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**7,764 cities**  
**in 163 countries and regions**  
(as of June 1, 2019)

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## ■ Invitation for the Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns" 2019

Mayors for Peace places emphasis on peace education to raise awareness among future generations as part of its intensified efforts in the Action Plan from 2017 to 2020, which was adopted at the 9th General Conference. With the aim of further promoting peace education in member cities, Mayors for Peace is pleased to hold its second edition of the children's art competition on the theme of "Peaceful Towns" targeted at children in all these cities.

Please advertise this competition widely among schools and other organizations in your city. Member cities are asked to accept entries from interested local applicants, select up to 5 artworks for Category I (6-10 years old) and Category II (11-15 years old), and submit the scanned artworks in PDF along with the other required documents by email to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat by the designated deadline.

▼Details of the competition on the Mayors for Peace Website :

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/ecbn/projects/2019\\_Art\\_Competition.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/ecbn/projects/2019_Art_Competition.html)

**Submission Deadline:**

September 30 (Monday), 2019

**Submission:**

Email the application materials to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat at [mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

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## ■ Letter of Protest Against Nuclear Test Conducted by the US

[May 27, 2019]

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On May 27, Mayors for Peace issued a letter of protest over the subcritical nuclear test conducted by the US on February 13, according to an announcement by the US government. The letter, addressed to the US President Donald Trump under the name of the President of Mayors for Peace, condemned the country's actions as "utterly unacceptable" and strongly demanded that all future nuclear tests be cancelled.

▼ Letter of Protest on the Mayors for Peace website:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/news/data/190527\\_protest\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/news/data/190527_protest_en.pdf)

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## ■ 100 Day Countdown Message for the International Day of Peace

[June 13, 2019]

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The United Nations has established September 21 as the International Day of Peace (IDP) and an annual day of non-violence and ceasefire. Mayors for Peace has been a long-time supporter of the IDP and encourages all member cities to commemorate the International Day of Peace on September 21.

On June 13, the President of Mayors for Peace issued a message for the 100-day countdown to the IDP, inviting all members to commemorate the 2019 International Day of Peace in their city.

▼ Message for the International Day of Peace, 100-Day Countdown by the President of Mayors for Peace (Mayors for Peace website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/statement/mailmag/pdf/190613\\_IDP100day\\_message\\_E.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/statement/mailmag/pdf/190613_IDP100day_message_E.pdf)

▼ International Day of Peace 21 September (The United Nations website):

<http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>

<<PLEASE SEND INFORMATION ON YOUR CITY'S 2019 IDP EVENT >>

If your city is planning to organize an event to commemorate the IDP, please send an event report to our secretariat. We will share the report on the Mayors for Peace website, etc.

▼ Please mail us with an outline of your event at:

[mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

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## ■ Member City Activities

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< Montréal, Canada >

### International study on "City Policies on Living together" in cooperation with UNESCO

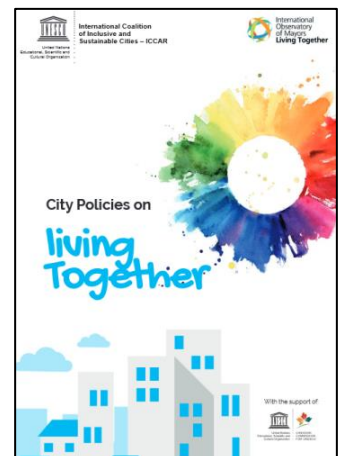
The International Observatory of Mayors on Living Together — an initiative by the City of Montréal — has released a new edition of the study "City Policies on Living Together" in cooperation with UNESCO.

Prepared by the Observatory, in cooperation with UNESCO's International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities (ICCAR), with the support of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the purpose of this report is to document existing Living Together policies and programs at the municipal level in ten cities (Dakar, Douala, Geneva, Montréal, Namur, Ouagadougou, Québec, Rabat, Strasburg and Tunis). The original research also includes an operational study on Living Together to strengthen municipal initiatives and offer guidelines to cities that want to more effectively support Living Together in their respective communities.

