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Mayors for Peace Member Cities

8,206 cities

in **166** countries and regions

(as of September 1, 2022)

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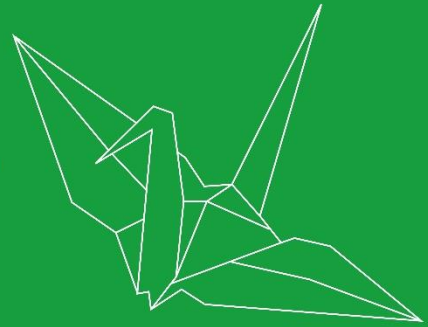
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10th General Conference of Mayors for Peace

40th
Anniversary

Oct. 19-20, 2022 in Hiroshima



We thank you very much for many applications for on-site participation in the 10th General Conference of Mayors for Peace, scheduled to be held in Hiroshima City on October 19 and 20, 2022.

The Conference will be live-streamed, and you are welcome to join us online—free of charge.

Registration for online attendance is open until Friday, September 30 (Japan Standard Time). If interested, please register online at [the registration website](#).

For your reference, the program outline is available at [the Mayors for Peace website](#).

We very much look forward to your online participation in the 10th General Conference of Mayors for Peace.

 Registration website:
<https://sec.tobutoptours.co.jp/web/evt/mayorsforpeace2022/>

 Program outline (Mayors for Peace website):
https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/file-2208-2_10thGC_of_MfP_Outline.pdf

Member city activities

● Hannover, Germany Planting a ginkgo tree in Hannover

Report by Ms. Evelyn Kamissek, The City of Hannover, Germany

On Friday, August 19, a ginkgo sapling was planted in the palace garden of the Wilhelm Busch Museum as part of the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the twinning between Bristol and Hannover. The seed for this tree was given to Hannover by its twin city of Hiroshima in 2014 and comes from a ginkgo tree that survived the atomic bombing in 1945.

Belit Onay, Lord Mayor of Hanover, and Asher Craig, Deputy Mayor of Bristol, also a member of Mayors for Peace, jointly planted the ginkgo tree in the ground in Hannover's Palais Garden as a sign of reconciliation, solidarity and peace, as Bristol was Hannover's first twinning city, established in 1947 after the Second World War, and so peace work plays a central role in twinning. The Hannover-Bristol Society and the Bristol Hannover Council were also present. The planting of the Ginkgo tree was the prelude to the celebration with the delegation from Bristol, which visited Hannover in August.



Mayor Onay and Deputy Mayor Asher plant the ginkgo tree
Photo: courtesy of the City of Hannover

Regional chapter activities

● UK & Ireland Chapter Tore and Tim ride a tandem: Bike for Peace rides in to Rochdale

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

Mayors for Peace UK/Ireland Chapter Secretary Richard Outram joined the Mayor of Rochdale, Councillor Ali Ahmed, to greet riders from Bike for Peace, a campaign organisation cycling to promote peace since 1978, when they visited the town as part of a tour of northern England (28 August–1 September).

The riders also called upon the Mayors of Leeds, Skipton, Carnforth, Preston and Bradford.

Bike for Peace from Norway works for a world without nuclear weapons, for peace and disarmament, to improve the lives of disabled people and for measures to combat climate change (<http://www.bikeforpeace.no/>).

The party, mostly from Norway, was led by Tore Naerland, President of Bike for Peace, who is almost totally blind but is a keen cyclist. Tore was joined on his tandem by Leeds resident Tim Devereux and there were two further women riders in the main party from Norway. Other British cyclists have been joining them on the various stages of their journey.



Front (left to right): Cllr Sultan Ali, Tim and Tore on bike
Back between cyclists: Cllr Ali Ahmed, Richard Outram
Photo: courtesy of Mayors for Peace UK/Ireland Chapter

Commenting, Richard Outram said: “Rochdale is a member of Mayors for Peace and Rochdale is the birthplace of the worldwide Co-operative Movement so what better place to meet international partners also working to achieve a future based on peace and prosperity through cooperation?”

Mayors for Peace member cities - 8,206 cities in 166 countries/regions

On September 1, we gained 6 new member cities, bringing our total membership to 8,206. 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
France	Le Chambon-Feugerolles	167	Thanks to efforts by Malakoff, a Vice President and Lead City.
Germany	Neunkirchen (Baden)	837	Thanks to efforts by Hannover, a Vice President and Lead City.
Greece	Kaisariani	24	
Italy	Besenello	520	
US	Bethlehem (PA) and Del Rey Oaks (CA)	222	



🔗 List of new members (PDF):

https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/file-2208-newmembers2209_en.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!

