



# Mayors for Peace News Flash

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**in 163 countries and regions**

(as of October 1, 2019)

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## ■ Mayors for Peace Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns" 2019 \*Deadline Extended to Nov. 20\*

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Mayors for Peace's children's art competition, on the theme of "Peaceful Towns", began with the aim of further promoting peace education in member cities last year. When we sent invitations for this year's competition, we set the deadline about four months after the opening of applications, which includes a vacation in many countries. However, due to differences in academic year cycles around the world, we have so far received applications from less member cities than expected. In light of the purpose of this art competition—to further promote peace education in as many member cities as possible—we have decided to extend the application deadline to enable more cities to join this competition.

We request that, after reading the application guidelines, you widely advertise this competition to schools in your city, select 5 artworks for each category from among the applications, and submit the required materials by email in a PDF file to our Secretariat by [Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 5:00pm \(Japan Standard Time\)](#).

## **New Submission Deadline:**

November 20 (Wednesday), 2019, at 5:00pm (Japan Standard Time)

## **Submission:**

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

▼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)

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## **■Events Commemorating 2019 International Day of Peace**

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The United Nations has established September 21 as a fixed International Day of Peace (IDP) and an annual day of non-violence and cease-fire. Mayors for Peace has been a long-time supporter of the IDP and this year again all member cities were encouraged to commemorate the IDP.

In Hiroshima and member cities around the world, various commemorative events were held.

[Belgium] [Ghent](#)

[France] [Grigny](#), [La Rochelle](#)

[Japan] Akita, Matsumoto, [Fuji](#), Takayama, [Motosu](#), Hirakata, [Nagasaki](#)

[Spain] [Barcelona](#), [Canovelles](#), [Lloret de Mar](#)

[U.K.] UK and Ireland Chapter



▼ Events Commemorating 2019 International Day of Peace (Mayors for Peace Website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/news/190921\\_news.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/news/190921_news.html)

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## **■Reports by Mayors for Peace Executive Advisors: Events for International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**

[September 26, 2019]

On 26 September of each year since 2014, the UN has marked the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. Our two Executive Advisors in the United States, Mr. Randy Rydell and Ms. Jacqueline Cabasso, participated in events to commemorate the day in New York and Mexico City.

### **Randy Rydell's report on the UN High-Level Meeting**

Introduction:

The meeting was opened by the President of the General Assembly (Tijjani Muhammad-Bande of Nigeria), who was followed by a brief introductory statement by Secretary-General António Guterres. This year's International Day featured 72 listed national speakers and two civil society groups. The meeting was also attended by several non-governmental groups.

▼ Meeting Report: High level plenary meeting to commemorate the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (Mayors for Peace website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2019/Intl\\_Day\\_notes\\_2019\\_MEMO.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2019/Intl_Day_notes_2019_MEMO.pdf)

### **Jacqueline Cabasso's report on Mexico City's Peace Festival**

Introduction:

Mexico City, a Vice President of Mayors for Peace and the Lead City in Mexico, commemorated the United Nations International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons with a Peace Festival promoting its "Yes to Disarmament, Yes to Peace" voluntary disarmament program. Mayors for Peace North American Coordinator and Executive Advisor Jacqueline Cabasso was invited to this event as an official representative of Mayors for Peace and was honored to be the first speaker, addressing a crowd of some 500 people – half of them school children.



(Photo: Jessica Ibarra)

▼ Activity Report: Mexico City Commemorates the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (Mayors for Peace website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/190926\\_Mexico\\_City\\_Nuclear\\_Abolition\\_Day.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/190926_Mexico_City_Nuclear_Abolition_Day.html)

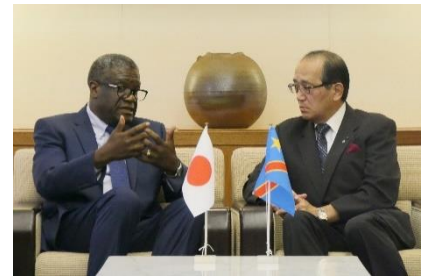
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## ■2018 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr. Mukwege visits Hiroshima

[October 5-6, 2019]

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Dr. Denis Mukwege, a gynecologist from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), visited Hiroshima for the first time during his trip to Japan as part of his global campaign on “Peace, Justice and Women’s Rights”. Dr. Mukwege has spent much of his life treating female victims of sexual violence in the DRC and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018 for his efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war.



