



第10回平和首長会議総会報告書

Report of the 10th General Conference of Mayors for Peace

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Creating a Peaceful, Nuclear-Weapon-Free World:
Cultivating a Culture of Peace in Civil Society

会期
Dates

2022年10月19日(水)・20日(木)

October 19 (Wed) and 20 (Thu), 2022

主催
Organizers

平和首長会議、広島市

Mayors for Peace, The City of Hiroshima

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Summary



10th General Conference of Mayors for Peace 第10回平和首長会議総会



Theme	Creating a Peaceful, Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: Cultivating a Culture of Peace in Civil Society
Dates	October 19 (Wed) and 20 (Thu), 2022
Format	Hybrid format (on-site and online participation)
Venue	International Conference Center Hiroshima (ICCH: 1-5 Nakajima-cho, Naka-ku, Hiroshima City), among others.
Organizers	Mayors for Peace, the City of Hiroshima
Supporters	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan; Hiroshima Prefecture; Nagasaki Prefecture; The City of Nagasaki; United Nations Institute for Training and Research Hiroshima Office; United Nations Information Centre; Hiroshima City University; Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University; Nagasaki Foundation for the Promotion of Peace; National Council of Japan Nuclear Free Local Authorities
Participants (on-site)	<p>1. Member Cities 176 participants, including 44 mayors, from 102 cities in 9 countries</p> <p> { Japanese Member Cities: 159 participants, including 42 mayors, from 94 cities Overseas Member Cities: 17 participants, including 2 mayors, from 8 cities in 8 countries } </p> <p>2. Representatives of National Governments 6 people from 3 countries</p> <p>3. Others (Guests and NGOs) 77 people</p>
Volunteers	13 students from the Hiroshima City University 3 volunteers from the Youth Peace Volunteers
Conference Languages	Simultaneous interpretation in Japanese and English Conference documents provided in Japanese and English (*Conference documents of Session IV, the 10th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting, are only provided in Japanese.)

*See pages 32-33 for a breakdown of participants from member cities and national governments.



On October 19 and 20, Mayors for Peace held its 10th General Conference in Hiroshima with the keynote theme of “Creating a Peaceful, Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: Cultivating a Culture of Peace in Civil Society.”



Opening remarks by President Matsui
(Opening Ceremony)



Adoption of the Hiroshima Appeal
(Closing Ceremony)

The General Conference decided to establish the Mayors for Peace Supporter System and adopted the Hiroshima Appeal commemorating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Mayors for Peace. The Mayors for Peace Supporter System aims to intensively engage the younger generation to build a consensus in civil society in favor of the realization of a peaceful, nuclear-weapon-free world, which will urge policymakers to effect policy change. The Hiroshima Appeal declares that Mayors for Peace will work even harder to promote the deep-rooted culture of peace in civil society by means such as fostering youth leadership, and appeals to the UN and all national governments to take six actions to lower rising international tension and reduce the risk of the use of nuclear weapons.



Panel Discussion with former UN Under-Secretary-General Chowdhury (second from right)



Presentation by youth engaging in peace activities
(Session III)

The Conference was visited by Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, the former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the UN, who has been advocating and promoting the “Culture of Peace.” Ambassador Chowdhury delivered the Commemorative Lecture, titled, “Advancing the Culture of Peace to Create a Better World with Communities at the Center,” followed by a panel discussion with the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In the sessions under the themes of “The Role of Member Cities” and “The Role of Young People as Successors of the Will of the *Hibakusha*,” member city representatives and youth engaging in peace activities shared many good examples of various initiatives.

The 10th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting was also held during the Conference. At the Meeting, the Mayor of the City of Himeji (Hyogo Prefecture), the host city of the 11th Japanese Member Cities Meeting to be held next year, gave remarks, and the Meeting adopted a letter of request to the Japanese Government calling for the promotion of actions to abolish nuclear weapons, as well as the Meeting’s summary notes.



The Hiroshima Appeal

The Hiroshima Appeal

Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Establishment of Mayors for Peace

On the occasion of its 10th General Conference on October 19-20, 2022, we, representatives of Mayors for Peace member cities, engaged in dynamic discussions on the theme “Creating a Peaceful, Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: Cultivating a Culture of Peace in Civil Society,” an event that also commemorated the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Mayors for Peace.

In August 1945, atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the lives of over 210,000 people were ruthlessly stolen by the end of that year. Those who barely managed to survive were left with deep psychological and physical wounds that have yet to heal even today, 77 years later.

In June 1982, during the 2nd UN Special Session on Disarmament, then-Mayor Araki of Hiroshima established Mayors for Peace, calling on the cities of the world to transcend national borders and join in solidarity to forge a path toward the abolition of nuclear weapons. Since then we have made steady progress on our path, and in our 40th year, membership in our non-partisan international NGO has now grown to 8,213 member cities in 166 countries and regions around the world.

In addition to our long-standing objectives to forge a path toward our goal of realizing lasting world peace, namely, *Realize a world without nuclear weapons* and *Realize safe and resilient cities*, in July 2021, we added a third objective, *Promote the culture of peace*, when we adopted the *Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision for short)*.

The first objective, *Realize a world without nuclear weapons*, has been set forth with the intention of striving for the total global abolition and elimination of nuclear weapons as cities and their citizens remain their targets and taking into consideration the catastrophic environmental and economic consequences on a global scale of the use of those weapons.

The second objective, *Realize safe and resilient cities*, means that we recognize that certain global trends in international security, the environment, development, poverty, and the economy have profound effects upon cities everywhere and, if unaddressed, threaten the peaceful coexistence—if not the very existence—of the human race. To meet these challenges, we resolve to advance basic human needs and sustainable development.

