

Peace Ceremony in Volgograd 2021

On August 6, the day of the first ever atomic bombing, peace events are held both in Hiroshima and its friendship cities all over the world. In Volgograd, it is a memorial ceremony traditionally hosted by the “Stalingrad Battle” panorama museum.



Among its attendants in 2021 were the Chair of Volgograd City Council Mr. Vladlen Kolesnikov, an honorary citizen of both Volgograd and Hiroshima Mr. Yury Starovatykh and participants of the **International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future (IYCPF) 2021**.

Following the toll of the Peace Bell, Memorial Ceremony attendants dedicated a **moment of silence** to the memory of the A-bomb victims and laid flowers and paper cranes to the bell.



A large and meaningful contribution to the event was made by Volgograd attendants of the **IYCPF**: school pupils, Medical University students, their friends, classmates and even children.

Sergey Babenko of the “Satori” Japanese language club delivered a presentation about the restoration of Hiroshima after the bombing.

Diana Martirosyan and **Elina Skabelina** from Gymnasium №3 read out poems about peace, and **Alexander Malakhov** from Gymnasium №5 put together a video message to support those who wish the power to cement peace on the planet through the power of their hearts.

The **International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future** is an event organized this year online by the City of Volgograd and the City of Hiroshima. Combining lectures by experts (on history, youth events and ecology) with discussion sessions and independent work, the event is aimed at helping its participants from 7 countries answer the most important question: what can we personally do to promote and cement peace?

Co-chaired by the Chair of Volgograd City Council Mr. Vladlen Kolesnikov and the Chair of Hiroshima International Friendship Association Dr. Kouki Inai, the IYCPF is held from **2 to 15 August 2021**.

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