



Mayors for Peace

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His Excellency Mr. António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations

**“Work toward the Realization of a World without Nuclear Weapons”
Request for a keynote speech at the 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace**

Immediately upon assuming office as Secretary-General of the United Nations, Your Excellency made an appeal that we resolve to put peace first and make 2017 a year in which we all – citizens, governments, leaders – strive to overcome our differences. Mayors for Peace, which we preside over as President and Vice President, strongly endorses your words as this is exactly what we have been appealing for over the years.

Mayors for Peace has been working together with our diverse civil society partners to nurture better conditions for policymakers to demonstrate decisive leadership for a world without nuclear weapons by striving to overcome mutual distrust and by cultivating a shared sense of our common humanity, regardless of cultural, religious and ethnic differences.

With this goal in mind, Mayors for Peace will hold its quadrennial general conference from August 7 through 10 of this year in Nagasaki City. We would like to humbly ask you to give the keynote speech at this conference.

We are convinced that your speech from the A-bombed city will further motivate leaders around the world to exercise leadership toward nuclear abolition. Your message from Nagasaki will not only help our wish for nuclear abolition to reach the hearts of leaders and citizens around the world but also greatly encourage aging A-bomb survivors and many of our citizens, including our youth who are striving to take over the survivors' experience and their desire for peace.

This year, we are witnessing an accelerating drive for nuclear abolition with the commencement of negotiations for a treaty to prohibit nuclear weapons. We should not miss this golden opportunity to make 2017 a true year of peace. We sincerely hope you will consider our request to be the keynote speaker for our general conference and deliver a strong message from Nagasaki so that the city will be the last A-bombed site.

Information about the keynote speech:

Time and date: 10:00 to 11:00 am on Tuesday, August 8, 2017

(After the opening ceremony, which will start at 9:30)

Keynote theme: Toward a World without Nuclear Weapons - What We Can Do Toward 2020 -

Respectfully yours,

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MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor of Hiroshima
President of Mayors for Peace

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TAUE Tomihisa
Mayor of Nagasaki
Vice President of Mayors for Peace

Tentative Schedule for the 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace

	Monday, August 7	Tuesday, August 8	Wednesday, August 9
8:00			
9:00		8:30	8:30
9:30		9:30	
9:45		9:45	9:30
10:00		11:00	10:35
11:00		12:00	11:43
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17:00	17:15	18:00	18:00
18:00	18:30	18:45	19:00
19:00	19:45	20:00	20:00
20:00		20:30	21:00
21:00			

- Events related to the General Conference (for all participants)
- Events related to the General Conference (for Executive Cities only)
- Other peace-related events

* Please note that venues and schedules are subject to change.