



Mayors for Peace

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Dear Fellow Mayor,

I trust this letter finds you well.

In August 1945, a single atomic bomb instantly reduced Hiroshima and Nagasaki to rubble, taking tens of thousands of precious lives. Even today, many of our citizens still struggle with radiation aftereffects. The pain of our people, who lost family, friends, and their entire community, is beyond my ability to describe.

With our *hibakusha* aging, we are determined to have their experiences and strong desire for peace absorbed and wholeheartedly accepted by future generations and to have those commitments spread throughout the world. I am convinced that disseminating their message will eventually lead to the realization of their most cherished wish, the abolition of nuclear weapons.

To realize this goal, Hiroshima and Nagasaki established Mayors for Peace, and, in conjunction with partner cities around the world, has developed the *2020 Vision Campaign*, calling for the total abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020. After the bombing, it was said that nothing would grow for 75 years, and 2020 is 75 years after the atomic bombing. In addition, we need to achieve our goal as soon as possible so that as many of our aging *hibakusha* as possible can enter with us into that nuclear-weapon-free world. The fact that Mayors for Peace has grown to more than 5,000 member cities is clear evidence that people around the world wish to be liberated from the nuclear threat.

To strengthen global momentum toward the total abolition of nuclear weapons, we believe it is important for as many people as possible, especially policymakers, to come to encounter these A-bombed cities and learn the horror of nuclear weapons and the permanent human damage they inflict. In this way, we will all come to understand and accept the *hibakusha's* wish.

I hope that you share our feelings and humbly ask that you support our campaign for the abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020. Mayors for Peace is a nonpartisan international network of municipalities, registered at the UN with ECOSOC. We ask every mayor or head of municipality to join our effort to protect future generations.

The rapidly growing number of Mayors for Peace is a powerful force generating real momentum toward peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons. To bequeath to our children a cleaner, safer, more peaceful and sustainable world, I humbly ask that you join our effort toward genuine and lasting world peace.

Sincerely yours,

MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor of Hiroshima
President
Mayors for Peace



Mayors for Peace Registration Form

To Mr. MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor of Hiroshima
President of Mayors for Peace

I hereby express my city/municipality's support for the abolition of nuclear weapons and desire to join Mayors for Peace.*

Name of your country: _____

Name of your city/municipality: _____

Mayor's name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Address: _____

TEL: _____

FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Contact person

Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Position: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Population: _____

Date: _____

Mayor's Signature: _____

*This registration form implies your city/municipality's decision to join Mayors for Peace. If your city/municipality requires specific procedures, including approval from your city/municipal council, please submit this form after such procedures are completed.

<p>Please send this form to: Mayors for Peace Secretariat FAX : +81-82-242-7452 E-mail : mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp</p>
