



# Mayors for Peace News Flash

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in **166** countries and regions

(as of August 1, 2024)

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## Mayors for Peace delegation attends the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 11th NPT Review Conference

A Mayors for Peace delegation attended the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the Eleventh Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which met in Geneva from July 22 to August 2. Headed by President MATSUI Kazumi (Mayor of Hiroshima) and Vice President SUZUKI Shiro (Mayor of Nagasaki) the delegation conveyed the *hibakusha*'s sincere desire for the abolition of nuclear weapons and emphasized the need for advancing nuclear disarmament to representatives of national governments and the UN.

Furthermore, to develop youth leadership for future peace activities, Mayors for Peace sent eight high school students engaging in peace activities in Hiroshima to the PrepCom as "Mayors for Peace Youth" and organized events and meetings, including the Mayors for Peace Youth Forum.

In his speech during the NGO presentations on July 23, President Matsui emphasized that the experiences of Hiroshima and Nagasaki should be the basis for the abolition of nuclear weapons and profoundly concerned that, with the current international circumstances, nuclear weapons are drastically shifting from weapons that must never be used to weapons that can be used under certain conditions, though Hiroshima and Nagasaki have continued to advocate that nuclear weapons must never be used. He mentioned that the number of visitors to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum has risen to the highest on record and the voice of civil society must not be discounted. He concluded his speech by imploring policymakers to reconsider their support for arms races and for strengthening nuclear capabilities immediately and instead, adopt diplomatic efforts through dialogue and advance concrete nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation measures.



President Matsui delivering his statement (left) and Vice President Suzuki (right)

Vice President Suzuki appealed to every nation, including the nuclear weapon states: "Nuclear weapons must never be used. The only way for humanity to avoid the risk of nuclear weapons is to abolish them." He closed his statement by sharing the common aspiration of humankind, "Make Nagasaki the last wartime atomic bombing site."

 Mayors for Peace statements at the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 11th NPT Review Conference by [President \(Mayor of Hiroshima\)](#) and [Vice President \(Mayor of Nagasaki\)](#)

On this occasion, the delegation had opportunities to meet with representatives of national governments and the UN. In the meeting, the delegation referred to the increasing number of peace-loving members of civil society calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons and implored each representative to value the voice of civil society, adopt diplomatic efforts through dialogue, take initiatives in good faith, and support the initiatives of Mayors for Peace.

Mayors for Peace Youth met with Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, and handed over a certificate of approximately 44,000 signatures calling for all states to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons at the earliest date. They also participated in the Youth Exchange Reception hosted by Ms. Ichikawa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament and deepened interaction with local youths. Mayors for Peace Youth Forum, held as a side event for the PrepCom, featured presentations by eight groups of young people from around the globe, including Mayors for Peace Youth and a university student engaging in exchange between Japan and Switzerland. They also exchanged opinions on challenges in promoting peace initiatives at this forum.



Mayors for Peace Youth hand over the certificate of signatures to UN Under-Secretary-General Nakamitsu

In close collaboration with the UN and various partners in civil society, Mayors for Peace will strengthen our initiatives including promoting the culture of peace, and create an environment where policymakers listen to the voice of peace-loving members of civil society, adopt diplomatic efforts through dialogue and advance concrete nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation measures, toward the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings next year.

 Reports on Mayors for Peace activities in Geneva (Mayors for Peace website): <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/2024/post-240829/>

## Commemorative events around the world marking 79 years since the atomic bombings

On August 6 and 9, peace memorial ceremonies were held in Hiroshima and in Nagasaki respectively to mark the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombings. As the international situation became increasingly tense and we faced many challenges towards the abolition of nuclear weapons, each A-bombed city appealed to the people in Japan and abroad with a strong sense of urgency that nuclear weapons must never be used again.



Peace Memorial Ceremony of Hiroshima  
(Photo: courtesy of the City of Hiroshima)



Peace Memorial Ceremony of Nagasaki  
(Photo: courtesy of Nagasaki City)

The Peace Declarations, which were presented by each mayor to the world during their respective city's ceremony, are available on the following websites.

