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The 11th General Conference of **Mayors for Peace**

Commemorating 80 Years since the Atomic Bombings

核兵器のない世界を目指して～地球市民として描く平和な未来～

Towards a World without Nuclear Weapons

- A peaceful future envisioned as global citizens -

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Outline of the 11th General Conference of Mayors for Peace

1. **Dates:** August 7 (Thu.) – August 10 (Sun.), 2025
2. **Main Venue:** Dejima Messe Nagasaki (4-1 Onoue-machi, Nagasaki City)
3. **Organizers:** Mayors for Peace, Nagasaki City
4. **Partner:** Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition at Nagasaki University (RECNA)
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6. Keynote Theme

Towards a World without Nuclear Weapons – *A peaceful future envisioned as global citizens* –

7. Conference Summary

Mayors for Peace has been promoting various initiatives towards the abolition of nuclear weapons and lasting world peace in solidarity with over 8,500 member cities in 166 countries and regions.

Held in the milestone 80th year since the atomic bombings, the 11th General Conference of Mayors for Peace pursued the themes of “Realizing a World without Nuclear Weapons—Role of Cities,” “Realizing Safe and Resilient Cities,” and “Promoting a Culture of Peace” through panel discussions, sectional meetings and group work. Unlike the past General Conferences which discussed the roles of cities, young people, and NGOs in separate meetings designed for specific participants, the 11th General Conference brought together member cities, both Japanese and foreign, NGOs, students, and other groups and individuals with different standpoints to engage in lively discussions.



Vice President Suzuki delivering a welcome address



Panel discussion in Session I

To conclude the General Conference, Session IV discussed the agenda item of Election of Executive Officials and adopted the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2025–2029) which focuses on four keywords, “VOICE,” “LINK,” “PEACE” and “RISE,” aiming to realize the Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision).

Then the Nagasaki Appeal was adopted, which calls on all the states to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and pledges to work in solidarity at the city level and pass down the experiences of A-bomb victims to future generations.

Participants also visited the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, offered flowers for the atomic bomb victims, and attended the Nagasaki Peace Ceremony, which helped them better understand the reality of atomic bombings. Participants, both from Japan and abroad, were entertained by Nagasaki-themed songs by local elementary and junior high school students, a jazz performance by local musicians and special delicacies of Nagasaki.



Sectional meeting in Session II



Group work in Session III

8. Number of Participants

From	Type	No. of countries	No. of cities/groups	No. of individuals
Japan	Local government	1	112	183
	NGO, etc.	1	4	8
Subtotal		1	116	191
Abroad	Local government	14	27	45
	NGO, etc.	2	3	4
Subtotal		15	30	49
Total		16	146	240

*The total number of countries does not include duplication.

*The numbers are those of participating countries, cities/groups and individuals, excluding general observers.

9. Total Number of Participants

Date	Event	No. of participants (individuals)
Aug. 7	Offering flowers at Peace Memorial Hall, tour of Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum and Peace Memorial Hall, Welcome Reception	320
Aug. 8	Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speech, Atomic Bomb Survivor's Testimony	340
	Session I	290
	Session II	280
Aug. 9	Session III	270
	The 13th Japanese Member Cities Meeting	200
Aug. 10	Session IV	250
Total number of participants		1,950

The Nagasaki Appeal In Commemoration of 80 Years Since the Atomic Bombings

We, representatives of 8,509 cities of 166 countries and regions around the world, met at the 11th General Conference of Mayors for Peace, held in Nagasaki from August 7 to 10, 2025 in commemoration of 80 years since the atomic bombings, and engaged in dynamic discussions on the theme “Towards a World without Nuclear Weapons—A peaceful future envisioned by global citizens.”

The peace efforts of the Mayors for Peace go back 80 years.

On August 6, 1945, the first atomic bomb in human history was dropped on Hiroshima. Three days later, on August 9, the second atomic bomb exploded over Nagasaki. The bombs instantly leveled buildings and houses and reduced the cities to ashes, mercilessly claiming the precious lives of over 210,000 people in both cities by the end of the year.

Those who managed to survive the bombings – the *hibakusha* – have been continuing to work for the abolition of nuclear weapons by sharing their experiences across the world, with the strong determination that no one in the world will ever again suffer the same experience as theirs. In recognition of their dedicated efforts over many years, Nihon Hidankyo, Japan’s nationwide association of *hibakusha*, was awarded the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize. This recognition is a testament to the fact that the *hibakusha*’s efforts have instrumentally contributed to the non-use of nuclear weapons since the first atomic bombings. It also convinces us that although we may have little power as individuals, we can be a driving force to move the world forward if we work together without giving up.

However, now that 80 years have passed since the atomic bombings, the average age of *hibakusha* exceeds 86 years. This means that the day will soon come when there will no longer be any *hibakusha*, who have been leading the initiatives towards the abolition of nuclear weapons. Mayors for Peace is an organization founded by a call by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki for solidarity among cities during the United Nations Special Session of the General Assembly on Disarmament in 1982. Reflecting the *hibakusha*’s desire for peace, the call inspired cities around the world to work together for lasting peace and a world free from nuclear weapons and wars. Mayors for Peace has now grown to be the world’s largest network of cities and citizens striving for peace.

Today, the global security environment has become more dangerous than ever. There are still over 12,000 nuclear warheads on this planet, and the risk of another nuclear weapon being used has been increased to an unprecedented level, with the modernization of nuclear forces and the emergence of new types of weapons, and unceasing conflicts and rising tensions such as those in Ukraine and the Middle East.

In addition to the critical international situation surrounding the dangers of nuclear weapons, the world is now facing growing threats and challenges that cannot be solved by one country alone and must be addressed through international cooperation. These include global environmental problems such as climate change and pollution, as well as poverty, hunger, widespread infectious diseases, increasing numbers of refugees and displaced people and violations of human rights. In this light, it is even more important for us to recognize our responsibility as global citizens to work together for a peaceful future, while making steady efforts to find solutions to various issues in our respective cities by leveraging local strengths.

Considering the challenges of our time, Mayors for Peace adopted its “Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision)” in 2021 and has been working on various initiatives to achieve its three key objectives in the vision: A. Realize a world without nuclear weapons; B. Realize safe and resilient cities; C. Promote a culture of peace.

At this General Conference, we member cities discussed the role of cities in achieving these objectives and shared our initiatives, thus reaffirming the importance of deepening cooperation and solidarity. We are committed to further collaboration in strengthening such activities as fostering the next generation of leaders and promoting cultural exchanges.

Based on the discussions at this conference, Mayors for Peace adopted a plan which provides guidelines for action for the period from 2025 to 2029, together with the following keywords which all member cities will embrace in taking their actions.

VOICE: We will raise our voice for peace from cities.

LINK: We will work in unison and cooperation in various peace activities.

PEACE: We will promote a culture of peace deeply rooted in civil society.

In order to support these activities effectively and efficiently,

RISE: We will further reinforce our organizational foundation and move forward as a network of cities.

Using these keywords, we aim to strengthen solidarity among the member cities of Mayors for Peace and enhance our organizational foundation in undertaking concrete activities.

Peace is an aspiration and goal of all humankind. As global citizens, united across ethnicity, culture, religion, nationality and beyond, we pledge to continue dedicated efforts to uphold values rooted in human dignity through a people-centered approach, thereby creating a society where no one is left behind.

Therefore, we urge national governments and leaders around the world to take practical actions for peace.

Today, we are faced with the risk of collapse of the multilateral political, security and economic systems that have been in place since the end of World War II, with negative effects on our lives in many parts of the world. Against this backdrop, we hereby appeal to national governments and leaders around the world to seek to achieve peace through tireless dialogue and diplomatic efforts.

To prevent nuclear weapons from ever being used again, it is absolutely necessary for all States Parties to fulfill nuclear disarmament obligations under the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT). With the NPT Review Conference scheduled for 2026, we urge national governments around the world to make tangible progress in achieving measurable results in fulfilling their respective obligations.

The first review conference for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which entered into force in 2021 with the backing of the strong voices and robust support from civil society, will be held in 2026. The TPNW is an important step toward the abolition of nuclear weapons. We call on all States to sign and ratify the Treaty and increase international cooperation in achieving the goals of the Treaty.

In cooperation with national governments, the United Nations, its specialized agencies and civil society groups, Mayors for Peace aims to pursue peace step by step, not just as an ideal but as a reality, through grassroots actions by each individual city. This is the role of Mayors for Peace, which has now grown to be the world's largest peace network of cities and citizens.

Going forward, Mayors for Peace will endeavor to increase its international presence and further disseminate its messages. Specifically, in addition to calling on national governments to take action for peace, we will emphasize the roles of cities in bringing about a world free of nuclear weapons and communicate vigorously the importance of solidarity for peace at the levels of cities and citizens across national borders and ethnic boundaries. We will also undertake activities to convey the realities of atomic bombings to the whole world by passing down to future generations, the first-hand experiences, memories and desire for peace disseminated by the *hibakusha*, in order to ensure that they will never fade away.