Dr. Mukwege and Mayor Matsui  
(Courtesy of Hiroshima City)

On October 5, Dr. Mukwege listened to an eyewitness testimony by a female hibakusha, toured the Peace Memorial Museum, and placed a floral tribute at the Cenotaph for the A-bomb Victims in the Peace Park. Then, he had a meeting with Mr. Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima and President of Mayors for Peace. Mayor Matsui shared his respect for Dr. Mukwege’s longstanding efforts and introduced him to the work of Mayors for Peace. Mayor Matsui said: “As a network of mayors, we want to stand in solidarity for peace and defy the nonsense of resorting to violence together,” expressing his hope to expand membership in the DRC. Dr. Mukwege positively responded to this call, saying “The Eastern Congo is still plagued by conflicts, but as our mayors seek ways to bring peaceful lives to their citizens, it would be very encouraging for them to know that there are other like-minded mayors whom they can talk to.”

On October 6, Dr. Mukwege gave a lecture to the public gathered at the Peace Memorial Museum, in which he highlighted the need for global attention to address the sexual violence in conflict, demanding an end to impunity. He also asked the audience to stand together for a world free from nuclear weapons and sexual violence.

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## ■Hosting an intern from Tehran at the Mayors for Peace Secretariat

[September 4 – 27, 2019]

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Mayors for Peace has conducted an internship program since 2014, inviting staff from member cities to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat in Hiroshima City and having them engage in work related to peace and the Secretariat. From September 4 to 27, the Mayors for Peace Secretariat welcomed Ms. Mona Badamechizadeh, as an intern from the City of Tehran, an Executive City of Mayors for Peace and the Lead City in Iran. Ms. Badamechizadeh is a volunteer staff member of Tehran Peace Museum, which is managed by the City of Tehran. Ms. Badamechizadeh was involved in the work of the Mayors for Peace Secretariat and participated in a number of activities to learn about the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, including listening to a *hibakusha*’s eyewitness testimony. She also made a presentation about the culture of Iran, as well as the museum’s efforts for peace to members of the public.

Ms. Badamechizadeh made the following comment about her internship: “Through this internship I learned so much information about A-bomb and its devastating consequences from different perspectives specifically science wise. I am pleased that I also had the chance to introduce about “Little Narrators”, which is one of the most important projects at the Children’s Department of Tehran Peace Museum. With all new knowledge and insights I gained through this internship, I intend to design workshops for students visiting Tehran Peace Museum.”

▼ Posts on the Mayors for Peace Facebook page about Ms. Badamechizadeh’s internship in Hiroshima:

[https://www.facebook.com/mayorsforpeace/posts/2215587292035325?\\_tn=-R](https://www.facebook.com/mayorsforpeace/posts/2215587292035325?_tn=-R)

[https://www.facebook.com/mayorsforpeace/posts/2226630114264376?\\_tn=-R](https://www.facebook.com/mayorsforpeace/posts/2226630114264376?_tn=-R)

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## ■Regional Chapter Activities

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### <Catalan Chapter>

#### Catalan cities commemorate the Peace Day

On September 21, to commemorate this year’s International Day of Peace, the municipalities of Barcelona, Canovelles and Lloret de Mar, Mayors for Peace members, organized a full day of activities to express their desire for peace and their rejection of violence.

