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Dear Mayors for Peace Member Cities,

Happy New Year 2011!

Thank you for your ongoing support for the activities of Mayors for Peace.

Please find below news related to the most recent activities of Mayors for Peace.

If your city has any news it wishes to share with other member cities, please feel free to contact us!

<*> The 1st Gautam Buddha International Peace Award by the Government of Nepal to the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki [Kathmandu, January 13, 2011]

The Government of Nepal has decided to confer the first Gautam Buddha International Peace Award jointly to the mayors of Hiroshima, Dr. Tadatoshi Akiba, and Nagasaki, Mr. Tomihisa Taue, based on the unanimous recommendation of the Management and Selection Committee of the Award, recognizing their achievements for peace as the leaders of Mayors for Peace. The Award ceremony will be held in Lumbini, Nepal on the occasion of Buddha Jayanti on May 17, 2011.

▼ Full article (Gautam Buddha International Peace Award website):

http://buddhaintpeaceaward.gov.np/index.php?page=press-release.

▼ Related article (The Republica):

http://www.myrepublica.com/portal/index.php?action=news_details&news_id=27113.

Dr. Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award Presented to the Mayor of Hiroshima

The Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University recognized the work of Mayor Akiba with a Dr. Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award. The Award Presentation Ceremony was held in Hiroshima on January 5, 2011.

▼ Text from the Award Presentation Ceremony (PDF):

http://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/riyou/pod/genko/mayor110105e.pdf.

▼ Youtube

http://www.voutube.com/watch?v=NWJITIoSPP4.

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Two Charity Concerts Supporting the 2020 Vision Campaign

Two Charity Concerts supporting the 2020 Vision Campaign were held in Hiroshima in December 2010. One was organized by high school students who wanted to do something for peace, and was held on December 11 and 12. The other was held on December 13, organized by local musicians in Hiroshima and led by a guitarist Mr. Bunken Nagano, who has a vision to continue this concert annually for 10 years until 2020. The funds raised in the two concerts were donated to Mayors for Peace to support our 2020 Vision Campaign.

Launching the New Version of Cities Are Not Targets! (CANT) Petition

Thanks to your invaluable support, the total number of the signatures collected for our grass-roots petition drive, "Cities Are Not Targets! (CANT)", since February 2007 has reached 1.06 million. Mayors for Peace launched a new version of the CANT petition drive, focusing on a nuclear weapons

convention and clearly setting a time framework for abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020. We would appreciate your continued support.

▼ Petition form (PDF):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/petitionform_en.pdf.

▼Online petition:

https://www.ssl-hiroins.city.hiroshima.jp/pcf/en/form.htm.

Mayors for Peace Member Cities – 65 New Cities

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Thanks to your invaluable support, as of January 1, 2011, the number of member cities reached 4,467 in 150 countries and regions. As a result of promotion at the Mercociudades meeting in early December, 19 Latin American cities joined Mayors for Peace. 40 new Japanese members joined and the total of 894 members exceeded half of all 1,750 municipalities in Japan. As our recruitment drive will continue, we would be most grateful if you could invite your fellow mayors, who are not yet our members, to join Mayors for Peace.

▼Related information (PDF):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2011/newmembers1101 en.pdf.

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