To accomplish these objectives, it is imperative to cultivate peace consciousness and cause the culture of peace to take root in civil society. To that end, we have newly included *Promote the culture of peace* as our third objective.

The Hiroshima Appeal



Since the Russian attack against Ukraine, this armed conflict has led to a deterioration of international peace and security, jeopardizing the shared values of international society. The world has witnessed new threats to use nuclear weapons in this armed conflict, raising the risk of nuclear war to the highest level. In addition, the dangerous theory of nuclear deterrence, which attempts to justify the existence of such weapons, has gained further momentum. Moreover, possessor states continue to modernize their nuclear forces, diverting vast economic and technical resources away from meeting the pressing needs of sustainable development everywhere.

Amid such circumstances, at the First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) held in June, the Vienna Declaration and Vienna Action Plan were adopted. These documents reaffirm the inhumanity of nuclear weapons, unequivocally condemn any threat of use of such weapons, and call for an increase in the number of ratifying states, as well as improvement and enrichment of victim assistance provision. Above all else, we heartily welcome that these documents reaffirm the compatibility and complementarity of the TPNW with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

In contrast, at the 10th NPT Review Conference held in August, negotiations broke down, with many non-nuclear-weapon states taking note of the failure of the nuclear-weapon states to meet their disarmament obligations. The Conference came to an end, failing to reach an agreement to adopt the draft of the Final Document, which stated that a recognition of the inhumane consequences of the use of nuclear weapons must be the foundation for nuclear disarmament. This negative outcome only serves to further hinder progress toward nuclear disarmament and rejects the *hibakusha*'s wish for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Despite 40 years of persistent appeal by Mayors for Peace to pave the way toward the total elimination of nuclear weapons, we have still yet to see the formation of a solid international public opinion that will lead to realizing a peaceful world free of nuclear weapons. It is our unshakable conviction that the only absolute viable measure for humanity to take against repeated threats of nuclear weapons is their total elimination. Given this, Mayors for Peace will prompt the UN and national governments, especially nuclear-armed states and their allies, to take immediate action and urge policymakers to effect policy changes for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

In doing so, however, while making efforts to lead the will of the public is one possible approach, we believe it is of the utmost importance rather to engage members of civil society, especially the younger generation—the driving force of the future. We will strive to create an environment in which they, in deep recognition of the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of the use of nuclear weapons, raise peace awareness and prompt leaders to correct their policies in order to abolish nuclear weapons. To that end, we will work even harder to promote a deep-rooted culture of peace in civil society by means such as fostering youth leadership for future peace activities.



The Hiroshima Appeal

In response to the unfolding international situation, we hereby strongly appeal to the UN and all national governments to take the following actions at present to lower rising international tension and reduce the risk of the use of nuclear weapons:

- Share in the *hibakusha*'s earnest wish for peace and work for nuclear disarmament that will encompass the swift global abolition and elimination of all nuclear weapons. We especially appeal to nuclear-weapon states to take immediate action to fulfill and complete their NPT obligations, as well as agreements in the past Review Conferences.
- Break away from the theory of nuclear deterrence, ratify the TPNW, and increase efforts to pursue the total elimination of nuclear weapons, and progress on general and complete disarmament.
- Bring “Disarmament and Cities” forward as a topic for discussion at the UN General Assembly, since cities and their citizens must never again be targets of nuclear weapons.
- Visit the atomic-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and promote initiatives to convey to the world the realities of atomic bombings to make the experience of the atomic bombings a shared global experience as we approach the time when there will no longer be any *hibakusha*.
- Work to solve the diverse range of issues that threaten the peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity to ensure the safety and security of our fellow citizens.
- Support all measures through education, advocacy, and international cooperation that contribute to the *promotion of the culture of peace*, including youth education on disarmament and non-proliferation.

With this Appeal, we reaffirm and strengthen our common commitment to achieve our agreed goals in the service of world peace and the security and prosperity of future generations.

In commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Mayors for Peace, we hereby pledge to further strengthen our solidarity and continue our utmost efforts to promote peacebuilding by cities under three objectives in the *PX Vision*, following our Action Plan for up until the year 2025.

October 20, 2022
Hiroshima, Japan
10th General Conference
of Mayors for Peace



4th
Anniversary



Schedule

	October 19 (Wed)	October 20 (Thu)
9:00 AM		
10:00 AM		10:00 AM
11:00 AM		11:00 AM
12:00 PM		12:00 PM
1:00 PM		
1:30 PM	1:30 PM	
1:50 PM	1:50 PM	
2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM
2:35 PM	2:35 PM	2:30 PM
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4:45 PM	4:45 PM	
5:00 PM	5:00 PM	
5:30 PM	5:30 PM	
6:00 PM	6:00 PM	
7:00 PM	7:30 PM	
8:00 PM		

