members (including 49 leaders) from 111 municipalities throughout Japan.

The program on the first day was titled “Peace from Sakura” and organized by the hosting city of Sakura. It included a showing of a promotion movie of Sakura, a peace concert, and a presentation of peace messages from a hibakusha and famous people related to Sakura, a lecture on the theme of “war and peace” by a history professor at the National Museum of Japanese History located in Sakura, a report on the “Sakura Peace Missions,” comprised of junior high school students, and a choir performance by local elementary school children.

On the second day, after the activities reports of three member mayors in Tokyo, the meeting discussed two agendas; Mayors for Peace support for “the International Signature Campaign in Support of the Appeal of the Hibakusha, the Atomic Bomb Survivors of Hiroshima & Nagasaki, for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons” and the presentation of a request to the Japanese government to promote initiatives for the prompt realization of a nuclear weapons convention. Both proposals were approved without change. After the announcement from the Secretariat on the 9th General Conference scheduled in Nagasaki in August 2017, the participants exchanged their opinions regarding the activities of Mayors for Peace.

The Meeting closed with the adoption of the 6th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting General Summary.

### < UK and Ireland Chapter >

#### \*Leeds City Council hosts the 30th anniversary Leeds International Olof Palme Peace Lecture

A joint annual peace lecture co-organised by Leeds City Council and Leeds Beckett University, with the support of the Mayors for Peace and the Nuclear Free Local Authorities, was held in Leeds Civic Hall on the 27th October.

The Leeds International Peace Lecture was established in 1987 and is in memory of the former Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, who was assassinated a few months earlier in 1986. Palme was known for his support for the global South, seeking ways to bring peace in the Middle East and supporting new strategies for nuclear disarmament during the height of the Cold War. The Leeds Peace Lecture has each year brought a high profile figure to the city to talk about different aspects of peace-making, peace-keeping and peace-building. Previous lectures have been given by Olof Palme's widow Lisbeth Palme, Nobel Peace Laureate John Hume, International Development Minister Clare Short, screen and stage actor Sir Patrick Stewart and renowned Professors of Peace Studies Paul Rogers and Johann Galtung.

The 2016 lecture was given by Caroline Lucas MP, the Co-Leader of the UK Green Party and the Chair of the Parliamentary Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) Group. Her talk was called 'War and Peace in the Modern World' and looked at practical solutions for tackling climate change and nuclear weapons disarmament. The lecture was formally opened by the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Gerry Harper and was chaired by the Deputy Leader of Leeds City Council, Councillor Lucinda Yeadon. Over 250 people attended the lecture. The UK and Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter hopes to develop these types of events across its member towns and cities in future years.

[Report by Sean Morris, UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary]

▼ Flyer on the history of the Leeds International Olof Palme Peace Lecture (Mayors for Peace website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Leeds/Leeds\\_Olof\\_Palme\\_Peace\\_Lecture\\_2016.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Leeds/Leeds_Olof_Palme_Peace_Lecture_2016.pdf)

▼ NFLA Media Release (Mayors for Peace website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Leeds/NFLA\\_England\\_Caroline\\_Lucas\\_Peace\\_Lecture.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Leeds/NFLA_England_Caroline_Lucas_Peace_Lecture.pdf)

▼ UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Policy Briefing 8 (Mayors for Peace website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Manchester/M4P\\_Briefing\\_No\\_8\\_Peace\\_Lecture\\_&\\_Hiroshima\\_art.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Manchester/M4P_Briefing_No_8_Peace_Lecture_&_Hiroshima_art.pdf)

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**■ Member City Activities**  
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Manchester, UK

The conclusion of a project to return historic paintings to Hiroshima

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Over the past two years, Manchester City Council has been involved in a project to promote and then return pieces of art generated by schoolchildren survivors of the Hiroshima atomic bombing. This project has now successfully concluded with a recent ceremony in the school in Hiroshima which brought together some of the original artists, some six decades after they had made the paintings.

▼ Full report on the UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Policy Briefing 8 (Mayors for Peace website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Manchester/M4P\\_Briefing\\_No\\_8\\_Peace\\_Lecture\\_&\\_Hiroshima\\_art.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Manchester/M4P_Briefing_No_8_Peace_Lecture_&_Hiroshima_art.pdf)

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Sugito, Japan and Busselton, Australia

Newly joining Mayors for Peace, building on the sister-city relationships

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Mayor Matsuo Furuya of Sugito Town, Saitama Prefecture, Japan visited Hiroshima on October 28, paid a courtesy call on Mayor Matsui of Hiroshima City together with Mayor Grant Henley of Busselton City, Australia, when Mayor Henley handed Mayor Matsui a Mayors for Peace registration form. The Town of Sugito has been a member of Mayors for Peace since 2009 and encouraged its sister city Busselton to also join the organization. The City of Busselton will be registered as a new member on December 1.