This new document was released during "[Improving how we live together in cities](#)", a round table held on May 16 at UNESCO co-organized by the Observatory in the framework of the 2nd edition of the International Day on Living Together in Peace.

▼ More about the study (The International Observatory of Mayors on Living Together Website):

<https://observatoirevivreensemble.org/en/new-edition-city-policies-on-living-together>



< Report from the City of Montréal, an Executive City of Mayors for Peace and the Lead City of the Canadian Chapter >

<<PLEASE SEND US INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CITY'S PEACE ACTIVITIES>>

Please help us tell others about what you are doing! We can create a link to your city's website or the website of your peace event to help you advertise. Please send us information including the date, venue, organizers and a description of the event. We look forward to receiving information from your city.

▼ Please send a report about your event to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat at:

[mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

▼ List of peace events as based on those in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (As of June 11):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/04\\_list\\_of\\_activities/2019\\_List\\_of\\_Activities\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/04_list_of_activities/2019_List_of_Activities_en.pdf)

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### ■“Peace News from Hiroshima”

(Provided by the Hiroshima Peace Media Center of the CHUGOKU SHIMBUN)

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In response to the announcement that the United States conducted a subcritical nuclear experiment in February, which does not produce a nuclear explosion, people in Hiroshima and local governments engaged in protests, including a sit-in, against the Trump administration. The Peace Watch Tower in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum was also reset, as the tower's clock displays the number of days since the world's last nuclear test was conducted.

The announcement of the U.S. subcritical test was made the day before Donald Trump, president of the first nation in human history to use nuclear weapons in war, visited Japan, the country which it attacked with this inhumane weapon. It is only natural for the leader of a nation to take into account the sensitive issues of the country that he or she is visiting. We can only conclude that the news was purposefully announced the day before his visit.

The Japanese government may have been informed of the test in advance, but there is no indication that the Japanese government made a formal protest against it. From a diplomatic point of view, this could be interpreted to mean that the two countries have confirmed that the issue of nuclear weapons is of little importance to them. Each time the clock of the Peace Watch Tower is reset, we feel dismayed by their apathy. But we must persist in conveying from Hiroshima our message: that we are opposed to all types of nuclear testing and seek the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Please visit the following links to read more peace-related news.

- City of Hiroshima begins annual process of adding names to register of A-bomb dead

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=91513>

- Hibakusha Appeal Network collects signatures in Naka Ward to appeal for nuclear abolition

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=91467>

- A-bombed city stages protests against U.S. subcritical nuclear test

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=91465>

- Hiroshima mayor holds first meeting to discuss draft of Peace Declaration

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=91461>

- A-bomb survivors express anger and concern over U.S. attitude toward nuclear disarmament

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=91414>

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### ■Request for Payment of the 2019 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee

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In order to facilitate future activities and strengthen the sense of solidarity amongst member cities, Mayors for Peace introduced an annual Membership Fee in 2015.

This year again, we ask each member city to pay a Fee of 2,000 Japanese yen (about 19 USD/16 Euro as of March 19, 2019) per city. If your city has not paid their Membership Fee in previous years, we ask your city to pay the total amount owed for each unpaid year since 2015. The collected Membership Fees will be allocated toward new and existing projects listed on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan 2017-2020.

A request for payment of the 2019 membership fee was sent to each city by email on April 1. We deeply appreciate your kind cooperation.

▼ Request for the 2019 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee (The Mayors for Peace website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/outlines/membership\\_fee.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/outlines/membership_fee.html)

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

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The Mayors for Peace Secretariat has been seeking examples of peace education initiatives conducted by any organization (city hall/school/NGO, etc.) in Mayors for Peace member cities that are conducive to raising peace-seeking spirit among future generations. The Mayors for Peace Secretariat accepts reports on a rolling basis, so please send your report whenever your project is completed. The submitted reports will be posted on our website and in the Mayors for Peace News Flash as a source of information for other member cities that are planning to launch their own peace education program.

