

Memorial Ceremony in Volgograd – August 6, 2017

Municipality: Volgograd (Russia)

Mayor: Andrey Kosolapov

Event: Peace ceremony in memory of the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima

Date: August 6, 2017 (Sunday)

Place: “State Historical and Memorial Museum-Reserve “The Battle of Stalingrad” (located at 47, Chuikova St., Volgograd, 400005)

Number of Attendees: 76

On the 6th of August 2017, Volgograd citizens gathered in the Museum-panorama “The Battle of Stalingrad” for peace ceremony and a minute of silence dedicated to the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima – Volgograd’s Japanese twin-city. As usually, the ceremony began with the toll of a famous Bell of Peace.

The ceremony was attended by the First Deputy Mayor of Volgograd Vladlen Kolesnikov; ex-Mayor Yuri Starovatykh, a honorary citizen of Volgograd and Hiroshima; members of the “Elderly People Club”, students of Volgograd schools and universities (many of whom were participants of the IYCPF 2016), and representatives of Volgograd municipality.



The event started at 8.15 AM, when the high guests rang the Bell of Peace and laid flowers at its platform. Children traditionally followed their suit with paper cranes.

After that, the participants proceeded to the cinema hall for the next part of the meeting. First Deputy Mayor Kolesnikov gave a solid report on the frightening evolution of mass weapons and the increased suffering of civilian population through the course of human history and called on everyone to abandon the very idea of war as a means of conflict resolution. In conclusion, he invited the ceremony attendees to the round table on

local and global security which will be held this autumn during the Forum “Dialogue on the Volga”. Mr. Starovatykh spoke about the tragic past of Volgograd and Hiroshima and called on the school students to contribute to the preservation of peace by being socially active.

Ekaterina Ionova from “Volgograd-Hiroshima” Friendship Society continued the meeting with her Power Point presentation on the peace statues and memorials in Hiroshima, and the International Friendship Club talked about their Hiroshima carp activity held earlier this year.

In conclusion, the ceremony attendees put their signatures on the petitions against nuclear weapons for Mayor for Peace international organization.



Media reports:

1. City Council: <http://www.volgsovet.ru/d1d0/Activity/PressRelease/i16614>
2. “v1” news website: <http://v1.ru/text/newsline/328985972391936.html>
3. Volgograd Broadcasting TV-Channel: <http://www.volgograd-trv.ru/news.aspx?id=41661>

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