For all participants
 Online participation possible

For Japanese member cities only
 For Executive Cities only

* ICCH: International Conference Center Hiroshima



(Honorific titles hereinafter will be omitted.)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Oct 19 (Wed)	12:30 PM-	Registration	Dahlia 1 / B2 Lobby, ICCH
	1:30 - 1:50 PM	Opening Ceremony - Commemorative video "Mayors for Peace 40 Years of Progress" - Opening remarks: MATSUI Kazumi, Mayor of Hiroshima - Video Message: António GUTERRES, United Nations Secretary-General	Himawari ICCH
	1:50 - 2:35 PM	Hibakusha Testimony KAJIMOTO Yoshiko, Atomic Bomb Survivor	
	2:35 - 3:00 PM	I PRAY Hiroshima's children pray for peace through drama I PRAY, non-profit organization	
	3:15 - 3:45 PM	Session I Deliberation and Decision of the Agenda (Election of Executive Officials, Establishment of the Mayors for Peace Supporter System)	
	3:45 - 4:45 PM	Session II Theme: The Role of Member Cities Moderator: Thomas HAJNOCZI, Executive Advisor of Mayors for Peace Presenters: - Alba BARNUSELL, Mayor of Granollers, Spain - Alia HASSAN-COURNOL, City Councillor of Montreal, Canada - Belit ONAY, Mayor of Hannover, Germany - NAGAMI Kazuo, Mayor of Kunitachi, Japan	
	4:45 - 5:30 PM	Offering flowers at the Cenotaph for the A-bomb Victims, Visit to the Atomic Bomb Dome (on your own), Ceremonial Tree Planting (representatives only)	Peace Memorial Park
	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Welcome Reception - Koto and flute duo performance YAMASAKI Kako and SILANGCRUZ Galway, Graduate Students of Elisabeth University of Music	Royal Hall, RIHGA Royal Hotel Hiroshima (4F)
Oct 20 (Thu)	9:30 AM-	Registration	B2 Lobby, ICCH
	10:00 - 11:00 AM	Commemorative Lecture Ambassador Anwarul K. CHOWDHURY, Former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the UN Title: Advancing the Culture of Peace to Create a Better World with Communities at the Center Panel Discussion Theme: Localizing the Culture of Peace for Greater Impact Moderator: KOIZUMI Takashi, Secretary General of Mayors for Peace Panelists: - Ambassador Anwarul K. CHOWDHURY, Former Under-Secretary-General of the UN - MATSUI Kazumi, Mayor of Hiroshima - TAUE Tomihisa, Mayor of Nagasaki	Himawari, ICCH
	11:00 - 12:00 PM	Session III Theme: The Role of Young People as Successors of the Will of the <i>Hibakusha</i> Moderator: NABARA Shiho, A-bomb Legacy Successor Presenters: - SUENAGA Riko, Youth Peace Volunteer - NAKAMURA Suzuka, KNOW NUKES TOKYO - Alexandre VARELA, Vice-Mayor of Evora, Portugal	
	12:00 - 2:00 PM	Lunch	
		Visit to the Peace Memorial Museum, Peace Memorial Hall and Exhibit Facility for Atomic-Bombed Remnants (on your own)	Peace Memorial Park
	12:30 - 12:45 PM 1:30 - 1:45 PM (*)	Gallery talk: Drawing the Atomic Bombing with the Next Generation (*with English interpretation)	Sakura, ICCH
	2:00 - 2:30 PM	Session IV: The 10th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting (for Japanese member cities only)	Himawari, ICCH
	2:45 - 3:15 PM	Closing Ceremony -Adoption of the Hiroshima Appeal commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Establishment of Mayors for Peace -Closing remarks TAUE Tomihisa, Mayor of Nagasaki	
	3:30 - 4:15 PM	Press Conference (for Executive Cities only)	

* In principle, the participants who are not member city representatives may attend as observers

* ICCH: International Conference Center Hiroshima



Reports

Opening Ceremony

- Proceedings
- Commemorative video “Mayors for Peace 40 Years of Progress”
Narration by YAMAMOTO Nene, HIROKAWA Aika, and KAWASUMI Airu, third grade students of the Hiroshima Municipal Hiroshima Commercial High School
 - Opening remarks: MATSUI Kazumi, Mayor of Hiroshima
 - Introduction of the representatives of the Executive Cities
 - Video Message: António GUTERRES, United Nations Secretary-General

The General Conference opened with a video commemorating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Mayors for Peace and reflecting on its 40 years of progress.

In his opening remarks at the Opening Ceremony, President Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima, stated that war and peace are huge contradictions that humanity is faced with, and that we must encourage policymakers to effect changes in their policies toward the realization of a peaceful world free from nuclear weapons and focus even more on cultivating the culture of peace with the momentum gained from the G7 summit to be held in Hiroshima next year (2023).

A video message of support for the Conference from United Nations Secretary-General Guterres was played. Secretary-General Guterres called to together make the elimination of nuclear weapons happen, stating that nuclear risks are accelerating but we cannot give up, and that eliminating nuclear weapons would be the greatest gift we could bestow on future generations.



Opening remarks by President Matsui



Video message from United Nations Secretary-General Guterres



Hibakusha Testimony

Speaker KAJIMOTO Yoshiko, Atomic Bomb Survivor

Ms. Kajimoto was exposed to the atomic bomb when she was 14 years old, a third grader of the then-called Higher School for girls. At the moment of the explosion, she was in a factory which was 2.3 km away from the hypocenter, and in which students were mobilized to manufacture parts for airplane propellers. She began giving testimonies at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum in 2000 and since then she has been actively sharing her experiences at schools, museums and local governments both in Japan and abroad including USA, Spain, and France. When the Pope visited Hiroshima in 2019, she shared her experience of the bombing with him.

Ms. Kajimoto testified that a boy came toward her with his torn arm and died in front of her, and that she will never forget the scared look on the boy's face. One person's strength may be small, but with a collective power of all who seek peace, bolstered by the spirit of the departed *hibakusha*, she is convinced that the total elimination of nuclear weapons can definitely be accomplished, she stated, expressing her conviction to communicate the realities of the atomic bombing to as many people as possible.



Ms. Kajimoto sharing her atomic bomb experiences

I PRAY Hiroshima's children pray for peace through drama

Performed by I PRAY, non-profit organization

Children of Hiroshima call for the importance of peace through creative drama—performing scenes of a peaceful, ordinary morning of Hiroshima before the atomic bombing, Hiroshima after the bombing, and the reconstruction of Hiroshima.



