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**Subject: Mayors for Peace Executive Conference in Ypres and civic visit to the UK of the Mayor of Hiroshima and Mayors for Peace Secretariat staff**

## 1. Introduction

This report by the Chapter Secretary, Sean Morris, provides an overview of the recent Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace held in Ypres, Belgium in mid November. It also outlines a number of civic events held around the Conference, which link in to commemorative centenary events of the First World War. The report outlines a civic visit to the UK by the Mayor of Hiroshima and senior staff from the Mayors for Peace International Secretariat, which included events in Manchester and London. It notes statements and events developed as a result of the terrorist attacks in Paris. It finally considers the development of the UK and Ireland Mayor, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter in 2016.

## 2. Role of the Executive Conference and the development of Lead Cities

The Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace is its main decision-making body. The Conference formally meets every two years, with additional meetings taking place around UN Conferences or via web teleconferences. At four yearly intervals an Executive Conference also includes a General Conference, which rotate between Hiroshima and Nagasaki and are open to the global membership of Mayors for Peace. Membership currently stands at 6,940 members in 161 countries, and it is likely the organisation will pass the 7,000 membership level imminently.

The membership of the Executive Conference, who are invited to join the Executive Board by its President, currently consists of the following members:

President - Mayor of Hiroshima (Japan)  
Vice Presidents - Mayor of Nagasaki (Japan)  
Lord Mayor of Manchester (UK)  
Lord Mayor of Hanover (Germany)  
Mayor of Volgograd (Russia)  
Mayor of Malakoff (France)  
Mayor of Granollers (Spain)  
Mayor of Ypres (Belgium)  
Mayor of Biograd na Moru (Croatia)  
Mayor of Frogn (Norway)  
Mayor of Brussels (Belgium)  
Mayor of Muntinlupa (Philippines)  
Mayor of Akron (USA)  
Mayor of Halabja (Iraq)  
Mayor of Mexico City (Mexico)  
Mayor of Fongo Tongo (Cameroon)  
Executive Cities - Mayor of Fremantle (Australia)  
Mayor of Semey (Kazakhstan)  
Governor of Bangkok (Thailand)  
Mayor of Wellington (New Zealand)

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Executive Cities - Mayor of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
Mayor of Montreal (Canada)  
Mayor of Cochin (India)  
Mayor of Santos (Brazil)  
Mayor of Cartago (Costa Rica)  
Mayor of Bogota (Colombia)

Executive Cities were appointed after the 2013 Executive Conference and will be confirmed as Vice Presidents of Mayors for Peace at the 2017 Executive and General Conference in Nagasaki.

Each of these Executive Members has also agreed to be a 'Lead City' of Mayors for Peace (In Japan and Belgium the Lead City is Hiroshima and Ypres with Nagasaki and Brussels providing a supportive role). Lead Cities are committed to developing national or cross-national Chapters of Mayors for Peace. Since taking on this role in September 2013, Manchester City Council has led the launch of a UK and Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter, as discussed later in this Briefing Paper.

The aim of the International Secretariat was to have appointed 30 Lead Cities by 2015 and 50 Lead Cities by 2017. At present there are 24 Lead Cities.

### 3. Key areas of discussion for the Executive Conference

The agenda of the Executive Conference looked at the following issues:

- A report on activities of the International Secretariat from 2013 – 2015;
- Progress report on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan 2013 – 2017;
- Transfer of the 2020 Vision Campaign Secretariat from Ypres to Hiroshima;
- Priorities and strategic direction of Mayors for Peace;
- Review of the 2020 Vision Campaign;
- Preparations for the 2017 Executive and General Conference;
- Plans for the 2019 Executive Conference and special plans for 2020 – the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki;
- Proposals for concrete actions to urge national governments to immediate actions to start negotiations and conclude a nuclear weapons convention;
- Development of an agreed Conference Resolution and Communiqué

The agenda was adopted and discussed at a wide-ranging two day conference in Ypres. Attending the Executive Conference were political and officer representatives from Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Manchester, Hanover, Malakoff, Granollers, Ypres, Biograd na Moru, Fogn, Fongo Tongo and Montreal. Manchester was represented by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Paul Murphy and Principal Policy Officer and UK & Ireland Chapter Secretary, Sean Morris. Executive Advisors to the Board were also in attendance – these provide assistance in the development of the organisation in particular continents and in liaison at the United Nations level.

