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Mayors for Peace Member Cities

8,234 cities

in **166** countries and regions

(as of January 1, 2023)

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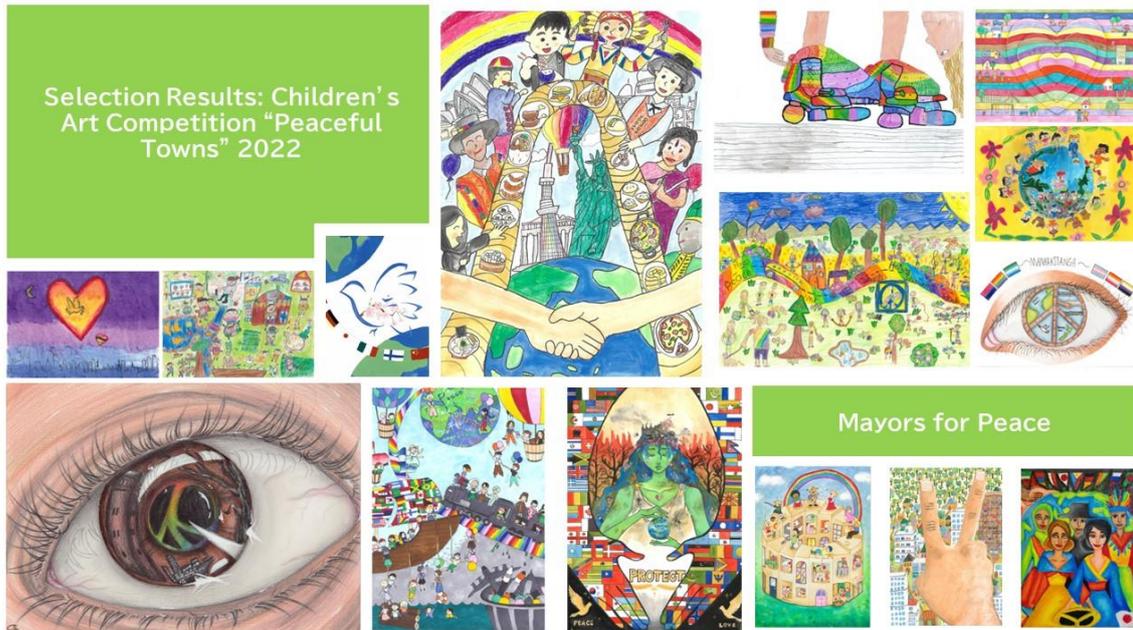
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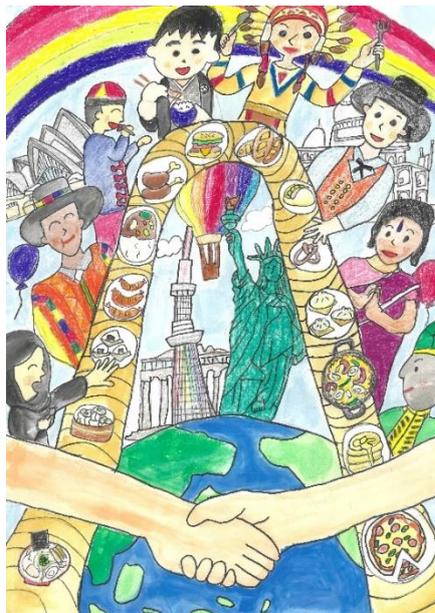
Congratulations to the Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns" 2022 winners!



In order to expand peace education efforts in its member cities, Mayors for Peace holds an annual Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns" for children from 6 to 15 years old in all member cities.

For the fifth competition in 2022, a total of 8,644 artworks were submitted to 86 member cities in 15 countries. They went through a screening process handled by their respective member cities, after which 489 artworks were sent to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat in Hiroshima. The final screening was conducted by the Secretariat, and 15 artworks were awarded prizes. Congratulations go to all the award winners!