Recent trends regarding climate change and global warming have given rise to various threats that affect our lives, such as the prevalence of tropical infectious diseases and damage to agriculture and fishery industries. The Covid-19 pandemic shook the entire world and exposed the vulnerability of healthcare and medical systems in each country and region. Due to the conflicts that continue in various parts of the world, the number of refugees has now risen to a record high of over 120 million. In order to address these global issues that undermine human dignity, we will extend support and cooperation to activities led by cities and citizens, while working in close collaboration with the United Nations agencies.

To realize a world free of war and achieve lasting peace, it is important that citizens grow more aware of the value of peace through daily activities to promote a culture of peace, whether through music, art, sports or other fields. We will also work to enhance the understanding of the realities of war around the world and promote peace education to ensure that human suffering caused by armed conflict be known to citizens, young people in particular. In addition, we, as global citizens, will remain committed to working for the abolition of nuclear weapons and a peaceful future, together with the next generation.

Our individual power is small. But we can be a great force in shaping the future by raising our voices for peace and working in cooperation.

In commemoration of 80 years since the atomic bombings, we, member cities of Mayors for Peace, pledge here, in the atomic-bombed city of Nagasaki, to continue to move forward in our efforts to realize a nuclear-free, peaceful world, keeping the flame of hope burning in our hearts and never giving up in our pursuit of peace.

Let Nagasaki be the last city to experience an atomic bombing. NO MORE HIROSHIMAS. NO MORE NAGASAKIS. NO MORE WAR. NO MORE HIBAKUSHA.

August 10, 2025
Nagasaki, Japan
The 11th General Conference of Mayors for Peace
Commemorating 80 Years since the Atomic Bombings

Schedule

	7th August (Thu)	8th August (Fri)	9th August (Sat)	10th August (Sun)
8:00				
9:00		9:00	9:00	9:00
10:00		9:30	9:30	9:30
11:00		11:00	10:35	11:00
12:00		12:00	11:45	11:30
13:00		13:00	12:30	11:45
14:00	13:30	13:15	13:30	12:25
15:00	15:30	15:15	13:45	
16:00	16:00	15:30	16:00	
17:00	17:15	17:30	16:30	
18:00	18:00	18:00	18:00	
19:00	18:00		18:30	
20:00	20:00		20:00	
21:00				

For all participants

For Executive Cities only

For Japanese Member Cities only

9:30	Opening Ceremony Dejima Messe Nagasaki	Arrivals and Seating for the Peace Ceremony	Session IV Dejima Messe Nagasaki
10:30	Keynote Speech Dejima Messe Nagasaki	Nagasaki Peace Ceremony Peace Park	Closing Ceremony Dejima Messe Nagasaki
11:00	Hibakusha Testimony Dejima Messe Nagasaki		Press Conference Dejima Messe Nagasaki
12:00	Lunch		
13:00		Lunch	
14:00	Session I Dejima Messe Nagasaki	Session III Dejima Messe Nagasaki	
15:00			
16:00	Session II Dejima Messe Nagasaki	13th Japanese Member Cities Meeting Dejima Messe Nagasaki	
17:00			
18:00			
19:00			
20:00			

13:30	Executive Conference Dejima Messe Nagasaki
14:00	Offering Flowers at Peace Memorial Hall, Tour of A-Bomb Museum and Peace Memorial Hall
18:00	Welcome Reception Hotel New Nagasaki

8:30	Local Govt./NGO Booths (Dejima Messe Nagasaki Conference Room 102)
9:00	Registration (Dejima Messe Nagasaki)
10:30	Self-Guided Tour (A-Bomb Museum)
13:00	Self-Guided Tour (A-Bomb Museum)
14:00	Self-Guided Tour (A-Bomb Museum)
18:00	Registration (Dejima Messe Nagasaki)

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11:00	Local Govt./NGO Booths (Dejima Messe Nagasaki Conference Room 102)

Program

Date	Time	Activities	Venue
August 7 (Thu.)	13:30–15:30	Executive Conference (Exclusive to Executive Cities)	Dejima Messe Nagasaki (1F Room 101AB)
	16:00–16:30	Offering of Flowers	Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims
	16:30–17:15	Tour of the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum and Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims	Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims
	18:00–20:00	Welcome Reception	Hotel New Nagasaki (3F Hououkaku)
August 8 (Fri.)	9:30–10:00	Opening Ceremony - Musical Performance (Handbell Club, Tachibana Junior High School) - Opening Remarks by the President (Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima) - Welcome Address by the Mayor of the Host City (Shiro Suzuki, Mayor of Nagasaki) - Congratulatory Address by the Guest of Honor (Kengo Oishi, Governor of Nagasaki Prefecture)	Dejima Messe Nagasaki (2F Convention Hall)
	10:00–11:00	Keynote Speech Tshilidzi Marwala (Rector of the United Nations University; Under- Secretary-General of the United Nations)	
	11:00–12:00	Atomic Bomb Survivor's Testimony Teruko Yokoyama (Representative Director, Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo); Vice Chairperson, Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Survivors Council)	
	12:00–13:15	Lunch	
	13:15–15:15	Session I Theme: Realizing a World without Nuclear Weapons Moderator: Takehiro Kagawa (Chairperson, Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation; Secretary General of Mayors for Peace) Panelists: - Kasit Piromya (Former Thai Foreign Minister; Special Advisor to Mayors for Peace) - Alexander Kmentt (Director of the Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Department of the Austrian Foreign Ministry) - Kazuko Hikawa (Vice Director/ Professor, Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition at Nagasaki University (RECNA)) - Ryosuke Takashima (Mayor of Ashiya City) - Carmine Grimshaw (Lord Mayor of Manchester, UK)	
	15:30–17:30	Session II Theme: Realizing Safe and Resilient Cities Facilitator: ① Sunhee Suk (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Integrated Science and Technology, Nagasaki University) ② Masahiro Hashizume (Professor, School of International Health, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo) ③ Fumiko Kashiwa (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Representative in Japan)	

Date	Time	Activities	Venue
August 9 (Sat.)	9:30–11:45	Attending the Nagasaki Peace Ceremony (10:35–11:45)	The Peace Park
	12:30–13:30	Lunch	Dejima Messe Nagasaki (2F Convention Hall)
	13:45–16:00	Session III Greetings - Takeshi Iwaya (Minister of Foreign Affairs) *Video message - Robert Floyd (Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)) - Izumi Nakamitsu (UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs)	
		Theme: Promoting a Culture of Peace Facilitator: - Thomas Hajnoczi (Executive Advisor of Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation) - Mitsuhiro Hayashida (Chairperson of Peace Education Lab Nagasaki) - Tomoko Aikawa (Executive Advisor of Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation) - Tsutomu Kono (Executive Advisor of Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation) - Takehiro Kagawa (Chairperson of Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation; Secretary General of Mayors for Peace)	
	16:30–18:00	The 13th Japanese Member Cities Meeting (Exclusive to Japanese Member Cities)	
18:30–20:00	Nagasaki Appeal Drafting Committee (Exclusive to Executive Cities)	Dejima Messe Nagasaki (1F Room 101AB)	
August 10 (Sun.)	9:30–10:20	Session IV Theme: Plenary Meeting, Adoption of the Nagasaki Appeal - Summary and Reporting of Sessions II and III Tsutomu Kono (Executive Advisor of Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation) - Adoption of the Nagasaki Appeal	Dejima Messe Nagasaki (2F Convention Hall)
	11:00–11:30	Closing Ceremony - Chorus Performance (Chorus Club, Sakuramachi Elementary School and the Elementary School Attached to the Faculty of Education, Nagasaki University) - Closing Remarks Shiro Suzuki, Mayor of Nagasaki Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima	
	11:45–12:25	Press Conference (Exclusive to Executive Cities)	

1. August 7 (Thu.)

(1) Executive Conference

Time: 13:30–15:30

Venue: Room 101AB, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

Program: Address by President of Mayors for Peace

Agenda Item 1: Election of Executive Officials

Agenda Item 2: Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2025–2029)

Executive Cities discussed key issues for the adoption of the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2025–2029) and selected keywords that symbolize actions to be taken.



Executive Conference

(2) Offering Flowers, Tour of Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum and Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims

Time: 16:00–17:15

Venues: Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims

Prior to the opening of the General Conference of Mayors for Peace, about 100 people, both Japanese and foreign, visited the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum and Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims and offered flowers for the atomic bomb victims.