Peace theater performance by children



Reports

Session I: Deliberation and Decision of the Agenda

Proceedings Deliberation and decision of the agenda
Agenda Item 1: Election of Executive Officials
Agenda Item 2: Establishment of the Mayors for Peace Supporter System

Chairperson MATSUI Kazumi, Mayor of Hiroshima

The Conference deliberated over two agenda items—“Election of Executive Officials” and “Establishment of the Mayors for Peace Supporter System”—and adopted them as originally proposed.

The Conference decided to establish the Mayors for Peace Supporter System to build a consensus in civil society in favor of the realization of a peaceful, nuclear-weapon-free world, which will urge policymakers to effect policy change. It aims to gain a greater number of supporters for Mayors for Peace: individuals and groups who share in its principle and initiatives. In carrying out the Supporter System, Mayors for Peace strives to foster youth leadership for future peace activities and to attract and engage the younger generation in its intensive efforts. Its goal is to acquire supporters, involve them in sharing and spreading information via social media, and create a virtuous circle of promotion for a culture of peace.



Deliberation of the agenda

*See pages 24–26 for relevant Conference Documents.



Session II: The Role of Member Cities

Proceedings	Presentations - Alba BARNUSELL, Mayor of Granollers, Spain - Alia HASSAN-COURNOL, City Councillor of Montreal, Canada - Belit ONAY, Mayor of Hannover, Germany *pre-recorded video presentation - NAGAMI Kazuo, Mayor of Kunitachi, Japan Exchange of opinions - Randy RYDELL, Executive Advisor of Mayors for Peace - KITAHASHI Kenji, Mayor of Kitakyushu, Japan - HOSAKA Nobuto, Mayor of Setagaya, Japan - Marianne BORGEN, Mayor of Oslo, Norway Summary
Moderator	Thomas HAJNOCZI, Executive Advisor of Mayors for Peace

Through the presentations by member cities, the Conference participants discussed member city roles and engagement in creating a peaceful future free of nuclear weapons, given the current global situation.

The following presentations were given by the speakers: Mayor Barnusell of Granollers on the European Chapter’s initiatives aimed at winning additional states parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW); Ms. Hassan-Cournol, City Councillor of Montreal, on the city’s immigration policy promoting inclusion; Mayor Onay of Hannover on the German Chapter’s efforts to further expand the membership; Mayor Nagami of Kunitachi on the city’s leadership to newly establish a network of member cities to promote the culture of peace; respectively.



Presentations on activities

During the exchange of ideas, some suggestions, including sharing about efforts taken to conduct peace education, were proposed from the floor. A comment on the growing importance of the TPNW and nuclear weapons abolition was also made. Executive Advisor Hajnoczi summarized that many great examples were shared during the session. He also reaffirmed the role of member cities to practice what we learned from each other.



Executive Advisor Hajnoczi, Moderator



Mayor Barnusell of Granollers



Ms. Hassan-Cournol, City Councillor of Montreal



Mayor Onay of Hannover



Mayor Nagami of Kunitachi



Reports

Offering flowers at the Cenotaph for the A-bomb Victims, Visit to the Atomic Bomb Dome (on their own)

The Conference participants deepened their understanding of the atomic bombing and reaffirmed their determination to realize a world free of nuclear weapons through offering flowers at the Cenotaph for the A-bomb Victims and visiting the Atomic Bomb Dome.

Members of the Youth Peace Volunteers, who also served as the volunteers for the Conference, gave the representatives of the Executive Cities among other participants a guided tour in English around the Peace Memorial Park.



Participants offering flowers to the Cenotaph

Ceremonial Tree Planting (representatives only)

Representatives of the Conference planted a dogwood tree to commemorate the 40th year of the establishment of Mayors for Peace. The representatives are determined to further expand the Mayors for Peace network across borders, in the same way the newly planted tree would one day take root and flourish, affirming their resolution to trigger a global groundswell for the realization of a peaceful world free from nuclear weapons.



Ceremonial Tree Planting



Welcome Reception (for all participants except the general public)

Proceedings

Welcome Remarks - MATSUI Kazumi, Mayor of Hiroshima

Toaster - SASAKI Jukichi, Chairperson of the Hiroshima City Council

Report on civil society's initiatives toward the abolition of nuclear weapons -

Jacqueline CABASSO, Executive Advisor of Mayors for Peace

Koto and flute duo performance - YAMASAKI Kako and SILANGCRUZ Galway,

Graduate students of Elisabeth University of Music

End-of-party Speech - Alba BARNUSELL, Mayor of Granollers, Spain

Conference participants enjoyed a specially prepared meal that utilized local specialty products recognized by the City of Hiroshima. While enjoying a Koto and flute duo performance by graduate students, participants were able to deepen their relations with each other.



Koto and flute duo performance
by graduate students



Reports

Commemorative Lecture:

“Advancing the Culture of Peace to Create a Better World with Communities at the Center”

Keynote speaker

Ambassador Anwarul K. CHOWDHURY, Former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the UN

Ambassador Chowdhury has been a career diplomat, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, President of the UN Security Council, President of UNICEF Executive Board, UN Under-Secretary-General and Senior Special Advisor to UN General Assembly President. He is an advocator of the “Culture of Peace” and he is the recipient of many brilliant awards related to sustainable peace and development, including the U Thant Peace Award.

His legacy and leadership in the service of global community are boldly imprinted in his pioneering initiatives for adoption of the landmark “Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace” at the UN General Assembly in 1999 and the groundbreaking “UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on woman and peace and security” in 2000.

He is the Founder of New York-based civil society coalition advocating and networking to build and promote the Culture of Peace at the civilian level, The Global Movement for the Culture of Peace.

Former Under-Secretary-General Chowdhury stated that real peace means the end of discrimination, prejudice, injustice, and inequality, and peace and equality are the driving force for human development.

