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**in 166 countries and regions**

(as of June 1, 2022)

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## Announcement: 10th General Conference of Mayors for Peace in Hiroshima on Oct. 19 & 20

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After multiple postponements beginning in August 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are pleased to announce that the 10th General Conference of Mayors for Peace will be held in Hiroshima City on Wednesday, October 19 and Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Internationally, with the escalating situation in Ukraine, the threat of nuclear weapon use is at an all-time high. In addition, with the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the 10th NPT Review Conference respectively taking place this month and in August, the international situation surrounding nuclear weapons is in a state of flux and initiatives toward their abolition have never been more important.

In the midst of all this, our General Conference aims to commemorate the 40-year anniversary of the establishment of Mayors for Peace while discussing the future initiatives of member cities working toward the creation of a peaceful future free from nuclear weapons.

🔗 Visit the link below for details including the event outline and the Registration Site:  
<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/2022/post-220610/>

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## U.S. Conference of Mayors adopts sweeping resolution calling for a negotiated end to the war in Ukraine, global elimination of nuclear weapons, and redirection of federal spending priorities: “Forging a Path to Peace and Common Security”

Report by Ms. Jacqueline Cabasso, Executive Advisor, Mayors for Peace (abridged version)

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At the close of its 90th Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada, on June 6, 2022, the final business plenary of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) unanimously adopted a sweeping new resolution, titled “Forging a Path to Peace and Common Security.” This is the seventeenth consecutive year that the USCM has adopted resolutions submitted by U.S. members of Mayors for Peace.

In its new resolution, the USCM “calls on the President and Congress to exercise restraint in U.S. military engagement in Ukraine while maximizing diplomatic efforts to end the war as soon as possible.” The resolution “calls on the U.S. and the other nuclear-armed states parties to the NPT [Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty], at the August 2022 10th Review Conference of the Treaty, to implement their disarmament obligations by committing to a process leading to the adoption no later than 2030 of a timebound plan for the global elimination of nuclear weapons by 2045.” The USCM also “calls on the Administration and Congress to rein in annual budgeted military and nuclear weapons spending, and to redirect funds to support safe and resilient cities and meet human needs,” and “urges all of its members to join Mayors for Peace to help reach the goal of 10,000 member cities.”



Mayor Cownie of Des Moines, Mayors for Peace U.S. Vice-President, speaking to the International Affairs Committee on June 4, 2022

Photo: courtesy of Jacqueline Cabasso

The 2022 USCM resolution was sponsored by Mayors for Peace U.S. Vice-President Frank Cownie, Mayor of Des Moines, Iowa, and co-sponsored by 15 other cities. The USCM is the official nonpartisan association of more than 1,400 American cities with populations over 30,000. Resolutions adopted at its annual meetings become USCM official policy that will guide the organization's advocacy efforts for the coming year.

🔗 Visit the link below for the full text of this report (Mayors for Peace website):  
[https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/file-2206-USCM\\_resolution\\_2022.pdf](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/file-2206-USCM_resolution_2022.pdf)

🔗 Visit the link below for the full text of the resolution (USCM website):  
<https://www.usmayors.org/the-conference/resolutions/?category=a0F4N00000QhBsgUAF>

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## 100-day countdown message for the International Day of Peace

June 13, 2022

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The United Nations has established September 21 as the International Day of Peace (IDP), which is dedicated to world peace, specifically 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. Mayors for Peace has been a long-time supporter of the IDP through holding commemorative events and also encouraged all member cities to hold their own events on the International Day of Peace.

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 2022 International Day of Peace in their cities.



### 100-Day Countdown to International Day of Peace

Message from  
The President of  
Mayors for Peace

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

[https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/file-2206-220613\\_IDP100day\\_message\\_E.pdf](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/file-2206-220613_IDP100day_message_E.pdf)

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

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>

#### Please share information on your city's 2022 IDP events!

The Secretariat welcomes reports on your city's events commemorating the IDP. After you host commemorative events, please share event reports with the Secretariat, so that we could share the information with other member cities on [our website](#), News Flash, and/or other forms of media.

