

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.

Established within the United Nations framework, the International Day of Peace serves 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.

The theme of this year's International Day of Peace is "Act Now for a Peaceful World." Given today's unstable global situation, we must recognize that each of us has a role to play in building peace and take concrete action in our daily lives.

Mayors for Peace reaffirms its support for this initiative and calls upon our 8,487 member cities in 166 countries and regions around the world to hold events that encourage citizens to reflect on peace and inspire them to take meaningful steps forward on the International Day of Peace on September 21, as well as on August 6 and 9—dates that commemorate the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Be they small, there are many ways each of us can take action to promote peace in our daily lives, such as respecting values and opinions different from our own, speaking out against discrimination and violence, engaging in conversations about peace, volunteering in our communities, and making choices that support sustainability and human rights. These individual efforts build upon each other to create a larger movement that will pave the way toward a peaceful future.

In this milestone 80th year since the atomic bombings, Mayors for Peace will further strengthen its efforts with member cities to promote instilling the culture of peace in civil society to foster an environment that supports proactive citizen activism.

Beginning today, and over the next 100 days leading up to the International Day of Peace, let us unite once more as members of Mayors for Peace to promote the culture of peace in our communities. Together with citizens across the globe, let us take determined steps toward 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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