Touching on what triggered him to have passion for and faith in promoting the culture of peace, he recalled that his experience as a diplomat during the time of the war of independence for Bangladesh in 1971 had inspired him to take the lead in promoting the culture of peace at the UN level since 1999.

Each and every individual is important to securing the culture of peace in our world, he stressed, accentuating the special importance of peace education and women’s participation in promoting the culture of peace.

He concluded his lecture by calling for the participants to advance the culture of peace together, with words of encouragement stating that cities have the potential to shape the future of humankind and to achieve sustainable peace and development for a better world.



Former Under-Secretary-General
Chowdhury’s Commemorative Lecture



Panel Discussion: “Localizing the Culture of Peace for Greater Impact”

Panelists

- Ambassador Anwarul K. CHOWDHURY, Former Under-Secretary-General of the UN
- MATSUI Kazumi, Mayor of Hiroshima
- TAUE Tomihisa, Mayor of Nagasaki

Moderator KOIZUMI Takashi, Secretary General of Mayors for Peace

President Matsui shared his opinion that when people demonstrate their ability to be compassionate to others—people in both in-groups and out-groups—they could coexist peacefully and maintain good relationships.

Vice President Taue compared ways of thinking and rules to computer operating systems, and peacebuilding by our own to applications, and stated we must rewrite the old OS to a new one to be compatible with new apps.



Panel discussion

Former Under-Secretary-General Chowdhury mentioned the importance of promoting gender equality at the UN level, stressing that the UN must appoint a female Secretary-General. One of the participants from the floor responded that we must set good examples for producing women leaders.

In response to the comment from the floor that how the definition of the word “peace” may change over time, President Matsui stated that the state of peace, long thought to be bringing about a cease-fire on armed conflicts, is but a definition that has barely scratched the surface of a complex issue. Former Under-Secretary-General Chowdhury had also stressed the importance of respecting people’s differences.

In addition, Vice President Taue called for people to make the “culture of peace,” one that seeks to resolve matters through dialogue, our motto and further promote it, instead of the “culture of war” which seeks to resolve matters through armed forces.



Reports

Session III: The Role of Young People as Successors of the Will of the *Hibakusha*

Proceedings	Remarks by guest - TAKEI Shunsuke, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Presentations - SUENAGA Riko, Youth Peace Volunteer - NAKAMURA Suzuka, KNOW NUKES TOKYO - Alexandre VARELA, Vice-Mayor of Evora, Portugal Exchange of opinions - KOBAYASHI Yoko, Mayor of Kodaira, Japan - SAKAGUCHI Shinroku, Mayor of Takaishi, Japan - Fatiha ALAUDAT, Deputy Mayor of Malakoff, France - NISHIMURA Kazuhira, Mayor of Kasai, Japan
Moderator	NABARA Shiho, A-bomb Legacy Successor

Through the presentations by youth engaging in peace activities and member cities that conduct peace activities together with youth, the Conference participants discussed the role of youth as successors of the will of the *hibakusha*, as well as ways to foster youth leadership for future peace activities as outlined in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan.

State Minister Takei for Foreign Affairs of Japan remarked that communicating the realities of the atomic bombings is Japan’s mission to accomplish; the government will invite youth from around the world to the atomic-bombed cities and further deepen the collaboration with Mayors for Peace to boost momentum for nuclear disarmament.



Presentations on activities

After which, the following presentations were given by the speakers: Ms. Suenaga of the Youth Peace Volunteers on their activities communicating the will of Hiroshima to foreign visitors to the Peace Memorial Park through guided tours; Ms. Nakamura representing KNOW NUKES TOKYO on their activities in connection with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as well as fundraising; Vice-Mayor Varela of Evora on the city’s peace education efforts through creating artworks on the theme of peace; respectively.

During the exchange of ideas, some initiatives were introduced from the floor, such as participating in Peace Memorial Ceremonies and peace education at a historical site where a peace museum will be built. A suggestion was also proposed to make use of the 2025 World Exposition in Osaka as a platform.

Ms. Nabara, the moderator, summarized that the session was full of creative insights that may allow wider propagation of youth peacebuilding activities.



Ms. Nabara, Moderator



State Minister Takei for Foreign Affairs of Japan



Ms. Suenaga, the Youth Peace Volunteers



Ms. Nakamura representing KNOW NUKES TOKYO



Vice-Mayor Varela of Evora



Visit to the Peace Memorial Museum, Peace Memorial Hall and Exhibit Facility for Atomic-Bombed Remnants (on their own)

Conference participants were able to deepen their understanding of the atomic bombing through visiting facilities such as the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, including its Main Building which was reopened three years ago after renovation.

Session IV: The 10th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting

Proceedings	<p>Opening Remarks - MATSUI Kazumi, Mayor of Hiroshima</p> <p>Report - ARASE Naomi, Under-Secretary General of Mayors for Peace</p> <p> Mayors for Peace Membership Fee Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2021</p> <p> About the host city of the 11th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting</p> <p> Remarks by the mayor of the host city of the next Japanese Member Cities Meeting</p> <p> - KIYOMOTO Hideyasu, Mayor of Himeji (Hyogo Prefecture)</p> <p>Deliberation and Decision of the Agenda</p> <p> Agenda Item 1: Letter of Request to the Japanese Government Calling for the Promotion of Actions to Abolish Nuclear Weapons</p> <p> Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Summary Notes of the 10th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting</p> <p>Closing Remarks - TAUE Tomihisa, Mayor of Nagasaki</p>
Chairperson	MATSUI Kazumi, Mayor of Hiroshima

The Secretariat reported on the membership fee financial statement for Fiscal Year 2021, as well as the host city for the 11th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting. It was followed by remarks given by Mayor Kiyomoto of Himeji, host city of the next Japanese Member Cities Meeting.

