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in **166** countries and regions

(as of October 1, 2024)

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The 11th General Conference of Mayors for Peace is scheduled to be held in Nagasaki in August 2025

Mayors for Peace holds a General Conference once every four years in principle. Hosted alternately between Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the General Conference is an opportunity for member cities to decide and approve agenda items significant to the organization.

We are pleased to announce that the 11th General Conference of Mayors for Peace is scheduled to be held as follows:

[Dates]

Thursday, August 7 to Sunday, August 10, 2025

[Venue]

Dejima Messe Nagasaki (4-1 Onouemachi, Nagasaki City), etc.

<https://dejima-messe.jp/en>

[Participant expenses]

- Registration fee: 14,000 JPY per participant
- Travel cost
- Accommodations
- Private interpreter (if you intend to bring or hire an interpreter)
- Meals, shopping, sightseeing, etc.



The 10th General Conference held in Hiroshima in October 2022

[For your reference]

You can review the program of the 9th General Conference, which took place on the same dates in Nagasaki from August 7 to August 10, 2017, at the following link:

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/2017/former-9th-gc-en/>

We would also be truly grateful if many people could take this opportunity to visit Hiroshima and attend its Peace Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. The advance program, which contains the conference outline and registration information, will be available in early 2025.

We look forward to many member cities' participation in the 11th General Conference, which will mark the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Mark the 80th commemoration of the Atomic Bombing! Collaborative Tourism Campaign by Hiroshima and Nagasaki Tourism Policy Department, Economic Affairs and Tourism Bureau, the City of Hiroshima

In 2025, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorate not just 80 years since the atomic bombing, but also 50 years of sister city relations. As such, on the occasion of these two milestones, both cities are working on collaborative initiatives, such as PR, including conveying the culture of peace, and developing new tourism programs that incorporate peace education with the aim of inbound tourism promotion, as well as the development of the local economy by promoting further friendship between the two cities.

It's been 80 years since the tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the previous generation and kind support from home and abroad, both cities underwent a dramatic recovery. Today, these cities are a source of inspiration, visited by millions of tourists looking for an experience unique to Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



We hope that you'll visit these cities that continue to grow and pray for lasting world peace, and while you're there, we hope you'll take the time to reflect on the preciousness of peace.

S Please visit Hiroshima-Nagasaki Joint Tourism Campaign Project at: <https://dive-hiroshima.com/en/feature/feature-75891/>

Collaborative Tourism Campaign Leaflet

- Japanese <https://x.gd/HrPJj>
- English <https://x.gd/WhOAs>
- Korean <https://x.gd/m3VeU>
- Simplified Chinese <https://x.gd/qImk0>
- Traditional Chinese <https://x.gd/F9mrK>

Help us spread the word! We ask that our member cities please post information about this tourism campaign on their city website or official social media accounts.

Commemorative events around the world for the International Day of Peace (IDP)

**Malakoff, France
Celebrating the International Day of Peace:
Community Voices in Malakoff**

Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)

On September 21, Fatiha Alaudat, Municipal Councillor for the Culture of Peace in Malakoff, delivered a speech. Participants addressed the community at the local market, sharing messages of peace created by young people and citizens during the "Stitching Peace" workshop. This workshop was organized on Saturday by the Artists for Peace collective in celebration of the International Day of Peace.



The enthusiasm and creativity were exhibited by all participants underscore their collective commitment to promoting a culture of peace in Malakoff.

**Mitry Mory, France
Mitry Mory celebrates Peace during a Festive Day**

Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)



On September 21, in celebration of the International Day of Peace, the municipality hosted a festive event at Plaine Guy Môquet, marking its first participation in the Live Peace initiative organized by the Mayors for Peace association.

Starting at 2 PM, the day featured a friendly football tournament, a participatory mural creation, and an exhibition of peace-themed drawings by children. Teams of five competed in 10-minute matches, with registration available online for both individuals and complete teams.

After the tournament, attendees enjoyed a communal picnic, either bringing their own meals or purchasing refreshments on-site, followed by a concert and a popular dance party with a DJ.

