



Mayors for Peace

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Request for Peace Bell Ceremony on the International Day of Peace 2022

Dear fellow Mayors for Peace members,

Each year, on the 21st of September, the International Day of Peace is observed around the world. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

Mayors for Peace has been a long-time supporter of the IDP and earlier sent all our member cities a letter of request for hosting a commemorative event marking this day.

In accordance with these initiatives, the City of Takayama, Japan, a member city of Mayors for Peace, is going to organize a Peace Bell Ceremony where like-minded bell owners in the city, such as those from temples and churches, sound bells in unison at noon on the IDP. Furthermore, the Mayor of Takayama City requests our member cities to do the same to offer as many people as possible an opportunity to renew their determination to bring peace to the world.

In this context, we humbly ask that you consider not only hosting a commemorative event but also calling for facilities and organizations which own bells in your city to sound their bells at noon on September 21.

On the IDP, the Secretariat plans to hold a commemorative event in Hiroshima Peace Park. We will ring the Peace Bell and observe a moment of silent prayer in front of the Cenotaph for the Atomic Bomb Victims.

Sincerely yours,

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Mayor of Hiroshima

President of Mayors for Peace