The 7th General Conference of Mayors for Peace was hosted by Nagasaki City from Friday, August 7 to Monday, August 10, 2009. “NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION IS IN OUR HANDS! - Let’s get the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol adopted in 2010 –” was the theme as representatives of cities, municipalities, embassies and NGOs from 33 countries discussed preparations for the NPT (Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty) Review Conference and cooperation among local authorities around the world. Executive cities for the 2009–2013 term were approved, an Action Plan was adopted and a Nagasaki Appeal was issued.

### Outline

**Friday, August 7**

At 2pm, 99 participants from 33 countries participated in a ceremony offering flowers at the hypocenter followed by an A-bomb storytelling using illustrated boards, and a tour of the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum. At 4:15pm, the General and Board meetings of the 2020 Vision Campaign Association deliberated new executive officials, financial reports, a new system of “Associate Members”, and financial contributions expected from each country. The Welcome Reception at 6:30pm featured a combination of Japanese, Chinese and Dutch cuisines derived from Nagasaki’s unique history.

**Saturday, August 8**

The agenda for the General Conference was determined at the Executive Conference in the morning. In the afternoon, about 1,000 participants attended the Opening Ceremony led by the mayor of Nagasaki. The Keynote Speech “Creating an Integrated Vision for Nuclear Abolition” was delivered by Mr. Bruce Gagnon, coordinator of the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space (U.S.). His speech was followed by Nagasaki’s spectacular dragon dance. The General Conference then approved president and vice president cities as well as the Action Plan (on the next page). Nine speakers made inspiring interventions at Plenary Session I, which began at 4:30pm under the theme, “CITIES AND CITIZENS CAN MOVE NATIONS - Toward a Worldwide Paradigm Shift.”

**Sunday, August 9**

After the Nagasaki Peace Ceremony in the morning, conference participants divided themselves for the afternoon between Section Meetings I and II. Section Meeting I was entitled “PASSING THE FLAME: From Hibakusha to Children, for the Peaceful Resolution of Conflicts.” Presentations included A-bomb survivor testimony by Mr. Tsukasa Uchida, remarks on peace education from Sapporo (Japan) and Waitakere (New Zealand), and a report on African hibakusha exposed by French nuclear tests in the Sahara desert from the ambassador of Eritrea. Section Meeting II, entitled “FUTURE STEPS FOR THE 2020 VISION CAMPAIGN”, featured Professor Toshiki Mogami of the International Christian University lecturing on “From Solferino to Hiroshima / Nagasaki”. Secretariat staff explained the 2020 Vision Campaign, and speakers from France, the UK, Burundi and several other countries expressed their views. At the end of this meeting, 13 city representatives from Bangladesh handed President Akiba their
registration forms and formally joined Mayors for Peace.

**Monday, August 10**
The Talk with NGOs and Citizens held at 9am, put the focus on “Efforts by NGOs to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons at Local, National and Regional Levels.” Representatives of the Organizing Committee of Nagasaki Global Citizens’ Assembly for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, Peace Depot, Peace Boat, as well as the ambassador of Denmark served as panelists. The mayor of Khanaqin, Iraq, reported on damage by chemical weapons in the Kurdistan region of his country.

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**Outline of the Action Plan for the 7th General Conference of Mayors for Peace**

1. Current priority activities of Mayors for Peace
   1) Working towards the adoption of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol at the 2010 NPT Review Conference
      Continue grass-root petition drives, publication and distribution of a booklet on the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol, strengthening membership of Mayors for Peace.
   2) Promote the International Decade for Disarmament, 2010 to 2020.
   3) Promote role of cities and municipal associations in participatory diplomacy related to peace, disarmament and international affairs.
      i. Participate in the 62nd Annual Conference of NGOs associated with the UN Dept. of Public Information (DPI), titled “For Peace and Development: Disarm Now!”, to be held in Mexico City, 9 to 11 Sept. 2009.
      iii. Promote the grassroots petition drive in support of CANT, the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol, and related nuclear disarmament demands.
      iv. Recruit new member cities as evidence of support for the Protocol.
      v. Participation of a mayoral delegation to the 2010 NPT Review Conference.
      vi. Work with cities and municipal associations, to lobby national governments at home and at the UN.
      vii. Work with nations to submit the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol or a comparable, related document at the 2010 NPT Review Conference.
      viii. Strongly support holding a fourth Special Session devoted to Disarmament.
      ix. Convene a major international conference in Hiroshima of like-minded nations and NGOs to celebrate the start of negotiations and address the next steps in the campaign to eliminate nuclear weapons by 2020.
   4) Strengthen collaboration with campaign partners and promote grassroots petition drive
      Continue to promote our grassroots petition drive in support of the CANT (Cities Are Not Targets) project and the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol. We will also cooperate with member cities, NGOs, labor unions and other like-minded groups to gather at least 10 million signatures on related, though not identical petitions.
      i. Create an advisory group consisting of representatives from member cities that have experienced the scourge of war.
      ii. Strengthen collaboration with Abolition 2000, IPPNW, ICBL and other peace groups.
   5) Greatly increase Mayors for Peace membership
      Increase member cities to 5,000 by May 2010.
   6) Expansion of the Executive Committee
      i. Seek geographical balance among continents and countries.
      ii. Give priority to countries with high numbers of members.
   7) Establish contact centers within as many cities/countries as possible to improve communication, fundraising, recruitment efforts and management of national or regional activities.
      The international secretariat in Belgium will take the lead in creating and managing a network of centers through which to obtain effective campaign assistance.
   8) Development of the “Obamajority” Campaign
      Based on the speech made by President Obama in which he announced America’s commitment to seek peace and security in a world without nuclear weapons, Mayors for Peace will promote the term “Obamajority” to refer to the global majority of nations and people seeking the abolition of nuclear weapons. This campaign will begin in Japan. It will be expanded wherever it is deemed likely to broaden the base of grassroots public support.
   2. Midterm plans prior to the 8th General Conference
      i. Strong promotion of the UN Decade for Disarmament
      ii. Press for a Special Session on Disarmament
      iii. Expand recruiting activities; build membership and capacity
   3. 2020 Olympics in Hiroshima and Nagasaki
      Mayors for Peace believes that it is more than appropriate for Hiroshima and Nagasaki to celebrate the total elimination of nuclear weapons by hosting the Olympic Games in 2020.
   4. Building organizational capacity
      i. Improve communication through local lead cities to activate executive and other member cities.
      ii. With the 7th General Conference participants at the core, utilize the network to hold regional and national meetings
   5. Building firm fiscal foundation
      Look into ways to increase member city contributions.
3rd Preparatory Committee Meeting (PrepCom) for the 2010 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference (May 2009)

