

What We Can Do

for Realizing Lasting World Peace

1 Learn More about Mayors for Peace

Visit our website to find out more about our various initiatives. The “Nuclear Disarmament Archive” webpage is also available, where you can learn more about nuclear weapons, including the current status of nuclear disarmament.

Mayors for Peace Website



2 Follow Us on Social Media

We share information on our initiatives and upcoming events timely via social media. Follow our account and get involved in our activities.

X (Twitter)



Facebook



3 Help Us Expand Our Membership

Help us to recruit new member cities to join our cause for peace. Together, let us foster international public support for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Letter of Request



4 Visit Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Learn about the realities of the atomic bombings at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum.

Hiroshima
Peace Memorial
Museum



Nagasaki
Atomic Bomb
Museum



Mayors for Peace





About

Established in 1982

President:
Mayor of Hiroshima
MATSUI Kazumi

Member Cities:
8,378 cities in 166 countries and regions
(as of April 1, 2024)



Our Origin

In August 1945, two atomic bombs instantly reduced the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to rubble, taking more than 210,000 precious lives by the end of that year. Acting upon the fervent pleas of the *hibakusha* (atomic bomb survivors) that “no one else should suffer as we have,” the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have consistently conveyed the inhumanity of nuclear weapons to members of the public throughout the world, stressing the absolute need for their abolition and passing down the *hibakusha*’s messages to future generations.

The Beginning

In June 1982, at the 2nd UN Special Session on Disarmament, then-Mayor of Hiroshima, Takeshi Araki, called for cities throughout the world to transcend national borders and join in solidarity to work together to press for the abolition of nuclear weapons. Subsequently, the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki established “the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity” (now, Mayors for Peace). Our global network of over 8,300 cities for peace continues to grow.

Our Mission

Having the *hibakusha*’s sincere desire for peace at our core and in close collaboration with our member cities around the world, Mayors for Peace promotes various initiatives under the *PX Vision* (refer to the next page for more details) toward the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the realization of lasting world peace. The *PX Vision* outlines three objectives: “Realize a world without nuclear weapons,” “Realize safe and resilient cities,” and “Promote the culture of peace.” As a network composed of mayors of local governments, the most immediate presence to citizens, we believe that promoting the culture of peace is our most significant mission. We will strive to cause the culture of peace, a culture in which each and every citizen thinks about and takes action for peace in their day-to-day lives, to firmly take root in civil society.

Our History

- 1982 — Establishment of Mayors for Peace
- 1985 — First MfP General Conference held in Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- 1991 — UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) accredited MfP as a Category II NGO
- 1995 — First attendance at the NPT Review Conference
- 2003 — Announcement of 2020 Vision
(Goals: Conclude treaty to prohibit nuclear weapons and Abolish all nuclear weapons by 2020)
- 2017 — Participation in UN negotiations on a treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons
- 2021 — PX Vision adopted
- 2022 — First attendance at the Meeting of TPNW

