

Call for Input: Examples of initiatives to foster peace-seeking spirit

Report Form

Date of report November. 30, 2018
 Name of municipality Ayabe City, Kyoto Prefecture
 Name of country Japan

Title of peace education initiative	Poster and Essay Competition for Elementary and Junior High School Students in Ayabe, a Member City of the World Federalist Movement
The initiative was implemented by (Choose one ✓)	<input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> NGO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint initiative by: (Planning Committee of Global Citizens' Gathering)
Theme/Aim	<i>(Example: Nuclear disarmament/terrorism/violence)</i> Realization of lasting world peace; establishment of a world federation; and awareness of environmental issues, etc.
Participants (age, school grade, number, etc.)	<i>(Example: 60 children (12-year-old) + 30 adults (parents and people in the community))</i> Students from elementary and junior high schools in Ayabe
Location	Ayabe City
Date(s) of initiative	July 21 to September 6, 2018 (during summer holidays) <i>*If it is an initiative held regularly, please tell us when it started and how frequently it is held.</i>

Please answer the questions below clearly and concisely.

1. Please describe the initiative. For classroom lectures and events, please provide a timeline of the event. For other types of initiatives, such as a competition, please describe the process in detail.

This competition has been held by the Planning Committee of Global Citizens' Gathering (chaired by Ayabe Mayor Zenya Yamazaki), which consists of six organizations, i.e., Ayabe City, Ayabe City Council, Ayabe City Board of Education, Ayabe Promotion Council for Citizens Charter, Ayabe Junior Chamber (general incorporated association), and Ayabe City Association of the World Federalist Movement. In the summer holidays, elementary and junior high school students in Ayabe City are asked to submit a poster or an essay on such themes as peace, world federation, and environmental issues.

Winners of the competition are awarded at the Global Citizens' Peace Event held on around October 14, the day Ayabe City declared membership in the World Federalist Movement for the first time in Japan in 1950. Excellent winning entries are not only sent to a national competition hosted by the headquarters of the World Federalist Movement of Japan (chaired by ex-prime minister Toshiki Kaifu) but also compiled into a booklet for distribution. Winning essays are aired across the city via a community FM radio station.

Incidentally, the national competition mentioned above is supported by the National Association for Local Governments that Have Declared Membership in the World Federalist Movement, which is chaired by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and Ayabe City.

2. Please tell us about the response from participants.

This competition, which marked its 27th anniversary this year, received more than 400 entries from about 30 percent of the students in Ayabe.

Some schools in Ayabe encourage students in a certain grade to work on an essay or a poster in class. Students are thus fully aware that Ayabe is a city advocating peace.

3. Please tell us about positive outcomes that resulted from the initiative.

This competition contributes to allowing elementary and junior high school students in the city, who will be responsible for the next generation, to recognize that Ayabe City is the first local government in Japan that declared membership in the World Federalist Movement.

4. Please tell us about the challenges encountered in the initiative if any.

With entries increasing, we cannot secure a sufficient number of examiners or enough time for screening.

5. Please identify any materials used in the initiative (books, videos, slideshow, etc.).

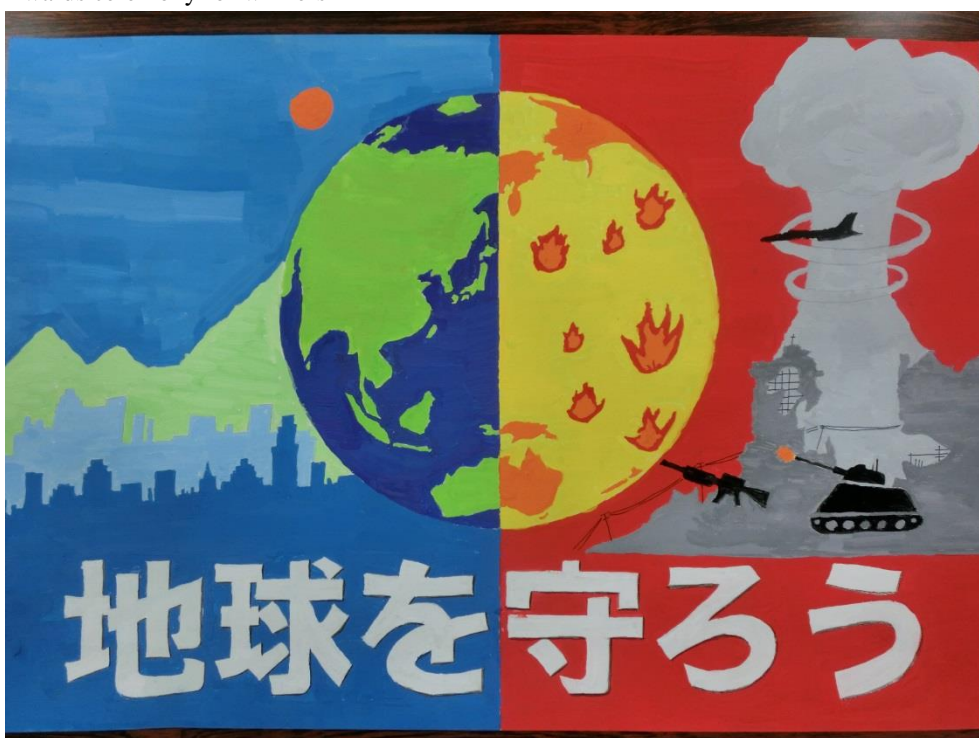
6. May the Mayors for Peace Secretariat post the material mentioned in Question 5 on its website? (if there are no copyright or other problems in sharing them publicly)

Yes *Please attach the material(s). No Don't know.

If you would like to submit photos and other materials, please send them in a separate file.



Awards ceremony for winners



Award-winning poster