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The Honorable Mayor
Mayors for Peace Member City

Invitation for applicants to the 2016 Mayors for Peace Youth Exchange for Peace: Support Program for “HIROSHIMA & PEACE”

Dear Mayor,

I trust this message finds you in the best of health and spirits.

At the Executive Conference in November 2015, Mayors for Peace designated “conveying the A-bomb experience to future generations through youth exchanges” as one of its intensified activities to promote nuclear weapons abolition for the next few years. In connection, we have started a program to provide financial and other support to selected youth from member cities who would like to participate in the course, “HIROSHIMA and PEACE”, at Hiroshima City University. This is an intensive summer course in which students from around the world study and discuss Hiroshima and peace in English.

Moreover, the Mayors for Peace Secretariat asks that successful applicants from member cities submit a report after the conclusion of this course, in which they will write about what they learned through this program, their own plans for peace activities, and concrete proposals for Mayors for Peace activities for nuclear weapons abolition. We also ask member cities that recommended participants to consider implementing projects based on their youth participant’s ideas in order to facilitate the nuclear weapons abolition goal of Mayors for Peace.

We hope this program will help convey the realities of the A-bombings to future generations and strengthen the network among member cities through youth exchange.

In this regard, Mayors for Peace is now accepting applications for participation in this program from member cities. If interested, please refer to the attached Application Guidelines and submit required documents by email by **Thursday, April 14th, 2016 at 3pm in Japan Standard Time (UTC +9)**.

Hiroshima City University and the Mayors for Peace Secretariat will select the participants and notify applicants or cities of the results in the middle of May 2016.

We close with best wishes for the further prosperity of your city as well as for your continued good health and every success in your activities.

Sincerely,

MATSUI Kazumi
President of Mayors for Peace
Mayor of Hiroshima