**Monterey, CA, USA
Local California Peace Groups Honor Mayors for Peace on UN International Day of Peace**

Ms. Jacqueline Cabasso, Executive Advisor for Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation

The Peace Coalition of Monterey County and the Monterey Peace and Justice Center (Central Coast of California) celebrated the United Nation’s 25th annual International Day of Peace on September 21 with a potluck dinner and video presentation highlighting Mayors for Peace. The videos shown included “Peace Declaration 2024,” Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui’s inspiring speech delivered on August 6, 2024, the 79th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Excerpts from a 2015 documentary, “Good Thinking, Those Who Worked to Halt Nuclear Weapons,” were also shown. The organizers had invited 12 Monterey County mayors, seven of whom are already members of Mayors for Peace. Three of the 12 invited mayors came: Mayor Tyller Williamson of Monterey, Mayor Mary Ann Carbone of Sand City, and Mayor Ian Oglesby, along with Mayor Pro Tem Dave Pacheco of Seaside – the newest U.S. member of Mayors for Peace. Members of the public were invited to attend and to bring a dish to share in honoring these Mayors for Peace. The venue was adorned with United Nations Association posters of children worldwide being educated about peace to echo this year's theme, “Cultivating Peace.” About 35 people attended.



Monterey Mayor Tyller Williamson ((right) and Geroge Riley (left) (Photo courtesy: Lynn Hamilton)

Saran, France
Cultivating Peace during the International Day of Peace
 Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)

As part of the International Day of Peace on September 21, the municipality of Saran organized a festive event themed "Cultivating Peace." The program included a month-long exhibition featuring works from the Art and Peace gallery. Additionally, a theater performance was held on September 22 in the castle park.



Unieux, France
Concert for International Day of Peace at Quarto Theatre
 Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)

On September 20, 2024, at 8 PM, the Quarto Theatre in Unieux hosted a free concert in celebration of the International Day of Peace. The event featured the vibrant and engaging artist MEG, known for her unique and socially conscious performances. She took the stage with a warm and friendly presence, accompanied by Bertrand Salas on guitar and Julien Sarazin on double bass. The concert aimed to foster a spirit of joy and community, creating a festive atmosphere for attendees. For more information, visit the Quarto's Facebook page:



https://www.facebook.com/cinema.quarto.unieux?locale=fr_FR

Varennes-Vauzelles, France

Varennes-Vauzelles hold a Peace ceremony with a tree-planting

Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)

On the occasion of the United Nations International Day of Peace, the town of Varennes-Vauzelles held its second tree-planting ceremony on the Peace Esplanade. Following the Ginkgo Biloba gifted last year by Mayors for Peace France and the city of Malakoff, this year, the local Botanic stores donated an olive tree, whose branches symbolize peace. In the presence of Mayor Olivier Sicot, Varennes-Vauzelles’ two young peace ambassadors, Anaïs and Meïssa, municipal council members, and high-level athletes including Laura Ruiz, junior world champion in two-seater canoeing, her sister Clara, and four professional players from USON Nevers, a rugby team competing in France’s second division (Antunaisa Manu from Tonga, Iliia Kaikatsishvilli from Georgia, Jason Fraser from South Africa, and Yohan Le Bourhis from France), the town’s brass band celebrated peace with a musical performance before the olive tree was symbolically planted at the center of the Peace Esplanade.




The day concluded with a "glass of peace" offered by the town, featuring Japanese flavors. Two video testimonials were also shown: one from Dany Makamata, French karate champion, and the other from Ryadh Sallem, a member of the French wheelchair rugby team. Varennes-Vauzelles celebrated peace with its champions in this Olympic year.

Release of the Message Video for IDP 2024 “Voices for Peace”

In conjunction with the International Day of Peace, we created a video “Voices for Peace” featuring messages from groups involved in peace activities in Hiroshima. This video conveys Hiroshima’s wish for peace and encourages people around the world to reflect on it, and we have disseminated it worldwide.



 The Message Video for IDP 2024 “Voices for Peace” (Website): <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/2024/post-240920/>

Member Cities participated in Social Media Campaign for the IDP

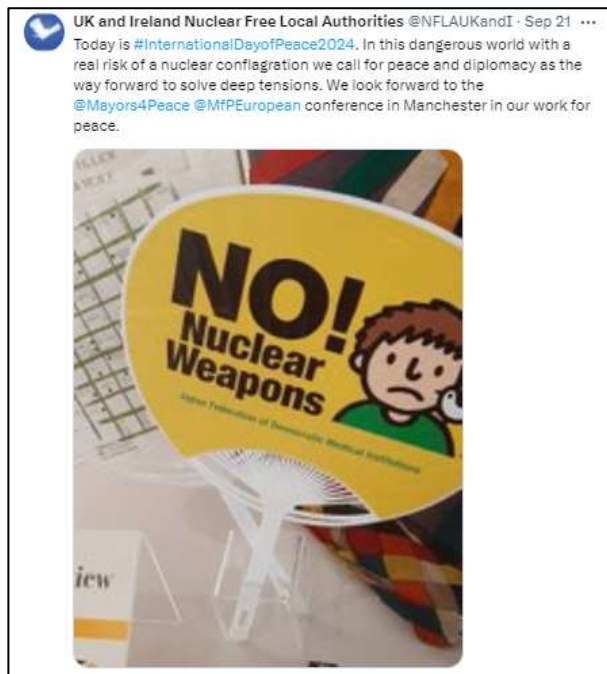
Mayors for Peace did Social Media Challenge for the International Day of Peace on X(Twitter)!