The event in Barcelona was held on September 20 at the Hiroshima Garden, located in the Horta-Guinardó neighbourhood, with various schools and organizations involved. The event featured workshops for children, presentations of mural paintings, a tree planting ceremony and speeches by public authorities. At noon, bells were rung to pay tribute to the victims of the atomic bombings, in the hope that no such tragedy will ever happen again anywhere in the world. Among the participants were Mayor Josep Mayoral of Granollers, a Vice President of Mayors for Peace and the Lead City of the Catalan Chapter, and a representative from the Japanese Embassy in Spain. Mayor Mayoral stated in his speech, “We should continue working for peace at all levels. We should ask all governments for a total ban of nuclear weapons.”



Photos courtesy of the Catalan Chapter

In Canovelles, where a second-generation A-bombed camphor tree was planted last year, a full day of activities for peace was organized to commemorate the IDP. The day of solidarity included a reading of a manifesto in favor of peace and coexistence, a musical performance, and a flower offering in memory of the victims of the atomic bombings.

Lloret de Mar sounded bells at noon on September 21 in response to a call from the City of Takayama, Japan, to organize a Peace Bell Ceremony to renew their determination to bring peace to the globe. The ceremony included a minute of silence and reading of the UN Secretary-General's message for this year's IDP.

▼ More photos on the Mayors for Peace website:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/190921\\_Calatan\\_Chapter\\_IDP2019.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/190921_Calatan_Chapter_IDP2019.html)

### <UK and Ireland Chapter>

#### **UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter meeting and progress report**

The UK and Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter held its most recent meeting in Manchester on the 13th September. This joint meeting with the NFLA focused on the humanitarian impacts of nuclear weapons, the need for Peace Departments and the costs and risks of the UK's nuclear weapons programme.

Keynote speaker was the ATOM Project Ambassador Karipbek Kuyukov, born close to the Semipalatinsk nuclear weapon testing site in Kazakhstan, who was born without arms, but who has become an accomplished mouth painter and a passionate nuclear disarmament campaigner. Supported by the Embassy of Kazakhstan to the UK, Karipbek also spoke at special events at the UK and Scottish Parliaments. Other speakers included Dr Becky Alexis-Martin, adviser to the British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association, Vijay Mehta of Uniting for Peace and Dave Cullen of the Nuclear Information Service.

The Chapter Secretary has produced a full report of the meeting, which also includes updates on support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Fife Council became the fifth UK Council and Mayors for Peace member to pass a resolution supporting the TPNW. The report also notes a forthcoming Mayors for Peace exhibition, '50 Cities. 50 Traces' which will be held in Manchester from 5th November to the end of January, and then in Bristol in February 2020.

<Report by Sean Morris, UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary>

▼ UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Policy Briefing 25 (Nuclear Free Local Authorities website):

[https://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/M4P\\_Briefing\\_No\\_25\\_Chapter\\_meeting\\_and\\_TPNW.pdf](https://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/M4P_Briefing_No_25_Chapter_meeting_and_TPNW.pdf)

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## ■ Member City Activities

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### <Manchester, UK>

#### **On Remembrance Sunday, Manchester holds a national '24 Hours of Peace' performance event**

As delegates travel to Hanover for the Mayors for Peace Executive Conference, the City of Manchester, Vice President City of Mayors for Peace, will be hosting a performance of an immersive verbal production looking at peacemaking across the UK in the 21st century.

Being held on Remembrance Sunday and Monday, this has been described as an 'epic act of witness' to the contemporary work of peace. It has been created and staged by playwright, actor and producer Neil Bartlett. It will

include 48 actors reading out from 200,000 words of interviews with 100 UK peacemakers, peace-builders and peace advocates over a 24 hour period.

Taking place in Manchester Royal Exchange Theatre, the performers include famous stage and screen actors like Adjoa Andoh, Liz Carr, Julie Hesmondhalgh, Toby Jones, Miranda Richardson and Don Warrington. Amongst the 100 people that have been interviewed by Neil Bartlett are the UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Secretary, Sean Morris and Dr. Erinma Bell, founder of the group CARISMA, which helped to reduce gun and gang violence in south Manchester through a series of community events leading to a 'Peace Week' and a radio station 'Peace FM'.