President meeting with
UN Under-Secretary-General



President delivering
speech at Meeting



History and Progress of
Mayors for Peace



Initiatives Calling for
Nuclear Disarmament

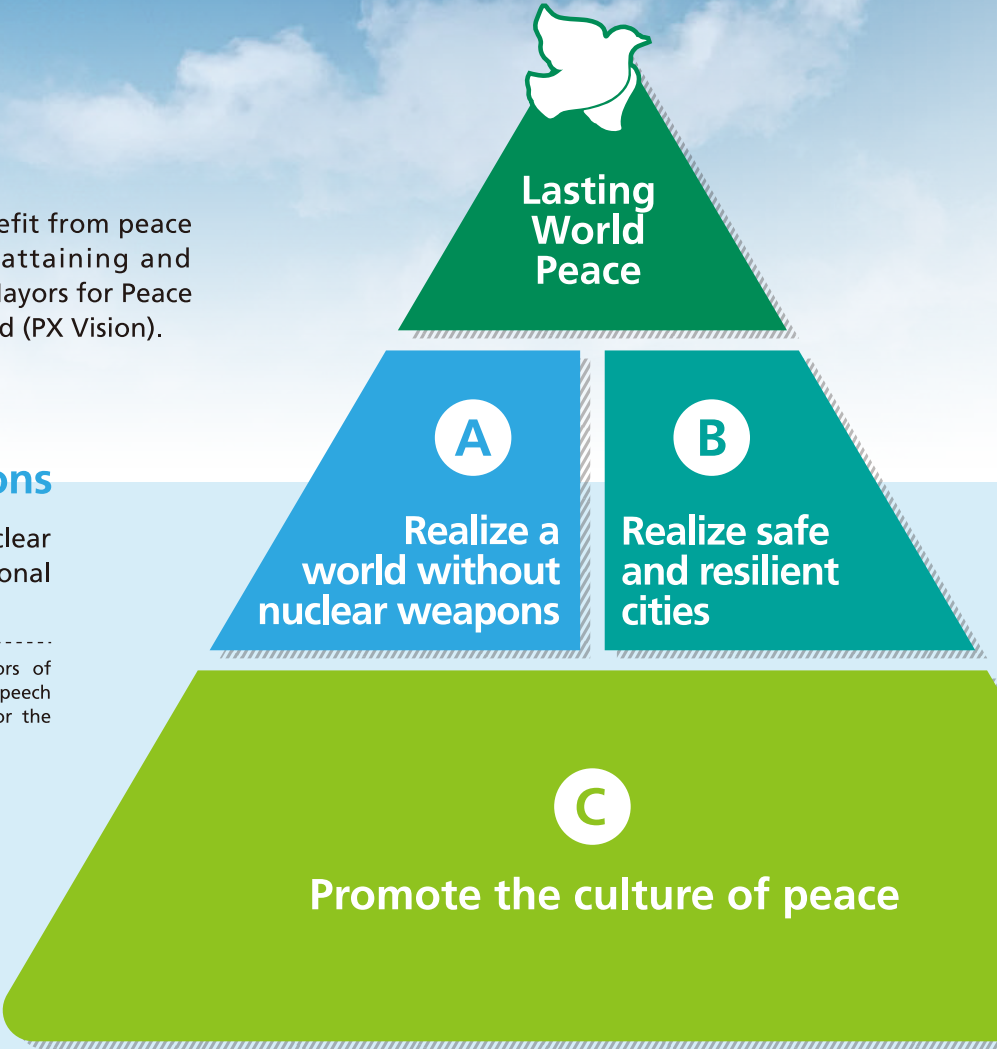


Calling for Nuclear Disarmament

- 2017 — Open Letter issued prior to the Start of the UN Negotiations on a Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons
- 2019 — Joint Appeal for Common Ground on the NPT
- 2020 — Joint Appeal urging all NPT States Parties to build constructive dialogues toward nuclear disarmament
- Open Letter on the occasion of the 50th ratification of TPNW
- 2022 — President’s message regarding the unfolding situation in Ukraine
- Hiroshima Appeal Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Establishment of MfP adopted at the 10th General of MfP
- 2023 — Joint Appeal on the invasion of Ukraine as it approaches the one-year mark
- Open Letter on G7 Hiroshima Summit
- 2024 — Joint Appeal calling for peaceful resolution of armed conflicts and the elimination of nuclear weapons

Our Initiatives under PX Vision for Realizing Lasting World Peace

In order to achieve a world in which all people can perpetually benefit from peace by realizing the total elimination of nuclear weapons and by attaining and maintaining peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity, Mayors for Peace adopted the Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision).



A Realize a world without nuclear weapons



Call for progress on nuclear disarmament at international conferences

President and Vice President (Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki) delivering speech at the 1st Preparatory Committee for the 11th NPT Review Conference



Conduct petition drives calling for all states to join the TPNW at the earliest date

Petition drive by President with high school students in the street

B Realize safe and resilient cities

Build cities that “leave no one behind”



International Mayors Summit on Living Together (Montreal, Canada)

Hold regional conferences aimed at solving local issues



French Chapter conference (Malakoff, France)

C Promote the culture of peace

Distribute and nurture seeds and seedlings from atomic bomb survivor trees



A second-generation atomic bomb survivor tree raised by a member city (Des Moines, US)

Hold Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibitions



Exhibition held in member city (Greifswald, Germany)

Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns”



The artwork that won first prize and the artist (Chemnitz, Germany)

Peace Education Webinar



Participants from all around the world



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The number of cities who support the principle and initiatives of Mayors for Peace toward the total elimination of nuclear weapons continues to grow.