Barcelona City (Spain)



Hannover(Germany)



Manchester (UK)



Velsen (Netherlands)

Tatebayashi City, Setagaya City, Suita City, Nishinomiya City, Hirakata City, Oamishirasato City, Fujimi City, Hiroshima City, Kazo city, Fuji City, Wako City, Sakura City, Kunitachi City, Ashiya City, Sakuragawa City, Mayors for Peace Catalonia (Spain), Manlleu (Spain), Braunschweig (Germany), Norwich (UK), Viladecans (Spain), Les Franqueses del Vallès (Spain), Wellington (New Zealand), Evora (Portugal) were also participated in this Challenge. We appreciate your cooperation. We reposted each city's post on our official X account. Please check the posts.

Mayors for Peace Official X(Twitter) : [@Mayors4Peace](https://twitter.com/Mayors4Peace)

Mayors for Peace X account has reached 1,000 followers!

We at Mayors for Peace secretariat manage our X account to share our activities and events. The Mayors for Peace X account was launched in April 2020, and this August, thanks to everyone's support, we've finally reached 1,000 followers!

Moving forward, we'll continue to provide timely and friendly updates. We kindly ask for your continued support by following us, liking, and reposting our posts!



Follow us here ↓

X (formerly Twitter): [@Mayors4Peace](https://twitter.com/Mayors4Peace)

Facebook: [@mayorsforpeace](https://www.facebook.com/mayorsforpeace)

Marking the 900th German Member Cities!

Ms. Evelyn Kamissek, City of Hannover, Germany

The municipality of Großenseebach in Bavaria with its First Mayor Jürgen Jäkel has declared its accession to the alliance.

This increase in membership was achieved through the continuous work of Hannover, a vice president and lead city of the German section of Mayors for Peace.

In view of the serious world situation, many German mayors support the principles of the network, which campaigns for a world free of nuclear weapons, a culture of peace and resilient cities.

Hannover has organized a series of events in which many German member cities have participated, such as the Flag Day, the Federal Conference and public lectures on current peace and security policy issues. Current information and activities of the alliance are available on the website of the German section.



Mayor Jürgen Jäkel proudly presents the membership certificate and flag of Mayors for Peace. (Photo courtesy: Marc Brehme/VG Heßdorf)

Germany now has the third largest number of Mayors for Peace member cities in the world. The network aims to reach a total membership of 10,000 cities worldwide in the foreseeable future.

▼ Report on Mayors for Peace website (German language):

<https://www.hannover.de/Leben-in-der-Region-Hannover/Politik/Politische-Gremien/Mayors-for-Peace/Aktivitaeten/Deutsche-Mitglieder>

Mayors for Peace Secretariat hosts Online Meetings for New Member Cities



★ Welcome to Mayors for Peace ★ Meetings for Newly Joined Members



Aiming to inform new members of our initiatives and strengthen ties with member cities, we have been organizing Zoom meetings since June 2024. In September, we had the pleasure of meeting with representatives from three new member cities. These meetings have provided an invaluable opportunity not only to share our initiatives but also to learn about the unique efforts of each member city.

Meeting Agenda:

- Introduction of yourself and your municipality
- Introduction of Mayors for Peace initiatives available to member cities
- Q&A Session



Once again, thank you for joining Mayors for Peace. Your participation strengthens our network. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us anytime. We are always happy to hear from you!



Deadline Approaching! Invitation for the Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns” 2024



In order to expand peace education efforts in its over 8,400 member cities in 166 countries and regions around the world, Mayors for Peace holds a children’s art competition on the theme of peace, for children from 6 to 15 years old in all these cities.

Categories: [Category 1] 6-10 year olds [Category 2] 11-15 year olds

Number of applications allowed per city: Up to 5 artworks for each category


Submission Deadline: 5:00 PM (Japan Standard Time), October 31, 2024

Submission: Via Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/X4FMTDq7VXk9YDss7>

To ensure that submissions are only received from member cities, we have password protected. The password for Google Forms were emailed to respective member cities. Please contact the Secretariat for any inquiries.