Report by Executive Advisor

● NGO Activities at the NPT Review Conference

Report by Ms. Jackie Cabasso, Executive Advisor for Mayors for Peace

At the close of the 10th Review Conference of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, on August 26, States Parties meeting at the United Nations in New York were unable to agree on the text of a final document. While the proximate cause was Russia's refusal to accept language about its military occupation of the Zaporizhzhya nuclear power plant in Ukraine, many governments were dissatisfied with the draft final document, feeling that it was weak and lacking benchmarks, timelines, and measurable goals for nuclear disarmament.


While the governments failed to deliver, NGOs from around the world made good use of the month-long Review Conference, organizing dozens of side events, educating each other, discussing strategies for moving forward, and meeting informally with government delegations. Mayors for Peace hosted an Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition in a busy corridor between the NGO meeting room and the official conference venues. Nihon Hidankyo, with the support of Hiroshima and Nagasaki City, hosted a major exhibition in the main lobby of the UN, "Three Quarters of a Century after Hiroshima and Nagasaki." Mayors for Peace Vice President Taue and Secretary General Koizumi, Nihon Hidankyo Secretary General Kido, and President Zlauvinen of the Review Conference, spoke at the exhibit opening and performed a ribbon cutting ceremony.



Ribbon cutting ceremony in UN lobby
(from left to right) Mayors for Peace Secretary General Koizumi, Mayors for Peace Vice President Taue (Mayor of Nagasaki), Tenth NPT Review Conference President Zlauvinen, Nihon Hidankyo Secretary General Kido

Photo: courtesy of Jackie Cabasso

Nagasaki Mayor Taue was among 20 diverse NGO presenters to deliver speeches during the official NGO session. Executive Advisor Jackie Cabasso made presentations about Mayors for Peace during two side events and informally represented Mayors for Peace at side events throughout the month.

 Read Jackie Cabasso's op-ed analysis of the 10th NPT Review Conference:
https://www.indepthnews.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5552:a-four-week-festival-of-double-standards&catid=12

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

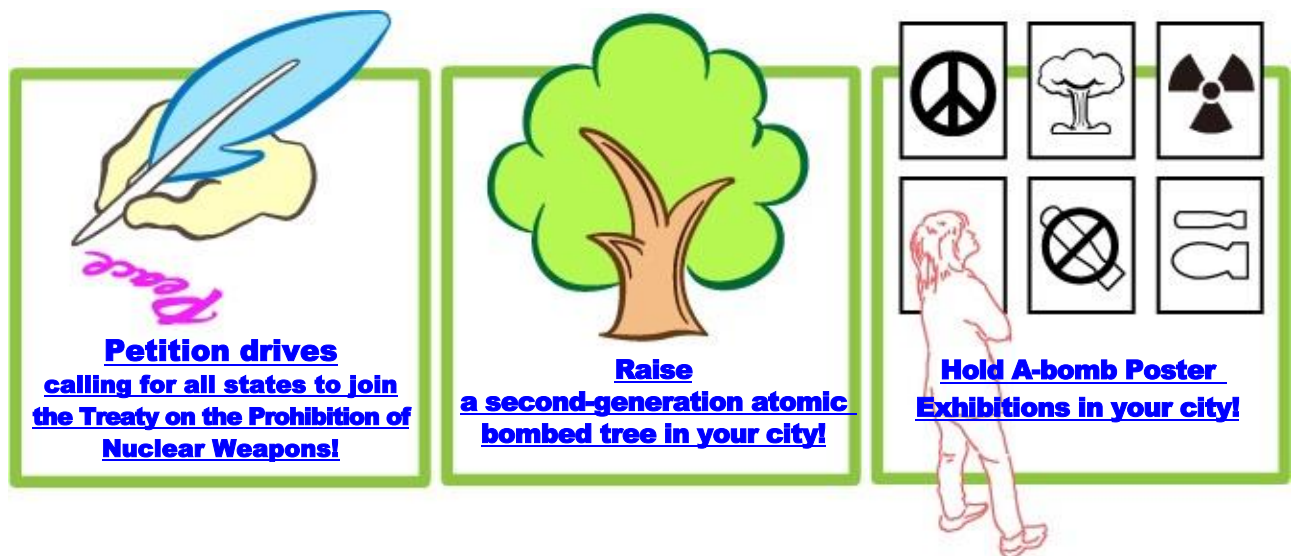
At the 12th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace held online in July last year, we adopted our new Action Plan (2021–2025). Together, let us continue our utmost efforts toward our ultimate goal of realizing lasting world peace. Please implement initiatives outlined in the Action Plan within your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

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/>

A closer look at the “World’s Fissile Material Inventory in 2022” Part 3 Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA)

Changes in the estimated number of nuclear warheads
of nuclear armed countries (2013-22)

	2013	2022	increase/decrease
North Korea	<10	40	30 or more increase
India	90-110	160	50-70 increase
Pakistan	100-120	165	45-65 increase
Israel	80	90	10 increase
United Kingdom	225	225	No increase or decrease
China	250	350	100 increase
France	300	290	10 decrease
United States	7,650	5,425	2,225 decrease
Russia	8,514	5,975	2,539 decrease

Courtesy of RECNA

In this issue, we turn our attention to nuclear armed countries other than the United States and Russia. The number of nuclear warheads held by China, India, Pakistan, and North Korea has not changed from last year, but all are expanding their nuclear arsenals. As shown in the table below, over the past nine years between 2013 to 2022, China is believed to have increased its nuclear warheads by 100 warheads, India by 50-70 warheads, Pakistan by 45-65 warheads, and North Korea by at least 30 warheads. In addition, the development and deployment of various missiles and other delivery means are proceeding at a rapid pace. There is no sign so far that these trends will be halted.