The award-winning artworks are now displayed on the Mayors for Peace website with each artist's message of peace that inspired their works. Please have a look at these excellent paintings. The Mayors for Peace President's Award-winning artwork will be printed on plastic folders, which will be used in a variety of settings including conferences of the United Nations.



The Mayors for Peace President's Award-winning artwork
by Kuga Kanematsu (10 years old) from Obu, Japan

 Selection results: Mayors for Peace Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns" 2022 (Mayors for Peace website): <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/2022/post-221227-2/>

Member city recruitment model case

Mayors for Peace aims to expand its membership to foster international public support to realize a world without nuclear weapons. To encourage recruitment of new members, this January Issue showcases successful recruitment activities by the City of Puchheim, Germany. Puchheim's invitations have led three cities to join the Mayors for Peace network: Nagykanizsa, Hungary (on October 1, 2022), and Attnang-Puchheim, Austria, and Zalakaros, Hungary (both on January 1, 2023).

First Mayor Norbert Seidl of Puchheim invites partner cities to join Mayors for Peace

Report by Ms. Sonja Weinbuch, the City of Puchheim

The City of Puchheim has been a member of Mayors for Peace since April 2022. By introducing this opportunity to its partner cities, Puchheim convinced three more European cities to join the organization.

In a letter, Puchheim's First Mayor Norbert Seidl briefly presented the initiatives of Mayors for Peace to his colleagues in Puchheim's four partner cities, asking them to send a strong signal of solidarity by jointly becoming members. Handing out membership information of Mayors for Peace to Mayors Peter Groß from Attnang-Puchheim, Austria, László Balogh of Nagykanizsa and Ferenc Novák of Zalakaros (both in Hungary) when they personally met in the summer 2022, Mayor Seidl reaffirmed his desire to promote the international understanding and the commitment to peace. He thinks that Mayors for Peace offers a great opportunity for cities to set a sign for peace and friendship in Europe on a municipal level, especially during this difficult time with war raging in Ukraine. "I am very pleased that our partners in Austria and Hungary have joined the organization," emphasized Mayor Seidl. For the next personal encounters with his colleagues, he plans to present them with the Mayors for Peace flag.



(From left to right): Mayor László Balogh of Nagykanizsa, Mayor Norbert Seidl of Puchheim, and Mayor Peter Groß of Attnang-Puchheim at the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the town twinning between Puchheim and Attnang-Puchheim at the Puchheim Folk Festival in June 2022.

Photos: courtesy of the City of Puchheim



Mayor Ferenc Novák of Zalakaros (left) presents Mayor Norbert Seidl of Puchheim (right) with a medal for participating in Hungary's largest cycling competition in Zalakaros in October 2022.

We hope this model case inspires your city to invite non-member cities in your country/region, your sister cities, and any other cities you have relationship with to join Mayors for Peace. In your recruitment activities, you are always welcome to use document packs—sets of recruitment documents including the letter of request to join Mayors for Peace—available in ten languages on the Mayors for Peace website.

 Letters of request to join Mayors for Peace and document pack (Mayors for Peace website): <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/about-us/resources/>

Please share your city's successful recruiting activity

The Mayors for Peace Secretariat is looking for model cases of recruiting new members. We would like to share successful cases in the News Flash to further promote member cities' recruitment efforts. Please contact the Secretariat to share your experience!

Email: mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

Introducing Executive Cities on Mayors for Peace social media accounts

At Mayors for Peace, whose member cities have reached a total of 8,234 in 166 countries and regions (as of January 1, 2023), [21 cities](#) from different parts of the world serve as Executive Cities.

To let more people know about the Executive Cities, [the Mayors for Peace official Twitter account \(@Mayors4Peace\)](#) and [Facebook account \(@mayorsforpeace\)](#) present the following three kinds of information from eight Executive Cities: (1) messages from the Mayors, (2) what the Cities are famous for, and (3) peace events.