### 4. What was agreed at the Executive Conference?

There was a wide-ranging and detailed discussion across all the areas noted above in Section 2. A number of key actions were agreed upon and are outlined in the final resolution and communiqué noted in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 below. These have been issued to all Mayors for Peace around its global membership.

In summary the key points agreed upon include:

**Progress report** – the Board was pleased with the progress of Lead Cities and heard that a number of Chapters – such as Japan, France, Germany and the UK & Ireland were now operational. The challenge was now to continue the expansion of Lead Cities and support the development of national and cross-national chapters. The Lead Cities present all agreed to look to develop such chapters over the next two years.

**Transfer of the 2020 Vision Secretariat** – the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision – an Emergency Campaign to seek a timetable to reduce and eliminate all nuclear weapons by

2020 – was agreed at the 2003 Executive Conference in Manchester, with a Secretariat being established in Ypres, Belgium in 2005. At the 2015 Conference Ypres indicated that financial and staffing issues made it difficult for them to continue to provide the services of this Secretariat effectively, as well as taking on the new role of a Lead City. It was agreed by the Board that the Hiroshima International Secretariat take on the workstreams of the 2020 Vision Campaign. Ypres noted that they were pursuing a proposal to develop a project considering the development of solidarity and campaigning against the destruction of towns and cities through conventional bombing and terrorist attacks. This would be communicated to interested members in early 2016.

As part of this transfer, Hiroshima agreed to undertake a review of the 2020 Vision and of its effectiveness.

**Priorities and strategic direction of Mayors for Peace** – the Board agreed that, with the failure of the May 2015 United Nations Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty Review Conference, there was an urgent need to prioritise and concentrate on intensifying activity to realise real progress on the reduction and eventual elimination of nuclear weapons over the next decade. Increasing cooperation with the UN, such as through its Disarmament Office and its Information Centre would be a priority, and it would also take up an active role in lobbying at the meetings of the Open Working Group on Nuclear Weapons at the UN.

The Mayors for Peace Secretariat would request its Lead Cities / Chapters to lobby their individual governments on nuclear weapons and related peace issues. Deepening cooperation with like-minded groups such as ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons), ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross), PNND (Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament), IPPNW (International Physicians for the Abolition of Nuclear War), IALANA (International Association of Lawyers for the Abolition of Nuclear Armaments), Abolition 2000 and Religions for Peace was also agreed and encouraged.

The Board agreed there were a number of practical projects that could assist at the local level with increasing knowledge and the profile of Mayors for Peace. These included member cities taking up Hiroshima's offer of seeds from an A-bomb damaged ginkgo tree; flames of peace from the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park; Skype teleconferences with 'hibakuska' survivors of the bombing; the hosting of photographic exhibitions of the atomic bombings and the work of Mayors for Peace; and the formal commemoration of relevant anniversaries such as Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day, International Peace Day, International Day for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and Remembrance Day.

There was also discussion over other issues within the remit of the covenant of Mayors for Peace that members would like to comment and work upon, such as the refugee crisis affecting parts of the world, the connections between peace and development and the growing problems generated by climate change. The Board agreed that Mayors for Peace would give its support to practical projects assisting amelioration and allow national & cross-national Chapters over time to focus on these issues in addition to nuclear disarmament.

**Future Executive and General Conferences** – it was agreed by the Board that the next Executive and General Conference would be held in Nagasaki in August 2017. The Secretariat plans to issue a survey to all Mayors for Peace members in 2016 to ascertain the content for the General Conference. A key aim will be to maintain the increased membership of Mayors for Peace at the 2017 and 2017 Conferences, with a desire to have 10,000 members by 2020. There was some discussion at the Board of holding a Special Executive and General Conference in 2020 with the culmination of the 2020 Vision Campaign and to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki – this would likely be the last anniversary where there would still be a reasonable number of 'hibakuska' survivors of the attacks. A key part of the 2020 Campaign has been to show solidarity with the hibakuska.

**Resolution and communiqué** – the Board agreed to the text of a final Conference resolution and communiqué. These summarise the actions Mayors for Peace would deliver to move forward discussion at the international level on nuclear weapons and ways individual members could support the organisation. The resolution would be sent to the governments of all nuclear weapon states, including the UK.

## 5. Civic events held in Ypres around the Executive Conference

A key reason for holding the Executive Conference in Ypres in November 2015 was to allow the organisation to support events around the centenary of the First World War.

