

## Mayors for Peace News Flash (May 2011) No.17

Dear member cities and supporters of Mayors for Peace,

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 others, please feel free to contact us!

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### ■ First Meeting of New Hiroshima Mayor with Nagasaki Mayor: Deepening Cooperation for a Nuclear-Free World

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On May 10, Mayor Matsui of Hiroshima visited Nagasaki and met with Mayor Taue of Nagasaki for the first time since he assumed office in April. The mayors affirmed their commitment to deepen cooperation for a nuclear-weapon-free world and to continue to make efforts in developing Mayors for Peace. Regarding the Fukushima disaster, they also agreed to disseminate accurate knowledge on radiation. Later in Hiroshima, Mayor Matsui said that if Japanese citizens' trust in nuclear power plants had been lost, that trust should be reviewed.

▼ Related story (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/news/artikel/c46a27aa47/hiroshima-and-nagasaki-agree-to-deep.html>.

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### ■ Acknowledgement of Messages and Support for the Disaster Victims in Japan

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On behalf of all Japanese, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to those who have sent us encouraging messages and other forms of support. Your messages to the disaster victims have been translated into Japanese and posted on the Japanese version of our website.

▼ List of messages (in Japanese):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/jp/topic/2011/110325\\_shinsai\\_shien/messages.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/jp/topic/2011/110325_shinsai_shien/messages.html).

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### ■ Financial Contributions from Member Cities to the 2020 Vision Campaign - Update for April 2011 [Ypres, Belgium]

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The 2020 Vision Campaign received donations from 17 cities in 5 countries this April, coming to a total of € 7.772,88. We would like to extend our gratitude to our member cities for this generosity in supporting our efforts to realize a nuclear-weapon-free world by 2020.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/members/contributors/artikel/159fd17c57/contributions-update-april-2011.html>.

▼ List of cities that made contributions in April:

[http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2020VC/About\\_us/Contributions\\_April\\_2011.pdf](http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/fileadmin/user_upload/2020VC/About_us/Contributions_April_2011.pdf).

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### ■ Protest against nuclear tests conducted by U.S.A.

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On May 23, the executive cities of Mayors for Peace have sent a letter of protest against the nuclear tests conducted in November 2010 and in March 2011 to the United States and the U.S. embassy in Japan, on behalf of our 4,704 member cities in 150 countries and regions.

▼ Full text of the Letter of Protest (PDF):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2011/110523\\_Protest%20\(toUS\).pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2011/110523_Protest%20(toUS).pdf).

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■ **Colombian Network of Municipalities for Peace and Mayors for Peace Start Co-operation** [Bogota, Colombia]

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On May 20, Mayors for Peace signed an agreement of co-operation with the Federacion Colombiana de Municipios (FCM). FCM is committed to supporting the elimination of all nuclear weapons by 2020, while Mayors for Peace is committed to promoting the work of the Colombian network of Municipalities for Peace, a part of the FCM.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/4ba02754fe/colombian-network-of-municipalities-1.html>.

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■ **Mayors for Peace Signs Agreement of Co-operation with Federación de Municipios Libres de Perú** [Lima, Peru]

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Mayors for Peace signed an agreement of co-operation with the Federación de Municipios Libres de Perú (FEMULP) during their VI National Meeting on May 18 in Lima, Peru. On the following day FEMULP organized several events at city halls near the capital. A meeting with representatives of the City Hall of Lima was also held, where progress was made for Peru's capital to join Mayors for Peace.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/6af44a9c7d/mayors-for-peace-signs-agreement-of-1.html>.

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■ **Mayors for Peace Hosted “Ecological and Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Warfare” Seminar** [Geneva, Switzerland]

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On May 17, Mayors for Peace hosted a seminar entitled “Ecological and Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Warfare” in Geneva, Switzerland, for government delegates to the UN’s Conference on Disarmament. Presentations by leading scientists highlighted the alarming evidence on the catastrophic consequences of even limited nuclear warfare on the climate, food production, human nutrition, and global security. Discussions emphasized the need for research to further elaborate the extent of such catastrophes and for increased awareness among governmental officials and the general public.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/e42a468dc5/mayors-for-peace-warns-diplomats-abo.html>.

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■ **Video of Charity Concert in Support of Campaign Held in Hiroshima Available on YouTube**

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Video of a charity concert supporting the 2020 Vision Campaign held in Hiroshima in December 13, 2010 is now available on YouTube. This concert was organized by musicians in Hiroshima and they have donated 1 million yen to the campaign. The organizers hope that similar activities supporting the 2020 Vision Campaign will be promoted among member cities around the world.

▼ Full article:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2011/110509\\_2020VC\\_concert/2020VC\\_concert.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2011/110509_2020VC_concert/2020VC_concert.html).

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■ **Report from the 2011 World Human Rights Cities Forum** [Gwangju, South Korea]

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From May 15 to 18, Steven Leeper, Chairman of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, attended the 2011 World Human Right Cities Forum in Gwangju, South Korea. He spoke on behalf of the mayor of Hiroshima about the peace policies of Hiroshima and Mayors for Peace.

▼ Full article:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2011/gwangju\\_reportE.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2011/gwangju_reportE.pdf).

