



Mayors for Peace

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The Honorable Barack Obama
Former President of the United States

Dear Mr. Obama,

I trust this letter finds you well.

Once again we thank you for visiting Hiroshima last year, the first sitting American president to do so.

Mayors for Peace, an international non-governmental organization founded by the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will hold its quadrennial general conference from August 7 through 10 of this year in Nagasaki City. Today I am writing to humbly ask you to give the keynote speech at this conference.

Our organization was conceived in June 1982, when the mayor of Hiroshima proposed at the 2nd UN Special Session on Disarmament the "Program to Promote the Solidarity of Cities toward the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons," calling for global solidarity among cities. Today, we have grown to over 7,200 member cities from 162 countries and regions. The total population of these cities exceed a billion people.

The A-bombed cities, guided by the survivors who witnessed horrific devastation, have continued for decades asserting the inhumane nature of nuclear weapons. Now, we are finally witnessing an accelerating drive to outlaw nuclear weapons, with negotiations on a treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons scheduled for March and June this year.

I am convinced that if you send a message from Nagasaki this summer as you did in Hiroshima, our wish for nuclear abolition will certainly reach the hearts of people around the world. Your presence will also greatly encourage 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.

I sincerely hope you will consider our request and agree to be the keynote speaker for our general conference.

Sincerely yours,

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MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor of Hiroshima
President of Mayors for Peace

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Mayor of Nagasaki
Vice President of Mayors for Peace

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 -

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

	Monday, August 7	Tuesday, August 8	Wednesday, August 9	Thursday, August 10
8:00				
9:00		8:30	8:30	9:00
9:30		Attraction	9:30	9:30
9:45		Opening Ceremony & Keynote Speech (Nakabe Hall at Nagasaki University)	Arrival & Seating for Peace Ceremony	Session IV (Nakabe Hall at Nagasaki University)
10:00		11:00	10:35	11:00
11:00		A-bomb Survivor Testimony (Nakabe Hall at Nagasaki University)	Nagasaki Peace Ceremony (Peace Park)	Session V (Nakabe Hall at Nagasaki University)
12:00		12:00	11:43	11:15
13:00		Lunch (Meeting Room at Nagasaki University)	12:30	12:15
13:30	13:30	13:30	Lunch (Meeting Room at Nagasaki University)	12:45
14:00	Executive Conference (HOTEL NEW NAGASAKI)	Session I (Nakabe Hall at Nagasaki University)	13:30	13:00
15:00	15:30	15:30	13:45	13:45
16:00	16:00	16:00	Session III (Nakabe Hall at Nagasaki University)	Press Conference (Nakabe Hall at Nagasaki University)
17:00	17:15	17:30	16:15	
18:00	18:30	18:00	16:30	
19:00	18:30	18:45	The 7th Japanese Member Cities Meeting (Nakabe Hall at Nagasaki University)	
20:00	19:45	19:00	18:00	
21:00		20:30	18:00	
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			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.