Note: In the case that it is difficult to submit artwork via Google Forms, member cities are able to send submissions by email. Please send the scanned artwork and application form, along with a cover sheet to the secretariat.

Inquiries: Email the Secretariat: mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

 Details of the Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns” 2024 (Mayors for Peace website): <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/visions/initiatives/arts/>

Request for Payment of the 2024 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee

In order to facilitate future activities and strengthen the sense of solidarity amongst member cities, Mayors for Peace introduced an annual Membership Fee in 2015.


This year again, we ask each member city to pay a fee of 2,000 Japanese yen (about 14 USD/13 Euro as of March 22, 2024) per city. If your city has not paid their Membership Fee in previous years, we ask your city to pay the total amount owed for each unpaid year since 2015. The collected Membership Fees will be allocated toward new and existing projects listed on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan.

A request for payment of the 2024 membership fee was sent to each city by email on April 1. We deeply appreciate your kind cooperation.


 Request for the 2024 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee (Mayors for Peace website): <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/about-us/joins/fees/>

We are providing data for exhibitions!

We have introduced our data providing for exhibition that can be utilized in your city. To all member cities, we would greatly appreciate your cooperation in promoting the culture of peace.

 Exhibition of the Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns” (message from the award-winning artists also available)

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/ja/vision/initiative/art/drawings-data/>

 Holding the Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/ja/vision/initiative/poster/>



Member cities activities

Allonnes, France

A Vibrant Peace Evening in Allonnes for the IDP

Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)

On August 30th, a Peace evening was held at the Jean-Carmet Hall in Allonnes, starting at 8 PM. The event began with the presentation of the Yvon Luby Peace Culture Award to a collective or association dedicated to solidarity. Following this, the group Les Grandes Bouches took the stage. Founded by members of the Motivés group, Les Grandes Bouches are known for their exceptional vocal performances, where they blend their voices in a unique and engaging manner.

This interactive concert allowed the audience to participate actively, becoming a choir, listeners, and performers of the group’s most beautiful songs. The evening concluded with a vibrant performance featuring socially conscious lyrics and lively music that left the audience exhilarated, creating a joyful moment of sharing and pleasure.

Grigny, France

Grigny celebrates its Peace Week

Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)

Every year, Grigny organizes a Peace Week with different activities (music, writing, exhibitions, etc.). This year, the youth of Grigny showcased their talents at the annual Young Writer and Young Illustrator Contest. Organized by the city and local partners, with participation from Mahamoud Soilih, the Municipal Councillor for Culture of Peace, the event honored numerous



winner who expressed their creativity on the theme: "For the Peace of Future Generations, We Rebuild the World." This year saw a record participation of over 180 young individuals, significantly surpassing last year's numbers. Each participant received a book featuring their works and engaged in enjoyable activities organized by local associations.



The Peace Week in Grigny continues with several events, including the A-Paix-Ro gathering and the Lanterns Evening, focusing on the conflict in Congo. These activities aim to promote

peace, solidarity, and awareness of global issues, reflecting the community's commitment to fostering a culture of peace in Grigny.

● **Manchester, UK**
Manchester City Council call for justice for Britain's Hibakusha

Mr. Richard Outram, UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary

On the eve of the anniversary of the first British atomic bomb test, conducted on 3 October 1952, Manchester City Council unanimously passed a motion calling for justice and compensation for the UK's nuclear test veterans' community. Manchester is a Vice-Presidential city in Mayors for Peace.

Between October 1952 and November 1991, Britain conducted 45 atomic and nuclear bomb tests, which involved 22,000 military veterans. Many have since suffered chronic ill health or died early. Many of their children have also been afflicted with profound disabilities. They are Britain's *Hibakusha*.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Tommy Judge, who serves as the Council's Permanent Representative to Mayors for Peace.

For over 70 years, the veterans have been seeking recognition and compensation for their suffering and that of their families.

In the debate, Cllr Judge spoke of the "shameful" injustice still shown to the nuclear test veterans community, with the vast majority of those involved in the test being "conscripted young men put in danger who are still struggling to get compensation for that danger". In opposition, Sir Keir Starmer pledged to take action within twelve months of taking office and Cllr Judge added that "now is the time (for the Prime Minister) to do just that."