The Secretariat also highly appreciates to you for informing us of any plans for commemorative events in advance.

Please share the information with the Secretariat via email at:

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

## Member city activities

### ● Barcelona Province, Spain

#### The Province of Barcelona co-creates a checklist for local peace education

Report by Ms. Lali Carrillo, Barcelona Province, Spain

Peace education is one of the most significant tools that municipalities have at their disposal to foster peace at local level, but harnessing its transformative potential can be a challenge. It is with this goal in mind that the Development Office of the Province of Barcelona, in collaboration with development staff from municipalities and the NGO Fundipau, has drawn up a self-evaluation checklist for peace education practices.

The checklist allows practitioners and policy-makers to self-assess their peace education practices against four criteria aimed at transformative peace education: creating empathy, demonstrating local-global connections, creating a sense of shared responsibility and raising awareness of our capacity to make change. The checklist is particularly focused on educational work with children and young people in schools, though it can also be applied to other contexts.

The checklist was one of the outcomes of a recent online meeting on 15 March of the Education for Global Citizenship Work and Exchange Group, which is convened by the Province of Barcelona to support municipal development cooperation staff in their work.

Development cooperation staff from the following municipalities participated in the session: Castelldefels; Cornellà de Llobregat; El Prat de Llobregat; Granollers; Manresa; Mataró; Sabadell; Santa Coloma de Gramenet; Sant Boi de Llobregat; Sant Cugat del Vallés; Sant Pere de Ribes; Sant Vicenç dels Horts; Terrassa; Vic; Vilafranca del Penedès, and Vilanova i la Geltrú.



Meeting of the Education for Global Citizenship Work and Exchange Group

Diputació de Barcelona

CRITERIA	NOT ACHIEVED	PARTLY ACHIEVED	FULLY ACHIEVED
<b>1. PROMOTE EMPATHY</b>	Conflict and/or violence are treated in a theoretical or abstract way, without any appeal to the emotions, experiences or habits of students that could connect them to the topic positively.	Personal testimonies are used to speak conflict and/or violence and it is used to create empathy. Students are encouraged to connect to the risks between the violence being studied and those that they have experienced or know of, or, in their own lives.	An educational process is used that fosters the personal testimonies of people affected by conflict and/or violence or people whose own family people in order to show the emotional and cognitive relation of students about their lives and surroundings. It is a map that generated and fosters understanding.
<b>2. DEMONSTRATE LOCAL-GLOBAL CONNECTIONS</b>	Conflict and/or violence are treated from a simplistic and isolated perspective. The connection between local conflicts and global systems are ignored and the link between the conflict and the responsibility of students are not explicit.	Conflict and/or violence are treated in their a broad perspective that highlights their complexity and the connection between local conflicts and global systems. The link between the conflict and the responsibility of students are explicit.	Conflict and/or violence are treated in their a broad perspective that highlights their complexity and the connection between local conflicts and global systems. The link between the conflict and the responsibility of students are explicit.
<b>3. CREATE A SENSE OF SHARED RESPONSIBILITY</b>	Conflict and/or violence in other parts of the world are explained to students based on their immediate surroundings. Responsibility is only attributed to direct participants and students are not made aware of the shared responsibility of some actors.	Some indirect responsibilities for violence are identified to students and it is aware of the role of those who are not directly involved.	Students gain full awareness of the multiple responsibilities of some actors.
<b>4. RAISE AWARENESS OF OUR CAPACITY TO MAKE CHANGE</b>	Students are engaged with a realistic understanding of conflict and/or violence. They may believe that the violence is so complex that there is nothing to be done or they may believe the capacity to change things is only actors without considering themselves as potential drivers of change.	Students gain awareness of the possibility of transforming situations of conflict and/or violence. They are encouraged to take responsibility to change to their schools, taking consideration themselves as potential drivers of change.	Students gain awareness of the possibility of transforming situations of conflict and/or violence. They are encouraged to take responsibility to change to their schools, taking consideration themselves as potential drivers of change.