The Mayors for Peace News Flash also introduces these Executive Cities in series.

Following the December Issue, this January Issue introduces Hannover, Germany, and Malakoff, France.

● Hannover, Germany



(1) Message from Mayor Belit Onay

“Our future is still threatened by around 13,000 nuclear weapons.

We advocate the abolition of these weapons and Germany’s ratification to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.”



(2) What Is the City Famous for?

Hannover has:

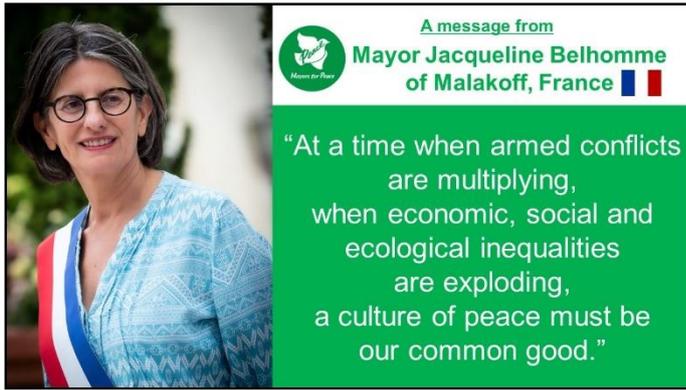
- New Town Hall,
- Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen, and
- Lüttje Lage!



(3) Peace Events

- On Aug 6 every year, Hannover commemorates the Hiroshima Memorial Day.
- On July 8, the city hoists the Mayors for Peace flag together with other German member cities in front of their town halls.

● **Malakoff, France**



(1) Message from Mayor Jacqueline Belhomme

“At a time when armed conflicts are multiplying, when economic, social and ecological inequalities are exploding, a culture of peace must be our common good.”



(2) What Is the City Famous for?

Malakoff has:

- Malakoff Tower,
- Théâtre 71, and
- Usine Clacquesin (a former distillery which is an archeological heritage)!



(3) Peace Events

Every year around Sep 21, public events are organized by local peace associations, supported by the municipality, to commemorate the International Day of Peace.

The Mayors for Peace official social media accounts not only introduce Executive Cities but also present a variety of news stories with photos and images. Please follow us!

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Regional chapter activities

● French Chapter

Sport and Peace: The Mayor of Grigny meets the Mayor of Granollers in the framework of Sport!OP!

Report by Ms. Loréna Schlicht, AFCDRP–Mayors for Peace France

On December 15, 2022, Mr. Philippe Rio, Mayor of Grigny and President of Mayors for Peace French Chapter (AFCDRP), visited Granollers, Spain, a Mayors for Peace Vice President City. This visit was arranged as part of “Sport!OP!” (Opportunities for the Inclusion of Vulnerable Youth through Sport)—a Europe-wide exchange project on sports practices within the Erasmus+ program, EU’s program to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe. Implemented specifically in six different regions in Europe (Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Spain and Sweden), Sport!OP! aims to improve the well-being of vulnerable youth by building resilience and developing social skills by formulating local strategies to utilize sport participation as a vehicle for social inclusion.



Photos: courtesy of AFCDRP–Mayors for Peace France

Mayor Rio, who in 2020 had welcomed the then Mayor of Granollers, Mr. Josep Mayoral, and a Sport!OP! delegation in Grigny, visited Granollers this time and met the current mayor, Mayor Alba Barnusell, as well as Former Mayor Mayoral. Philippe Louison, Deputy Head for Sport at the City of Grigny, represented Mayor Rio at final conferences during the visit.

European cooperation is woven through these initiatives for peace, and we will continue forging peaceful links with representatives of foreign cities.

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

Help us tell other members what you are doing! 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](#) 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 receiving ones!

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.