The Conference deliberated over two agenda items—“Letter of Request to the Japanese Government Calling for the Promotion of Actions to Abolish Nuclear Weapons” and “Summary Notes of the 10th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting”—and adopted them as originally proposed.

A suggestion from the floor to demonstrate the solidarity of Japanese member cities in response to the Russian attack against Ukraine was proposed. The Conference decided to continue examining the appropriate timing and type of action to be taken. The Conference also decided to submit the letter to the Japanese government at a later date.



Remarks by the Mayor of Himeji (right)

*See pages 28–31 for the Conference documents of Session IV. They are provided only in Japanese.



Reports

Closing Ceremony

- Proceedings**
- Adoption of the Hiroshima Appeal commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Establishment of Mayors for Peace
 - Closing remarks: TAUE Tomihisa, Mayor of Nagasaki

President Matsui read out the draft text of the Hiroshima Appeal commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Establishment of Mayors for Peace that declares Mayors for Peace will work even harder to promote the deep-rooted culture of peace in civil society by means such as fostering youth leadership, and appeals to the UN and all national governments to take six actions to lower rising international tension and reduce the risk of the use of nuclear weapons. The Conference deliberated over the Appeal and adopted it as originally proposed.



Adoption of the Hiroshima Appeal

In his closing remarks, Vice President Taue mentioned that the 11th General Conference will be held in Nagasaki in 2025. He expressed his hopes for the Mayors for Peace network to together make steady steps toward our goal of realizing a peaceful, nuclear-weapon-free world while sharing the principle of the PX Vision, and to make the next General Conference, in three years from now, a great opportunity to give good reports.

The Hiroshima Appeal was sent to the UN Secretary-General and missions of national governments to the UN in early November.

*See pages 4–6 for the Hiroshima Appeal.



Press Conference (for Executive Cities only)

Representatives of the Executive Cities	President City	Hiroshima, Japan - Mayor MATSUI Kazumi
	Vice President Cities	Nagasaki, Japan - Mayor TAUE Tomihisa
		Malakoff, France - Deputy Mayor Fatiha ALAUDAT
		Granollers, Spain - Mayor Alba BARNUSELL
		Biograd na Moru, Croatia - Counselor Jasminka BAJLO
	Montreal, Canada - City Councillor Alia HASSAN-COURNOL	
	Executive City	Evora, Portugal - Vice-Mayor Alexandre VARELA

President Matsui gave an overview of the Hiroshima Appeal. Representatives from all seven Executive Cities who attended the Conference in person gave their comments in return and proceeded to answer questions from the press.



Representatives of the Executive Cities at the press conference



Reports

Additional Events (Venue: Sakura, ICCH)

◆Exhibition of the “Drawing the Atomic Bombing with the Next Generation” project

An exhibition featuring drawings of the atomic bombing by students in the special creative expression course at the Hiroshima Municipal Motomachi Senior High School was held. The students created these works by listening to the *hibakusha*'s testimonies several times and constantly receiving feedback regarding the compositions and color during the creative process from the *hibakusha* themselves. This project aims to leave behind drawings that communicate the realities of the atomic bombing to future generations, as well as to encourage students to inherit the *hibakusha*'s wish for peace and think about the importance of peace through the creative process.



Exhibition of the “Drawing the Atomic Bombing with the Next Generation” project

Gallery talk

Talk by

Third grade students of the Hiroshima Municipal Motomachi Senior High School
OHARA Moeri, SANGER Lily,
TERANISHI Shiori, and YAMAGUCHI Rei

Students who created the drawings of the atomic bombing shared about their creative process and the thoughts expressed in their artworks.



Participants listening to the students sharing about their artworks

◆Exhibition of Awarded Works for Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns”

In order to expand peace education efforts in member cities, Mayors for Peace holds an annual children’s art competition with the theme of “Peaceful Towns,” for children from 6 to 15 years old in all these cities.

Of the 10,586 artworks submitted to date, this exhibition showcased 24 awarded works from 2020 and 2021 competitions.



Exhibition of Awarded Works for Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns”



◆Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition

The Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition was held to have the participants of the Conference deepen their understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings and reaffirm their determination for the abolition of nuclear weapons.



Mayors for Peace
Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition

◆Petition Booth Calling for All States to Join the TPNW at the Earliest Date

To promote the effective implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), Mayors for Peace conducts the petition drives calling for all states to join the TPNW at the earliest date. The petition booth was set up at the venue of the Conference.



Petition booth calling for all states to join the TPNW at the earliest date

Additional Events (Venue: Dahlia 1, ICCH)

◆Exhibition featuring the G7 Summit (Hiroshima, 2023) and showcasing the attractions of Hiroshima

An exhibition featuring the G7 Summit (Hiroshima, 2023) and showcasing the attractions of Hiroshima was held, aimed at building momentum to welcome visitors to Hiroshima through displaying posters and distributing tourist information booklets.



Exhibition featuring the G7 Summit and showcasing the attractions of Hiroshima



Conference Documents (Session I)

Agendas of Session I

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Election of Executive Officials

President:	Mayor of Hiroshima (Japan)
Vice Presidents:	Mayor of Nagasaki (Japan)
	Mayor of Hannover (Germany)
	Mayor of Malakoff (France)
	Mayor of Muntinlupa (Philippines)
	Lord Mayor of Manchester (UK)
	Mayor of Ypres (Belgium)
	Mayor of Granollers (Spain)
	Mayor of Halabja (Iraq)
	Mayor of Biograd na Moru (Croatia)
	Mayor of Des Moines (USA)
	Mayor of Montreal (Canada)

Total: 12 Officials

(Explanation)

- The Mayors of Volgograd (Russia), Frogn (Norway), and Mexico City (Mexico) have not been renominated, as they do not wish to be reappointed.
- The Secretariat did not hear from the Mayor of Fongo-Tongo (Cameroon) about his intention for reappointment.
- The Mayor of Montreal (Canada), currently serving as the Executive Member, will be appointed as the Vice President.
- The Other 11 Mayors will be reappointed.

