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8,188 cities

in **166** countries and regions

(as of July 1, 2022)

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Attendance of Mayors for Peace delegation at the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons


In June, a Mayors for Peace delegation, including President Matsui (mayor of Hiroshima), Vice President Taue (mayor of Nagasaki), and Secretary General Koizumi, attended the first Meeting of States Parties (1MSP) to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and the 2022 Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons (HINW22Vienna) held in Vienna, Austria. At the 1MSP, they expressed their grave concern about the devastating humanitarian consequences of the use of nuclear weapons and emphasized the need for advancing nuclear disarmament toward the total elimination of nuclear weapons to the representatives of national governments and the UN.

Mayors for Peace also hosted a joint side event of the 1MSP with ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons), as well as the Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition at the venue of the 1MSP, both aimed at building momentum for achieving a peaceful world free of nuclear weapons.

In his speech during the General Debate session on the first day of the 1MSP, President Matsui urged all in attendance—representatives of national governments, the UN, and civil society—to collaborate urgently for the effective implementation of the treaty, and appealed that it is imperative to have the nuclear-armed states deepen their understanding of the inhumane nature of nuclear weapons and the uncertainty of nuclear arsenal management by winning additional states parties to the treaty, especially non-nuclear weapon states. He also introduced the initiatives of Mayors for Peace and the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, expressed his hope for the G7 Leaders’ Summit which will be held in Hiroshima next year, and called for the fulfillment of the ambitious goals of the treaty, including the improvement and enrichment of victim assistance provision.



Vice President Taue stressed that amidst the Ukraine Crisis, threats of nuclear force are being made and there is a risk that nuclear weapons will be used again, and that now more than ever, the existence of the treaty is very important. He appealed to the attendees to come together under the *hibakusha*’s motto of “make Nagasaki the last atomic bombing site” and foster a global sense of empathy to combat the use of nuclear weapons.

 [Mayors for Peace statement at the first Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW by President \(Mayor of Hiroshima\) and Vice President \(Mayor of Nagasaki\)](#)

On this occasion, the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki had opportunities to meet representatives of national governments, the UN, and the organizations that we work with, to exchange views on the unfolding situation of the world concerning nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. In the meeting, they also requested support for Mayors for Peace initiatives.

In order to foster and expand international public support to have more states join the TPNW, as well as for its effective implementation, in close collaboration with the member cities, the States Parties, the UN, and the NGOs, Mayors for Peace will continue to further “promote a culture of peace,” as outlined in the *PX Vision*.


 Reports on Mayors for Peace activities in Vienna (Mayors for Peace website): <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/2022/post-220726/>

10th General Conference of Mayors for Peace: Registration Now Open!

As we wrote to all member cities in our email on June 20, the registration for the 10th General Conference of Mayors for Peace, which will be held in Hiroshima City on Wednesday, October 19, and Thursday, October 20, 2022, is now open.

It is our sincere hope that your city will give favorable consideration to attending. Please refer to the webpage below for details, including the registration guide and the outline of the conference, and register online by Friday, August 26.

We very much look forward to your attendance.

 Announcement of the 10th General Conference of Mayors for Peace (Mayors for Peace website): <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/2022/post-220610/>

Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns" 2022: Application open until Oct. 31

Mayors for Peace has been accepting applications for a children's art competition on the theme of "Peaceful Towns," for children from 6 to 15 years old in all of its over 8,100 member cities in 166 countries and regions, in order to expand peace education efforts in these cities.

Categories:

- [Category 1] 6–10 year olds
- [Category 2] 11–15 year olds

Number of applications allowed per city:

Up to 5 artworks for each category

Submission Deadline:

5:00 PM (Japan Standard Time), October 31, 2022

Submission:

Via Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/mr5Zw7LLnqVgUCuf6>

To ensure that submissions are only received from member cities, the form is password-protected.

Note: In the case that it is difficult to submit artworks via Google Forms, member cities are able to send submissions by email. Please send the scanned artwork and application form, along with a cover sheet to the Secretariat.

Inquiries:

Email the Secretariat: mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns" 2022



Call for Submissions

Details of the competition:

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/2022/post-220420-3/>

Short video introducing awarded artworks in the past competitions from 2019 to 2021:

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/2022/post-220719-2/>

Regional chapter activities

● UK & Ireland Chapter

Report from the UK & Ireland Chapter

Report by Mr. Richard Outram, UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary

Lancaster City Council in the North West of England has become the latest local authority in the UK to join Mayors for Peace.

Lancaster has previously signified its opposition to nuclear weapons by passing a resolution calling upon the UK Government to sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as a sign of its commitment to multilateral disarmament.



Photo: courtesy of the UK & Ireland Chapter

The motion to join Mayors for Peace was proposed by Councillor Mandy Bannon seen—centre—in this photo with local peace activists and fellow Councillors celebrating the news.

The UK's Lead City Manchester will be represented at the forthcoming General Conference and meeting of the European Chapter Board being held in Vienna alongside the First Meeting of States Parties to the nuclear weapon ban treaty.