Mayors for Peace formed a mayoral delegation consisting of 13 cities and one group, and attended the third preparatory committee meeting to the NPT Review Conference (NPT PrepCom) in New York. The mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki spoke at the NGO session. Mayor Taue called for world leaders to visit Nagasaki, and Mayor Akiba referred to the majority of people around the world seeking a world without nuclear weapons as the “Obamajority.” He also displayed a paper crane folded by Sadako Sasaki, making the appeal that a world without nuclear weapons by 2020 is possible. The speeches of both mayors were greeted with enthusiastic voices of support. Mayors for Peace also hosted a conference entitled “Toward a decisive decade for nuclear disarmament, 2010-2020”, while meeting with national government representatives introducing our activities. The Board Meeting of the 2020 Vision Campaign Association was held to discuss our future actions. They also attended meetings organized by other NGOs to strengthen our partnerships. The delegation took this opportunity to visit Washington DC and met officials and law makers in the US Government and the Congress to request their cooperation in our efforts to abolish nuclear weapons.

US Conference of Mayors (USCM) 77th Annual Meeting (June 2009)

President Akiba participated in the 77th Annual Meeting of the US Conference of Mayors, held in Providence, Rhode Island. He requested that they submit and adopt a resolution to rid the world of nuclear weapons by 2020, featuring the following:
1) Support for the activities of Mayors for Peace.
2) Urging the International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament to set 2020 as their target year for the abolition of nuclear weapons, and to recognize the important role of cities and citizens for the elimination of nuclear weapons.
3) A request directed at President Obama to announce the beginning of multilateral negotiations at the 2010 NPT Review Conference for the abolishment of nuclear arms by 2020.

The above was passed and adopted unanimously by the US Conference of Mayors on June 15. He spoke at the International Affairs Standing Committee and Plenary on the annual meeting. In his speeches, he introduced the “Obamajority” and asked cooperation of the American mayors in inviting President Obama to visit Hiroshima and Nagasaki, as well as in conveying to the President that the US Mayors are calling for an immediate start of negotiations for abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020.

62nd Annual DPI/NGO Conference (September 2009)

President Akiba participated in the 62nd Annual UN DPI (Department of Public Information) / NGO Conference held in Mexico City on the theme “For Peace and Development: Disarm Now”. We conducted such activities as holding a workshop with other NGOs, meeting with the UN Secretary-General, sending a message of nuclear disarmament with the Secretary-General via “twitter”, a short text communication service, and giving a speech at the closing ceremony. He also delivered a speech at a meeting of the OPANAL Council, Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, consisting of all 33 Member States of the Treaty of Tlatelolco. His call for working together to abolish nuclear weapons was positively accepted.
From the Secretariat

● These days, nearly all our communication and information exchange takes place via e-mail. Therefore, we are doing our best to update the e-mail addresses and other information for each city in our database. Please send us your latest contact information, and be sure to inform us if the name of your mayor, your contact person or your preferred e-mail address changes. Please help us stay in touch.

● Please donate to the 2020 Vision Campaign

Mayors for Peace is calling on member cities, foundations, like-minded corporations, and individuals to contribute funds for the global growth of the 2020 Vision Campaign. Please send your donation to:

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Bank name: DEXIA
Account Number: 088-2371003-27
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◆ New Executive Cities

The following new President and Vice President Cities were approved at the 7th General Conference. The term will be until August 2013.

President: Hiroshima (Japan) / Vice President [14 Cities]: Nagasaki (Japan), Hannover (Germany), Malakoff (France), Manchester (UK), Muntinlupa (Philippines), Akron (U.S.A), Volgograd (Russia), Florence (Italy), Ypres (Belgium), Biograd na Moru (Croatia), Granollers (Spain), Halabja (Iraq), Waitakere (New Zealand), Brussels (Belgium)

Mayors for Peace Member Cities (As of November 2, 2009)

3,241 member cities in 134 countries and regions

The number of Mayors for Peace member cities exceeded 3,000 in August 2009 and now stands at 3,241 cities in 134 countries and regions. We are determined to have 5,000 members by the NPT Review Conference in May 2010. Please take some time today to invite at least one fellow mayor to join Mayors for Peace. If each of us recruits one more, we will reach our goal.

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