▼ Photo of the two mayors' courtesy call on Mayor Matsui (Mayors for Peace website) :

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Sugito/Sugito\\_Busselton.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2016/Sugito/Sugito_Busselton.html)

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■ **Participation to Activities of Peace Boat by Randy Rydell, Executive Advisor for Mayors for Peace**  
[October 12-20, 2016]

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Mayors for Peace is in collaboration with Peace Boat, a Japan-based international NGO. Since 2008, Peace Boat has coordinated the “Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World: Peace Boat Hibakusha Project,” a project to share the testimonies and message of A-bomb survivors around the world. Its 9th voyage started in April and will continue until the end of November 2016, visiting 25 ports in 21 countries.

Randy Rydell, Executive Advisor for Mayors for Peace, joined this voyage in October to visit Reykjavik to participate in the commemoration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reagan/Gorbachev summit in 1986 and to sail back to NY during the work of the UN General Assembly’s First Committee. The trip report by Mr. Rydell is available on the Mayors for Peace website.

▼ Full report by Randy Rydell on his trip with Peace Boat (The Mayors for Peace website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2016/Peace\\_Boat\\_trip\\_report\\_2016\\_by\\_Randy\\_Rydell.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2016/Peace_Boat_trip_report_2016_by_Randy_Rydell.pdf)

▼ For more information about the Peace Boat’s “Global Voyage for a Nuclear Free World - Peace Boat Hibakusha Project” (The Peace Boat Website):

<http://peaceboat.org/english/?page=view&nr=83&type=28&menu=105>

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■ **The 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace in 2017**

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

We thank the members who have cooperated with the questionnaire survey we conducted in September and October. The result of the survey is being compiled and will be utilized for the planning of the General Conference.

Further information regarding the conference will be provided to each member city as it is decided. Please consider joining this conference and save the dates in your calendar.

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

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Will the human race be able to create a path to a world without nuclear weapons? In late October, the First Committee of the U.N. General Assembly adopted a resolution which stipulates that negotiations for **a treaty to ban nuclear weapons** start in 2017. Japan, however, opposed this resolution, a position that has caused an outcry because the Japanese government was expected to abstain from voting rather than going so far as to oppose it. It is believed that the United States aggressively urged its allies to oppose the resolution out of concern that the movement for legally banning nuclear arms would gain further momentum. This may be why 38 nations, including the United States, Japan, and some European countries, opposed the resolution.

Still, the resolution was supported by 123 nations, or nearly 70 percent of the countries that voted. This clearly demonstrates the direction in which the international community is moving, and makes Japan’s opposition all the more regrettable. It is only natural that many people in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and other places are raising their voices in protest.

Will the Japanese government continue to betray the public? Or will it act as a voice for A-bomb victims and strive to pave the way to a nuclear-free world? We must keep an observant eye on its actions.

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

- **Editorial: As A-bombed nation, Japan must play its role in negotiations for a treaty to ban nuclear weapons**

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=66514>

- U.N. resolution to start talks for nuclear ban treaty is welcomed, but A-bomb survivors condemn Japanese government's opposition

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=66304>

- President of Kazakhstan visits Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park for first time

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=66526>

- Hiroshima mayor to ask U.S. president-elect Trump to visit Hiroshima

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=66428>

- Number of A-bomb survivors in South America receiving medical consultations down to 68

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=66552>

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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).

The due date for payment of this year's annual fee is December 31st. 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 2,443,900 signatures as of November 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 Last Month**  
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President Kazumi Matsui welcomed the following visitors last month and asked them to support the activities of Mayors for Peace and cooperate towards membership expansion.

\*October 13 - H.E. Mr. Anisul Huq, Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

\*October 18 - H.E. Mr. Børge Brende, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway

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**■ Mayors for Peace Member Cities - 7,164 Cities in 162 Countries/Regions**  
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Thanks to your invaluable support, on November 1, we added 18 new member cities, bringing total membership to 7,164.

Thanks to the continued efforts of the team at the Tehran Peace Museum, 9 cities from Iran joined this month and the total number of Iranian member cities reached 914.

We also welcomed three cities from Azerbaijan, two cities from Germany, and one city each from Iraq, Japan, the Philippines and the UK.

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.