📄 “Peace Declaration” by Mayor of Hiroshima  
Full text (website of the City of Hiroshima): <https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/english/158103.html>  
Video (Official YouTube Channel of the City of Hiroshima):  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2HH47g\\_rYU&list=PL11FDP-3zM-MlOjhTWb1LUK6DcXiG7\\_vi&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2HH47g_rYU&list=PL11FDP-3zM-MlOjhTWb1LUK6DcXiG7_vi&index=1)

📄 “Nagasaki Peace Declaration” by Mayor of Nagasaki  
Full text (Nagasaki City website):  
<https://www.city.nagasaki.lg.jp.e.jc.hp.transer.com/heiwa/3070000/307100/p036984.html>  
Video (Official YouTube Channel of Nagasaki City): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJGdra4Q0qY>

Many member cities around the world joined the two atomic-bombed cities to commemorate the bombings, as illustrated by the following reports. Mayors for Peace sincerely appreciates the efforts of those organizing such events to console the souls of atomic bomb victims and pray for peace.

### ● Biograd na Moru, Croatia

Ms. Jasminka Bajlo

**The Ambassador of Japan H.E. Masato Iso and Mayor Ivan Knez marked the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: "Never again!"**

“May peace prevail on earth!” said Masato Iso, Ambassador of Japan to Croatia, at the commemoration for the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which was held in Biograd on Tuesday evening, and invited all those present to pray for the Japanese cities that suffered nuclear destruction, but also for all the victims and bereaved families who suffer as a result of constant wars around the world.



Gathering in front of the Peace Monument

In his speech in Croatian, the Japanese ambassador thanked Mayor Knez for organizing the fifteenth commemoration in a row, which this year gathered in front of the crane monument on the Biograd waterfront, together with high representatives of Japan and culture attaché Sakino Funaki, the Austrian MEP Hannes Heide, the Mayor of Bjelovar and President of HSLs Dario Hrebak, Mayor of Obrovac Anta Župan, Mayor of Polača Tomislav Prtenjača, President of Biograd City Council Ivana Stamičar, Head of Biograd City Administration Drina

Bešenić, President of GO HDZ Biograd Šime Mršić, permanent representative of the City of Biograd in the organization of Mayors for Peace Jasminka Bajlo and numerous citizens of Biograd.

● **Cervia, Italy**

Ms. Bruna Rondoni

**No more Hiroshima! No more Nagasaki! 79th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bombs**

On the occasion of the 79th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima (August 6, 1945) and Nagasaki (August 9, 1945), the City of Cervia has once again prepared a series of workshops.

At 5 pm of August 6 in the Maria Goia Central Town Library of Cervia, the city hosted a workshop of narration by Cristina Sedioli of “Two hearts in Hiroshima” taken from “Hiroshima Notebook (Daisaku Ikeda)” followed by animation story for children aged 3 to 8 years old.

At 8:45 pm of August 9 in the Polisportiva 2000, the city also held a workshop of Ukulele art and thought: create music for peace! This workshop targeted children aged 7 to 12 to think about music and peace.



Workshop on August 6  
(photo courtesy: City of Cervia)



Workshop on August 9 with younger generation  
(photo courtesy: City of Cervia)

The Peace Councillor Michela Brunelli told that this year, too, we wished to make our closeness to what the *hibakusha* felt and all our commitment to peace and to a world free from nuclear weapons.

The copies of the Italian and English translations of the Peace Declarations by Mayor Matsui of Hiroshima and Mayor Suzuki of Nagasaki were distributed to those participants. The participants also received materials from the “Italy, think again” campaign, promoted by the Italian Peace and Disarmament Network and Senzatomica.

From August 5 to 20, the City of Cervia also hosted an exhibition titled “Tips of Peace” at Maria Goia Central Town Library of Cervia, showcasing books dedicated to peace and disarmament.

● **Evora, Portugal**

Ms. Paula Helena Santos

Mayor of Évora, Carlos Pinto de Sá, regarding the 79th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, released a message of solidarity with all the victims of these terrible events.



Mayor Carlos Pinto de Sá  
(photo courtesy: City of Évora)

● **Imphal, India**

Mr. Nandakumar Sharma

**Event in Manipur University**

Prof N. Lokendra Singh, Vice Chair of Manipur University, was the Chief Guest, and Prof. Dlipkumar Singh HOD Phys, Prof. S. Imoba Singh (Dean School of Humanities) and Prof. Sumitra Phanjoubam (Dean Math and physical sciences) are the President and Guest of honours respectively.

