

Revision to the Covenant of Mayors for Peace (Japanese version)

1 Points revised

As of July 1 of this year, 1,330 municipalities from Japan are members in Mayors for Peace, and among those are 619 towns, villages, and special wards, aside from cities, making up 46.5% of Japan's membership. Taking this situation into account, it has been proposed to change the Japanese name of Mayors for Peace from *Heiwa Shicho (mayors) Kaigi* to *Heiwa Shucho (municipal leaders) Kaigi* along with the Japanese notation of 'mayor' in the Covenant accordingly, reflecting that the organization is open not only to mayors. This proposal was accepted at the national conference of Mayors for Peace held this January.

2 Contents of revision

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3 Enactment date
August 6, 2013