



CITY OF NAGASAKI

Mayoral Message

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On behalf of the citizens of Nagasaki, I would like to extend this message to the “2017 Earth Caravan.”

I would like to pay my deep respect to your efforts in promoting this project, which values the preciousness of life regardless of race, religion, nationality, ideology, and belief. The project aims to promote cross-cultural understanding and mutual understanding so as to realize a peaceful world without nuclear weapons and war.

At 11:02 a.m., August 9th, 1945, Nagasaki was devastated by a single atomic bomb. 74,000 precious lives were lost, and a further 75,000 were injured. Those who narrowly survived carry deep mental and physical wounds that will never heal. Even today, 72 years after the bombing, many people are still suffering from the aftereffects of radiation.

The inhumanity of nuclear weapons has gained international recognition and is now making a big movement towards the establishment of a nuclear weapons ban treaty, which would be historically significant. However, this treaty would not instantly eliminate nuclear weapons. In order to utilize this treaty to show the way towards a “world without nuclear weapons”, which is the common wish of the hibakusha and humankind, we, the next generation must think of what each of us can do and take action.

In that sense, participants of the “2017 Earth Caravan” are exactly doing this by taking a step with their actions. I sincerely hope that you will continue to work together with the citizens of Nagasaki towards the abolition of nuclear weapons and everlasting world peace.

In closing, I wish for the success of the “2017 Earth Caravan” and for your good health and happiness.

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