Ph. Nandakumar Sharma, Faculty Member (Department of Foreign Languages: Japanese) read out the Message from Mayor for Peace and Peace Declaration. Prof Nimai spoke about pre and post nuclear effects. A documentary - Hiroshima, A Mother's Prayer was also screened.



Reading out of the message and Peace Declaration] of the Mayor of Hiroshima by Ph. Nandakumar Sharma

**Event of Indo Japan Friendship Association and Mayor for Peace, Imphal Chapter at city hall (Manipur Press Club)**



Honorable guests at the 79<sup>th</sup> Hiroshima Day

Mr. Kh. Ibomcha Singh, Member of the State Assembly was the Chief Guest, Mr. Sharatchand Thiyam (National Literature Awardee/Shahitya Academy Awardee) and Prof. Th. Ratan Singh former HOD English (MU) were President and Guest of honours respectively.

Mr W. Bhumeswar Singh, a member Imphal Chapter of the Mayor for Peace read out the Peace Declaration. A Children's painting competition on the theme of My beautiful town was also conducted by the Imphal Art Gallery and Awards were distributed.

● **Manchester, UK**

Mr. Richard Outram

On Friday 9 August, a very poignant ceremony was hosted in beautiful Heaton Park, Manchester. Peace activists were joined by the Lord Mayor of Manchester Councillor Paul Andrews to commemorate the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the second atomic bombing of the Japanese port city of Nagasaki.

As an Executive and Vice-Presidential city, Manchester had already again hosted an event in the city centre Peace Garden to mark the anniversary of the Hiroshima attack three days earlier.

The event in Heaton Park reinstated the annual events held there before their suspension during the Covid pandemic. The location was particularly symbolic as it took place next to the ginkgo survivor tree planted on the UN International Day of Peace, 21 September 2023.



Nagasaki day event (Photo courtesy of Stuart Walsh, Bolton Clarion Choir)



Hiroshima day event

(Photo courtesy of Linda Walker, Glossop Peace Group)

Participants heard about Nagasaki as a Catholic city. They also listened to testimonies from Nagasaki *hibakusha*, poems from the Bard of Bury, Chris Bainbridge, and songs performed by members of the Bolton Clarion Choir. Councillor Tommy Judge also read the Nagasaki Peace Declaration. The Lord Mayor laid white flowers, with a minute's silence observed in remembrance of the victims. 27 people attended this event. 45 people attended the Hiroshima Day event. It is intended the two events occur again next year.

● **Montreal, Canada**

Mr. Arber Fetiu

On Monday, August 5th, at 19:15 local time, a profoundly moving peace ceremony took place at Montreal's Botanical Gardens to honor the victims of the Hiroshima bombing. Timed to coincide with 8:15 am on August 6th in Hiroshima, the event was held at the Japanese Pavilion. Montreal's City Council President, Mrs. Martine Musau Muele, and Japan's Consul General in Montreal, Mr. Akihiko Uchikawa, united in remembrance to mark the 79th anniversary of this tragic event. This solemn occasion stood as a powerful act of solidarity with the people of Hiroshima.



photo courtesy: City of Montreal, Marie-Ève Trahan-André



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Montreal, a proud executive and lead member of the Mayors for Peace network, reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to peace as Mrs. Musau Muele and Mr. Uchikawa together rang the Hiroshima peace bell, its resonant tones echoing through the gardens.

Despite challenging weather conditions, the ceremony drew numerous dignitaries and citizens, including a special delegation of young students from Hiroshima, who were visiting Montreal as part of an educational tour of the city.

In their remarks, Mrs. Musau Muele and Mr. Uchikawa underscored the profound significance of remembering Hiroshima, especially in these challenging times. Mrs. Musau Muele also commended the ongoing efforts of Mayors for Peace in their tireless pursuit of a better world, and she emphasized the crucial need to continue working for peace amidst today's global uncertainties.

