

and the Special Resolution have been sent to the UN Secretary General, UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, and government representatives to the UN in New York and Geneva.

▼ The 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace in Nagasaki (Mayors for Peace website):
http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/report/meeting/9th_meeting.html

■ Peace Declarations by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

On the occasion of the 72nd anniversary of the A-bombings, the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki announced the 2017 Peace Declaration on August 6 and 9 respectively. The full texts of the declarations are available at the links below.

▼ Hiroshima Peace Declaration:

<http://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/www/contents/0000000000000/1317948556078/index.html>

▼ Nagasaki Peace Declaration (available in 11 languages):

<http://nagasakipeace.jp/english/appeal/archives.html>

■ Hiroshima Day and Nagasaki Day Commemorations Around the World

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 including those commemorating the Hiroshima and Nagasaki days, as based on reports received from member cities, is available at the link below.

▼ List of peace events as based on those in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (As of August 14):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/images/news/new_list/2017_List_of_Activities_en.pdf

■ Mayors for Peace Catalan Chapter Issued a Statement on the Terrorist Attack in Barcelona

[August 18, 2017]

The Catalan Chapter of Mayors for Peace, led by the City of Granollers, a Vice President and Lead City of Mayors for Peace, released a message of sympathy and solidarity in the wake of the terror attack in the city center of Barcelona in the afternoon of August 17 that has killed 13 people and injured more than 100 others. The victims include citizens from all over the world.

The Catalan Chapter's statement made a general call for all citizens to observe 5 minutes of silence at noon of August 18 as a tribute to the victims and to publicly reaffirm their commitment to a more peaceful world. Pictures and further commentary are available at the City of Granollers' website, where it was mentioned flags were being flown at half-mast and more than 500 people gathered at the gathering to express their condolences and mourn.

▼ The Chapter's statement on the Barcelona terrorist attack (Mayors for Peace website):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170821_Message_Barcelona_attack.pdf

▼ The gathering on August 18 (in Catalan, the City of Granollers website):

<http://www.granollers.cat/noticies/sala-de-premsa/granollers-condemna-els-atemptats-dahir-i-expressa-la-solidaritat-amb-les>

■ The Forum on Solidarity and Peace in the Mediterranean to be Held in Tarragona, Spain (October 18 and 19, 2017)

<Report from Catalan Chapter, Spain>

The City of Tarragona (close to Barcelona, Spain) will host a forum on October 18 and 19 this year, in collaboration with the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) and the Catalan chapter of Mayors for Peace, within the framework of the

XVIII Mediterranean Games taking place in Tarragona from June 22 to July 1, 2018.

The aim of this forum is for mayors from all over the world to meet with civil society benchmarks, international organizations and peace leaders by opening a process of debate and reflection about today's Mediterranean drama, the need to turn into a space for solidarity, cooperation and equality and how the Olympic movement, vector of peace, and dialogue between cultures could contribute to improving this situation.

Coinciding with this forum, a Mayors for Peace meeting will take place on October 18 in the Plenary Chamber of the Tarragona City Hall. The meeting will be open to all member cities from the network.

The list of speakers and schedule will be available at the registration website, which will open soon.

■ Regional Chapter Activities

< UK and Ireland Chapter >

* Release of the UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Policy Briefing No.11

On August 16, the UK and Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter released its briefing paper which provides an overview of the 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace, which was held in Nagasaki, Japan. The Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Eddy Newman, and the UK & Ireland Chapter Secretary, Sean Morris, represented Manchester City Council at the conference. The report also notes the linked and important decision-making Executive meeting of Mayors for Peace on the 7th August and the 72nd anniversary commemorations of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Peace Ceremonies on the 6th and the 9th August. In addition the report highlights the Manchester commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day, at a special event in Manchester Museum.

▼ UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Policy Briefing 11 (Nuclear Free Local Authorities website):

http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/M4P_Briefing_No_11_General_Conference.pdf

■ Member City Activities

< Grigny, France >

* 10km race for Peace and Solidarity in Grigny

On October 1st, 2017, the city of Grigny, President of Mayors for Peace French chapter and newly elected Executive City of Mayors for Peace, will organize its first race for Peace and Solidarity. Open to all types of participants, this 10 kilometer race will promote the values of peace, solidarity and sharing. Each registration will help raise money for the solidarity project of UNICEF.

This race is included in Grigny's local program of activities that aims to celebrate International Peace Day on September 21st for several weeks.

▼ Registration and information (in French):

<http://grigny91.fr/2017/07/31/10km-de-la-paix/>

■ "Peace News from Hiroshima" (Contributed by the Hiroshima Peace Media Center)

The 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace was held in Nagasaki in August. As this was the first assembly of member cities from around the world since the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted at the United Nations, the conference took on even more significance than ever. The participants adopted the Nagasaki Appeal in which they state that

they will call for all nations of the world to ratify the treaty and will, in particular, press the leaders of the nuclear weapon states and their allies to join the agreement.

In order for the treaty to come into effect, the participation of the nuclear nations is crucial. Cities, local governments, and citizens need to work in cooperation so that these countries will become involved in the framework of the treaty. **Now, with the higher goal of implementing this treaty, Mayors for Peace must carry out persuasive political action in addition to conveying messages of nuclear abolition.** As an international NGO, the true power of Mayors for Peace will be put to the test.