Within this, conference delegates took part in the following:

- Attendance at the Ypres Peace Lecture 2015, which was given by the German journalist and academic Philipp Blom. The lecture compared the splits and divisions in the world in 1914/15 with the fractured state of the world a century later.
- The Lord Mayor and UK & Ireland Chapter Secretary attended the Armistice Day service at the Menin Gate in Ypres at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The Menin Gate is a Commonwealth War Memorial to over 65,000 soldiers killed on the Ypres Salient who do not have identified graves. The Lord Mayor and Chapter Secretary also visited one of the First World War memorial cemeteries on the Ypres Ramparts.
- All delegates attended a civic reception in Ypres City Hall, which was followed by an attendance at a special concert in Ypres Cathedral. 'The Great War Remembered' was presented by the Last Post Association and was a musical and dramatic evocation of the human events and tragedy of the First World War.
- All delegates were given a guided tour of the 'In Flanders Fields' museum. This excellent and interactive museum outlines the history of the First World War in the Ypres Salient from both sides of the conflict. It ends with a large banner noting every Mayors for Peace member, arguing that such an organisation is critical for the wider peace of the world.
- All delegates attended the daily 8pm service on 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Menin Gate and laid wreaths on behalf of the Mayors for Peace. The delegates then met with the buglers from the Last Post Association.

Such events increased local media and public interest in the Executive Conference and is an important part of increasing the profile of the Mayors for Peace.

## 6. Civic visit of the Mayor of Hiroshima to the UK

Directly following the Conference, the delegation from Hiroshima travelled back with the Manchester delegation for a civic visit to Manchester and London. The Hiroshima delegation was led by Mayor Kazumi Matsui of Hiroshima and included Secretary General Yasuyoshi Komizo of the Mayors for Peace and two Mayors for Peace Secretariat staff, Shinichiro Murakami and Yasuko Okane.

In Manchester three official events were held:

- A special event was held as the culmination of Manchester City Council's 'Project G' in the Rutherford Building of the University of Manchester and in Manchester Museum. 'Project G' is the name given to the project around the receipt of ginkgo tree seeds from a second generation tree damaged in the atomic bombing that managed to germinate new seeds in 1946. The Council has held an art and poetry competition with six Manchester primary schools reflecting on the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, the 'rebirth' of the ginkgo trees and the importance of nature in restoring the world after a disaster. The art was shown at the August 6<sup>th</sup> Hiroshima Day event in Manchester Museum. In the November event, the Mayor of Hiroshima and the Lord Mayor of Manchester presented certificates to some of the participating children and were given short presentations by the children of their projects. The event also allowed a presentation from Charlotte Phasey, a Manchester Metropolitan University student who attended an International Youth Conference in Hiroshima in August. The event culminated with a viewing of Manchester Museum and its Hiroshima 'Peace' cabinet, which includes a piece of melted glass from the bombing and hundreds of white paper cranes.
- A ceremony was held in Manchester Town Hall where the Mayor of Hiroshima presented an official certificate of thanks to the Lord Mayor of Manchester for the Council agreeing to

be a Lead City of Mayors for Peace. A paper peace crane garland created by Hiroshima schoolchildren was also presented to the Lord Mayor. The ceremony also allowed for an art exhibition from Hiroshima schoolchildren from the early 1950s to be shown to the Hiroshima delegation by retired teacher Mike Stevenson. The exhibition had been part of a UNESCO event in the United States and had been passed down to Mr Stevenson from a Manchester based art teacher at the exhibition. It is hoped to send this art back to Rogakuin High School in Hiroshima in 2016. Talks about it also being exhibited in Manchester in early 2016 are also taking place.

- A meeting was also held with senior staff from the Manchester based Mines Advisory Group (MAG). In 1997 MAG and other groups were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize as part of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munitions. The International Treaty that was passed into international law is the type of treaty Mayors for Peace wishes to see delivered on nuclear weapons. The wide-ranging discussion allowed for explanation of how the Treaty was agreed upon.

The civic visit greatly enhanced the friendship between Manchester and Hiroshima. It also took place over the weekend of the horrific terrorist attacks in Paris. Statements from Mayors for Peace, which is attached as Appendix 3, and from Manchester City Council were drafted and published. The Chapter Secretary also spoke at a special Manchester City Council meeting in solidarity with Paris the following week about some of the above events.