Britain Nuclear Test Veterans' Association memorial stone

Regional chapter activities

● **French Chapter**
Local Elected Representatives of Mayors for Peace France Present the Association and Its Actions at the Fête de l'Humain
 Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)

Guillaume du Souich, municipal councillor of Villejuif and representative of Mayors for Peace France, delivered a presentation at the Mouvement de la Paix stand, focusing on the theme "Peace and Democracy." His intervention highlighted the importance of local initiatives in fostering a culture of peace within democratic frameworks.

At the PCF 92 stand, Maeva Durand, deputy municipal councillor for Anti-Discrimination, represented Mayors for Peace France around the following theme: "How to Mobilize for a Peace-Driven Policy?" She spoke alongside key figures such as Jean-Marie Collin from ICAN France, representatives from the Mouvement de la Paix and CGT, and others, discussing practical strategies for promoting peace at the local and national levels.



Decentralized Cooperation, City Diplomacy, and Cultures of Peace at the Summer University of French Communist Party in Montpellier

Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)

Clare Hart, Vice-President of Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole, along with Lamine Camara, Regional Councillor for Île-de-France and elected official of the City of Grigny (representing Mayor of Grigny and President of Mayors for Peace France), discussed decentralized cooperation, city diplomacy, and cultures of

peace during the Summer University. The exchanges emphasized the universal desire for peace, echoing Ban Ki-moon’s statement that peace begins not at the UN or in Geneva, but in villages and cities led by enlightened leaders.

City diplomacy supports local governments' efforts towards peace and decentralized cooperation. Although not mandatory, many cities have historically been involved in international peace and solidarity initiatives.

Currently, almost all French regions, 73 departments, and 80% of towns with over 5,000 residents have established more than 600 international partnerships across 115 countries. Addressing global challenges, such as climate change and peace, requires the participation of local governments and decentralized cooperation, uniting citizens, diasporas, and local actors both locally and internationally.

The debate also focused on the pivotal role cities and territories play in promoting peace through city diplomacy. The discussion underscored various initiatives, experiences, and actions from Mayors for Peace network.



Philippe Rio, president of Mayors for Peace France, advocates for City Diplomacy, Peace, and Cooperation at the UN Summit of the Future 2024 in New York

Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)

At the United Nations in New York, in preparation for the Peace and the Future Summit, Philippe Rio (Mayor of Grigny and President of Mayors for Peace France) participated in the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments, opened by UN Secretary-General António Guterres. The assembly emphasized the importance of international solidarity driven by cities and the crucial role of inter-city cooperation in fostering peace and friendship among peoples.



Supported by key associations like United Cities France (CUF) and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), French local officials, including Anne Hidalgo (Paris),

Véronique Bertholet (Strasbourg), Élise Perreira-Nunes (Tours), Clare Hart (Montpellier Métropole), and André Viola (Aude), formed a strong delegation.



Philippe Rio advocated for city diplomacy, peace, cooperation, and a feminist municipal vision. The final resolution of the Pact for the Future acknowledges the essential role of local governments in addressing global challenges like poverty, peace, and climate issues. While much work remains, local leaders continue to push for multilateralism and the inclusion of local authorities in solving worldwide problems. Local realities often provide the solutions to global challenges.

Live Peace

Mayors for Peace France supports Live Peace, A Global Movement Uniting the World for the UN International Day of Peace

Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)

Live Peace is a global initiative that invites towns, villages, bars, restaurants, and individuals worldwide to organize musical events or live performances under the banner of Live Peace, united by the common message, "We want peace." These events are held every year on September 21 to celebrate the UN International Day of Peace.

The initiative was launched in collaboration with three Nobel Peace Prize laureates: the International Peace Bureau, the Tawakkol Karman Foundation, and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), alongside key partners such as Mayors for Peace France and the Mouvement de la Paix.

In 2024, several French cities including Grigny, Saran, and Lasseran—organized Live Peace events. Building on the inspiration of the iconic Live Aid concerts, Live Peace aims to grow exponentially in the coming years, with the goal of organizing one major concert on each continent, drawing millions of people together in support of global peace. Please visit their website at: www.livepeace.fr.



Please send us a report on your city’s peace activities

Share your city’s peace activities with fellow member cities! Please send the Secretariat a short report on a peace activity or initiative by your city based on the Action Plan so that we can share it on our [website](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org) or the News Flash. Reports on your city’s activity or initiative that stimulate youth to be engaged in peace activities or promote ‘the culture of peace’ are especially welcome! We look forward to your submissions!

Email: mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

* Please write a **SHORT** (up to 200 words long) report in English, and send it to the above email address with photos (if any). Please include key information such as the date, venue, description, and result.