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

*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.

Request for payment of the 2022 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee

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)

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

Mayors for Peace member cities - 8,188 cities in 166 countries/regions

On July 1, we gained 14 new member cities, bringing our total membership to 8,188. 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	Saint-Constant	111	
Germany	Bad Belzig and 9 other cities	826	Thanks to efforts by Hannover, a Vice President and Lead City.
Italy	Ivrea	518	Thanks to efforts by Cervia, an Executive and Lead City.
Spain	Xaló	400	
UK	Lancaster	86	Thanks to efforts by Manchester, a Vice President and Lead City



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

List of new members (PDF):

https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/file-2206-newmembers2207_en-1.pdf

Membership by country (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!

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

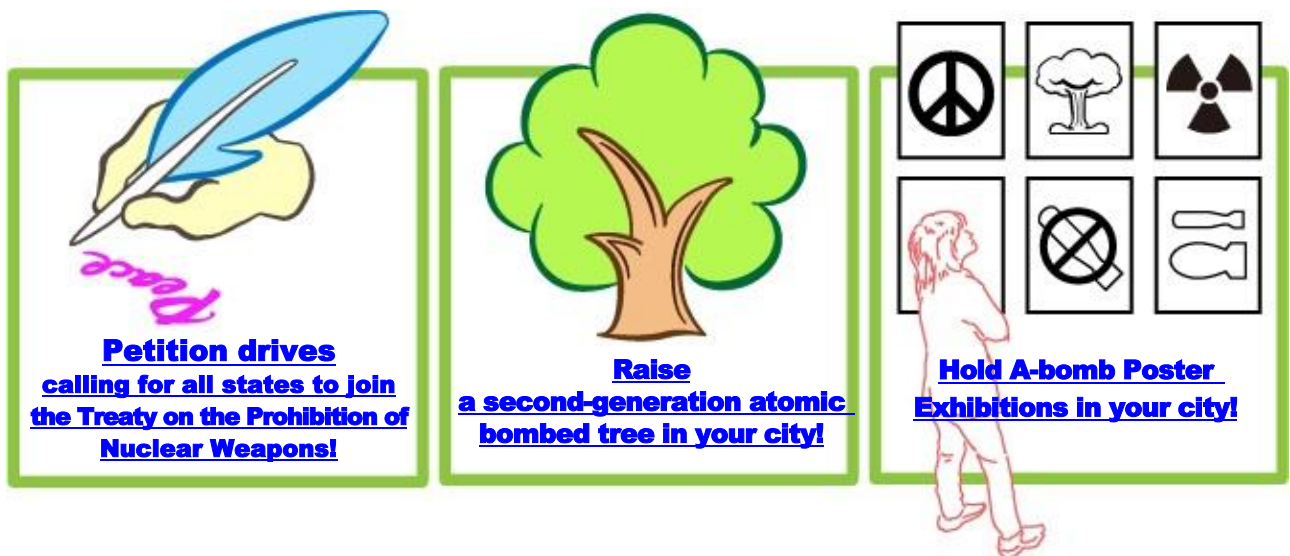
At the 12th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace held online in July last year, we adopted our new Action Plan (2021–2025). Together, let us continue our utmost efforts toward our ultimate goal of realizing lasting world peace. Please implement initiatives outlined in the Action Plan within your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

🔗 Initiatives implemented under the Action Plan:

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



Call for input: examples of peace education initiatives

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/>

A closer look at the “World’s Nuclear Warheads Count in 2022” Part 1: Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA)

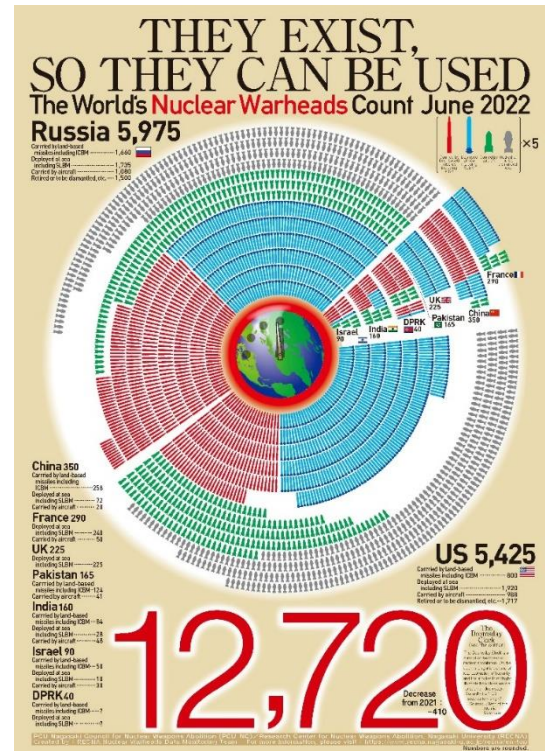
As we introduced in the last issue, as of June 2022, the total number of nuclear warheads in the world is estimated at 12,720. The possessors are: United States (5,425), Russia (5,975), China (350), France (290), United Kingdom (225), India (160), Pakistan (165), Israel (90), and North Korea (40). Five of these countries (the U.S., Russia, France, the U.K., and China) are defined by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) as Nuclear Weapon States, as they had been conducting nuclear testing at the time of NPT negotiations. India, Pakistan, and Israel possess nuclear weapons outside of the NPT framework. North Korea declared its withdrawal from the NPT in 2003 and proceeded to possess nuclear weapons.

