

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 peoples. It is a day of vital importance to reflect on the preciousness of peace.

At present, armed conflicts and confrontations continue around the world, threatening countless precious lives and livelihoods. Now more than ever, it is essential for the international community to strive to build peace through dialogue and cooperation, overcoming confrontation and division.

Under these circumstances, the theme of this year's International Day of Peace is "Invest in Peace – For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day." This theme underscores that peace is not something to be taken for granted; it must be supported and nurtured through the daily actions and choices of each individual. It honors those who work to build lasting peace through education, culture, and community initiatives, while emphasizing the important role that everyone must play in advancing peace everywhere.

This notion fully aligns with the philosophy of Mayors for Peace, which upholds the promotion of the culture of peace as a core pillar of our activities. To realize a peaceful world, we must foster a society and environment where every single citizen wishes for peace and does what they can for peace in their day-to-day lives.

Mayors for Peace reaffirms its support for this initiative and calls upon our 8,579 member cities in 166 countries and regions around the world to hold events that provide an opportunity for citizens to share their desires for peace, reflect on its realization, and take action on the International Day of Peace.

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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