(Reference)

Covenant of the Mayors for Peace (excerpt)

Executive Officials

ARTICLE 4

1. Executive Officials of the Organization shall consist of: one President; an appropriate number of Vice-Presidents and Executive Members.
2. The President and the Vice-President shall be elected by mayors of Solidarity Cities.
3. The President shall supervise and represent the Organization, and shall chair the Conference.
4. The Vice-President shall assist the President. In case of the inability of the President to carry out the duties of the office, the Vice-president shall fulfill the duties of the President.
5. The Executive Members shall be appointed from Solidarity Cities by the President with regional conditions taken into consideration.
6. The Executive Members shall assist the President and the Vice-President and shall act for the smooth management of the Organization.

Term of Office

ARTICLE 5

1. The term of office of the Executive Officials shall be until such time that new Executive Officials are elected at a succeeding General Conference. Each office shall be open to reelection.
2. Whatever the stipulations of previous clauses, if a member-city mayor holding an elected office resigns or retires his or her mayoralty, the succeeding mayor shall assume said office. In such case, the succeeding officer's term shall last as long as the original term of the retiring or resigning officer.



Conference Documents (Session I)

Agenda Item 2

Establishment of the Mayors for Peace Supporter System

1 Concept

As we, Mayors for Peace, commemorate our 40th anniversary this year, our steadily expanding global network has now grown to 8,213 member cities in 166 countries and regions around the world. Our forthcoming challenge under the *Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision for short)* is to create an environment that stimulates policymakers to effect policy changes for the abolition of nuclear weapons. As it is crucial that we cultivate peace consciousness that causes a culture of peace to take root in civil society to accomplish the aforementioned goal, it is more necessary than ever that we undertake efforts to further *Practice public relations aimed at gaining a greater number of supporters* — one of the initiatives set forth in the *Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2021-2025)*.

Recognizing this, Mayors for Peace will implement the following measures to gain a greater number of supporters and increase the visibility of our activities:

2 Establishing the Mayors for Peace Supporter System

1) Outline of the system

We seek to build a consensus in civil society in favor of the realization of a peaceful, nuclear-weapon-free world, which will establish a concrete base that urges policymakers to effect policy change. To that end, we will establish the Mayors for Peace Supporter System aimed at gaining a greater number of supporters for Mayors for Peace: individuals and groups who share in its principle and initiatives.

In carrying out the Supporter System, we aim to foster youth leadership for future peace activities as outlined in the *Action Plan*. In our intensive efforts to attract and engage the younger generation, we will share information on activities that promote a culture of peace, including our own, as well as those practiced by citizens who show their support for peace in their daily lives through art and sporting events, among others, in an accessible and approachable manner via social media (especially on Instagram, as it is notably popular among younger users). Our goal is to acquire supporters, involve them in sharing and spreading information, and create a virtuous circle of promotion for a culture of peace.

The Secretariat will manage the above-proposed Supporter System with support from our member cities.

2) Launch FY 2023



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Conference Documents (Session IV)

*The following (pp.29–32) are the Conference documents of Session IV, the 10th Mayors for Peace Japanese Member Cities Meeting. These documents are provided only in Japanese.

第 10 回平和首長会議国内加盟都市会議総会

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1 平和首長会議メンバーシップ納付金令和3年度決算について

(1) 収入

項 目	内 訳	金 額
メンバーシップ納付金	令和3年4月～令和4年3月収納 1,491自治体 〔日本国内 1,113自治体〕 〔海外 378自治体〕	5,689,739円 〔日本国内〕 2,228,000円 〔海外〕 3,461,739円
	合計	5,689,739円

※ 年額2,000円以上の納付金を納める自治体もある。

※ 金額は平和首長会議事務局が受領した日本円での金額であり、為替レートの影響及び受取銀行手数料の負担により、端数が生じている。

(2) 支出（メンバーシップ納付金充当事業）

事業名	内 訳	金 額
平和首長会議の活動展開	核兵器禁止条約の早期締結を求める署名活動の展開	788,145円
	加盟都市への被爆樹木の種・苗木の配付	249,448円
	全米市長会議との連携強化	217,224円
	子どもたちによる“平和なまち”絵画コンテストの実施	125,033円
	原爆ポスター、PRグッズ等の作成	57,200円
	第10回NPT再検討会議への出席 (新型コロナウイルス感染症の感染拡大の影響により令和4年8月に延期) ※ 金額は平和首長会議原爆ポスター展の準備経費	13,237円
平和首長会議の運営	事務局運営経費 (消耗品費、翻訳料、通信運搬費等)	2,030,726円
	平和首長会議に関する情報基盤の整備	1,471,585円
	メンバーシップ納付金制度の運用	737,141円
	合計	5,689,739円

2 第11回平和首長会議国内加盟都市会議総会の開催地について

兵庫県姫路市において、令和5年(2023年)10月18日(水)から10月19日(木)までの日程で開催予定。



Conference Documents (Session IV)

議案 1

内閣総理大臣 岸田 文雄 様

核兵器廃絶に向けた取組の推進について（要請）

今年で設立40周年を迎えた平和首長会議は、被爆により筆舌に尽くしがたい経験をし、生涯に渡る放射線障害等に苦しみながらも、「こんな思いを他の誰にもさせてはならない」と核兵器の非人道性を世界に訴え続ける被爆者の思いを次の世代に受け継いでいくため、核兵器廃絶と世界恒久平和の実現に向けた取組を行っています。