As for the total number of nuclear warheads, the trend continues to be downward. The number of warheads, which peaked at nearly 70,000 in 1987, has been greatly reduced since the end of the Cold War. Most of this reduction was due to bilateral or unilateral measures by the United States and Russia, which together account for more than 90% of the total number of warheads.

However, the basic stance of both the U.S. and Russia, which believe that nuclear weapons are indispensable for their own security, has not changed. To make matters worse, the nuclear arms race between them has been intensified as the great power rivalries involving China have escalated. Both the United States and Russia have invested a huge budget to modernize and upgrade their aging nuclear weapons systems, while accelerating their efforts to develop and deploy new types of weapons utilizing state-of-the-art technology. As exemplified by the expiration of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty in August 2019, bilateral and multilateral disarmament and arms control regimes have also been deteriorating.

For further information, please see: <https://www.recna.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/recna/en-top>

“World’s Nuclear Warheads Count in 2022” Poster



Courtesy of RECNA

Created by RECNA Warheads Data Monitoring Team

Peace-related news from Hiroshima

(Provided by the Chugoku Shimbun Hiroshima Peace Media Center)

Last month, in June, the momentous First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) was held in Vienna, Austria. In conjunction with the gathering, other related events also took place, such as a forum organized by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) and the 2022 Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons, which was hosted by the Austrian government.

From Japan, Hiroshima City Mayor Kazumi Matsui attended the TPNW states parties meeting as President of Mayors for Peace, along with Nagasaki City Mayor Tomihisa Taue, with both having the opportunity to speak at the venue. In addition, many A-bomb survivors, young people, and members of the public visited Vienna from Japan and engaged in activities at the site of the meeting. Nevertheless, Japan’s national government failed to show up at the states parties meeting although observer status was available for it to use. Once again, the lack of clear prospect for Japan’s involvement in the treaty was undeniable.

Hope is not lost, however. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference, the other critical multinational disarmament treaty besides the TPNW, is to be held this upcoming August. Even if difficult, the public’s message ensuring that the conference participants make an effort to avoid another collapse such as that experienced at the previous conference in 2015 must be conveyed. More efforts are about to begin to address issues regarding how to flesh out assistance to nuclear victims as defined in the TPNW and how to increase the number of signatory nations to the treaty. The resolve to make step-by-step progress must be renewed as the 77th anniversary of the atomic bombing draws nearer.

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

Number of A-bomb Survivor's Certificate holders falls below 120,000, with average age now 84.53 years, according to Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare data

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=121246>

TPNW meeting closes with adoption of declaration, 50-article action plan to attain world without nuclear weapons and show respect for survivor contributions

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=121242>

Hiroe Kawashimo, A-bomb survivor with microcephaly, raises her voice at international conference to convey wish that war be eliminated

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=121244>

Directors and chairperson of WFC, base of international peace exchange, replaced and they pledge to send message of peace

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=121036>

Sharing persistent suffering and anguish, A-bomb survivor Sueichi Kido says atomic bombs force people to live lives less than human, criticizes Japan's stance

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=121240>

Introducing the film, *8:15 Hiroshima*

“Widely convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war” is one of the initiatives Mayors for Peace advocates in the “Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2021 – 2025).” We hope you could use the below film as a tool for passing down the *hibakusha*'s experiences of the atomic bombings to as many people as possible and having them share in the *hibakusha*'s sincere desire for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Title: *8:15 Hiroshima*

Directed by J.R. Heffelfinger, Executive Producer Akiko Mikamo

50 min.

Film, *8:15 Hiroshima*, takes the audience through the journey of young Shinji Mikamo's survival firsthand. From the time the atomic bomb exploded in Hiroshima at 8:15am on August 6, 1945, through the 5-day trek, Shinji and his father endured unimaginable agony to fight for their survivals. They encountered “demons” and “angels” along the way, and a heartbreaking turn of events are revealed.

Created in the US, the film is narrated in English with Japanese subtitles, intertwined with Shinji's real voice and interviews, layered with reenactments, archival footage/photos to tell his moving true story of survival and resilience.

8:15 Hiroshima shares a survivor's message of love and the power of forgiveness, reminding the world that our worst enemies of yesterday can become our best friends of tomorrow, with intention, gratitude, and collaborations.

 Free Global Online Screening on August 6–9, 2022:

<https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/815hiroshima>

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