Checklist of criteria for peace education practices

Photo: courtesy of Diputació de Barcelona

Article in Catalan (Barcelona Province's website):

<https://www.diba.cat/en/web/ri/butlletins/-/newsletter/146417827/76/365698097/avaluaci%C3%B3-plans-de-cooperaci%C3%B3>

### Please send us a report on your city's peace activities

Help us tell other members what you are doing! Please send the Secretariat a short report on a peace activity or initiative by your city based on the Action Plan so that we can share it on our [website](#) or the News Flash. Reports on your city's activity or initiative that stimulate youth to be engaged in peace activities or promote 'a culture of peace' are especially welcome! We look forward to receiving ones!

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

\*Please write a **SHORT** (up to 200 words long) report in English, and send it to the above email address with photos (if any). Please include key information such as the date, venue, description, and result.

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## Regional chapter activities


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### ● European Chapter

#### **Mayors and local leaders play a key role in advancing the nuclear prohibition**

Report by Mr. Jaume Puigpinós, the City of Granollers, Spain

The webinar organised last 25 May by the Mayors for Peace European Chapter exposed the essential contributions made by local governments to the promotion of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Local leaders from across Europe showcased their advocacy and cooperation initiatives on this matter. Peace municipalism and civil society networks can help mobilise more countries in favour of the TPNW and the humanitarian-based approach spearheading the prohibition of nuclear weapons. Faced with the ongoing escalation of nuclear threats, as well as the impacts of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, local governments expressed their solidarity with Ukrainian cities and called for a long-term vision of international security that overcomes nuclear deterrence.

 Read the summary of discussions here:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Report-Webinar-25\\_05.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Report-Webinar-25_05.pdf)

### ● French Chapter

#### **Fête du Lilas: Vitry-sur-Seine City welcomes delegations from twinned cities and AFCDRP–Mayors for Peace France representatives**

Report by Ms. Loréna Schlicht, AFCDRP–Mayors for Peace France

Vitry-sur-Seine (one of AFCDRP founding city) organized the famous “Fête du Lilas”—meaning “Lilac Festival”—from May 20 to 22. The event created an opportunity for the city to reconnect with the international community and to reaffirm its commitment to close relationship with peoples around the globe and to a peaceful world.

In February 1962, in a desire to strengthen the social bond at the city level, the Vitry-sur-Seine City Council decided to organize Fête du Lila, and hosted concerts, parades, and meetings. The title “Fête du Lilas” comes from lilac forcing factories in the city, which have cemented the city’s reputation.

On Sunday, June 2, Mayor Pierre Bell-Lloch of the city of Vitry-sur-Seine, along with Deputy Mayor Albertino Ramael in charge of openness to the world, welcomed the mayors and representatives of the three twin cities (Burnley - United Kingdom, Meissen - Germany, Kladno - Czech Republic) and representatives of the AFCDRP: Michel Cibot, General Delegate and Miho Cibot-Shimma, Ambassador for Peace of the city of Hiroshima.



From left to right: Michel Cibot, Mayor Pierre Bell-Lloch of Vitry-sur-Seine, Miho Cibot-Shimma, Deputy Mayor Albertino Ramael

(Photo: courtesy of AFCDRP–Mayors for Peace)

In the context of high tensions in Europe, this meeting and discussions it sparked opened up an opportunity to strengthen cooperation between the twin cities and reaffirm the commitment of Vitry-sur-Seine City to nuclear disarmament and peace.

 Article in French (AFCDRP–Mayors for Peace France website):

<https://afcdrp.com/fete-du-lilas-la-ville-de-vitry-sur-seine-accueille-des-delegations-de-villes-jumelees-et-des-representant-e-s-de-lafcdrp-maires-pour-la-paix/>

## Mayors for Peace member cities - 8,174 cities in 166 countries/regions

On June 1, we gained 13 new member cities, bringing our total membership to 8,174. We thank all involved in promoting expanded membership for their invaluable support. Below is the breakdown of the new members.