Report by Executive Advisor

Achievement of the 1,000 Cranes for Peace Project in Ituzaingó, province of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Ms. Tomoko Aikawa, Executive Advisor for Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation

On September 8, 2024, the 1,000 Cranes for Peace project reached its goal during the Peace Crane Workshop at the Ituzaingó Cultural Center in the province of Buenos Aires. Led by Professor Mónica Mazas, collaboration with the Sadako Foundation, and singer-songwriter Carolina Buratti, along with the



coordination of Japanese student Rocío Orellano, participants folded the final 50 cranes, reaching the project’s goal, which began in 2023. The event was supported by the Municipality of Ituzaingó as part of its "Culture for Peace" initiative, led by Mayor Pablo Descalzo, Peace Mayor, alongside Ayelén Estévez, Nahuel Cesari, and Leandro Fato.

The 1,000 cranes have already been exhibited during origami workshops at Palacio de Libertad, Centro Cultural Sarmiento, on October 6 and 13, 2024, with more scheduled for October 20 and 27. They also accompanied the opening ceremony of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bomb Exhibition on October 2 and were

present when Hiroshima delegation with a *hibakusha* Teruko Yahata visited the Lenguas Vivas to see a peace cultural education class with Monica Mazas. The event also featured Olympic athlete Agustín Mezzutti, trampoline specialist, whose presence inspired participants to reach their goal. Notably, recycled paper was used for the cranes, aligning with environmental awareness.

The day concluded with the performance of the "Peace Bell Song" from Hiroshima, translated into Spanish, and another song dedicated to nature, reinforcing the message of peace and harmony with the environment.

Mayors for Peace member cities: 8,426 cities in 166 countries/regions

On October 1, we gained 9 new member cities, bringing our total membership to 8,426. We thank all involved in promoting expanded membership for their invaluable support. Below is the breakdown of the new members.

Country/Region	New Members	Total No.	Remarks
Belgium	Hoegaarden	397	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Živinice	41	
France	Jarny and Saint-Avold	176	Thanks to efforts by Malakoff, a Vice President and Lead City.
Germany	Kelsterbach	900	Thanks to efforts by Hannover, a Vice President and Lead City.
Netherlands	Deurne	184	
Portugal	Trofa	55	Thanks to efforts by Evora, an Executive and Lead City.
Slovenia	Slovenj Gradec	8	
US	Seaside (CA)	229	



List of new members (PDF):

https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/file-2409-newmembers2410_en.pdf



Membership by country (PDF):

https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/monthly/file-07_membership_by_country_en.pdf

Help us achieve 10,000 member cities!

Mayors for Peace aims to achieve **10,000 member cities** to foster international public support for the realization of a world without nuclear weapons. Invite other cities in your country, as well as your sister cities and any other cities with which you have relations to join Mayors for Peace. You can download a letter of request and document pack below.

The document pack is available in 12 different languages: Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (BZ), Portuguese (EU), Russian, Spanish and Thai.




Letters of request to join Mayors for Peace and document pack

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/about-us/resources/#recruit>


Your continued cooperation is highly appreciated!

Request to implement initiatives outlined in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan

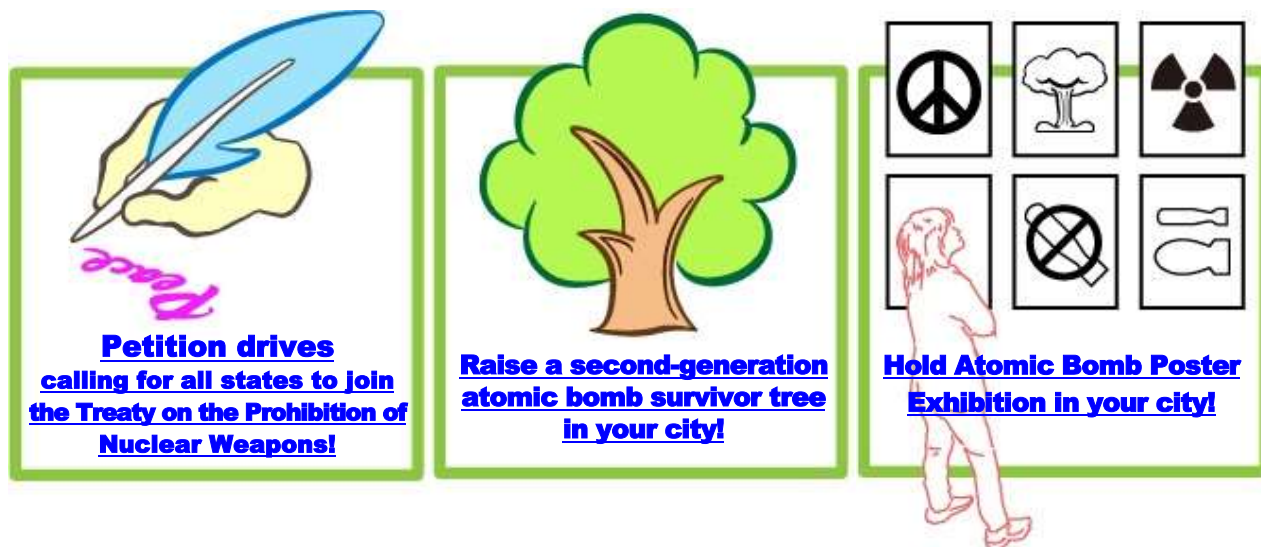
At the 12th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace held online in July 2021, we adopted the latest Action Plan (2021–2025). Together, let us continue our utmost efforts toward our ultimate goal of realizing lasting world peace. Please implement initiatives outlined in the Action Plan within your own municipality or regional group.