Mayors for Peace member cities: 8,234 cities in 166 countries/regions

On January 1, we gained 6 new member cities, bringing our total membership to 8,234. 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
Austria	Attnang-Puchheim	121	Thanks to efforts by Puchheim, a member city in Germany (see page 2).
Canada	Terrebonne	112	
Germany	Glienicke/Nordbahn and Niefern-Öschelbronn	845	Thanks to efforts by Hannover, a Vice President and Lead City.
Hungary	Zalakaros	7	Thanks to efforts by Puchheim, a member city in Germany (see page 2).
UK	Skipton	87	Thanks to efforts by Bike for Peace, a peace organization in Norway.



List of new members (PDF):

https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/file-2212-newmembers2301_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 10 different languages: Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

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

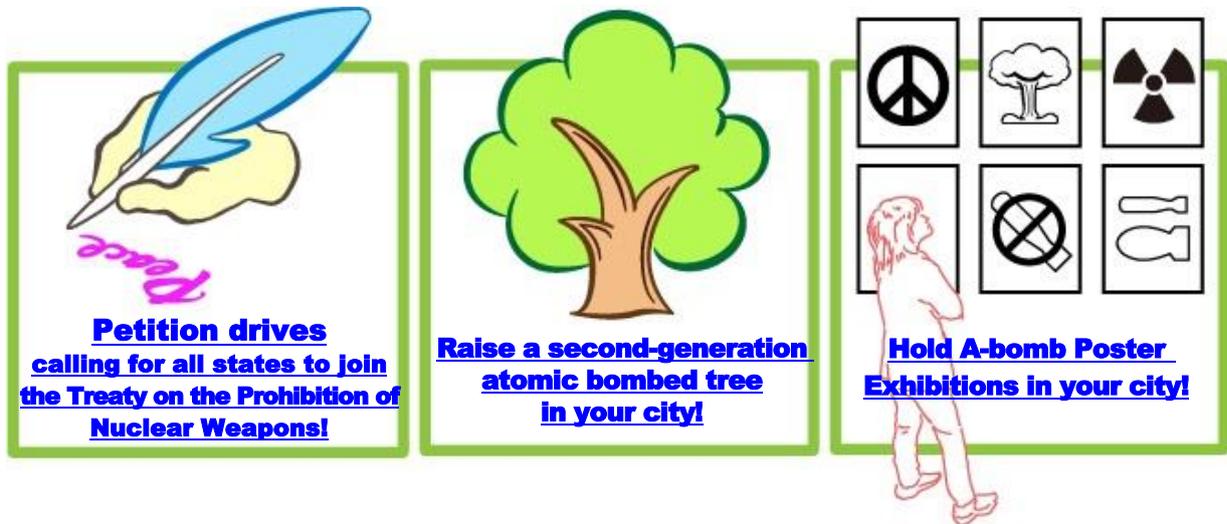
At the 12th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace held online in July 2021, we adopted the latest Action Plan (2021–2025). Together, let us continue our utmost efforts toward our ultimate goal of realizing lasting world peace. Please implement initiatives outlined in the Action Plan within your own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