The Hiroshima civic visit to the UK concluded with a visit to London for two events:

- A special Parliamentary event was held in a House of Lords Committee Room. The event was co-organised by the Mayors for Peace UK and Ireland Chapter and the Foundation for International Collaboration. The event allowed the Mayor of Hiroshima to explain the work of Mayors for Peace and how they are seeking to build a wide coalition of support with civil society. In a well attended meeting that included a number of UK members of Mayors for Peace, councillors, cross-party MPs, members of the House of Lords and members of disarmament, peace and faith groups there was a very useful and informative question and answer session on UK nuclear weapons policy and the wider nuclear weapons debate. It is hoped to send the Mayors for Peace photographic exhibition to Parliament in early 2016 prior to the Trident replacement debate.
- The Hiroshima delegation travelled on to London City Hall and met with the Deputy Mayor of London, Sir Edward Lister. The meeting took place during the official two minutes silence to those who had died in the Paris attacks. A wide ranging discussion took place and the Mayor of Hiroshima presented the Deputy Mayor with a peace crane garland.

The London visit was very useful for bringing the Mayors for Peace to the centre of political debate on UK nuclear weapons policy and to meet with the Mayor's office in London and other members of Mayors for Peace.

## **7. Future activities of the UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter in early 2016**

In 2015, UK and Ireland members of Mayors for Peace agreed to establish a cross-national Chapter to focus local activity and deepen membership.

The Chapter is called the UK and Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter to take account of the local government arrangements across the UK and Ireland and bring in the support of executive as well as ceremonial leadership within the Chapter. The Chapter Secretary is imminently processing voluntary annual membership fees of £120 / €140 for unitary / district and county councils and £60 / €70 for town councils and lower tiers of local government. Recruitment letters signed by a cross-party collection of political representatives will also be organised to encourage increased membership in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

A meeting of the UK and Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter will be held in **Manchester Town Hall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016 from 1.30pm – 3.30pm**. All members and interested non-members are welcome to attend it.

Photographs from the Ypres, Manchester and London events are attached as Appendix 4.

**Final resolution of 2015 Mayors for Peace Executive Conference**

In this milestone 70<sup>th</sup> year of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the average age of *hibakusha* has exceeded 80. We reaffirm our common commitment to realize their fervent wish to eliminate nuclear weapons; and to address such pressing issues as poverty, refugees, and climate change, as per Article 3 of the Mayors for Peace Covenant, as discussed at the 9<sup>th</sup> Mayors for Peace Executive Conference. We hereby resolve and announce Mayors for Peace will act with determination and take concrete actions to achieve these great goals. We will do everything in our power to build global momentum, through the solidarity of the more than 6,800 member cities from 161 countries and regions, towards nuclear abolition by the year 2020.

The powerful message of *hibakusha* who experienced an arduous and indescribable ordeal—that “No one ever should suffer as we have”—has served as a strong driving force, transcending national borders and generations, for the rise of the international movement to abolish all nuclear weapons. Such weapons are costing over \$100 billion annually—funds that could instead be used to reverse climate change, eliminate poverty and address other social and economic needs.

International public opinion calling for the legal ban on nuclear weapons has been steadily growing in recent years with a focus on the inhumanity of nuclear weapons. Though the final document of last April’s NPT Review Conference—which would have had shown the path to nuclear abolition—was not adopted, a basic agreement on the establishment of a working group to identify and elaborate effective measures to realize the full implementation of nuclear disarmament obligation had been reached based on Article VI of the NPT.

Meanwhile, nuclear-weapons states and the nations under their umbrella oppose any legal prohibition on nuclear weapons. Nearly 16,000 such weapons still exist in the world. Furthermore, with the disclosure of official information, the international community has now begun to realize that the risk of the use of nuclear weapons due to miscommunication or accidents is too high to be overlooked. There is also serious concern about the use of nuclear weapons by terrorists who would not hesitate to use them the moment they were acquired.