 Mayors for Peace Action Plan (PDF):

https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/file-PX_Vision_Action_Plan_en.pdf

 Initiatives implemented under the Action Plan:

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/visions/initiatives/>



Call for input: examples of peace education initiatives

The Mayors for Peace Secretariat has been seeking examples of peace education initiatives conducted by any organization (city government/school/NGO, etc.) in Mayors for Peace member cities. The Mayors for Peace Secretariat accepts reports on a rolling basis, so please send your report whenever your project is completed. The submitted reports will be posted on our website and in the Mayors for Peace News Flash as a source of information for other member cities that are planning to launch their own peace education programs.

 Call for Input on the Mayors for Peace website:

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/visions/initiatives/edu-examples/>

A closer look at the “World’s Nuclear Warheads Count in 2024” Part 1: Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA)

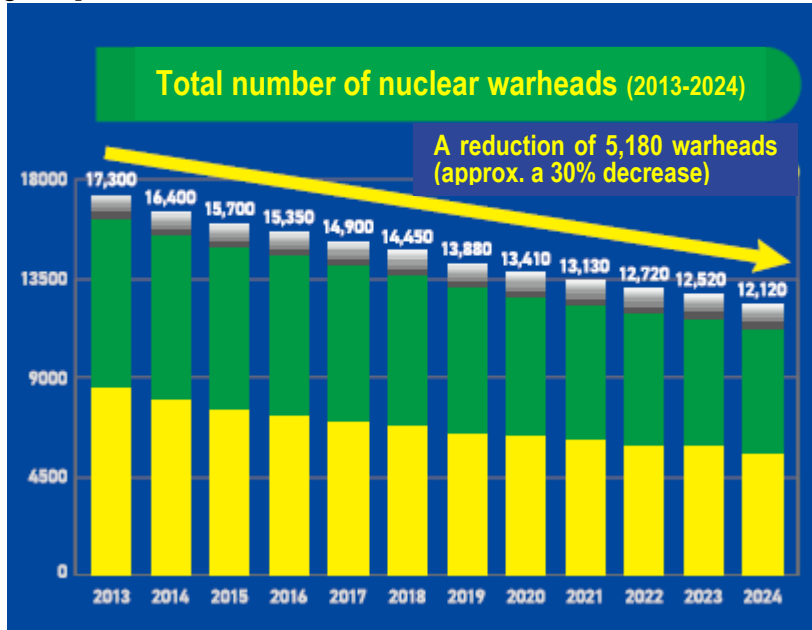
As introduced previously, RECNA has drastically change the design of the 2024 edition poster. Previous posters used icons to represent nuclear warheads by country and type, displaying the total number of warheads held by the nine nuclear-armed states. The total number in 2024 is 12,120. Looking at the trend in total numbers from 2013, when the poster first appeared, to 2024, we can see a consistent decrease. Over the 11-year period, 5,180 warheads have been reduced, which means approximately 30% have been eliminated [Figure 1].

