

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

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Dear Mayors for Peace,

Not much time passed since we finished the course "HIROSHIMA and PEACE" and attended Mayors for Peace classes. I want to extend my gratitude to You and I have some ideas to suggest.

For every indifferent person it would have been impossible not to understand that nuclear weapon is a great evil and we should speak for nuclear disarmament as many times as we can. In that case I have some plans to do in the city I live for many people to know about the problem, its consequences and negative impact on people's life.

In my everyday life I am a student of Sakhalin State University, but I have already started working as a teacher. What's more, I still continue cooperating with the teachers from the school I graduated and the pupils who are studying there now. For me it will be very interesting to start speaking about the knowledge I got in Hiroshima from my school gymnasium #1. I have already met with the teachers and they are looking forward to seeing me conducting the lessons. I am planning to give the lessons in 3 languages: in Russian for smaller pupils who are 10-12, in English for 13-15 year-old students and in French for the eldest ones. It will be good for them to practice foreign language, to know new words and what the most important is to get acquainted with the tragedy in 1945 and with the ways of prevention of spreading the nuclear power. The most vital aspect here is to explain children that our future depends only on us and we have to do our best, they have to do their best to create nuclear-weapon-free world.

As I have already said I am a member of Students Council and we are to be responsible for our students' future. They may not understand at all how terrible the situation with the nuclear power is. So my aim is to give them explanations of some fact they may not know for sure, and to let them figure out their ways of solving the problem of the nuclear weapon abolition. It is clear that if I am alone I am not supposed to do anything great, but if I find supporters of my ideas that will become easier for us to fight for nuclear-weapon-free world.

I was very impressed with the manga "Hiroshima's Revival", the one that Mayors For Peace presented to us. I think such books are a perfect way to communicate through cultures, countries, kilometers and so on. Especially if we speak about the younger generation it happened to be difficult sometimes to talk to them, but with the books as "Hiroshima's Revival", "Barefoot Gen" it becomes very easy to communicate to different people, through time and generations. It would be great if we could find some manga on this issue in Russia, especially in my city. As we are very worry about the Japanese and what to support you as we are the closest neighbors.

To commemorate the memories of the bombing we should choose the special day for it. The tragedy in Hiroshima and Nagasaki is not the tragedy of Japan. It should be the world's tragedy. Many people were killed, badly injured by the bombings and died. The hibakushas who survived still have a deep hole in their heart as with this explosion they lost their homes, parents, friends, love, happy future. Nobody should forget about that. This special day may not be in august but it would be great to establish the one day for the whole world- the day of nuclear weapon abolition.

To sum up, I would love to say that it was a great opportunity to know many useful

information about the nuclear weapons and the catastrophe itself. I was very shocked by everything I've learned from the professors, hibakushas, other students. And I feel now my responsibility to pass down my knowledge to younger generations.