# Mayors for Peace News Flash (June 2012) No.30

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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# ■Mayors for Peace supports the Rio+20 Appeal

Mayors for Peace supports the Rio+20 Appeal calling on governments to cut military spending in favor of sustainable development. President Kazumi Matsui on behalf of Mayors for Peace has put his signatures to the Appeal. The Rio+20 Appeal is an initiative from INES, the International Peace Bureau, Foreign Policy in Focus and the World Future Council. The signatories of the Rio+20 Appeal demand that the freed-up funds should be used for social, economic and ecological programs in all countries.

▼Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/0598a51019/rio-20-mayors-for-peace-calls-for-r.html

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## ■Mayors for Peace resonates with the new IPPNW/PSR study

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IPPNW, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, and its US affiliate PSR, Physicians for Social Responsibility presented the new study on Nuclear Famine at the annual Nobel Prize Laureates Summit in Chicago in April. The study shows that even a limited nuclear war involving less than 0.5 % of the world's nuclear arsenal would cause climate disruption that could lead to a global famine. The IPPNW/PSR study resonates in the same context with the poster exhibit we are urging our member cities to hold to inform millions of citizens on the impact of nuclear attack on a city.

▼Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/b6e085e68d/ippnw-study-warns-that-100-nuclear-e.html

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#### ■New poster exhibit commemorates 5.000-city milestone [Download ready]

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To commemorate the 5,000-city milestone, please hold a new poster exhibit in your municipality sometime in August 2012.

By holding these exhibits in as many cities as possible, we hope to directly inform millions of citizens regarding the impact of nuclear war, including the fact that even a limited war would cause catastrophic climate change resulting in global famine, and the role city leaders strive to play. Please do hold an exhibition and bring this problem to the attention of people in your city.

Furthermore, it would be great if you could set up petition booths during the exhibition to collect signatures calling for an immediate start to negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention.

The posters are now available to download from the Mayors for Peace website. For detailed information, please refer to the instructions for downloading the posters in "The Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki -The 5,000-Member Milestone Exhibition,-" a document forwarded to our member cities.

- >>Posters: A2 size (approximately 24 by 36 inches); 19 posters.
- >>This poster exhibit was created based on a mandate from the 8th Executive Conference held in Granollers, Spain last

November.

The first poster exhibitions were held in Vienna International Center and Vienna City Hall during the first Preparatory Committee Meeting for the NPT Review Conference. Please be sure your city joins this movement.

#### **▼**Related Information:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/poster/index.html

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## ■Please support the petition drive for a nuclear weapons convention

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The next step in abolishing all nuclear weapons by 2020 is to negotiate a nuclear weapons convention.

A nuclear weapons convention will prohibit the acquisition, development, possession, deployment and use of nuclear weapons and all related activities.

At our Executive Conference in Granollers, Spain in November 2011, we agreed to promote a global grassroots petition drive through which all member cities can call for an immediate start to negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention.

On behalf of Mayors for Peace, President Kazumi Matsui handed a certificate representing 478,303 signatures collected by April 30 to Mr. Peter Woolcott, chairman of the first Preparatory Committee Meeting for the 2015 NPT Review Conference in May 2012 in Vienna, Austria.

We will continue collecting of signatures until 2015 and present them to the UN at appropriate times.

Please promote this petition drive in your city. For example, the City of Hiroshima has set up petition booths in the lobbies of City Hall and other municipal offices since April 2, and we have been collecting signatures at the venues of events organized by the city. Please let us know how your city is working on this petition drive so we can tell others. Let's gather millions of signatures and make our voices heard. (The petition is available for printing or online at the links below.)

**▼** 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.

#### ■ Financial contributions from member cities to the 2020 Vision Campaign

- Update for May 2012 [Ypres, Belgium]

The 2020 Vision Campaign received donations from 40 cities in 4 countries during the month of May coming to a total of 24.470,07 Euro.

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/0d3d8e6d76/contributions-update-May -2012.html.

▼ List of cities that made contributions in May:

http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/fileadmin/user\_upload/2020VC/Members/Contributors/Contributions\_May\_2012.pdf.

**▼**How to make contributions:

http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/members/contribute-to-mayors-for-peace.html.

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#### **■**Member City Activities

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The City of Wellington, New Zealand celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Nuclear Weapon Free Declaration with a free concert in the city's main Civic Square and a Mayoral Reception in the Council chambers on April 14, 2012. At the Reception, Mayor Celia Wade-Brown delivered a speech in which she read the message from Mayor Kazumi Matsui of Hiroshima City to share with invited guests, diplomats and participants in the Nuclear Weapon Free movements.

Please visit the "Member City Activities" page on our website to get ideas to implement in your city. The URL of this page has been changed.

▼ To see the "Member City Activities" webpage, click the link below:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/membercity/index.html.

#### << Please Send Information on Your City's Peace Activities >>

Please help us tell others about what you are doing!

We can create a link to your city's website or the website of your peace event.

We need comprehensive information including the date, venue, organizers and description of the event. We will be glad to help you advertise.

▼ Please send the name/title of the activity along with the link to: <a href="mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp">mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp</a>

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# ■ Mayors for Peace member cities - 5,276 cities in 153 countries/regions

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Thanks to your invaluable support, as of June 1, the number of member cities increased by 39 to 5,276. As a result of a recruitment drive to all non-member cities/municipalities in Tokushima Prefecture, Japan in cooperation with the President of the Association of Towns and Municipalities in Tokushima in March, 2 towns from Tokushima Prefecture joined.

After a recruitment drive at the FLACMA conference in cooperation with Mayor Aura Saldana of Sabana de la Mar, the Dominican Republic, 26 cities from the Dominican Republic joined.

As a result of recruitment letters from 4 Mayors for Peace in the Netherlands, 7 cities from the Netherlands joined as well.

We welcome further initiatives to promote membership and can provide support from Hiroshima as needed. Please invite your fellow mayors to join.

**▼**Related information (PDF):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2012/newmembers1206\_en.pdf.

▼Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/15b470a8c8/mayors-for-peace-membership-nears-5.html

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