The total number of nuclear warheads remains a key indicator for understanding the global situation surrounding nuclear weapons. However, as international tensions rise and the risk of nuclear weapons being used increases, a poster showing a steadily declining total fails to fully capture the current state of the world. Much of the reduction in warheads is attributed to the "retired and to be dismantled" warheads from the two nuclear superpowers, the United States and Russia—many of which are aging and date back to the Cold War era. Therefore, the decrease in numbers does not necessarily indicate a reduction or weakening of these nations' nuclear capabilities. In fact, what is occurring is a consolidation of warhead types as part of nuclear modernization efforts, which can be viewed as a qualitative nuclear arms race, leading to a lower total count.

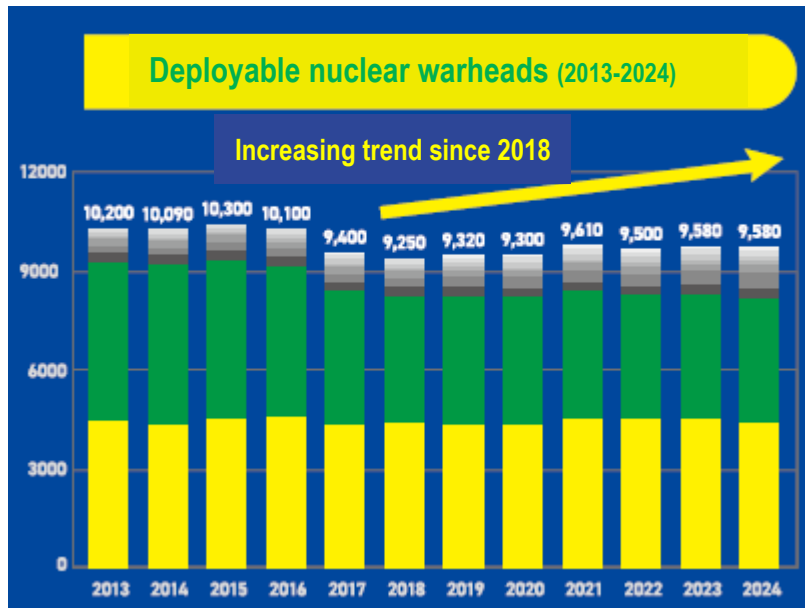
Our focus, therefore, shifts to the number of "deployable nuclear warheads," calculated by subtracting the "retired and to be dismantled" warheads from the total count. This represents the sum of warheads that are either deployed and ready for immediate use or stored in preparation for deployment. When examining the trend from

2013 to 2024, the reduction is modest, with a decrease of only 617 warheads, from 10,200 in 2013 to 9,583 in 2024. Moreover, since 2018, there has been an upward trend, signaling that nuclear arms buildup is advancing globally [Figure 2]. (To be continued)

[Figure 1]



[Figure 2]



Peace-related news from Hiroshima

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Big news arrived here on October 11. The Norwegian Nobel Committee announced that the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo), a nationwide organization of A-bomb survivor ('hibakusha') groups, had been awarded this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

The Nihon Hidankyo organization was founded in 1956 by people who had experienced the atomic bombing in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. While calling on Japan's national government to provide compensation for damages caused by the atomic bombings, the organization has worked in nations around the world to share testimonies of experiences in the bombings and make appeals for the elimination of nuclear weapons. The decision to award the group the prize this time rests on its 68-year history of challenges and hardship. As wars persist across the globe, the award can be said to serve as a message to the international community to avoid nuclear war and achieve world peace.

The Chugoku Shimbun has consistently and closely reported on the hibakusha movement since the end of the war, carrying innumerable articles in the pages of our newspaper. Although only a small fraction of the total, articles translated into English are also available on our website. Since many of those who supported the efforts of Nihon Hidankyo and the hibakusha movement over the years have passed away, they were not around to hear the announcement of the award decision. We hope that everyone can learn more about the history crafted by such individuals through our many published articles.

Please access the following websites and read our peace-related news.

Novelist Kenzaburo Oe’s handwritten document sent to Nihon Hidankyo in 1989 reveals solidarity with A-bomb survivors, describes each experience as “universal”

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=138694>

My guidepost, Hiroshima pioneers: Laid foundation for A-bomb survivors’ movement through calls from Hiroshima

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=139864>

My guidepost, Hiroshima pioneers: Tomoki Deyama, 53, NHK announcer—Kiyoshi and Ikimi Kikkawa

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=146183>

History of Hiroshima: 1945-1995 (Part 5, Article 1): the Early Days of the A-bomb Survivors’ Movement

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=27450>

History of Hiroshima: 1945-1995 (Part 5, Article 2): Nihon Hidankyo

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=27454>

The A-bomb Survivors’ Movement: The Past 50 Years, Part 1 [1] “It's good to be alive”

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=23896>

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