

November 16, 2016

Mr. Donald Trump
President-elect
United States of America

Dear President-elect Trump:

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits.

As mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, A-bombed cities seeking a peaceful world free from nuclear weapons, we write to extend our heartfelt congratulations on your victory in the U.S. presidential election.

While the international conditions of nuclear disarmament continue to be harsh, the expectations for the role of the United States, a nuclear superpower, have increased more than ever.

We hope that you will break away from the nuclear deterrence mindset and take concrete action towards a world without nuclear weapons.

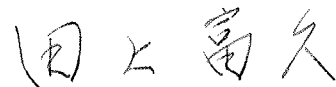
We would also be most grateful if you could visit the A-bombed cities and encounter the reality of the atomic bombings to fully understand the inhumanity of nuclear weapons. We would like for you to share in our *hibakusha*'s ardent message that "No one else should ever suffer as we have."

In closing, we extend our best wishes for your good health and every success in your endeavors.

Respectfully,



MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor
The City of Hiroshima



TAUE Tomihisa
Mayor
The City of Nagasaki