With this **in** mind, let us focus on one aspect of the Nagasaki Appeal: the importance of peace education. Mayors for Peace has requested that the United Nations and its member states lend their support to efforts **being made** to hand down the experiences of war to the younger generations that will shape the future. **This proposal is vital.**

Seventy-two years have passed since the end of World War II. For Japan, too, the memories of this war are fading away among the population. The destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, wrought by the atomic bombs, is no exception. Our **biggest** challenge involves handing down the memories of this tragic war to the future, both inside and outside the A-bombed cities.

Naturally, different nations have different memories that they wish to hand down. Even now, some countries are still plagued by civil war or military tensions. However, there are lessons learned and held in common that should be handed down within the whole global community: War, which kills the innocent and brings only suffering, is inhumane, and weapons of mass destruction, a symbol of this inhumanity, must never be used again.

In this context, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the A-bombed cities, can serve as worldwide hubs for peace education. We look forward to following the efforts made by Mayors for Peace as we continue striving to abolish nuclear weapons and war.

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

- 72nd anniversary of atomic bombing is observed in Hiroshima with call to advance nuclear abolition

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=75706>

- Editorial: August 6 marks first anniversary of A-bombing since adoption of nuclear ban treaty

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=75717>

- Representatives from 80 nations and EU attend Peace Memorial Ceremony in Hiroshima

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=75702>

- Interview with Izumi Nakamitsu: Voices of A-bomb survivors helped create nuclear weapons ban treaty

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=75725>

■ A Call to Hold Events to Mark the 2017 International Day of Peace on September 21

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 2017 International Day of Peace is “Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All.”

Mayors for Peace has been a long-time supporter of the IDP and encourage all member cities to commemorate the International Day of Peace on September 21. 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 Takayama City (Mayors for Peace website):

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/news/data/2017/0816.pdf>

<<PLEASE SEND INFORMATION ON YOUR CITY'S 2017 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

■ Promotion of the Petition Drive Based on the New Action Plan (2017-2020)

Since December 2010, Mayors for Peace has been promoting a global grassroots petition drive to call for negotiations of a nuclear weapons convention. Thanks to many supporters across the world, we have received 2,590,330 signatures as of August 1, 2017.

On July 7 this year, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted. We consider the treaty to be a significant step forward in the pursuit of a future comprehensive nuclear weapons convention achieving the total abolition of nuclear weapons and therefore support all efforts to encourage the treaty's early entry into force. In line with this, at the 9th General Conference held in Nagasaki earlier this month, it was decided that we will revise the content of the petition drive. Based on the Action Plan (2017-2020) adopted at the General Conference, we will carry out a petition drive urging the nuclear-armed states and their allies to participate in the Treaty as soon as possible. In doing so, we will collaborate with the signature campaign "The Hibakusha Appeal".

The new petition form will be released soon. Please note that we will continue to accept petitions submitted in the current form.

■ 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 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.

If you have lost or forgotten your login information, please contact the administrator at the following email address.

▼ 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

■ Request for Payment of the 2017 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee

Since 2015, Mayors for Peace has instituted an annual membership fee. We ask each member city to pay a Fee of 2,000 Japanese yen per city every year (about USD19/ EUR16 as of August 21, 2017). If your city has not paid the membership fee in previous years, we ask your city to pay the total amount owed for each unpaid year since 2015. The funds raised by this fee will be utilized as a resource for the projects listed on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan.

A request for payment of the 2017 membership fee was sent to each city by email on May 31. We deeply appreciate your kind cooperation.

▼ Request for the 2017 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee (Mayors for Peace website):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/outlines/membership_fee.html

■ Visitor(s) to the President of Mayors for Peace (July and August 1-6)

Hiroshima City received many visitors on and around August 6. President Kazumi Matsui welcomed the following visitors in July and between August 1 and 6 and asked them to support the activities of Mayors for Peace and cooperate towards membership expansion.

*July 19 - H.E. Mr. Mohammed Rachad Bouhlal, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Morocco

*August 4 - H.E. Mr. Chingiz Aidarbekov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kyrgyz Republic

*August 5 - Delegation of the City of Montreal, Canada

*August 5 - H.E. Dr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the CTBTO

*August 5 - Delegation of the City of Hannover, Germany

*August 5 - H.E. Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

*August 5 - Delegation of the SCWVS (Society for Chemical Weapons Victims Support) and Tehran Peace Museum

*August 6 - H.E. Dr. Muhammad Abdul-Kareem AL-Issa, General Secretary of the Muslim World League

In addition, Hiroshima City requested representatives from 83 countries who attended the August 6 ceremony to cooperate towards membership expansion of Mayors for Peace.

■ Mayors for Peace Member Cities - 7,417 Cities in 162 Countries/Regions

Thanks to your invaluable support, on August 1, we added 26 new member cities, bringing the total membership to 7,417.

From Iran, thanks to the continued efforts of the team at the Tehran Peace Museum, eight cities joined this month. From Germany, we welcomed eight cities thanks to the continued efforts of Hannover, a Vice President and Lead City of the German Chapter of Mayors for Peace. From the Philippines, we welcomed a new city thanks to the recruitment efforts of Muntinlupa, a Vice President and Lead City of Mayors for Peace. From Spain, we welcomed three new cities, thanks to the work of the City of Granollers, a Mayors for Peace Vice President and Lead City of the Catalan Chapter and the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP). In February this year, FEMP sent a letter to all Spanish local governments encouraging them to join Mayors for Peace. We also welcomed a total of six cities from Italy, Japan, Lithuania and the U.S. this month.

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/english/images/news/new_list/2017/newmembers1708_en.pdf

▼ Map of Member Cities:

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

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