こうした取組を進める中で、平和首長会議の加盟都市数は増加の一途をたどり、現在世界166か国・地域の8,213都市が加盟し、そのうち日本国内の加盟都市は全市区町村の99.8%に当たる1,737都市に及んでいます。こうした中、第10回目となる平和首長会議国内加盟都市会議総会を10月20日に広島市で開催しました。

核兵器をめぐるのは、被爆者や市民社会の願いや行動が国際社会を動かし昨年1月に発効した核兵器禁止条約の第1回締約国会議が本年6月に開催され、核兵器のない世界の実現に向けて、国際社会が具体的な第一歩を踏み出せたことを歓迎します。

一方で、本年8月に開催された第10回NPT再検討会議では、緊迫したウクライナ情勢を背景にロシアと欧米諸国の対立が際立ち、前回に続いて交渉が決裂したことは、核兵器のない世界の実現を願う被爆者の願いを断ち切るものです。

このように、国家としての利益追求が、国際的な枠組みの尊重よりも優先される現状を打開していくためには、国家の安全保障から人間の安全保障を根底とした核兵器に依存しない政策へと転換できるような社会環境を醸成していく必要があると考えています。そのために、平和首長会議では、市民社会の立場からあらゆる暴力を否定する「平和文化」を振興し、市民社会に根付かせることで、為政者が核抑止力に依存することなく、対話を通じた外交政策を目指す環境づくりを推進する取組を進めていきます。

唯一の戦争被爆国である日本政府には、平均年齢が84歳を超えた被爆者の核兵器のない世界の実現という切なる願いを真摯に受け止め、核保有国と非核保有国との分断を解消し、核兵器廃絶に向けた議論の共通の基盤を形成するための役割をしっかりと果たしていただくよう要請します。あわせて、来年11月に開催が予定される核兵器禁止条約第2回締約国会議にオブザーバー参加し、非核保有国の声も受け止めた上で、核兵器廃絶のために力を尽くしていただくとともに、一刻も早く核兵器禁止条約に署名・批准していただくよう強く要請いたします。

令和4年（2022年）10月20日

平和首長会議国内加盟都市会議

代表 平和首長会議 会長 広島市長 松井 一實
副会長 長崎市長 田上 富久



第10回平和首長会議国内加盟都市会議総会総括文書

平和首長会議は、昭和57年（1982年）の設立以来、世界の都市と連帯し、核兵器廃絶と世界恒久平和の実現を訴え続けてきた。平和首長会議には、現在世界の166の国・地域から8,213の都市が加盟しており、その数は増加の一途をたどっている。そのうち、日本国内の加盟都市は全市区町村の99.8%に当たる1,737に及んでおり、第10回目となる平和首長会議国内加盟都市会議総会を令和4年（2022年）10月20日に広島市で開催した。

最初に、次の事項について事務局から報告を行った。

- ① 平和首長会議メンバーシップ納付金令和3年度決算について
- ② 第11回平和首長会議国内加盟都市会議総会の開催地について

続いて、日本政府に対する核兵器廃絶に向けた取組の推進についての要請文について審議・決定した。

最後に、私たちは、核兵器を廃絶し、戦争のない平和な世界を実現するため、加盟都市を着実に拡大し、共に行動していくことをここに宣言する。

令和4年（2022年）10月20日
第10回平和首長会議国内加盟都市会議総会



Breakdown of Participants

Japanese Member Cities (159 participants from 94 cities)

Prefecture	Cities
Hokkaido	Sapporo, Yoichi
Saitama	Kawaguchi, Wako, Kuki
Chiba	Chiba, Shiroi
Tokyo	Minato, Shinjuku, Setagaya, Kita, Adachi, Katsushika, Tachikawa, Musashino, Mitaka, Chofu, Kodaira, Hino, Kunitachi, Kiyose, Nishitokyo
Kanagawa	Yokohama, Kawasaki, Sagami-hara, Fujisawa, Yamato
Nagano	Matsukawa-mura
Gifu	Tajimi, Yamagata, Kitagata
Aichi	Nagoya, Toyohashi, Kariya, Komaki, Obu, Toyoake, Toyoyama, Kota
Shiga	Maibara
Kyoto	Kyoto, Ayabe, Kameoka, Muko, Ide
Osaka	Toyonaka, Hirakata, Yao, Habikino, Takaishi, Fujiidera, Higashiosaka
Hyogo	Kobe, Himeji, Nishinomiya, Ashiya, Takarazuka, Kasai
Shimane	Utsunomiya, Ohnan
Okayama	Kurashiki, Takahashi, Setouchi, Maniwa
Hiroshima	Hiroshima, Mihara, Fukuyama, Miyoshi, Otake, Higashihiroshima, Hatsukaichi, Fuchu-cho, Kaita, Kumano town, Saka, Akiota, Sera, Jinsekikogen
Yamaguchi	Iwakuni
Kagawa	Takamatsu
Ehime	Iyo
Fukuoka	Kitakyushu, Fukuoka, Omuta, Yukuhashi, Koga, Keisen, Chikuzen, Aka
Nagasaki	Nagasaki, Isahaya
Kumamoto	Kumamoto
Oita	Oita, Usa

Breakdown of Participants



Overseas Member Cities (17 participants from 8 cities in 8 countries)

Country	City
Azerbaijan	Agdam
India	Imphal
Croatia	Biograd na Moru
France	Malakoff
Norway	Oslo
Portugal	Evora
Spain	Granollers
Canada	Montreal

Representatives of National Governments (6 people from 3 countries)

Country	Affiliation
Japan	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
US	Consulate-General of the United States of America in Osaka-Kobe
Costa Rica	Embassy of the Republic of Costa Rica in Japan



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平和首長会議

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