The performance takes place between 11am on Sunday November 10th and 11am on Monday November 11th. Attendance for the performance is free and tickets are available for parts or all of the performance. It will also be broadcast live on the radio station Resonance FM which can be accessed via [www.resonancefm.com](http://www.resonancefm.com) on the internet.

<Report by Sean Morris, UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary>

▼ For more information about the project:

[https://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/24-HOP\\_Join-us.pdf](https://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/24-HOP_Join-us.pdf)

▼ Twitter:

@24hoursofpeace

### <La Rochelle, France>

#### **Donation ceremony of the second-generation A-bombed Ginkgo seedling on the IDP**

This year, more than 100 cities in France held events to commemorate the International Day of Peace of September 21.

In the City of La Rochelle, a member of Mayors for Peace since 2004, about 300 citizens participated in a peace march in support of “Climate Action for Peace”, which is the theme of this year’s IDP.

After the march, the citizens observed a donation ceremony for a ginkgo seedling whose mother tree was exposed to the atomic bomb in Hiroshima. The seedling had been grown for three years by the City of Malakoff, a Vice President City of Mayors for Peace and the Lead City of the French Chapter. It was presented to the Mayor Jean-François Fontaine of La Rochelle by Mr. Michel Cibot, the Executive Officer of AFCDRP-Maires pour la Paix France and Mrs. Miho Cibot, a Hiroshima Peace Ambassador. Following Mayor Fontaine’s speech, Mrs. Cibot recited “We Shall Bring Forth New Life”, a poem by an “A-bombed poet” Sadako Kurihara, in French.



Mayor of La Rochelle (second from the right), Mr. Cibot (far right), and Mrs. Cibot (far left) with the ginkgo seedling (Photo courtesy of Michel Cibot)

The donated seedling is scheduled to be planted in the ground in November.

### <Volgograd, Russia>

#### **The 7th School Alternative Festival of Japanese Language and Culture: “Japanese Cupboard”**

On September 22, the City of Volgograd, a Vice President of Mayors for Peace and the Lead City in Russia, hosted an event to raise young people’s awareness about Japanese culture and the peaceful links with the city’s Japanese sister-city Hiroshima. Jointly organized by the “Volgograd-Hiroshima” Friendship Society, numerous youth clubs and the Volgograd Regional Library, the festival welcomed over 600 attendants during the day.



(Photo: The City of Volgograd)

Each floor of the library was dedicated to a different group of activities, including a martial arts open lesson, “quests” and quizzes inspired by Japanese culture, tabletop games, book-crossing, traditional culture experience such as kimono, origami, and tea ceremony. A student of Volgograd State Social and Pedagogical University, who had participated in the International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future in Hiroshima this summer, made a presentation about her experience and Volgograd’s sister-city relationship with Hiroshima.

<Report by Maria Deeva, International Relations Officer, The City of Volgograd>

▼ Brief report on the Mayors for Peace website:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2019/Japanese\\_Cupboard\\_2019.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2019/Japanese_Cupboard_2019.pdf)

▼ Full report on the Volgograd City Website:

<http://www.welcomevolgogradcity.com/NewsEn.aspx?idn=466>

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## ■“Peace News from Hiroshima”

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

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This year marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of Hiroshima Peace Volunteers (HPV), a system operated by the Peace Memorial Museum. Currently, 202 registered volunteers between the ages of 30 and 88 provide guided tours in the museum or at cenotaphs and monuments in Peace Memorial Park. HPV guides are widely recognized as the default “guides to Hiroshima” for tourists from home and abroad, and for students on school trips. They are now trying to solve the problem of the shortage of volunteers, caused by the number of international visitors rapidly increasing in the Hiroshima area.

The HPV program began in 1998 when the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, which oversees the museum, recruited volunteers to support visitors in learning about peace. In April the following year, 58 people between the ages of 20 and 70 began guiding tourists. Because A-bomb survivors are increasing in age, this program was developed so younger people could learn from survivors, and ultimately convey those survivors’ experiences to tourists being guided in the Peace Museum. Members have been improving their knowledge and skills through voluntarily organized peace study sessions ever since.

