



Mayors for Peace

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Dear Fellow Mayor,

I trust this letter finds you well.

I am writing today to invite you to join Mayors for Peace, an organization led by the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

As you may know, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were instantly obliterated by atomic bombings in August 1945. Hundreds of thousands of precious lives were lost. To avoid any repetition of this horrifying tragedy, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have worked continuously to communicate to the world the inhumanity of the atomic bomb and the need to abolish nuclear weapons.

Mayors for Peace was founded in 1982 by the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to promote the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the realization of genuine and lasting world peace. Today, we are a category II international non-governmental organization accredited by the United Nations with 1,326 member cities in 116 countries and regions.

In any war, especially nuclear war, it is cities that suffer most. We mayors are duty-bound to protect our citizens, and to prevent the unimaginable tragedy of a nuclear attack, we must work together to eliminate all nuclear weapons. Therefore, Mayors for Peace are now conducting a "2020 Vision Campaign" with the goal of total nuclear weapons abolition by the year 2020, the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings

To strengthen this campaign, we need as many cities as possible to join our organization. To join, simply fill in and sign the attached registration form and return it to us.

For more information about Mayors for Peace and our campaign, please visit our website at: <http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/index.html>.

I humbly ask for your understanding and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely yours,

Tadatoshi Akiba
Mayor of Hiroshima
President
Mayors for Peace