Under such circumstances, we believe that it is essential to make strengthening our campaign towards the total abolition of nuclear weapons as our common goal. In order to increase the momentum towards a legal ban on nuclear weapons and pave a path to a world free of such weapons, we will devote ourselves to the following initiatives:

1. We urge all governments to participate in the United Nations Open-Ended Working Group established to undertake substantive work on legal measure to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.
2. Seizing every possible opportunity, including international conferences, we will call on policymakers and people around the world to visit the A-bombed cities as well as will continue to strive to help people deepen their understanding of the reality of the atomic bombings.
3. We will further promote our efforts to raise awareness within civil society regarding the high probability of accidents taking place in our backyards due to the very existence of nuclear weapons.
4. We will exercise mayoral leadership in order to generate a rising tide in civil society towards the abolition of nuclear weapons, and other goals as described in Article 3 of the Covenant.
5. As mayors, we will deliver our citizens’ voices to our own governments and urge those governments to work proactively for nuclear abolition.

November 13, 2015  
The 9th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace

## Communiqué sent out to all Mayors for Peace members from the Executive Conference

In November 2015, 33 years after Mayors for Peace was established, the number of member cities has exceeded 6,900 from 161 countries and regions and continues to grow. Mayors for Peace have now grown into an influential global network that can impact international public opinion calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

The 9th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace was held on November 12 and 13, 2015 in Ypres, Belgium. The participating mayors and representatives from the executive cities shared their respective activities towards nuclear abolition and regarding other challenges that their regions face.

They also discussed how to address such pressing issues as poverty, refugees, and climate change as well as how to contribute to nuclear abolition, and resolved to take concrete action with determination, in accordance to Article 3 of the Mayors for Peace Covenant.

Based on its deliberations, this Executive Conference adopted the following seven action priorities:

1. The Hiroshima Secretariat will take over the 2020 Vision Campaign to further promote it in cooperation with the executive and lead cities on the foundation built up by the city of Ypres, aiming at nuclear abolition by 2020.
2. Intensified activities for Mayors for Peace based on the 2020 Vision were identified as follows:
  - 1) Strategic projects to promote the start of negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention
    - i) Citizen outreach by member cities
      - Raise awareness of the humanitarian consequences and risks posed by nuclear weapons
      - Strengthen efforts to promote petition drives
    - ii) Actions targeting national governments and policymakers
      - Call on policymakers to visit the A-bombed cities
      - Actions utilizing signatures and request letters
    - iii) Cooperative action with the United Nations
  - 2) Concentrated activities to strengthen the Mayors for Peace management system
    - i) Expand membership
      - We will strengthen recruitment efforts to reach 10,000 members by 2020.
    - ii) Conveying the A-bomb experience to future generations through youth exchanges
      - We will promote youth exchanges among member cities, share the memories of the atomic bombings with the future generations, and strengthen the network of the executive cities.
    - iii) Invite interns from member cities to the Hiroshima Secretariat
      - To cultivate human resources that could help enhance Mayors for Peace activities, we will build up our intern program and strengthen the network of executive cities.
3. We will continue to facilitate such activities as distributing and cultivating seeds and seedlings of A-bombed trees, sharing the Flame of Peace, holding A-bomb poster exhibitions, screening animated films, providing A-bomb survivor testimonies through Skype, and promoting Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses.
4. We will remove the words “by 2015” included in Objective 3 of the 2020 Vision, and continue to call on national governments to work for nuclear abolition.
5. Along with our activities based on the 2020 Vision to eliminate nuclear weapons, we will address such pressing issues as poverty, refugees, and climate change, in accordance with Article 3 of the Mayors for Peace Covenant.
6. The next General Conference will be held in Nagasaki in August 2017. To reflect requests and proposals from member cities in the conference content, the Secretariat will conduct a survey of member cities in 2016 and will consider possible content based on the results.
7. We will send the Resolution adopted by the Executive Conference to the nuclear-weapon states and the United Nations, among others, as a consensus of Mayors for Peace, to urge them to accelerate the momentum for a legal ban of nuclear weapons.

We will send this Final Communiqué and the Resolution to all member cities.

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### Mayors for Peace statement on the Paris terrorist attacks

We would like to express our deep condolences to all the victims of the coordinated multiple terrorist attacks in Paris, France on November 13.

As mayors who have a strong sense of responsibility to protect the safety and welfare of our citizens, we cannot under any circumstances accept such atrocities.

These inhumane and indiscriminate terrorist attacks have reminded us how vulnerable city dwellers are. If terrorist organizations acquire nuclear weapons that can cause ultimately inhumane consequences, cities around the world would be plunged into unacceptably grave risks. We must abolish these weapons as soon as possible to liberate citizens from their threat.