Conference participants visiting the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum



Prof. Marwala offering flowers for atomic bomb victims

(3) Welcome Reception

Time: 18:00–20:00

Venue: 3F Hououkaku, Hotel New Nagasaki

Program: Welcome address (Shiro Suzuki, Vice President of Mayors for Peace; Mayor of Nagasaki)

Guest remarks (Tshilidzi Marwala, Rector of the United Nations University; Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations)

Toast (Toshihiro Iwanaga, Chairperson of the Nagasaki City Council)

Time to mingle

Performance (Motoca Oguni, jazz pianist, and Hajime Niwa, bassist)

Toast (Katrien Desomer, Vice President of Mayors for Peace; Mayor of Ieper)

The Welcome Reception was attended by 130 people, including representatives of member cities, and guests such as speakers, the Governor of Nagasaki Prefecture, Diet members from Nagasaki Prefecture and Nagasaki City Council members. The reception featured a jazz performance by musicians from Nagasaki: Motoca Oguni, pianist, and Hajime Niwa, bassist, who expressed their desire for peace. Participants were offered a variety of dishes that accommodated different dietary restrictions, as well as local delicacies of Nagasaki, such as *champon* and *sara-udon*.



Jazz performance at the Welcome Reception



Local delicacies of Nagasaki

2. August 8 (Fri.)

(1) Opening Ceremony

Time: 9:30–10:00

Venue: Convention Hall, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

Program: Musical Performance: Handbell (Handbell Club, Tachibana Junior High School)

Opening address (Kazumi Matsui, President of Mayors for Peace; Mayor of Hiroshima)

Welcome address (Shiro Suzuki, Vice President of Mayors for Peace; Mayor of Nagasaki)

Guest remarks (Kengo Oishi, Governor of Nagasaki Prefecture)

Introduction of Executive Cities

Video messages

- António Guterres, UN Secretary-General
- Belit Onay, Mayor of Hannover, Germany
- Tory Whanau, Mayor of Wellington, New Zealand
- Raúl Jorge, Mayor of San Salvador de Jujuy, Argentina
- Jacqueline McLaren, Mayor of Glasgow, UK

In the Opening Ceremony that marked the start of the four-day General Conference, a handbell club of Tachibana Junior High School gave a beautiful performance.

This was followed by the opening address by President Matsui, who emphasized the importance of grassroots efforts towards peace led by cities and regions in the face of escalating global issues. He expected that the 11th General Conference would inspire discussions and deepen solidarity towards the realization of “a peaceful future envisioned as global citizens,” and expressed his determination to take this opportunity to enhance the global presence of Mayors for Peace and make their role known to the entire world to expand the global network of cooperation for world peace. Then video messages from UN Secretary-General António Guterres and some member cities were shown.



Handbell club of Tachibana Junior High School



President Matsui delivering the opening address

(2) Keynote Speech

Time: 10:00–11:00

Venue: Convention Hall, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Tshildzi Marwala (Rector of the United Nations University; Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations)

Prof. Tshildzi Marwala was appointed Rector of the UN University and UN Under-Secretary-General in March 2023. A South African expert in artificial intelligence (AI), he previously served as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Johannesburg, where he strengthened the university’s role in the Fourth Industrial Revolution and advanced support for Africa’s SDG efforts. He has also served as a visiting scholar in the US, UK, China and South Africa. His interdisciplinary research applies AI to fields such as engineering, economics, politics, finance, medicine and social sciences. He has worked with UN agencies including UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO and WIPO, while serving on various policy bodies, including South Africa’s Presidential Commission on the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Since August 2023, he has been a member of the UN Secretary-General’s Scientific Advisory Board.

Prof. Marwala stated passionately that Mayors for Peace and the United Nations share the mission of spreading the message that peacebuilding is the responsibility not only of national governments but of all citizens, and stressed the importance of taking an ethical and responsible approach to current social issues such as conflicts, climate change, and military use of AI, to realize world peace. The keynote speech was followed by a panel discussion in which Prof. Marwala, President Matsui and Vice President Suzuki exchanged opinions on issues of peace, nuclear weapons, AI and multilateralism.



Prof. Marwala delivering a keynote speech

(3) Atomic Bomb Survivor's Testimony

Time: 11:00–12:00

Venue: Convention Hall, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

A-Bomb Survivor: Ms. Teruko Yokoyama

(Representative Director, Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo); Vice Chairperson, Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Survivors Council)

Ms. Yokoyama's father, mother and younger sister aged one year fell victim to the atomic bombing in Nagasaki City. Since 1972, she has been listening to many survivors' voices as a counselor of the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Survivors Council. In December 2024, she attended the Nobel Peace Prize Award Ceremony held in Oslo as Representative Director of the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations, and gave a lecture on the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Ms. Yokoyama talked about her and her family members' sufferings caused by the atomic bombing and its devastating consequences. She also made mention of the escalating risk of nuclear weapons use due to ongoing wars and conflicts and the aging of atomic bomb survivors, and strongly expressed her resolve to work together with global citizens to achieve the abolition of nuclear weapons as early as possible.



Ms. Yokoyama sharing her experience as an atomic bomb survivor

(4) Session I Theme: Realizing a World without Nuclear Weapons

Time: 13:15–15:15

Venue: Convention Hall, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

Moderator: Takehiro Kagawa (Chairperson, Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation; Secretary General, Mayors for Peace)

**Panelists: Kasit Piromya (Former Thai Foreign Minister; Special Advisor to Mayors for Peace)
Alexander Kmentt (Ambassador, Director of the Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Department of the Austrian Foreign Ministry)**

Kazuko Hikawa (Vice Director/ Professor, Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition at Nagasaki University (RECNA))

Ryosuke Takashima (Mayor of Ashiya City)

Carmine Grimshaw (Lord Mayor of Manchester, UK)

In Session I, a panel discussion was held to explore how cities could contribute to sustainable peacebuilding all over the world, against the backdrop of emerging global threats to peace, such as the escalating risk of nuclear weapons use. The panelists and audience discussed the common themes of “abolition of nuclear weapons” and “realization of peace” from different viewpoints, such as the importance of activities led by young people and education; and the necessity of cooperation between civil groups and governments, and of international dialogue.

Looking ahead, proposals were made to spread the message of peace not on a national government level but through inter-city cooperation, work with Nobel Peace Prize laureates and strengthen lobbying for signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Participants also renewed their determination to work for the realization of a peaceful world without nuclear weapons by promoting dialogue centering on young people and taking concrete actions.



Prof. Hikawa (left) and Amb. Kmentt (right)



Mayor Takashima (left) and Cllr. Grimshaw (right)

(5) Session II Theme: Realizing Safe and Resilient Cities

Time: 15:30–17:30

Venue: Convention Hall, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

Session II was split up into three sectional meetings, in which experts on respective topics served as discussion facilitators. In each meeting, participating cities made presentations on practical approaches they had taken to address their issues, while participants exchanged opinions on insights gained from experiences and policy measures.

1. Environmental Issues (Room 101A)

Facilitator: Sunhee Suk

(Associate Professor, Graduate School of Integrated Science and Technology, Nagasaki University)

Presenters: Azumino City, Kameoka City, Manchester City

The above cities made presentations on the measures they had taken against climate change, such as reduction of plastic waste and CO₂ emissions, decarbonization strategies, and environmentally-conscious urban policies, emphasizing the importance of cross-sectoral collaboration and government–business cooperation.

2. Public Health and Pandemics (Room 101B)

Facilitator: Masahiro Hashizume

(Professor, School of International Health, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo)

Presenters: Hachioji City, Nagasaki City, Cassino City

Opinions were exchanged on measures to strengthen preparedness for infectious diseases, enhance the capabilities of cities to cope with outbreaks of infection, and maintain medical and welfare systems during pandemics. Based on the presentations of Nagasaki City and Hachioji City, participants discussed the importance of establishing a system to share information with the national and local governments and medical institutions to prepare for pandemics.

3. Human Rights and Refugees (Convention Hall)

Facilitator: Fumiko Kashiwa

(United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Representative in Japan)

Presenters: Setagaya City, Toyonaka City, Hannover City (represented by Wurzburg City)

The above cities reported their measures to support refugees, ensure respect for human rights, and promote intercultural society, and actions taken in cooperation with UNHCR. Participants discussed legal and administrative issues pertaining to refugees and tension and housing problems arising in multicultural communities, focusing on the importance of taking an integrated approach.



Associate Professor Sunhee Suk



Professor Masahiro Hashizume



Vice President Suzuki making a presentation on the measures taken by Nagasaki City



Ms. Fumiko Kashiwa

3. August 9 (Sat.)

(1) Nagasaki Peace Ceremony Commemorating 80 Years since the Atomic Bombing

Time: 10:35–11:45

Venue: The Peace Park

The ceremony was held with the attendance of representatives of many member cities of Mayors for Peace, in which Ms. Katrien Desomer, Mayor of Ieper, and Cllr. Carmine Grimshaw, Lord Mayor of Manchester, offered flowers for the atomic bomb victims on behalf of the member cities.