● **Rosario, Argentina**

Ms. Tomoko Aikawa

On August 6th, Rosario celebrated the "Mil Grullas por la Paz (Thousand Cranes for Peace)" project in collaboration with volunteers, Ciudad de las Niñas y los Niños, the Secretariat of Culture and Education of the City of Rosario, and the civil association C.H.I.C.O.S. at the National Flag Monument, where thousands of paper cranes symbolized the collective desire for peace. Inspired by the story of Sadako Sasaki, this event unites the community in creating a thousand cranes as a reflection on peace and the building of a more just society. Rosario has been a member of the Mayors for Peace Network since 2015 and is the second-largest city in Argentina, also known as the birthplace of Messi, the world-famous Argentinian soccer player. This event marks its 26th year.



One by one, the cranes come together on a symbolic path toward the wish for world peace.



The event also featured artistic and musical expressions, strengthening the message of peace and unity.

● **Winchester, UK**

Mr. Richard Outram

**Mayor of Winchester Supports Peace Event to Remember Atomic Bombings**

As part of the international Mayors for Peace initiative, the Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Russell Gordon-Smith, hosted an event on August 6th to mark the 79th anniversary of the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at Abbey House, the Mayor's official residence.

Around 40 representatives from Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council, local community and faith organizations, and Winchester's new MP, Danny Chambers, attended the event to remember and reflect, while also looking forward with hope.

Eleanor Bell, the founding Mayor of Winchester's involvement in the Mayors for Peace network, and MfP coordinator Paul Williams of SGI-UK read the powerful Peace Declaration from the Mayor of Hiroshima, Kazumi Matsui. The declaration emphasized the pledge to abolish nuclear weapons and strive for lasting world peace.

Participants watched a film depicting the impact of the Hiroshima bombing, followed by a moment of silent reflection and a flute solo by Lis Lewis. Winchester City Council Leader, Cllr Martin Tod, spoke of his profound experience visiting the Peace Museum in Nagasaki.

Maurice James from the University of Winchester displayed ginkgo tree saplings grown from seeds of trees that survived the atomic bombing. These saplings will eventually be donated to local schools as focal points of peace gardens. The University is also preparing presentations about peace and hope for primary schools.



caption: commemorative event at Abbey House the Mayor's official residence



attendees and ginkgo tree saplings

PeaceJam's Caroline Millman and Luke Addison discussed their activities with Nobel prizewinners mentoring local youth. Nick Bell of Winchester Rotary outlined their work and plans for a Peace Pole in Winchester. Beth Flint, Chair of Winchester City of Sanctuary, shared a moving account of Britain's open-hearted welcome for people seeking sanctuary.

The meeting concluded with a joyful expression of Ukrainian culture, a poem from Julya Petruniak, and a traditional song led by Lala Smaglova. Lara Mangano led an origami peace crane workshop, ending a heartfelt meeting committed to peace-building in Winchester.

## Call to hold events to mark the 2024 International Day of Peace on September 21

The United Nations has established September 21 as the International Day of Peace (IDP), which is dedicated to world peace, specifically 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. Mayors for Peace has been a long-time supporter of the IDP through holding commemorative events and also encouraged all member cities to hold their own events on the International Day of Peace. This year, too, we invite all member cities to join us commemorate the 2024 International Day of Peace in your cities on September 21. Mayors for Peace will do Peace Challenge on X(Twitter)! We will provide further details on this initiative separately. We would be grateful if you could join us!

**International Day of Peace**  
September 21 is known as the International Day of Peace. We invite you to join us in reflecting on peace. This year's theme is Cultivating a Culture of Peace.

What's International Day of Peace (Peace Day)?  
Established by the UN to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples, it is a day of vital importance to reflect on the preciousness of peace. *Mayors for Peace* supports Peace Day and calls upon our member cities to share the will for peace with their citizens and hold events in solidarity for the realization of peace.