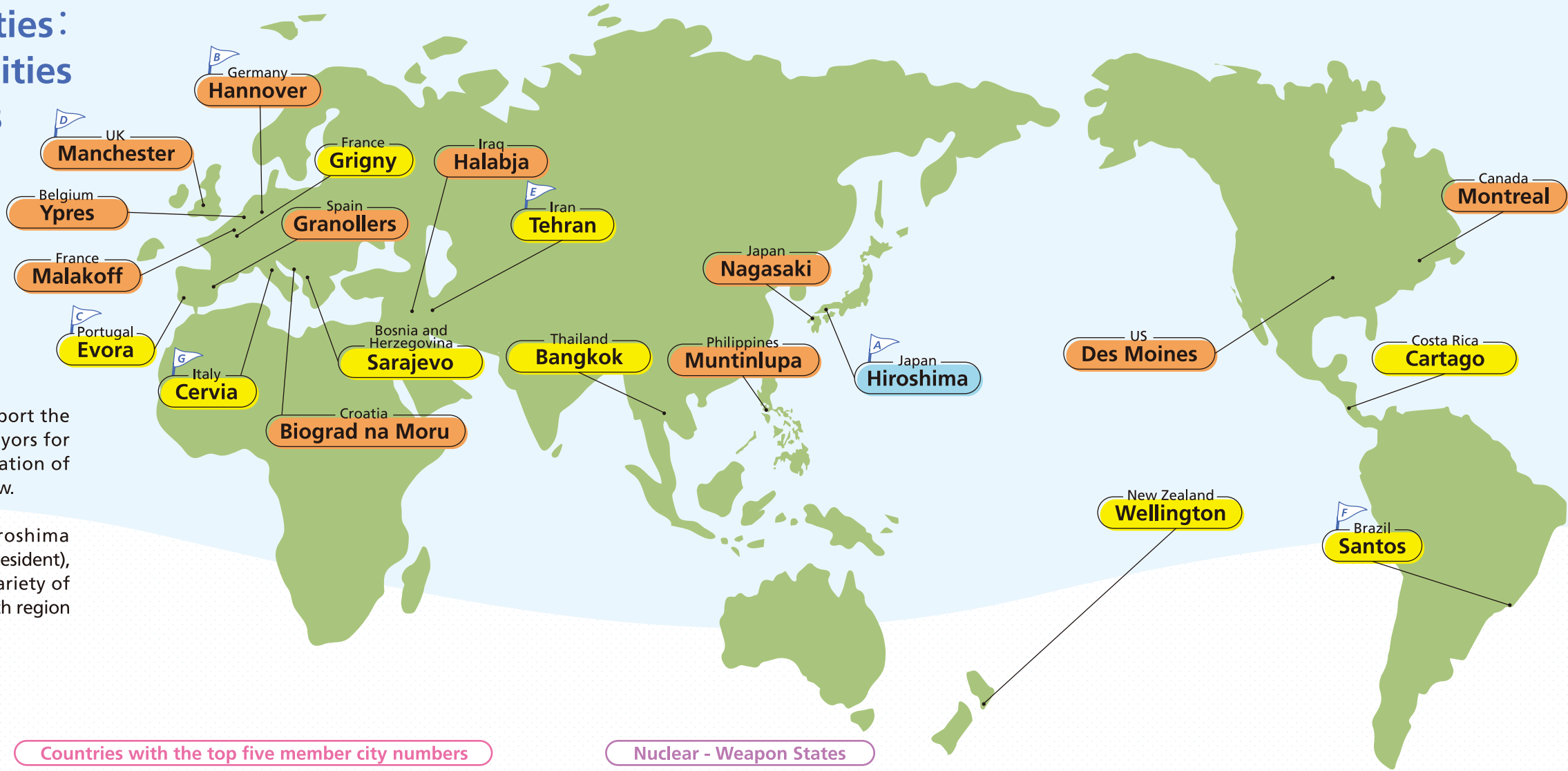
Executive Cities, including Hiroshima (President) and Nagasaki (Vice President), work to lead and promote a variety of Mayors for Peace activities in each region of the globe.

- President City
- Vice President Cities
- Executive Cities

Countries with the top five member city numbers



Nuclear - Weapon States



Member Cities' Activities



A Culture of Peace Month (Hiroshima, Japan)

Hiroshima designated November as "Culture of Peace Month," during which the city holds a variety of cultural and sports events with the cooperation of private companies and citizen groups aimed at raising awareness of peace among citizens.

B Flag Day by German Members (Hannover, Germany)

Led by Hannover, every year on July 8, German members hoist Mayors for Peace flags in front of their city halls demonstrating their solidarity and determination to work together for the abolition of nuclear weapons.



C Pottery Workshop at Schools (Evora, Portugal)

To raise peace consciousness among youth and develop leadership for future peace activities, Evora organized pottery workshops, the region's traditional craft, making school children create ceramics on the theme of peace with local artisans.



D Young People's Peace Trail (Manchester, UK)

To promote peace and mutual understanding, Manchester conducts the "Peace Trail project," providing local students with opportunities to learn about the city's history and peace through visiting war-related memorial sites.

E "Little Narrators" (Tehran, Iran)

Tehran held a workshop in Sardasht, the city that suffered the chemical attack, conveying to the children the realities of the bombing and making them think about how they can communicate the history of their city to the world.



F Peace Run (Santos, Brazil)

To foster peace consciousness among citizens through sports, Santos organized an event in which professional athletes and school children together run throughout the city carrying a torch, a symbol of peace.



G Online Hibakusha Testimonies (Cervia, Italy)

Cervia and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum together hold online *hibakusha* (atomic bomb survivors) testimonies to pass down their experiences and desire for peace to elementary school students in Cervia.