Cllr. Carmine Grimshaw offering flowers

(2) Session III Theme: Promoting a Culture of Peace

Time: 13:45–16:00

Venue: Convention Hall, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

Program: Greetings

- Takeshi Iwaya, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Video message)
 - Robert Floyd, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)
 - Izumi Nakamitsu, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs
- Group work**

Session III began with a video message from Mr. Takeshi Iwaya, Minister of Foreign Affairs, followed by addresses by Dr. Robert Floyd, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) and then by Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.

Participants were divided into five groups to work on their respective topics of “Peace education,” “Involvement of young generations,” “Cultural activities, art, music and sports,” “Transmission of war experiences,” and “Diversity and gender” under the general theme of “Promoting a Culture of Peace.”



Dr. Robert Floyd



Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu

Group I: Peace education

Facilitator: Thomas Hajnoczi (Executive Advisor, Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation)

Presenters: Hino City, Koga City, Manchester City, Hannover City (represented by Wurzburg City), Cuernavaca City

Group II: Involvement of young generations

Facilitator: Mitsuhiro Hayashida (Chairperson, Peace Education Lab Nagasaki)

Presenters: Tama City, Obu City, Granollers City, Cuernavaca City, Konigs Wusterhausen City

Group III: Cultural activities, art, music and sports

Facilitator: Tomoko Aikawa (Executive Advisor, Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation)

Presenters: Hirakata City, Hiroshima City, Malakoff City, Diyarbakir City

Group IV: Transmission of war experiences

Facilitator: Tsutomu Kono (Executive Advisor, Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation)

Presenters: Kunitachi City, Omuta City, Mannheim City

Group V: Diversity and gender

Facilitator: Takehiro Kagawa (Chairperson, Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation;
Secretary General, Mayors for Peace)

Presenters: Bunkyo City, Sugunami City, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Drenas City



Mr. Mitsuhiro Hayashida



Participants working on assigned topics

(3) The 13th Japanese Member Cities Meeting (Exclusive to Japanese Member Cities)

Time: 16:30–18:00

Venue: Convention Hall, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

Program:

Report: Mayors for Peace membership fees received in FY2024

Lectures: “Initiatives of Nagasaki City to pass on the baton of peace to future generations”

Shiro Suzuki, Vice President of Mayors for Peace; Mayor of Nagasaki

“Cultivating a culture of peace together with peace-loving cities and citizens”

Shiro Tani, Under-Secretary General of Mayors for Peace; Vice Chairperson of
Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation

Report: Activities of Mayors for Peace Youth

Deliberation: Agenda Item 1: “Letter of Request to the Japanese Government Calling for the Promotion
of Actions to Abolish Nuclear Weapons”

Agenda Item 2: “Adoption of the Summary Notes”

The atomic-bombed cities, Nagasaki and Hiroshima, introduced specific details of their peace education activities. Nagasaki City explained a diverse range of programs they implement to pass down the experiences of atomic bomb survivors, while Hiroshima City spoke about the subsidy program for inviting young people to Hiroshima for peace education and the a-bomb legacy successor training program, and both cities called on member cities to unite efforts.

Then, Mayors for Peace Youth members made a presentation on their activities, in which they requested local governments to support their activities as part of government programs, instead of just soliciting ideas from the youth. At the end of the meeting, the participants adopted a letter of request to the Japanese Government for the abolition of nuclear weapons, and renewed their determination to work in unison for the realization of a peaceful world.



Members of Mayors for Peace Youth making a presentation

(3) Nagasaki Appeal Drafting Committee (Exclusive to Executive Cities)

Time: 18:30–20:00

Venue: Room 101AB, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

Vice President Suzuki presented a draft of the Nagasaki Appeal, drawn up to declare the determination of Mayors for Peace to work for the abolition of nuclear weapons as global citizens, for consideration by the Committee.

The Committee considered a proposal to change some wording about refugees and discussed whether to include the names of specific countries or not before finalizing the Appeal.



4. August 10 (Sun.)

(1) Session IV

Plenary Meeting, Adoption of the Nagasaki Appeal

Time: 9:30–10:20

Venue: Convention Hall, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

Program:

Summary of discussions (Tsutomu Kono, Executive Advisor of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation)

Deliberation: Agenda Item 1: Election of Executive Officials

Agenda Item 2: Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2025–2029)

Adoption of the Nagasaki Appeal

In Session IV, Mr. Tsutomu Kono, Executive Advisor of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, summarized the discussions that took place in Sessions II and III.

Next, the agenda items, “Election of Executive Officials” and “Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2025–2029),” were discussed and approved as originally proposed. Mayors for Peace Action Plan focuses on four keywords, “VOICE,” “LINK,” “PEACE” and “RISE,” based on the PX Vision that pursues three objectives: “Realize a world without nuclear weapons,” “Realize safe and resilient cities,” and “Promote a culture of peace.”

The Session concluded with the adoption of the Nagasaki Appeal, which calls on all the states to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and pledges to work in solidarity for peace at the city level and pass down the atomic bomb experiences to future generations, upholding the slogan, “Let Nagasaki be the last city to experience an atomic bombing. NO MORE HIROSHIMAS. NO MORE NAGASAKIS.”



Mr. Kono providing a summary of discussions

(2) Closing Ceremony

Time: 11:00–11:30

Venue: Convention Hall, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

Program:

Chorus performance: “Ave Maria” and “Kusunoki” by pupils of Sakuramachi Elementary School and the Elementary School Attached to the Faculty of Education, Nagasaki University

Address by Mayor of the host city: Shiro Suzuki, Mayor of Nagasaki

Closing address by Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima

Chorus performance: “If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands” by pupils of the above schools

In his closing address, Vice President Suzuki congratulated participants on their fruitful discussions as “global citizens,” aspiring to realize a world without nuclear weapons, and stated that he could see the prospect of peace in the lively exchange of opinions during the sectional meetings on a variety of topics ranging from environmental issues to peace education. In summing up, President Matsui noted that this General Conference was a starting point for Mayors for Peace to raise its international presence and promised to meet again in Hiroshima four years later.



Vice President Suzuki delivering the closing address



Singing in chorus together

(3) Press Conference (Exclusive to Executive Cities)

Time: 11:45–12:25

Venue: Convention Hall, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

Program:

Summary of the General Conference: Mayor of Hiroshima

Explanation of the gist of Nagasaki Appeal: Mayor of Nagasaki

Reflections on the General Conference by representatives of Executive Cities

Speakers:

President City: Kazumi Matsui (Mayor of Hiroshima)

Vice President Cities: Shiro Suzuki (Mayor of Nagasaki)

Carmine Grimshaw (Lord Mayor of Manchester)

Katrien Desomer (Mayor of Ieper)

Carme Barbany (International Relations Head of Office, Granollers City)

Jasminka Bajlo (Associate of the Mayor, Biograd na Moru City)

Executive City: Pussadee Phrommayon (Assistant Permanent Secretary, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration)

After the Closing Ceremony, a press conference was held at which President Matsui summarized the outcome of the General Conference and Vice President Suzuki explained the gist of the Nagasaki Appeal adopted at the Conference. Representatives of the five Executive Cities also reflected on the Conference from their respective viewpoints, followed by questions and answers.



Press conference

5. Exhibition by Local Governments, NGOs and Civil Volunteers

Time: 10:30 on August 8 (Fri.) –12:00 on August 10 (Sun.)

Venue: Room 102, Dejima Messe Nagasaki

As a side event of the General Conference, an exhibition was held, in which local governments and NGOs set up booths to showcase their peace activities.



(1) List of Exhibitors

	Exhibitor		Exhibitor
1	Japan Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons	6	Nagasaki Foundation for the Promotion of Peace
2	Japan for UNHCR	7	National Council of Japan Nuclear Free Local Authorities
3	Setagaya City	8	Mayors for Peace
4	Koga City	9	Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF)
5	Chofu City		

(2) Exhibition Guide by Junior High School Students Trained as English-speaking Peace Leaders

Nagasaki City implements a training program to help junior high school students develop an international mindset and act globally. At the exhibition, nine students who had completed the training acted as guides for international visitors.



(3) Contribution by Citizens and Volunteers

Through its four-day period, the General Conference was supported by about 130 people, including junior high school students who explained the exhibits of local governments and NGOs in English, civil volunteers who helped to organize the Conference, and performers who entertained participants at the Welcome Reception, Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony.

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 Ieper (Belgium)
- Mayor of Granollers (Spain)
- Mayor of Halabja (Iraq)
- Mayor of Biograd na Moru (Croatia)

Total: 10 Officials

Explanation:

- Due to the lack of response, the Mayor of Des Moines, Iowa (USA) will not be reappointed.
- The Mayor of Montreal (Canada) has not been renominated, in accordance with her intention, and will serve as an Executive.
- The other 10 Vice Presidents 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.

Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2025–2029)**Raising our VOICE, Building LINKs, Growing PEACE, and RISING Together**

Mayors for Peace was established in 1982 based on the *hibakusha* will for peace. Since its inception, Mayors for Peace has continued to help shape international opinion and promote inter-city solidarity toward the abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of lasting world peace. It has grown into a global network of peace cities with approximately 8,500 member cities in 166 countries and regions.

In the international community today, threats to peace have become increasingly present, including the heightened risk of nuclear weapons use, the severe impacts that wars and military confrontations have on citizens, and environmental crises such as climate change. In addressing these global challenges, the role of local governments—those closest to the citizens—is more important than ever. Continuous and collaborative initiatives by cities will serve as a vital foundation for lasting peacebuilding throughout the international community.

Against this backdrop, in 2021, Mayors for Peace adopted the *Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision)* with three objectives: “Realize a world without nuclear weapons,” “Realize safe and resilient cities,” and “Promote the culture of peace.” Under this PX Vision, member cities have been working together to pursue these goals; however, the current state of the world still falls far short of the peace we have long strived to achieve.

To help defuse the escalated global situation in which we find ourselves, this new Action Plan (2025–2029)—the second phase under the PX Vision—aims to further develop and deepen the initiatives of the current Action Plan. We will enhance the implementation framework and strengthen our network so that all member cities can undertake proactive, concrete activities tailored to the realities of their respective communities.

Notably, this Action Plan begins in the milestone 80th year since the atomic bombings. The *hibakusha*’s ardent plea for peace is the core of our organization, but these *hibakusha* will not be with us forever. In light of this fact, Mayors for Peace will place greater emphasis on conveying the realities of the atomic bombings and *hibakusha* voices to future generations. Nurturing the younger generation and encouraging their active involvement in peace efforts is the key to passing down the legacy of the *hibakusha*, so we will prioritize promoting youth-oriented initiatives alongside efforts to communicate the realities of the atomic bombings and war.

To achieve the three objectives of the PX Vision, we present three guiding principles—VOICE, LINK, and PEACE—to be shared by our member cities. These keywords reflect our commitment to civil society-led action: VOICE (raise our voices as citizens and cities), LINK (collaborate with one another), and PEACE (foster peace as a culture). These guiding principles are there to help member cities convey the importance of peace from their own communities to the wider world.

In addition, to effectively support these initiatives, we have added another keyword (RISE), under which, we, as a network of cities, will strengthen collaboration among member cities and reinforce the foundation of our organization to enable the proactive participation of all member cities in our initiatives.

This Action Plan thus translates the principles of the PX Vision into concrete actions, guiding all member cities and their citizens to unite and take meaningful steps toward the realization of a peaceful world.

1. Initiatives to realize a world without nuclear weapons (Objective A)

Aims of Objective A

Promote the universalization of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and foster international opinion toward the abolition of nuclear weapons by facilitating the understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings and the inhumanity of nuclear weapons.

Guiding principle

VOICE: Elevate citizens' voices to shape international opinion for the abolition of nuclear weapons

V—*Voices of Hibakusha* (Pass down the *hibakusha* will for peace to future generations)

O—*Outreach for TPNW Support* (Expand support for the TPNW)

I—*International Advocacy* (Engage the international community)

C—*Citizen Action* (Encourage citizen-led initiatives)

E—*Encourage Policy Change* (Promote policy transformation)

V—Voices of *Hibakusha*

Initiative 1: Facilitate understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings and the inhumanity of nuclear weapons

1) Hold Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibitions around the world

To help more people deepen their understanding of the atomic bombings and the inhumanity of nuclear weapons, as well as share in the will for the abolition of nuclear weapons, member cities will hold Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibitions at public facilities and educational institutions.

The Mayors for Peace Secretariat (hereinafter referred to as “the Secretariat”) will support member cities' initiatives in collaboration with the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and Lead Cities. Support will include improving and translating the exhibition materials for the Poster Exhibitions into multiple languages to convey the realities of the atomic bombings. The Secretariat will also work with embassies and other relevant organizations to hold exhibitions globally.

2) Pass down atomic bomb experiences through testimonies

With support from the Secretariat, member cities will provide citizens with opportunities to listen to *hibakusha* testimonies—especially via online video conferencing—so that more people can learn from their experiences and hear their ardent plea for the abolition of nuclear weapons. This will help motivate people to take action for peace.

The Secretariat will work to enhance the system of delivering *hibakusha* testimonies.

O—Outreach for TPNW Support

Initiative 2: Promote the universalization of the TPNW among all states, including nuclear weapon states and their allies

1) Conduct activities urging all states, including nuclear weapon states and their allies, to join the TPNW at the earliest possible date

Member cities will conduct activities, such as submitting letters of request addressed to the national governments of nuclear-armed states and their allies, among other nations, urging their early ratification of the TPNW and attendance at Meetings of States Parties as an observer. They will also issue open letters addressed to national governments, especially those of nuclear weapon states and their allies, urging them to join the treaty.

2) Foster solidarity with global *hibakusha*

Mayors for Peace will connect with global *hibakusha* around the world who have suffered from nuclear testing or other nuclear-related damage. By sharing their voices and experiences, Mayors for Peace will raise awareness of the inhumanity of nuclear weapons and deepen international solidarity.

I—International Advocacy

Initiative 3: Appeal to the UN and national governments for the abolition of nuclear weapons

1) Deliver messages from cities at international disarmament conferences

Mayors for Peace will attend international conferences on nuclear disarmament, such as the NPT Review Conferences and Meetings of States Parties to the TPNW. Through official statements, meetings with UN and government representatives, and related events, Mayors for Peace will advocate for strengthening and advancing nuclear disarmament initiatives, such as support for the TPNW.

2) Issue open letters advocating for a world without nuclear weapons or war

Mayors for Peace will issue open letters to the UN and national governments around the world, urging action for nuclear disarmament and peace, especially at critical moments related to nuclear disarmament and security.

3) Conduct member city-led activities calling on their respective national governments to contribute to the abolition of nuclear weapons

Member cities will each call on their own national governments to contribute to the abolition of nuclear weapons by activities, such as submitting letters of request.

C—Citizen Action

Initiative 4: Actions by a wide range of citizens aiming at a world without nuclear weapons

1) Conduct petition drives urging all states to join the TPNW promptly

The TPNW, a symbol of lasting world peace, was brought into effect by the strong will of the *hibakusha* and many others for the abolition of nuclear weapons. In recognition of the significance of this treaty, member cities will work to spread public opinion around the world that nuclear weapons are an absolute evil and must not exist on earth. They will work with their citizens to conduct petition drives calling for all states to join the TPNW at the earliest date. These petitions will urge policymakers to shift their policies.

The Secretariat will support member cities, collect signed petitions, and submit them to UN officials during international disarmament conferences and other occasions.

2) Promote youth-centered citizen activity and interactions

Member cities will pass down the *hibakusha* will for peace to younger generations, encouraging them to understand the inhumanity of nuclear weapons and the realities of the bombings. This will serve as a foundation for action toward a world free of nuclear weapons. Member cities will also foster youth-centered activity and interactions among citizens.

E—Encourage Policy Change

1) Promote outreach regarding the current international nuclear weapons situation

Member cities will engage in outreach to help citizens understand both the inhumanity of nuclear weapons and devastating consequences of their use, as well as the limitations of security policies that rely on nuclear deterrence based on prioritizing national interests. These efforts aim to foster public opinion which is in favor of policy shifts by spreading awareness and building empathy for the abolition of nuclear weapons among citizens.

2) Support research, education, and human resource development related to nuclear disarmament

The Secretariat will support research, education, and human resource development on nuclear disarmament and arms control in collaboration with international peace research institutes, such as the Hiroshima Platform for Peace Studies and Education, the Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University (RECNA), and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR). The Secretariat will also disseminate the latest knowledge and information analysis on nuclear weapons via the Mayors for Peace website and other communication channels to support the outreach activities of member cities.

2. Initiatives to realize safe and resilient cities (Objective B)

Aims of Objective B

Promote the creation of communities where all people can live safely, learn from each other, and collaborate. In addition, contribute to the resolution of global issues while promoting international cooperation and working to realize sustainable, safe, vibrant, and peaceful cities.

Guiding principle

LINK: Contribute to the international community through networking and collaboration between cities

L—*Local Engagement* (Engage in community-based practices)

I—*Inclusion* (Respect for diversity and inclusion)

N—*Network of Cities* (Promote collaboration and exchanges among cities)

K—*Knowledge-Sharing* (Share knowledge and experiences)

L—Local Engagement

Initiative 1: Promote community-based initiatives to address global social challenges

1) Promote local initiatives to address global issues

Member cities will work with experts and relevant organizations to tackle global social issues—such as environmental degradation, healthcare, pandemics, terrorism, refugee crises, and social division—in accordance with the local situation and with the participation of citizens.