**Examples of Peace Day Events and Initiatives**

- Peace Day Events**
  - Ring Peace Bell
  - Sing songs of peace
  - Plant second generation atomic-bombed trees
- Share Information**
  - Share peace-related content on websites and social media
  - Make Peace Day-related announcements in public facilities
- Peace-Related Cultural or Sporting Events**
  - Display prize-winning works from the Children's Art Competition
  - Screen peace-related films
  - Hold friendly sports games

**Peace Day Social Media Campaign**

**Calling all member cities!**  
**Join us in posting on X (formerly Twitter) on Peace Day**

- **When:** September 10 (Tues) - September 30 (Mon), 2024
- **What:** Post on your city's official X account on Peace Day! Posts should include a message for peace and any of the following images/videos:
  - Mayors for Peace logo colored by citizens
  - Photos/videos of peaceful landscapes in your city
  - Photos/videos of the mayor of your city engaged in Culture of Peace activities

Be sure to include the hashtags **#MayorsforPeace** and **#PeaceDay**

International Day of Peace x Mayors for Peace

📄 Message for the International Day of Peace, 100-day countdown by the President of Mayors for Peace (Mayors for Peace website): [https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/file-2406-2024\\_100DayMessage\\_IDP\\_en.pdf](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/file-2406-2024_100DayMessage_IDP_en.pdf)

📄 International Day of Peace 21 September (The United Nations website): <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>

📄 Mayors for Peace X(Twitter): <https://twitter.com/Mayors4Peace>

<Please send information on your city's 2024 IDP event!>

If your city is planning to organize an event to commemorate the IDP, please send an event report to our secretariat. We will share the report on the Mayors for Peace website, etc.

▼ Please mail us with an outline of your event at: [mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

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## **The Children's Art Exhibition "Peaceful Towns" was held at the United Nations.**

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The Children's Art Exhibition "Peaceful Towns" was held at the venue of the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 NPT Review Conference, showcasing 15 winning artworks from 2023 along with messages from the artists.

Government and NGO officials around the world visited our exhibition between conference sessions.



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## **The second-generation A-bombed Ginkgo biloba at the United Nations Office at Geneva has grown large!**

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President MATSUI Kazumi (Mayor of Hiroshima) visited the garden of the UN Office at Geneva (Palais des Nations), the venue of the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 NPT Review Conference, to inspect the second generation of an A-bombed Ginkgo sapling planted in 2016. The ginkgo tree has grown taller than President MATSUI and is thriving.



January 2016



July 2024

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## Member city activity

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- **Marl, Germany**  
**Together on the path 4 future - International Youth Meeting in Marl**

Jennifer Radscheid, the City of Marl, Germany

Teenagers (15-18 years old) from Brazil, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Poland and Turkey met in Marl for the International Youth Meeting 2024. From July 15th to 21st they spent together one exciting week with workshops, day trips and cultural activities under the slogan “Together on the path 4 future“.

The program included graffiti design, yoga and drums classes, sports and swimming games, dancing, a visit to an industrial culture site, work experiences in gender atypical jobs, karaoke and bonfire nights.



Ginkgo ceremony



Spectacle of Cultures

Two highlights of the youth meeting were the planting of a Ginkgo seedling from Hiroshima, kindly provided by the local peace initiative of Gau Algesheim (Germany) and the “Spectacle of Cultures“: a cultural show at which all youngsters gave a performance representing their home country’s culture. The audience with Mayors and representatives of the participating cities celebrated the show with standing ovations.

The project had aimed to nurture intercultural understanding, international friendships and peace among the youngsters and was a success. It will be continued in two of the participating cities in 2025 and 2026.

## We are providing data for exhibitions!

We have introduced our data providing for exhibition that can be utilized in your city. To all member cities, we would greatly appreciate your cooperation in promoting the culture of peace.

### 🔗 Exhibition of the Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns”

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/ja/vision/initiative/art/drawings-data/>

### 🔗 Holding the Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/ja/vision/initiative/poster/>



### Download messages from the award-winning artists of the Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns”!

We are pleased to announce that messages from the award-winning artists of the Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns” are now available for download. We hope citizens in your city experience these heartfelt messages alongside the artworks when you display the award-winning pieces from past competitions.

🔗 Download the image data of award-winning works and their messages from Peaceful Towns:

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



Data for exhibition

### Please send us a report on your city’s peace activities

Share your city’s peace activities with fellow member cities! 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 ‘the culture of peace’ are especially welcome! We look forward to your submissions!

Email: [mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto: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.