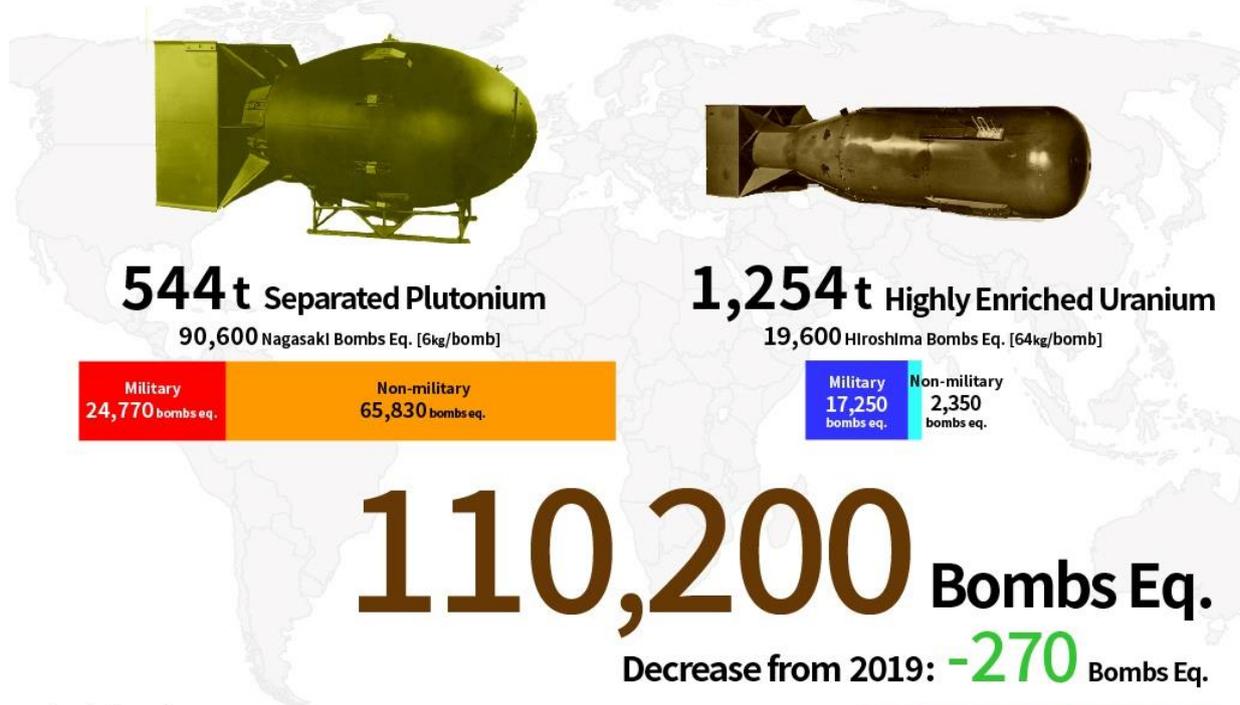
The Mayors for Peace Secretariat has been seeking examples of peace education initiatives conducted by any organization (city government/school/NGO, etc.) in Mayors for Peace member cities. The Mayors for Peace Secretariat accepts reports on a rolling basis, so please send your report whenever your project 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 Fissile Material Inventory in 2022” Part 2
Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA)

Global Inventory of Separated Plutonium and Highly Enriched Uranium



[End of 2020]

©: RECNA Fissile Material Data Monitoring Team

Image: courtesy of RECNA

Some special materials are indispensable for producing nuclear weapons: highly enriched uranium (HEU) and plutonium. As shown below, as of the end of 2020, there are 1,254 tons of HEU and 544 tons of separated plutonium in the world, from which we can produce more than 110,000 Hiroshima- and Nagasaki-type bombs. In this article, we will explain in detail what HEU and plutonium are.

Uranium is an element that exists in nature with a number of isotopes. Most of uranium (99.3%) that exists in nature is less fissionable uranium-238, while only 0.7% of uranium is fissile: uranium-235. Natural uranium cannot be used as materials for producing nuclear weapons or fueling power reactors as it is. The ratio of uranium-235 therefore needs to be increased in a process known as uranium enrichment. Uranium enriched to 90% or more is weapons-grade material, but uranium enriched to 20% or more is considered to be usable for nuclear weapons as well. This is called highly enriched uranium (HEU). On the other hand, the nuclear fuel installed in ordinary nuclear power plants contains uranium enriched to about 3 to 5%, and is called low-enriched uranium (LEU).

Plutonium, in contrast, does not exist in nature, and is automatically produced when nuclear reactors are operated. The method of extracting plutonium from spent fuel is called reprocessing. The plutonium extracted from ordinary nuclear power plants is called reactor-grade plutonium, which some of you might consider as unsuitable for nuclear weapons production unlike purer weapon-grade plutonium. But this is not accurate. We could produce nuclear weapons even with reactor-grade plutonium.

