

Wish for peace from Hiroshima to the World!

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My name is Sue. I am originally from England and have lived in Japan for a long time because I love Japan and it's people

I recognise that Japan is a very unique country because it is the only country in the world to have suffered nuclear attacks, and since then has not engaged in any war activities. I think that this is a very positive model for the world.

One day I heard that there is a flame called "The Peace Flame" that hasn't gone out for the 70 years since Hiroshima was bombed.

At the time, I thought of it as a symbol of the wish for world peace from the people of Hiroshima. It felt that it had the power to transform the world and purify the wounds and painful memories of our past.

The wounds, hatred and feelings of guilt are very deeply rooted in our human heart. They have been inherited from generation to generation and can still be an excuse for going to war.

But on the other hand, we have a part of our heart that can pray for a bright future for the world. I truly believe prayer has the power to heal our wounds, hatred and feelings of guilt.

That's why I want to bring "The Peace Flame" from Hiroshima to Tokyo approximately 850 km by bicycle with prayers and Nembutsu (Buddhist Chanting).

And the flame that I bring to Tokyo will be destined for Jerusalem, as part of the Earth Caravan project traveling through various places in Europe on its way to the Middle East.

The flame will be lighted in the main places of the Earth Caravan event as a symbol of peace. I believe that by people praying in front of "The Peace Flame", it will light up the peace flame in each of our hearts.

The Earth caravan project was born from the wish for peace, happiness and freedom for all people equally without discrimination or country borders.

I have no doubt that this wish is the global wish of all people in every part of the world.

Therefore I truly believe that many people, who have this same wish in their heart, will support the Earth Caravan and my peace flame bicycling pilgrimage.

This is a message to the people of Japan... "If you see me somewhere cycling hard, please encourage me by waving and cheering me on, because I am sure that I will be struggling with quite a lot of pain in my legs!

Share the Earth, Happiness and Freedom to all !!!