## Invitation for the Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns" 2024



In order to expand peace education efforts in its over 8,400 member cities in 166 countries and regions around the world, Mayors for Peace holds a children's art competition on the theme of peace, for children from 6 to 15 years old in all 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, 2024

**Submission:** Via Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/X4FMTDq7VXk9YDss7>

To ensure that submissions are only received from member cities, we have password protected. The password for Google Forms were emailed to respective member cities. Please contact the Secretariat for any inquiries.

Note: In the case that it is difficult to submit artwork 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](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

 Details of the Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns" 2024 (Mayors for Peace website): <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/visions/initiatives/arts/>

## Request for Payment of the 2024 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 14 USD/13 Euro as of March 22, 2024) 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 2024 membership fee was sent to each city by email on April 1. We deeply appreciate your kind cooperation.

 Request for the 2024 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee (Mayors for Peace website): <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/about-us/joins/fees/>

**Mayors for Peace member cities: 8,410 cities in 166 countries/regions**

On August 1, we gained 7 new member cities, bringing our total membership to 8,410. 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
Albania	Roskovec	6	
Costa Rica	Grecia	48	
Germany	Bönen and 4 other cities	898	Thanks to efforts by Hannover, a Vice President and Lead City.



 List of new members (PDF): [https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/file-2407-newmembers2408\\_en.pdf](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/file-2407-newmembers2408_en.pdf)

 Membership by country (PDF): [https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/monthly/file-07\\_membership\\_by\\_country\\_en.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 12 different languages: Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (BZ), Portuguese (EU), Russian, Spanish and Thai.

 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!

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

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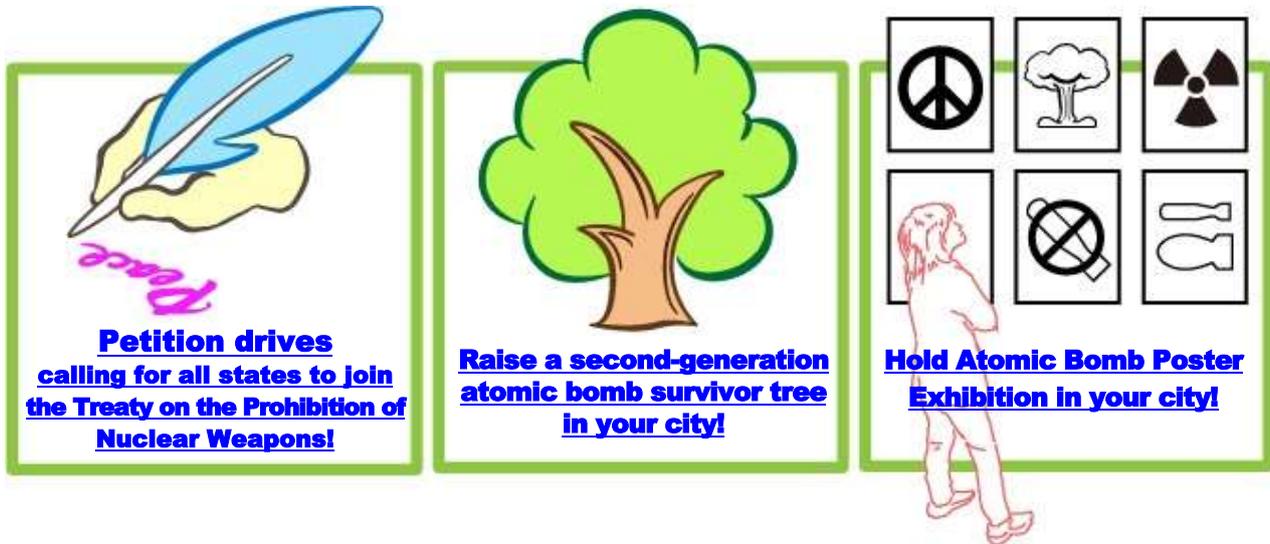
At the 12th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace held online in July 2021, we adopted the latest Action Plan (2021–2025). Together, let us continue our utmost efforts toward our ultimate goal of realizing lasting world peace. Please implement initiatives outlined in the Action Plan within your own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



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## Call for input: examples of peace education initiatives

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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 programs.

