

## 2017 Mayors for Peace Youth Exchange for Peace: Support Program for "HIROSHIMA and PEACE"

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During my participation in support program for “Hiroshima and Peace” (2017 Mayors for Peace Youth Exchange for Peace) I received very good experience in dealing with my future peacebuilding work. First of all, I would like to say that program “Hiroshima and Peace” was full of different lectures and discussions about different problems connected with the existence of nuclear weapons and consequences of it for the modern world. These lectures were dedicated to the aspects of peacebuilding in many spheres of live, including politics and culture. We should always remember and recognize that the nuclear weapon is absolute evil which should be destroyed by all civilized governments and political powers of the modern world. All lectures, which were presented in that summer program we can divide in few directions, the most important from this, were the lectures about Hibakusha survivors and their stories about surviving after nuclear bombardment, and lectures about ways of international cooperation to prevent the increase of nuclear weapons and to contribute to their further abolition. I was really impressed by the stories of Hibakusha survivors and their explanation of the awful situation after the A-bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. These stories are showing all intention of Japanese people to reconstruct Japan and to reconstruct all world, to help the other people to understand all value of human life. Human life is priceless. After my visit to the Memorial Museum of Hiroshima I completely understood that we are all human beings and my intention to participate actively in peacebuilding activity increased very highly.

After my work in the support program for “Hiroshima and Peace” I came to conclusion about my future steps in peacebuilding activity in Volgograd region, in Russia. Firstly, I will continue the work of “International discussion club” for all students of the Volgograd State University. I will attract more students and teaching staff from all universities of Volgograd region to participate in our work (it will happen in October – November of the current year). The next step will be organization of practical scientific conferences dedicated to the problems and perspectives of nuclear weapons abolition (it will happen approximately in November – December of the current year). At the same time, there is a plan to organize big communities in social network “Vkontakte” and “Facebook” to tell young generations about the destructive consequences of nuclear weapons existence and discuss the ways of struggle against that type of weapon. Besides, I’m planning to work with the Centre of people’s diplomacy of Volgograd State University and attract many students and specialists to the conferences and round tables, which will be organized by this Centre according to the theme of nuclear disarmament and abolition of nuclear weapons (it will happen in December 2017 – February 2018).

After my participation in the work of support program for “Hiroshima and Peace” (2017 Mayors for Peace Youth Exchange for Peace) I have some proposals for the future activity that can provide Mayors for Peace:

1. to activate the cooperation of Mayors for Peace in involving new city-members of this organization, also in Russian Federation;
2. to organize more conferences dedicated to the problems of disarmament and peace promotion with the participation of Russian city-members’ representatives;
3. to activate intercultural and educative exchange between Volgograd and Hiroshima – in that case we have a lot of possibilities in providing peacebuilding work more effectively;
4. to support youth scientific projects dedicated to the nuclear disarmament and abolition problem

solution;

5. to write more appeals to all international organizations, such as UN, OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), to the presidents of the countries that have nuclear weapons, about the necessity of nuclear abolition in all countries which have nuclear weapons.