

100-Day Countdown Message for the International Day of Peace

There are exactly 100 days left until the International Day of Peace on September 21.

The International Day of Peace was established within the United Nations framework to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and people. It is a day of vital importance to reflect on the preciousness of peace.

This year, Mayors for Peace once again shows its support for this initiative and calls upon its 8,397 member cities in 166 countries and regions around the world to mark the International Day of Peace on September 21, along with August 6 and 9—dates to commemorate the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. On these dates, let us share our earnest desire for peace among each one of our fellow citizens, and hold events for its realization.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace. The theme of this year's International Day of Peace is “cultivating the culture of peace,” based on the notion that “it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed,” a statement which opens the UNESCO Constitution.

This theme is shared by Mayors for Peace, which has the goal of “promoting the culture of peace” in our PX Vision. The ideas of peace and the culture of peace must be cultivated in the minds of children and communities through education across countries and generations.

To achieve a peaceful world, we need a society and an environment where each of us has the will for peace and does what we can for peace in our day-to-day lives. To create an environment that supports proactive citizen activism, Mayors for Peace will work with our member cities to further promote instilling the culture of peace in civil society.

There are many things we can do for peace around us and each one is a step towards building a peaceful future. Beginning today, and over the next 100 days until the International Day of Peace, let us reunite as members of Mayors for Peace to promote the culture of peace in our communities, and take determined steps with citizens across the globe toward our goal of realizing the total elimination of nuclear weapons and lasting world peace.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading '松井一實' (Matsui Kazumi).

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