



## Mayors for Peace

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### Message for International Day of Peace, 100 Day Countdown

There are only 100 days left until the International Day of Peace, on September 21.

The International Day of Peace is an important day to have the United Nations, its member countries, and people around the world join efforts to spread the idea of peace, to express their determination to realize it, and to cease fighting and renew our appreciation of the importance and preciousness of peace. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt respect to United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, for the leadership he has shown in strongly promoting this Day.

Mayors for Peace, consisting of 7,063 member cities from 161 countries and regions, supports the concept behind the International Day of Peace, and has been calling on its member cities around the world to participate by holding commemorative events based on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2013-2017). Last year, which marked the milestone 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the United Nations and also the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, commemorative events were held not only in cities around Japan but also in Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Iraq, and other places, to show support for the realization of world peace.

This year as well, we call upon our member cities around the world to hold events at noon on September 21 in order to share their desire for peace with as many people as possible and to pray for its realization.

The world is still suffering armed conflicts and the threat of terrorism. With the aim of realizing a peaceful world free from nuclear weapons, let us member cities of Mayors for Peace use the 100 days which lead up to September 21 to gather our voices together and call for peace.

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