For more detailed information, please visit RECNA’s website:
<https://www.recna.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/recna/en-topics/41356>

Peace-related news from Hiroshima

(Provided by the Chugoku Shimbun Hiroshima Peace Media Center)

We all have welcomed in 2023 even as the Ukraine crisis remains unresolved and the danger of nuclear weapons' use somewhere in the world continues to rise. In this new year, marking the 78th anniversary of the atomic bombings, the end of the coronavirus pandemic is still nowhere in sight.

This coming May, the summit meeting of the G7 (Group of Seven industrialized nations) will be held in Hiroshima. The seven nations scheduled to gather in the A-bombed city comprise nuclear weapons states and nations that have made the decision to rely on nuclear deterrence provided by their allies. All of the members maintain a passive approach with respect to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). To the leaders of those countries, Hiroshima and Nagasaki are called upon to communicate the message that nuclear weapons are unacceptable regardless of the country possessing them. Against that backdrop, the second meeting of States Parties to the TPNW is scheduled to be held in New York City later this year. That gathering represents the next step in further strengthening the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

Any use of nuclear weapons ever again would bring about tragic and devastating consequences. So long as even a single nuclear weapon exists, there is a possibility it will be used. We must all face up to that reality. This year will put Hiroshima's words and actions to the test. January 1, 2023, marked the 15th year since the establishment of the Chugoku Shimbun Hiroshima Peace Media Center. The aim of the center's founding was wide-ranging communication of the newspaper's reporting on the atomic bombings and peace through the internet, not only in Hiroshima Prefecture and its surrounding areas but throughout Japan and the rest of the world. We hope to further our efforts as a source of information that endeavors to support members of the public in conveying their message of peace from Hiroshima.

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

Tsunehiro Tomoda from Osaka, who became an A-bomb orphan at age of 9, tries to find his grandmother's grave in Hiroshima again to show his appreciation to her, after telling of his bombing experience at his old school

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=126826>

Participants of international conference in New Zealand entrust 1,000 paper cranes to Ms. Tanaka, A-bomb survivor, pledging to abolish nuclear weapons

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=126837>

Shedding light on Chinese A-bomb survivors — Volunteer guides form group with plan to establish memorial monument

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=126834>

Junior Writers Reporting: Five months to the Hiroshima Summit—Conveying the memories of the atomic bombing in foreign language

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?junior=2023>

Striving to fill voids in Hiroshima—In a first, photo of Chinese student exposed to A-bombing at women's dormitory registered with Hiroshima Peace Memorial Hall

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=127294>

New audio-visual teaching materials for peace education available online

“Widely convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war” is one of the initiatives Mayors for Peace advocates in the “Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2021–2025).” We hope you could use the below audio-visual teaching materials for peace education as a tool for passing down the *hibakusha*’s experiences of the atomic bombings to as many people as possible and having them share in the *hibakusha*’s sincere desire for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Hiroshima Television Corporation (HTV), television station headquartered in Hiroshima City, has created new audio-visual teaching materials for peace education, utilizing the past documentaries on what happened on August 6th, 1945.

As a broadcast station in the city where the first atomic bomb was dropped over humanity, HTV has been reporting on the horrors of what nuclear weapons bring to humankind since its establishment about 60 years ago. In cooperation with the Hiroshima Municipal Board of Education, HTV has remade some of these programs as teaching materials to share how people have suffered from the atomic bombing with educational institutions around the world.

We hope many people will make use of these audio-visual teaching materials for peace education.

The teaching materials can be accessed from the following website.

 “What we can learn from Hiroshima: HTV teaching materials for peace” (HTV website):
<https://www.htv.jp/hirosximalearn/en/>



Website Homepage
Image: courtesy of Hiroshima Television Corporation

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