In particular, North Korea has shown an even clearer stance toward demonstrating its nuclear capabilities during this period. North Korea has suspended ballistic missile tests since its Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) launch test on November 29, 2017 against the backdrop of progress in diplomatic negotiations over the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. However, the moratorium on intermediate-range and long-range ballistic missiles was broken with the launch tests of an intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) on January 30, 2022 and a missile believed to be a “new” ICBM on March 24, 2022. Kim Jong Un has indicated that he would not hesitate to launch a nuclear first strike, saying that the role of nuclear weapons is not only to deter war. It is also important to note that in these statements the possibility of using tactical nuclear weapons is emphasized, with indications pointing to the possibility of North Korea conducting a nuclear explosion test for the first time since September 2017.

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

Peace-related news from Hiroshima

(Provided by the Chugoku Shimbun Hiroshima Peace Media Center)

Following the First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), held in June in Vienna, Austria, an important multilateral treaty conference for nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation concluded on August 26. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference was held at the United Nations headquarters in New York City. Due to opposition from a single country, Russia, a final document highlighting future policies was not adopted, leading to the conference ending in failure, just as the last conference did in 2015. The international community's antagonistic relationship with respect to Russia's invasion of Ukraine found its way onto the conference floor. Reports have indicated that Russia opposed certain aspects of the draft final document, including a statement that urged the return to Ukraine of control of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

In his speech, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, the first Japanese prime minister to attend the conference, emphasized the need to take "realistic steps" toward a "world without nuclear weapons." Also traveling to the United States were A-bomb survivors, who stressed the obligation the world has to abolish nuclear weapons. A broad view of the conference, however, reveals that the prospects for reaching consensus were bleak to begin with, due to the deep rift between nuclear weapons states and non-nuclear weapons states that promote the TPNW. During the four weeks of negotiations at the conference, each revision of the draft final document weakened the substance involving nuclear disarmament, and in so doing, reflected the wishes of nuclear weapons states and their allies dependent on nuclear deterrence. Only a few facts about the TPNW were indicated in the document, including that the treaty had entered into force.

The more we look at not only the end result, which was Russia's opposition to the final agreement, but also the process leading up to that finality, the more aware we become of the many obstacles along the way toward the goal of eliminating nuclear weapons. Nevertheless, we must not lose heart. New deliberations ahead of the next review conference, scheduled for 2026, are to begin next spring.

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

Striving to fill voids in Hiroshima, evidence of victims remains—Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association opens new exhibit for communicating A-bombing tragedy through medical records

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=123693>

Akiko Mikamo, 60, writer of film that shows her father's experience of atomic bombing, distributes film free of charge

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=123063>

Remembering Issey Miyake: his distance from Hiroshima and mixed feelings

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=123215>

NPT Review Conference 2022: With conference breakdown, A-bomb survivors and young people express disappointment and indignation

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=123697>

NPT Review Conference 2022: Conference again suffers breakdown, Part 1—Russia's invasion

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=123695>

Announcement from Hiroshima City University: Admission information for HCU's Graduate School of Peace Studies

Hiroshima City University, a public university in Hiroshima, established the Graduate School of Peace Studies (Master's Program/Doctoral Program) for the purpose of serving as a world-class hub for education and academic research on peace and peacebuilding.

The Graduate School aims to contribute to the realization of world peace by providing a curriculum that fosters graduates who have acquired: i) analytical academic methodologies in specialized areas such as peace studies, international politics, international law and international relations, and ii) the specialized wide-ranging skills needed to analyze a diverse range of real problems.

We are pleased to announce that we will hold an Online Briefing Session on Admission on October 7 via ZOOM Cloud Meetings.

We would like to invite all local government officials who are interested in these issues to consider enrolling in the Graduate School of Peace Studies.

Tuition exemption is available (based on an application review) in order to support workers engaged in the work of making and spearheading peace.

Please share this information with officials in your municipal government as well as with any relevant educational institutions.

For more details on the GSPS and how to participate in the Online Briefing Session, please visit our website.

 Online briefing session on admission to the Graduate School of Peace Studies / October 7, 2022
<https://www.peace.hiroshima-cu.ac.jp/events/gsps-online-briefing-session-20221007/>

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