We, the Mayors for Peace, in solidarity with around 6,900 member cities in the world, call on the governments as well as the civil society all over the world, to work with us to establish a safe and truly peaceful world.

November 16, 2015

Mayors for Peace

Agreed by Members of the Executive Board of Mayors for Peace:

President Mayor of Hiroshima, Japan

Vice president Mayor of Nagasaki, Japan

Vice president Lord Mayor of Hannover, Germany

Vice president Mayor of Volgograd, Russia

Vice president Mayor of Malakoff, France

Vice president Mayor of Mantinlupa, Philippines

Vice president Lord Mayor of Manchester, UK

Vice president Mayor of Akron, USA

Vice president Mayor of Ypres, Belgium

Vice president Mayor of Biograd na Moru, Croatia

Vice president Mayor of Granollers, Spain

Vice president Mayor of Halabja, Iraq

Vice president Mayor of Brussels, Belgium

Vice president Mayor of Fongo-Tongo, Cameroon

Vice president Mayor of Mexico City, Mexico

Vice president Mayor of Frogn, Norway

Executive Mayor of Fremantle, Australia

Executive Mayor of Semey, Kazakhstan

Executive Governor of Bangkok, Thailand

Executive Mayor of Wellington, New Zealand

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Some pictures from the Ypres, Manchester and London meetings and events

Ypres Executive Conference and civic events:



Mayor Taue of Nagasaki, Lord Mayor Paul Murphy of Manchester and Mayor Matsui of Hiroshima at Executive Conference. Ypres



The Mayors for Peace Executive Conference taking place in Ypres



The Lord Mayor of Manchester in front of graves of Manchester soldiers from the First World War, Ypres Ramparts



Red and white poppies with personal messages from families of war veterans lay by the Ypres peace memorial on the Ypres Ramparts, above the Menin Gate.



Members of the Mayors for Peace Executive Board with the buglers of the Last Post Society, Menin Gate, Ypres

**Manchester civic events with the Mayor of Hiroshima:**



Manchester student Charlotte Phasey with Mayor Matsui, Lord Mayor Paul Murphy and a Hiroshima carp (symbol of the city) covered with messages of peace, Project G event, Manchester University



Mayor Kazumi Matsui meeting the Lord Mayor of Manchester Paul Murphy at Manchester's Project G event, Manchester University





Mayors of Hiroshima and Manchester with a teacher and students of Birchfield Primary School, who took part in Project G



Mayors of Hiroshima and Manchester with teacher and students of Heald Place Primary School, who took part in Project G



Mayors of Hiroshima and Manchester with teacher and students of St Margaret Mary Primary School, who took part in Project G



A winning entry in the Project G competition



1950's Hiroshima schoolchildren's art in Manchester Town Hall



Mayor Matsui presents certificate of thanks to Lord Mayor Murphy, Manchester Town Hall



Lord Mayor with Hiroshima peace crane garland

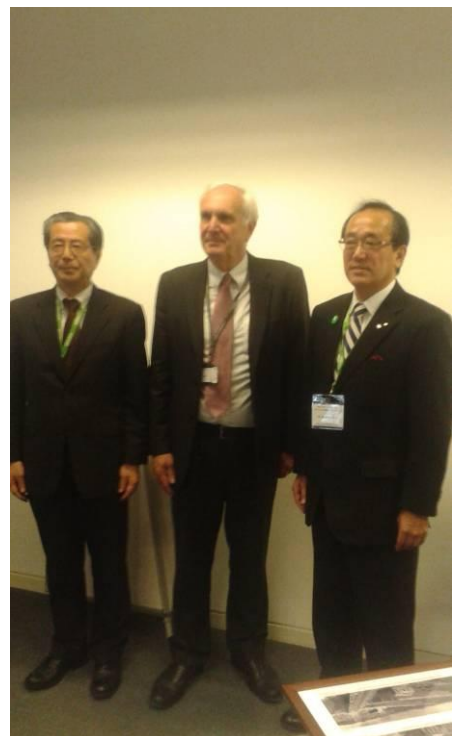


Mayor Matsui receives gift from MAG Chief Executive Nick Roseveare (in the background is the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize awarded to MAG)

**London events:**



Above: The Hiroshima delegation, UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Secretary and Roger Prentis of FIC at Parliamentary event



Right: Mayors for Peace Secretary General Komizo, Deputy Mayor of London Sir Edward Lister and Hiroshima Mayor Komizo in London City Hall