2) Facilitate understanding of global issues

Member cities will report their initiatives to the Secretariat, which will compile case studies and share information among member cities, to foster a deeper understanding of global social issues.

I—Inclusion

1) Build diverse and inclusive cities that “leave no one behind”

To help realize a society that “leaves no one behind”—a core principle of the UN Sustainable Development Goals—member cities will strive to develop sustainable communities where everyone can live safely, learn from one another, and collaborate while respecting diversity and promoting inclusion.

2) Share results and make use of the network

Member cities will report the outcomes of their initiatives to the Secretariat, which will compile case studies and share them among member cities to support more effective practices.

N—Network of Cities

Initiative 2: Build networks among cities to promote collaboration and exchange

1) Hold regional conferences led by Lead Cities

Lead Cities will organize regional conferences to share information about local initiatives among member cities within their chapter, to address region-specific challenges, and to enhance community-led efforts in the region.

2) Build regional networks across the world

The Secretariat will support regional networking efforts in areas such as Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa. It will provide necessary information and offer support for organizing and managing regional conferences.

K—Knowledge-Sharing

1) Collaborate with the international community on global social issues

Member cities will strengthen initiatives aligned with SDGs and other international efforts addressing global social challenges. They will deliver locally-developed knowledge and practices to policymakers, thereby contributing to international society in their role as cities.

2) Enhance City PR through international cooperation

Member cities will promote cooperation with citizens, governments, and international organizations to enhance the effectiveness of their initiatives and expand international cooperation. These efforts will help cities disseminate information more widely and raise their global profile.

3. Initiatives to promote a culture of peace (Objective C)

Aims of Objective C

Raise awareness of peace in civil society through community-based peace education and cultural activities, creating a society in which each citizen can take action for peace in their daily lives.

Guiding principle

PEACE: Build social infrastructure to support peace

P—*Promote Peace* (Promote the preciousness of peace)

E—*Empower the Future Generation* (Foster the leaders of the next generation)

A—*Act Together* (Collaboration among cities and citizens)

C—*Cultivate Peace* (Practice the culture of peace in daily life)

E—*Engage Locally* (Create a community-based culture of peace)

P—Promote Peace

Initiative 1: Disseminate and share the realities of the atomic bombings and war

1) Conduct initiatives to convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war

Member cities will hold exhibitions and other events to convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war, helping citizens deepen their understanding and share in the collective will for peace.

The Secretariat will work with the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to introduce new technologies—such as VR and AI—to enhance exhibition materials. It will also compile a database of exhibition materials owned by member cities to facilitate mutual use.

2) Pass down the experiences of the atomic bombings and war through testimonies

To help more people understand the experiences of the atomic bombings and war, share in the will for peace, and take action for peace, member cities will provide their citizens with opportunities to listen to testimonies from survivors through online video conferences or recorded videos, as well as to read or recite written testimonies.

3) Distribute and nurture seeds and seedlings from atomic-bombed trees

To raise citizen awareness of peace and pass down the memory of war to future generations, member cities will work with the Secretariat to receive seeds and seedlings from atomic-bombed trees that still stand in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. These will be planted at public facilities or educational institutions to be nurtured and utilized as symbols of peace in their city.

E—Empower the Future Generation

Initiative 2: Develop youth leadership for future peace activities

1) Promote peace and disarmament education

Member cities will provide peace education that encourages young people to learn about and act on peace-related issues, such as the abolition of nuclear weapons, disarmament, and sustainable community development. The Secretariat will support these efforts by supplying materials and examples for use in their cities.

2) Promote peace education through initiatives such as the annual Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns"

To encourage young people to reflect on the importance of peace and foster a peace-oriented mindset, member cities will participate in the annual Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns," organized by the Secretariat. Member cities will also promote peace education by hosting exhibitions of the submitted works in their city.

3) Expand programs to host youth in the atomic bombed cities, such as the Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program

The Secretariat will enhance programs, such as the Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program, which invite youth from member cities to visit the atomic-bombed cities and learn about the realities of the bombings. These experiences will inspire them to engage in peace activities for the abolition of nuclear weapons in their own cities.

Member cities will work with youth participants to conduct peace activities, including the dissemination of the realities of the atomic bombings.

4) Send young people to international disarmament conferences

The Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will send youth involved in peace activities to attend international disarmament conferences, such as review conferences for the NPT and the TPNW. These opportunities will allow young people to learn about global disarmament efforts and deliver messages for nuclear abolition from the atomic-bombed cities.

The Secretariat will also organize events, such as the Mayors for Peace Youth Forum, inviting young peace activists from around the world to participate in discussions and share their experiences.

5) Support the establishment of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses at more universities

With support from the Secretariat, member cities will encourage local universities to establish Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses. Accredited by the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, these courses approach the realities of the atomic bombings and the value of peace from an academic point of view.

A—Act Together

Initiative 3: Support citizen-led initiatives

1) Promote citizen-led peace culture activities

To encourage individuals to take active roles in promoting peace, member cities will support citizen-led peace culture activities through the development of grant systems and by cooperating in their promotional activities.

2) Promote global exchange among citizens rooted in the culture of peace

Member cities will work with citizens and organizations that engage in peace culture activities to expand the global network of solidarity rooted in the culture of peace by promoting international peace cultural exchange.

C—Cultivate Peace

Initiative 4: Promote initiatives to instill the culture of peace in daily life

1) Hold outreach events through art and sports

By designating a Peace Culture Month, member cities will hold various outreach events to encourage more citizens to share in the will for peace through music and fine art (which are created in the spirit of peace), as well as sports activities that transcend language barriers.

2) Promote the culture of peace by using social media and other accessible platforms

With the recent development of digital technology, social media has become a familiar and accessible medium for citizens. Member cities will utilize these platforms to widely promote peace culture events and citizen activities in their regions. These efforts will help citizens feel connected to peace in their everyday lives, engage in real-time participation, and share messages of peace with fellow member cities—expanding the global circle of peace culture.

3) Raise peace awareness in conjunction with international commemorative days

Member cities will undertake outreach activities for the citizens to deepen their understanding of the value of peace and the importance of non-violence and dialogue by holding events on occasions such as the UN International Day of Peace and UN International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness.

E—Engage Locally

Initiative 5: Foster the culture of peace rooted in local communities

1) Promote peace culture activities utilizing local resources

Member cities will leverage their unique resources, such as their history, citizens, traditional culture, monuments, and natural settings to promote the culture of peace. These efforts will raise citizen awareness of peace and help create the culture of peace rooted in the community. In addition, member cities will report these efforts to the Secretariat, which will compile and share them with member cities to facilitate the implementation of effective practices in each city.

2) Implement region-specific measures and collaborate with diverse entities

Recognizing that each region has different social issues and needs, member cities will collaborate with diverse local partners, including primary and secondary schools and other educational institutions, citizen groups, and businesses, to implement tailored peace promotion efforts. These partnerships aim to build sustainable peace through a whole-community approach.

4. Initiatives to promote sustainable organizational development

Aims

Establish a sustainable and highly effective organizational structure to support the dissemination of Mayors for Peace principles and the implementation of activities by member cities, aiming for further growth as a global network of cities.

Guiding principle

RISE: Grow as a network of cities

R—Reach New Members (Expand membership)

I—Inspire Action (Strengthen activities in member cities)

S—Strengthen Partnerships (Collaborate with various entities)

E—Enhance Our Organization (Strengthen the organizational foundation)

R—Reach New Members

Initiative 1: Further expand membership

1) Strengthen membership recruitment activities in regions worldwide

Member cities will call on their partner cities, such as sister and friendship cities, to join the network.

Lead Cities will enhance their recruitment efforts by referring to examples of initiatives and collaboration by the Secretariat and other regional chapters. Special focus will be placed on expanding membership, particularly in nuclear weapon states and their allies, with the aim of creating strong momentum for peace by reaching our goal of 10,000 member cities.

The Secretariat will support membership expansion efforts in various countries and regions by preparing and distributing multilingual invitation letters and promotional materials about Mayors for Peace.

2) Support new member cities***

The Secretariat will work with Lead Cities to provide individual orientation sessions within approximately two months of joining, as well as hold follow-up meetings with cities that joined in the previous fiscal year. The Secretariat will also provide information, expertise, and support for human resource development to help establish peace activities in each city.

I—Inspire Action

Initiative 2: Strengthen activities in member cities

1) Collect and share good practices from member cities

To encourage proactive engagement, the Secretariat and Lead Cities will collect and publish good examples of member city initiatives on the Mayors for Peace website and monthly News Flash newsletter in various languages.