 Call for Input on the Mayors for Peace website:

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

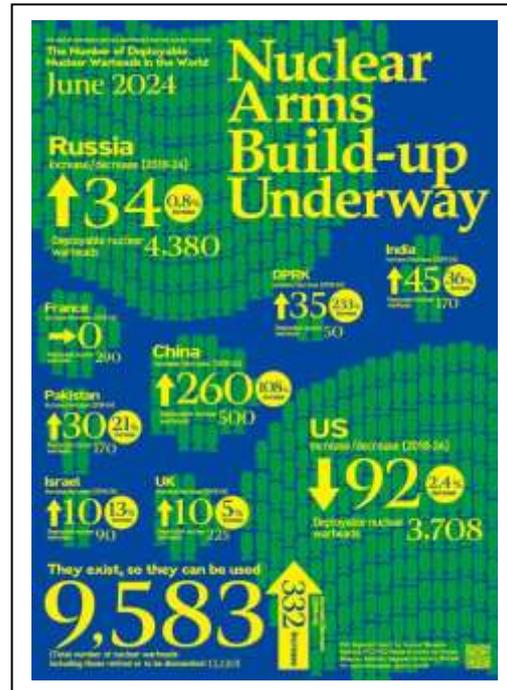
## The Renewed “World’s Nuclear Warhead Data in 2024” poster released: A yearly publication from Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA)

Since its establishment in 2012, Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA), in collaboration with the Nagasaki Council for Nuclear Weapons Abolition (PCU-NC)\*, has been providing various information on nuclear warheads and nuclear materials around the world. One such effort is the creation of the "World Nuclear Warhead Data" poster, which displays the number and types of warheads possessed by the nine nuclear-armed countries.

In June 2024, RECNA and PCU-NC released the 2024 edition of the poster, which underwent significant renewal to more accurately and clearly convey the current state of global nuclear arms buildup. This updated poster introduces the concept of "deployable nuclear warheads" instead of the "total number of nuclear warheads" that previous posters have addressed.

Over the next few articles, we would like to explore the current state of global nuclear arms buildup with you, using this poster as a reference.

\*PCU-NC is a council for the abolition of nuclear weapons consisting of Nagasaki Prefecture, Nagasaki City and Nagasaki University.



For more information: <https://www.recna.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/recna/en-topics/46433>

## Peace-related news from Hiroshima (provided by the Chugoku Shimbun Hiroshima Peace Media Center)

On August 6, Hiroshima marked the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombing of the city. The average age of the A-bomb survivors is now 85.58 years. Along with grieving all the lives lost in the bombing, the day was spent renewing our resolve to make sure the tragedy is never repeated.

Every possible method must be explored in the effort to pass on experiences in the atomic bombings to future generations. Photographs depicting the reality of August 6, a day that must never be repeated, and subsequent months should serve as indispensable materials in our attempts to retrace the tragedy.

The Hiroshima City government, Chugoku Shimbun, Asahi Shimbun, Mainichi Newspapers, RCC Broadcasting, Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK), and Kyodo News have joined to create a documentary record titled “Visual archive of Hiroshima atomic bombing—Photographs and films in 1945.” On July 31, a website containing the archival materials was launched in Japanese and English. The website contains 1,526 photos and two films taken from August 6, 1945, to the end of that year by citizens and photojournalists from newspapers and news agencies who experienced the atomic bombing, as well as photographers who accompanied scientific research teams. A search of the materials can be made using keywords.

<https://visual-archives-hiroshima.jp/en/>

All of the information posted on the website consists of material groups nominated as a candidate for the international register of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)’s “Memory of the World” project. Seven organizations have been engaged in the possession, preservation, and utilization of the materials. Our hope is that the website can be used worldwide for peace activities, peace education, and academic research.

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

Survivors' Stories: Kiyomi Kono, 93

She painted a picture of the A-bombing and spoke for the boys who were killed as a result of it

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=144334>

Interview with Hussain Al-Shahristani, new president of Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=144342>

Debris from U.S. military plane that crashed in Yanai at end of war and kept by resident recently donated to local museum

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=144338>

Number of visitors surges at facility for exhibit of A-bombed structural remains after new garden path leads more visitors from Peace Museum to facility

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=144258>

Archive website with 1,526 photos and two films that document Hiroshima A-bombing launched by Hiroshima City and six media organizations, including Chugoku Shimbun

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=144380>

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