



## Mayors for Peace

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### **Request from Takayama City, Japan for Peace Bell Ceremony on International Day of Peace 2016**

Dear fellow Mayor for Peace,

The United Nations has established September 21 as a fixed International Day of Peace (IDP) date and annual day of non-violence and cease-fire. The UN invites all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities during IDP, and to otherwise commemorate the International Day of Peace through education and public awareness on issues related to peace and wellbeing for all.

Mayors for Peace has been a long-time supporter of IDP and earlier sent all its member cities a letter of request for hosting a commemorative event marking this day.

In accordance with these initiatives, the city of Takayama, Japan, a member city of Mayors for Peace, is going to organize the Peace Bell Ceremony where like-minded bell owners in the city, such as temples and churches, sound the bell in unison at noon on IDP. Furthermore, the mayor of Takayama City requests our member cities to do the same to offer as many people as possible an opportunity to renew their determination to bring peace to the globe.

In this context, we humbly ask that you consider calling for sounding bells at noon on September 21 to facilities and organizations which own bells in your city. If you intend to organize such an event, I would be pleased if you could inform our office.

Sincerely yours,

MATSUI Kazumi

Mayor of Hiroshima

President of Mayors for Peace