▼ Call for Input on the Mayors for Peace website:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/ecbn/projects.html#section10>

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## ■Request to Promote Various Measures Based on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2017-2020)

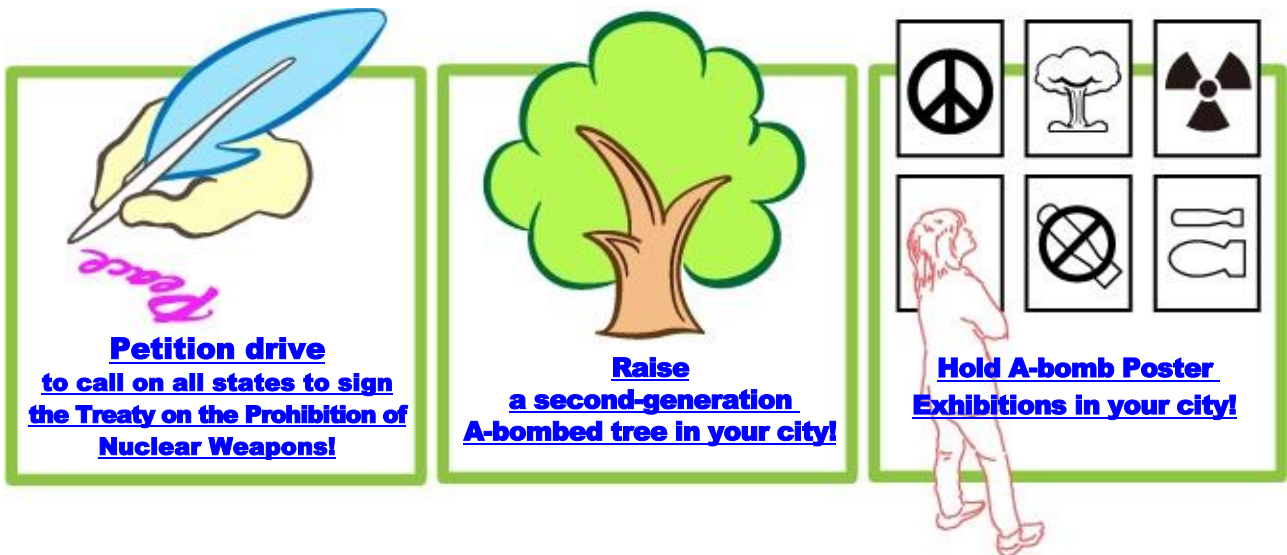
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At the 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace held in Nagasaki in August 2017, we decided our Action Plan for up to the year 2020, aiming for lasting world peace. Together, we hope to make significant strides toward realizing this goal. Please promote all appropriate measures based on the Action Plan within your own municipality or regional group.

▼ Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2017-2020):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/report/meeting/data/9th\\_meeting/Action\\_Plan\\_2017-2020\\_E.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/report/meeting/data/9th_meeting/Action_Plan_2017-2020_E.pdf)

For example, you can promote the following measures:



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## ■Mayors for Peace Collaboration with “The Hibakusha Appeal” Signature Campaign

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Based on the Action Plan decided at the 9<sup>th</sup> General Conference in August 2017, Mayors for Peace is promoting a petition drive urging the nuclear-armed states and their allies to participate in the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. It was also decided that in doing so, Mayors for Peace would collaborate with “The Hibakusha Appeal”, a signature campaign launched by the hibakusha of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Mayors for Peace Secretariat will compile the number of signatures collected and present it to affiliates of the United Nations.

▼ For more information about “The Hibakusha Appeal”:



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## ■ Mayors for Peace Member Cities - 7,764 Cities in 163 Countries/Regions

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Thanks to your invaluable support, on June 1, we gained 8 new member cities, bringing the total membership to 7,764.

From Germany, 7 cities joined thanks to the continued efforts of Hannover, a Vice President City and Lead City of the German Chapter of Mayors for Peace. From Austria, we welcomed the City of Villach, thanks to an invitation from Villach's German sister city Bamberg.

We encourage further initiatives to promote membership and can provide support from Hiroshima as needed. Please continue inviting mayors who are not yet members to join Mayors for Peace.

▼ List of New Members (PDF):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/03\\_newmembers/2019/newmembers1906\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/03_newmembers/2019/newmembers1906_en.pdf)

▼ Map of Member Cities:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/membercity/map.html>

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