

Peace Memorial Ceremony report

Municipality: Volgograd (Russia)

Mayor: Andrey Kosolapov

Date: August 6, 2018 (Monday)

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

Number of Attendees: 126



In the morning of August 6, 2018, a Peace Memorial Ceremony took place in the “Battle of Stalingrad” museum-panorama in Volgograd, held in memory of the A-bomb victims who had perished in our Japanese sister-city Hiroshima in 1945.

The event united representatives of the Volgograd branch of the Russian Peace Foundation, members of the “Volgograd-Hiroshima” Friendship Society, International Friendship Club, Elderly People Club, and pupils from the schools located in Centralny, Voroshilovsky, Krasnooktyabrsky and Sovetsky districts of the city.



At 8:15, the “Peace Bell” rang – an exact copy of the legendary Peace Bell by the Japanese master Masahito Katori. After the toll of the bell, participants of the Peace Memorial Ceremony in Volgograd had a minute of silence in honor of the A-bomb victims and laid to the Bell’s platform flowers and paper cranes as a symbol of rejecting war.

“Both Hiroshima and Volgograd went through terrible hardships during World War II, and that is exactly why the promotion of peace is always relevant to us as sister-cities. The tragedies of Hiroshima and Stalingrad must never repeat,” said the Vice-Mayor of Volgograd Aleksey Volotskov.

The Chair of the Volgograd branch of the Russian Peace Foundation, an honorary citizen of both Volgograd and Hiroshima Yury Starovatykh noted that every year more and more young people come to the Peace Memorial Ceremony in Volgograd.

“Such an attitude of the young generation is undoubtedly to be greatly appreciated. The future of this planet depends directly on our descendants and on the way we shape their worldview,” he pointed out.

The second part of the ceremony started with a recitation of a poem “Hiroshima” by Robert Rozhdestvensky. It was followed by a historical presentation by the “Volgograd-Hiroshima” Friendship Society dedicated to the horrible consequences of radiation poisoning.

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



Media reports:

1. <http://mтв.онлайн/feed/obshchestvo/tseremoniya-mira-5974418396.html> (Russian)
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4. http://www.stalingrad-battle.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2865:2018-08-06-08-45-44&catid=4:2009-04-21-06-28-00&Itemid=6 (Russian)
5. <http://www.welcomevolgogradcity.com/NewsEn.aspx?idn=436> (English)

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