The activities of HPV guides have been affected by the growing popularity of Hiroshima as a tourist destination, however. The number of international visitors to the museum was 90,000 in fiscal 1999, and grew fivefold in the 20 years after, reaching 434,838 in fiscal year 2018. The number of English-speaking guides is currently 67, but only two or three of those guides can work per day—far from enough. The group also, only has one guide each for Chinese, Korean, and Spanish. As a result, they cannot respond to many requests from these audiences.

The Peace Museum recently recruited 50 volunteers to add to its overall effort, this recruitment drive was the first of its kind in three years. Those interested, who are 18 years or older and can work twice or more per month for a year or longer are eligible to apply. Before beginning work as volunteers, HPV guides learn from university teaching staff and museum curators about the damage caused by the atomic bombing, and the current global situation surrounding nuclear weapons. Guides are expected to help people visiting Hiroshima gain deeper understanding of the atomic bombing and give thought to what they can do about this issue as individuals as well.

Please see the following for more peace-related news.

- A-bombed exterior wall affixed to east side of Hiroshima Andersen’s new building

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=93907>

- Comment: Sensitivity of soles

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=93957>

- Queue formed for 90th opening anniversary event at Fukuya Hatchobori Main Store: A-bombed outer wall exhibit also opens

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=93861>

- Translator wins first prize for travel essay written in Korean: Reflecting on “Peace” at the DMZ

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=93912>

- What will Pope Francis speak about in the A-bombed cities?: His visit to Hiroshima and Nagasaki scheduled for November 24

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=93801>

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## ■Announcement from Hiroshima City University: Release of the latest issue of newsletter “Hiroshima Research News”

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Hiroshima City University’s Hiroshima Peace Institute (HPI) released vol. 22 of its newsletter “Hiroshima Research News” on October 1.

Prof. Oshiba Ryo, Director of HPI wrote the foreword, ‘What the Graduate School of Peace Studies Aims to Achieve’. I hope you can feel his passion for the Graduate School of Peace Studies which was newly established in April 2019.

This newsletter includes 5 essays, including an essay accurately describing the current global situation regarding nuclear weapons since the adoption of the treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in 2017, and an essay

elucidating the significance of counter-proliferation financing as a method of prevention of procuring of WMDs (Weapons of Mass Destruction) through the freezing of assets.

Additionally, there is an essay explaining in great detail the historical fact that nuclear power plants originate from the Manhattan Project as part of the manufacturing process of nuclear weapons (plutonium production). Another essay depicts the unknown history of the search operation for Onoda Hiroo. Onoda was a Second Lieutenant in the Japanese Imperial Army on Lubang Island in the Philippines during WWII, and his return to Japan in May 1973 became big news. The operation was conducted with the cooperation of the government, air force and citizens in the Philippines. Another remarkable essay argues that the role of occupying nations other than the U.S., including the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF), was significant in spreading ideas of democracy and public relations as introduced by the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (GHQ/SCAP) after WWII.

‘Hello from HPI’ in the latter part of the newsletter introduces the backgrounds and aspirations of our newly appointed professors—Prof. Oshiba Ryo and Prof. Okimura Tadashi—and the development of HPI Research Projects. In the last page, the HPI diary, which introduces readers to our activities, is also included.

(Nagai Hitoshi, Professor of Hiroshima Peace Institute)

▼ The electronic edition available on HPI website:

[https://www.hiroshima-cu.ac.jp/peace\\_e/category0003/fy2019/](https://www.hiroshima-cu.ac.jp/peace_e/category0003/fy2019/)

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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)

