



Mayors for Peace

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Dear Mayors for Peace Member City,

We hope this message finds you in the best of health and spirits.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to your city's ongoing support for the initiatives of Mayors for Peace.

Today I would like to share with you the Peace Declaration I delivered at this year's Peace Memorial Ceremony.

This is a quote from the Peace Declaration: "One *hibakusha* says, 'World leaders should gather in the A-bombed cities, encounter our tragedy, and, at a minimum, set a course toward freedom from nuclear weapons. I want human beings to become good stewards of creation capable of abolishing nuclear weapons.' He asks world leaders to focus their reason and insight on abolishing nuclear weapons so we can treasure life and avoid destroying the Earth."

In order to achieve a world without nuclear weapons, we consider it essential that this spirit of Hiroshima becomes the consensus of the international community and that the civil society members are united in working to nurture better conditions for world leaders to take initiatives.

It would be most appreciated if you would kindly help us foster and expand international public opinion through widely sharing the Peace Declaration attached. We would also like to ask for your generous help in further expanding the Mayors for Peace membership, which stands at 7,632 cities in 163 countries and regions as of August 1. Please invite mayors of your sister cities and neighboring cities who are not yet members to join Mayors for Peace.

It is my sincere hope that your city will continue to work with us to achieve our objectives: "Realization of a world without nuclear weapons" and "Realization of safe and resilient cities", which we believe will lead us to our ultimate goal, that of lasting world peace

I close with my best wishes for your good health and every success in your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

MATSUI Kazumi
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Mayor of Hiroshima