2) Establish a Lead Cities-led implementation system**

The Secretariat will support the establishment of implementation systems with strong financial foundations led by Lead Cities. This will allow Mayors for Peace activities to be carried out independently and in alignment with regional characteristics. The Secretariat will also promote information sharing with member cities and strengthen policy coordination, with the aim of ensuring that active regional activities continue to be undertaken around the world. The Secretariat will also support peace activities led by regional chapters, and through collaborative initiatives, further vitalize region-based activities.

3) Strengthen collaboration with member cities and human resource development through the Mayors for Peace Internship Program**

The Secretariat will foster cooperation with member cities and promote local peace activities by hosting appropriate staff members from member cities as interns at the Secretariat and conducting practical online training programs for member city staff.

4) Develop an information infrastructure to strengthen collaboration among member cities**

The Secretariat will renovate the Mayors for Peace information system to better facilitate collaboration and activate the network among member cities. By compiling a database of member cities initiatives, promoting mutual information sharing and communication, and facilitating discussions and initiatives, the Secretariat will revitalize the network.

S–Strengthen Partnerships

Initiative 3: Strengthen collaboration with various entities

1) Collaborate with local government organizations, such as USCM, NFLA, UCLG

The Secretariat and Lead Cities will encourage local government organizations with a track record of collaboration with Lead Cities—such as the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA), and the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)—to endorse and cooperate with the activities of Mayors for Peace to foster momentum and expand activities toward peace at both city and citizen levels.

2) Collaborate with international organizations and NGOs, such as the UN, ICRC, and ICAN

The Secretariat and Lead Cities will effectively promote the creation and expansion of international public opinion for lasting world peace by collaborating with international organizations and NGOs, such as the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other UN specialized agencies, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Peace Boat, Abolition 2000, the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), the Pugwash Conferences, and other international organizations and NGOs.

3) Strengthen collaboration with peace research institutions such as the Hiroshima Platform for Peace Studies and Education, RECNA, and UNIDIR

The Secretariat will strengthen collaboration with international peace research institutions, such as the Hiroshima Platform for Peace Studies and Education, the Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University (RECNA), and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR). These collaborations aim to utilize the results of academic research and human resources in the fields of nuclear weapons, peace, and disarmament in Mayors for Peace activities.

4) Collaborate with museums around the world that convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war

The Secretariat will strengthen ties with the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, and seek collaboration with museums around the world that depict the horrors of war. The partnerships will provide citizens of member cities with opportunities to listen to testimonies from atomic bomb and war survivors and deepen their understanding of Mayors for Peace activities.

E–Enhance Our Organization

Initiative 4: Promote international recognition and presence and strengthen organizational foundations

1) Promote public relations to gain wider support

The Secretariat and Lead Cities will conduct diverse public relations activities to raise awareness of Mayors for Peace and build a broader support base.

2) Strengthen communication through social media and other platforms

The Secretariat and Lead Cities will effectively promote the creation and expansion of international public opinion toward lasting world peace by utilizing social media in addition to their websites to disseminate real-time information on their activities.

3) Operate the Mayors for Peace Supporter System***

The Secretariat will manage the Mayors for Peace Supporter System to increase the number of individuals and organizations supporting Mayors for Peace activities. Through collaboration with these supporters, and by appointing and working with PR ambassadors who actively share our information, the Secretariat will also create a virtuous cycle of raising awareness of Mayors for Peace and promoting the culture of peace through shared information.

4) Strengthen the membership fee system

The Secretariat and Lead Cities will consider increasing membership fees and improve collection rates to build a stable financial foundation to ensure sustainable and stable activities, as well as the further development of Mayors for Peace.

5) Broaden fundraising efforts

The Secretariat will enhance public relations and improve systems and mechanisms for raising funds, including securing donations and grants from many supporters, to reinforce its financial base.

Footnotes

* Initiatives conducted as part of the core operations

** Initiatives implemented with expansion

*** Newly established Initiatives



Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2025–2029)

Raising our **VOICE**, Building **LINKs**, Growing **PEACE**, and **RISING** Together



Mayors for Peace

Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2025-2029)

Realize a world without nuclear weapons

[Aims]

Promote the universalization of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and foster international opinion toward the abolition of nuclear weapons by facilitating the understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings and the inhumanity of nuclear weapons.

[Guiding principle]

VOICE: Elevate citizens' voices to shape international opinion for the abolition of nuclear weapons

V

Voices of Hibakusha

- 1) Hold Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibitions around the world
- 2) Pass down atomic bomb experiences through testimonies

O

Outreach for TPNW Support

- 1) Conduct activities urging all states, including nuclear weapon states and their allies, to join the TPNW at the earliest possible date
- 2) Foster solidarity with global hibakusha

I

International Advocacy

- 1) Deliver messages from cities at international disarmament conferences
- 2) Issue open letters advocating for a world without nuclear weapons or war
- 3) Conduct member city-led activities calling on their respective national governments to contribute to the abolition of nuclear weapons

C

Citizen Action

- 1) Conduct petition drives urging all states to join the TPNW promptly
- 2) Promote youth-centered citizen activity and interactions

E

Encourage Policy Change

- 1) Promote outreach regarding the current international nuclear weapons situation
- 2) Support research, education, and human resource development related to nuclear disarmament

Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2025-2029)

Realize safe and resilient cities

[Aims]

Promote the creation of communities where all people can live safely, learn from each other, and collaborate. In addition, contribute to the resolution of global issues while promoting international cooperation and working to realize sustainable, safe, vibrant, and peaceful cities.

[Guiding principle]

LINK: Contribute to the international community through networking and collaboration between cities

L

Local Engagement

- 1) Promote local initiatives to address global issues
- 2) Facilitate understanding of global issues

I

Inclusion

- 1) Build diverse and inclusive cities that "leave no one behind"
- 2) Share results and make use of the network

N

Network of Cities

- 1) Hold regional conferences led by Lead Cities
- 2) Build regional networks across the world

K

Knowledge-sharing

- 1) Collaborate with the international community on global social issues
- 2) Enhance City PR through international cooperation

Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2025-2029)

Promote a culture of peace

[Aims]

Raise awareness of peace in civil society through community-based peace education and cultural activities, creating a society in which each citizen can take action for peace in their daily lives.

[Guiding principle]

PEACE: Build social infrastructure to support peace

P	<h3>Promote Peace</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Conduct initiatives to convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war2) Pass down the experiences of the atomic bombings and war through testimonies3) Distribute and nurture seeds and seedlings from atomic-bombed trees
E	<h3>Empower the Future Generation</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Promote peace and disarmament education2) Promote peace education through initiatives such as the annual Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns"3) Expand programs to host youth in the atomic bombed cities, such as the Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program4) Send young people to international disarmament conferences5) Support the establishment of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses at more universities
A	<h3>Act Together</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Promote citizen-led peace culture activities2) Promote global exchange among citizens rooted in the culture of peace
C	<h3>Cultivate Peace</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Hold outreach events through art and sports2) Promote the culture of peace by using social media and other accessible platforms3) Raise peace awareness in conjunction with international commemorative days
E	<h3>Engage Locally</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Promote peace culture activities utilizing local resources2) Implement region-specific measures and collaborate with diverse entities

Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2025-2029)

Promote sustainable organizational development

[Aims]

Establish a sustainable and highly effective organizational structure to support the dissemination of Mayors for Peace principles and the implementation of activities by member cities, aiming for further growth as a global network of cities.

[Guiding principle]

RISE: Grow as a network of cities

R

Reach New Members

- 1) Strengthen membership recruitment activities in regions worldwide
- 2) Support new member cities

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Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision): Peacebuilding by Cities for Disarmament and Common Security

Objective A: Realize a world without nuclear weapons

With cities and the citizens who live in them being their targets, and catastrophic consequences on a global scale to be inflicted by their use, nuclear weapons are the greatest threat to the safety and security of citizens' lives. We will urge global leaders to effect peace-oriented policy change by calling on the UN and national governments, especially the nuclear-armed states and their allies, to take concrete action for the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

Objective B: Realize safe and resilient cities

In pursuit of ensuring citizens' safety and security, we will strive to address and solve a diverse range of issues distinctive to each member's region that are threatening the coexistence of the human race such as starvation, poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation.

Objective C: Promote a culture of peace

We will seek both to create an environment that urges policymakers to demonstrate decisive leadership to effect peace-oriented policy changes that facilitate the abolition of nuclear weapons, and to establish a civil society in which citizens act with a strong sense of solidarity for the realization of peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity. To that end, we will cultivate peace consciousness and cause a culture of peace—a culture in which the everyday actions of each member of the public are grounded in thinking about peace—to take root in civil society as the foundation of lasting world peace.