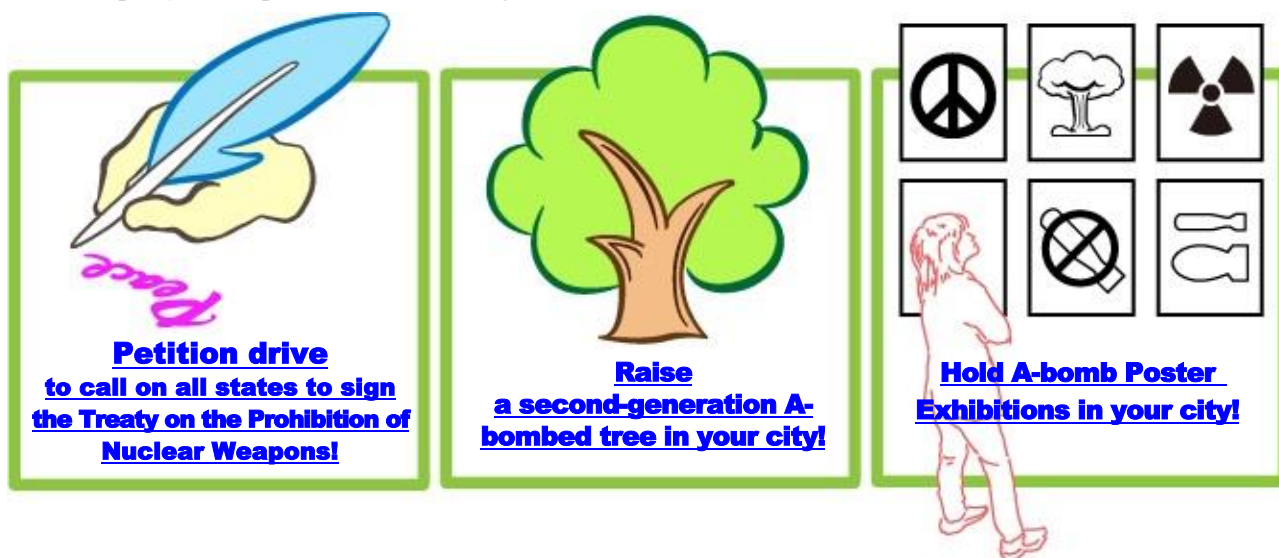
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At the 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace held in Nagasaki in August 2017, we decided our Action Plan for up to the year 2020, aiming for lasting world peace. Together, we hope to make significant strides toward realizing this goal. Please 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:



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

Based on the Action Plan decided at the 9th 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”:



### ■ Last month's visitor to the President of Mayors for Peace

President Kazumi Matsui welcomed the following visitor last month and asked him to support the activities of Mayors for Peace and cooperate on membership expansion.

\*September 15 - His Excellency Mr. Jean-François Paroz, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Swiss Confederation

### ■ Mayors for Peace Member Cities - 7,833 Cities in 163 Countries/Regions

Thanks to your invaluable support, on October 1, we gained 44 new member cities, bringing our total membership to 7,833.

From Malta, we welcomed three new cities. Honorary Consul of the Republic of Malta in Hiroshima attended this year's Peace Memorial Ceremony and accepted our request to expand membership in Malta. He then asked support of the Ambassador of the Republic of Malta to Japan, who sent invitations to Maltese cities to join Mayors for Peace.

From Libya, the City of Regdaline joined our network. After his attendance to this year's Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony, Ambassador of Libya to Japan, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Libya, invited Libyan cities to join Mayors for Peace.



From the US, we welcomed Columbia, South Carolina. During his attendance at this year's Annual Meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors in June, Mayor Matsui requested Mayor Benjamin of Columbia to join Mayors for Peace, who responded to this call and joined our network.

From Germany, the City of Römhild joined thanks to the continued efforts of Hannover, a Vice President City and Lead City of the German Chapter of Mayors for Peace.

We welcomed two cities from Brazil, thanks to the recruitment efforts of Santos, the Lead City in Brazil and 31 cities from Mali, thanks to Fongo-Tongo, the Lead City in Cameroon. We also welcomed one city each from Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Mauritania, the Netherlands, and Viet Nam.

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/newmembers1910\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/03_newmembers/2019/newmembers1910_en.pdf)

▼ Map of Member Cities:

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

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