Country/Region	New Members	Total No.	Remarks
Canada	North Grenville	110	
Germany	Alheim and 8 other cities	816	Thanks to efforts by Hannover, a Vice Present and Lead City.
Netherlands	Goeree-Overflakkee and Teylingen	170	Thanks to efforts by Brielle, a member city.
Turkey	Bayraklı	18	



Help us achieve **10,000** member cities!

List of new members (PDF):

[https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/file-2205-newmembers2206\\_en.pdf](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/file-2205-newmembers2206_en.pdf)

Membership by country (PDF):

[https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/monthly/file-07\\_membership\\_by\\_country\\_en.pdf](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/monthly/file-07_membership_by_country_en.pdf)

### Help us achieve 10,000 member cities!

Mayors for Peace aims to achieve **10,000 member cities** to foster international public support for the realization of a world without nuclear weapons. Invite other cities in your country, as well as your sister cities and any other cities with which you have relations to join Mayors for Peace. You can download a letter of request and document pack below.

The document pack is available in 10 different languages: Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

Letters of request to join Mayors for Peace and document pack

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/about-us/resources/#recruit>

Your continued cooperation is highly appreciated!

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## Request for payment of the 2022 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 17 USD/15 Euro as of March 2022) 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](#).

A request for payment of the 2022 membership fee was sent to each city by email on April 1. We deeply appreciate your kind cooperation.

\* If you want to know your city's payment status or if you have not received the email of request for payment, please contact the Secretariat.

Contact: Mayors for Peace Secretariat (Email: [mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp))

 Request for the 2022 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee (Mayors for Peace website): <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/about-us/joins/fees/>

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## Report by Executive Advisor

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- **50th Anniversary of the Arms Control Association**

National Press Club, Washington, D.C. 2 June 2022

Report by Dr. Randy Rydell, Executive Advisor for Mayors for Peace

On 2 June 2022, the Arms Control Association held its 2022 Annual Meeting, which commemorated the organization's 50th anniversary. Mayor Kazumi Matsui (Hiroshima) and Mayor Tomihisa Taue (Nagasaki)—the President and Vice President of Mayors for Peace—opened this meeting with video messages that were warmly applauded by all participants.



While much of this event focused on ACA's past accomplishments, the meeting also addressed several specific issues on the global arms control and disarmament agendas, including the war in Ukraine, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Nuclear Ban Treaty (TPNW), nuclear security assurances and reducing the risk of use, new weapons technologies, the United Nations, nuclear and missile proliferation, and challenges in revitalizing nuclear disarmament efforts.

Many speakers expressed regret over the lack of progress—and even setbacks—in nuclear disarmament, while offering some suggestions on how to achieve future progress. They emphasized the need for pressure from civil society and like-minded States. Wendy Sherman (Deputy Secretary of State) and Mallory Stewart (Assistant Secretary of State) addressed the Biden Administration's policies, with both claiming that deterrence and arms control were compatible and mutually reinforcing.

 The ACA has posted a video of this event on its web site at <https://www.armscontrol.org/armscontrol2022/webcast>.

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## Call for input: examples of peace education initiatives

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The Mayors for Peace Secretariat has been seeking examples of peace education initiatives conducted by any organization (city government/school/NGO, etc.) in Mayors for Peace member cities. 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:

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/visions/initiatives/edu-examples/>

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## Request to implement initiatives outlined in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan

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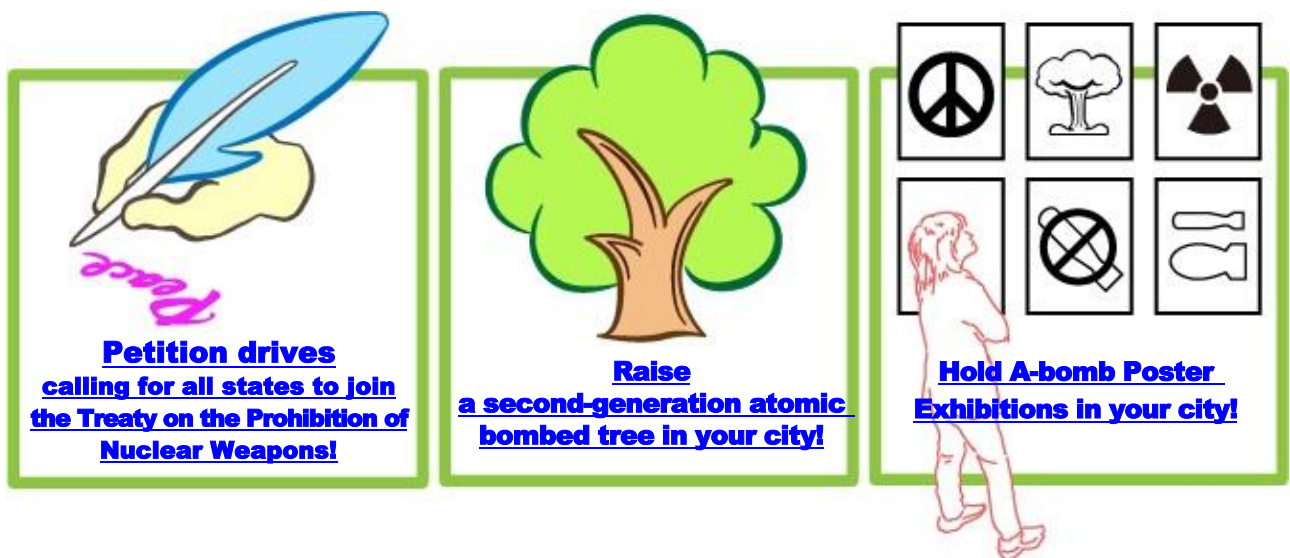
At the 12th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace held online in July last year, we adopted our new Action Plan (2021–2025). Together, let us continue our utmost efforts toward our ultimate goal of realizing lasting world peace. Please implement initiatives outlined in the Action Plan within your own municipality or regional group.

🔗 Mayors for Peace Action Plan (PDF):

[https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/file-PX\\_Vision\\_Action\\_Plan\\_en.pdf](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/file-PX_Vision_Action_Plan_en.pdf)

🔗 Initiatives implemented under the Action Plan:

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/visions/initiatives/>





**The “World’s Nuclear Warheads Count in 2022” poster released:  
A yearly publication from Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition,  
Nagasaki University (RECNA)**

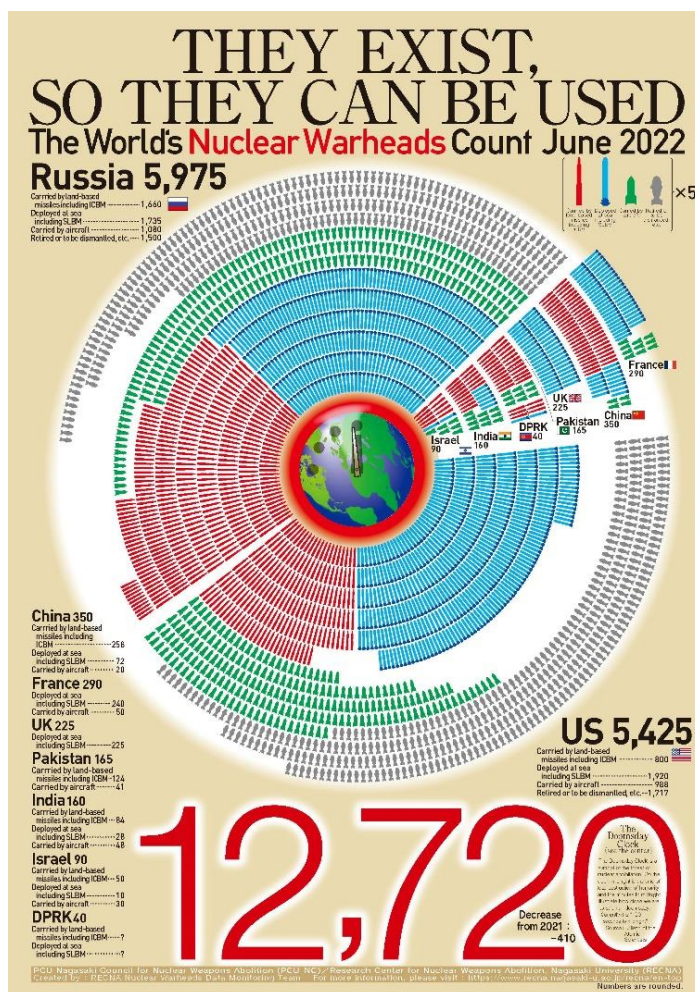
Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began, there has been a growing concern in the world that nuclear weapons might actually be used. In such uncertain times, it is increasingly important to have a correct understanding of the world situation regarding nuclear weapons.

Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA) has just released the June 2022 edition of the [“World’s Nuclear Warheads Count” poster](#) (in Japanese, English, and Korean), as well as a detailed database on the nuclear capability of each country that possesses nuclear weapons. This poster was first produced in 2013 by RECNA in cooperation with the PCU Nagasaki Council for Nuclear Weapons Abolition (PCU-NC)\*. Posters have been distributed widely to elementary, junior high, and senior high schools, university libraries, etc., along with an explanatory leaflet, especially for use in classrooms where peace and disarmament education is provided.

As of June 2022, the total number of nuclear warheads (the part of a nuclear weapon that causes a nuclear detonation) in the world is estimated at 12,720. At the peak time around 1987, there were nearly 70,000 nuclear warheads in the world. Since then, the number of nuclear warheads has been significantly reduced. However, we are not in a situation where we can simply rejoice. Please look forward to the next article for details.

\*PCU-NC is a council for the abolition of nuclear weapons consisting of Nagasaki Prefecture, Nagasaki City and Nagasaki University.

“World’s Nuclear Warheads Count in 2022” Poster



Courtesy of RECNA  
Created by RECNA Warheads Data Monitoring Team

<https://www.recna.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/recna/en-topics/40908>

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## Peace-related news from Hiroshima

(Provided by the Chugoku Shimbun Hiroshima Peace Media Center)

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The First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) will be held in Vienna, Austria, June 21–23. The Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference, which had been postponed numerous times, will be convened at the United Nations headquarters in New York City later this year, in August. As for Hiroshima, the city has been named as host of the summit meeting of the G7 (a gathering attended by the Group of Seven industrialized nations) to be held next year, 2023. In addition, a conference for an international group of eminent persons is scheduled to take place in the city before the end of this year.

With Russia’s military invasion of Ukraine, work to prevent the use of nuclear weapons and the escalation of war has never been as pressing nor more real a concern. World leaders need to be reminded of the lessons from the devastation brought about by the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. To that end, it is crucial for A-bomb survivors, citizens, and local communities to exert their influence. The Chugoku Shimbun will continue to enhance the quality and quantity of its news by reporting on the conferences at the U.N. and in Hiroshima, including the run up to the conferences and related behind-the-scenes information. Such news stories are available free of charge on the Chugoku Shimbun Peace Media Center website, at the following link.

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?lang=en>

Please access the following websites and read our peace-related news.

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum releases to public via YouTube videos of 30 A-bomb survivors’ testimonies communicated to students on school trips

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=120146>

Hiroshima University students identify 554 A-bomb monuments in 36 prefectures throughout Japan

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=120222>

Ms. Sadaiwa and 50 student volunteers to publish e-book about in-utero exposed survivors’ suffering next month

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=119803>

Prime Minister Kishida announces that Hiroshima, in first for A-bombed city, will serve as host of next year’s G7 Summit

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=120370>

54 applicants for “Family A-bomb Legacy Successors,” new program launched by Hiroshima City to learn knowledge of atomic bombing

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=120114>

Editorial: Although unlikely to attend TPNW states parties meeting, Japan must exhibit its determination to eliminate nuclear weapons

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=120373>

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<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/newsflashes/>

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