PX Vision and Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2025 – 2029) Overview



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核兵器廃絶に向けた取組の推進について（要請）

1945年8月、広島・長崎両市は一発の原子爆弾により一瞬にして廃墟と化し、その年の暮れまでに両市合わせて21万人を超える多くの人々の尊い命が奪われました。かろうじて生き残った被爆者は、放射線による後障害や差別、偏見に苦しみながらも核兵器のない世界の実現を強く願い、自らの体験を語り、核兵器の非人道性とその廃絶を世界に訴えてきました。被爆80年を迎え、国際社会は、こうした被爆者の切実な願いに耳を傾け、核兵器廃絶に向け連帯していかなくてはなりません。

平和首長会議は、被爆者の願いを受け継ぎ、核兵器廃絶と世界恒久平和の実現に向けた活動を推進しており、加盟都市数は、世界166か国・地域の8,509都市、日本国内ではほぼ全ての市区町村数に当たる、1,740都市に達しています。こうした中、被爆から80年の節目の日を迎えた長崎市において、第13回国内加盟都市会議総会を開催し、核兵器のない世界の実現に向けて、加盟都市の連帯をさらに強化し、平和への取組を加速させていく決意を新たにしました。

現在、核兵器廃絶を願う多くの人々の不断の努力にも関わらず、ウクライナ侵攻の長期化や中東情勢の緊迫化をはじめとする国際安全保障環境の悪化により、核兵器使用のリスクがかつてないほど高まっており、我々が目指してきた平和からは程遠い現実と直面しています。現在も地球上には1万2千発を超える核兵器が存在し、核保有国を中心に自国を守るためには核兵器の保有や核シェアリングなどは有効であるという認識が広がりつつありますが、こうした動きは、核兵器使用の可能性を高めるばかりか、核兵器不拡散条約（NPT）の原則に背き、さらには第二次世界大戦後に目指した国際連合を中心とした平和構築体制そのものを揺るがしかねないものであると危惧しています。

来年には、NPT及び核兵器禁止条約の再検討会議の開催が予定されており、核兵器廃絶に向けた国際的な取組は極めて重要な局面を迎えます。

このような状況の中で、平和首長会議としては、市民に最も近い都市の立場から平和文化を振興し、国レベルの平和への取組をボトムアップで支え、核兵器廃絶に向けた動きを後押ししていきたいと考えています。

核兵器の非人道性を身をもって体験した唯一の戦争被爆国である日本政府には、平均年齢が86歳を超えた被爆者をはじめ、平和を願う多くの国民の声を真摯に受け止め、来年4月から開催される第11回NPT再検討会議では、人類と核兵器は共存しえないという人道的立場に立って、核保有国と非核保有国の橋渡し役をしっかりと果たし、核軍縮の進展に貢献していただくよう要請します。また、来年11月から開催予定の第1回核兵器禁止条約再検討会議に、まずはオブザーバー参加し、国際社会において、対話による外交努力により核兵器のない世界を実現するための推進力となっ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7年（2025年）8月9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
平和首長会議副会長 長崎市長 鈴木 史朗

【第13回平和首長会議国内加盟都市会議総会総括文書】

第13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、被爆者の平和への願いを原点に、核兵器廃絶と世界恒久平和の実現に向けた取組を進め、現在166か国・地域の8,509都市が加盟する平和都市のネットワークに成長した。日本国内においても賛同の輪は着実に広がり、加盟都市数は、1,740都市に達している。こうした中で、第13回目となる平和首長会議国内加盟都市会議総会を令和7年（2025年）8月9日に長崎市で開催した。

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6年度決算について
- ② 平和のバトンを未来へつなぐ長崎市の取組について
- ③ 平和を愛する都市・市民と手を携えた「平和文化」の涵養について

続いて、平和首長会議ユースの活動報告を行った後、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。

広島・長崎への原爆投下、そして第二次世界大戦終結から80年を迎え、戦争体験者や被爆者の高齢化が進む中、私たちは、若い世代の平和意識を高めるための平和学習と市民社会におけるさらなる平和文化の振興を進めていかなければならないことを改めて自覚し、都市間の連帯と協働を通じて、核兵器の廃絶と世界恒久平和の実現に向け共に行動していくことをここに宣言する。

令和7年（2025年）8月9日
第13回平和首長会議国内加盟都市会議総会

Breakdown of Participants

(1) Japanese cities

	Prefecture	City/Town	No. of participants		Prefecture	City/Town	No. of participants		Prefecture	City/Town	No. of participants
1	Hokkaido	Sapporo	1	41	Kanagawa	Yokohama	1	81	Hyogo	Takarazuka	1
2		Yoichi	1	42		Kawasaki	4	82	Okayama	Okayama	1
3	Iwate	Hanamaki	1	43		Sagamihara	2	83		Kurashiki	1
4	Ibaraki	Ryugasaki	2	44		Fujisawa	2	84		Setouchi	1
5	Gunma	Numata	2	45		Odawara	2	85	Hiroshima	Hiroshima	2
6	Saitama	Kawaguchi	3	46		Yamato	2	86		Mihara	1
7		Kawaguchi	2	47	Niigawa	Tsubame	2	87		Higashihiroshima	1
8		Toda	2	48	Agano	1	88	Fuchu	1		
9		Asaka	1	49	Nagano	Azumino	2	89	Kaita	2	
10	Chiba	Fujimi	2	50	Gifu	Yamagata	1	90	Yamaguchi	Shimonoseki	2
11		Chiba	1	51	Shizuoka	Fukuroi	1	91	Fukuoka	Kitakyushu	1
12		Ichikawa	2	52	Aichi	Nagoya	1	92		Fukuoka	1
13		Sakura	2	53		Kariya	2	93		Omuta	1
14		Abiko	2	54		Anjo	2	94		Tagawa	1
15		Chiyoda	1	55		Nishio	2	95		Yanagawa	1
16		Minato	1	56		Tokai	1	96		Yukuhashi	1
17		Shinjuku	1	57		Obu	2	97		Kokga	2
18		Bunkyo	2	58		Owariasahi	2	98		Asakura	1
19		Koto	3	59		Higashiura	2	99		Miyama	2
20		Shinagawa	3	60		Kota	1	100		Onga	1
21	Setagaya	4	61	Kyoto		Kyoto	1	101	Saga	Taku	1
22	Suginami	2	62		Ayabe	2	102	Kamimine	1		
23	Toshima	2	63		Kameoka	2	103	Nagasaki	Nagasaki	3	
24	Kita	2	64		Muko	2	104		Shimabara	1	
25	Adachi	2	65	Yawata	1	105	Isahaya		1		
26	Katsushika	1	66	Ide	2	106	Omura		1		
27	Tokyo	Hachioji	2	67	Osaka	Toyonaka	2		107	Hirado	1
28		Tachikawa	2	68		Hirakata	2	108	Nagayo	1	
29		Musashino	2	69		Yao	1	109	Togitsu	1	
30		Mitaka	2	70		Tondabayashi	2	110	Kumamoto	Kumamoto	1
31		Fuchu	2	71		Habikino	2	111	Oita	Oita	1
32		Chofu	2	72		Takaishi	2	112	Miyazaki	Nichinan	2
33		Hino	3	73		Fujiidera	1	Total		112	183
34		Higashimurayama	2	74		Higashiosaka	1				
35		Kokubunji	1	75		Kobe	1				
36		Kunitachi	3	76		Himeji	1				
37		Komae	1	77		Amagasaki	1				
38		Kiyose	1	78		Nishinomiya	2				
39	Tama	2	79	Ashiya	3						
40	Nishitokyo	2	80	Itami	2						

(2) Foreign cities

No	Country	City	No. of participants	No	Country	City	No. of participants
1	Italy	Cassino	2	17	Nepal	Bhotekoshi	2
2		Cervia	2	18		Hetauda	1
3	Iraq	Peramagroom	1	19		Lisankhupakhar	1
4		Sitak	1	20		Malakoff	2
5	India	Pathanamthitta	1	21	France	Montpellier	1
6	U.K.	Manchester	2	22		Saint-Martin-de-Valgugues	1
7	Croatia	Biograd na moru	2	23		Vitry-sur-Seine	3
8	Kosovo	Drenas	1	24		Yzeure	1
9	Spain	Granollers	1	25	Belgium	Ieper	5
10	Thailand	Bangkok	3	26		Roeselare	1
11	Türkiye	Diyarbakir	2	27	Mexico	Cuernavaca	3
12		Sur Municipality	1	Total	14	27	45
13	Germany	Konigs Wusterhausen	1				
14		Mannheim	1				
15		Wandlitz	1				
16		Wurzburg	2				

(3) National government

No	Country	No. of participants
1	Republic of Slovenia (Embassy of Republic of Slovenia in Japan)	1
Total	1	1

(4) NGOs and other organizations

No	Country	Organization	No. of participants
1	Japan	Japan Kurdish Cultural Association	2
2		Peace Depot	2
3		Japan Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons	1
4		Japan for UNHCR	3
5	Switzerland	International Peace Doctors	2
6	Iraq	Japan-Kurdistan Friendship Association	1
7		University of Halabja	1
Total	3	7	12

