

HIROSHIMA DAY CANDLE FLOAT



Message from the Mayor of Hiroshima

It is an honor and a pleasure to send this message on the occasion of Hiroshima Day Candle Float.

At 8.15 a.m. on August 6, 1945, an absolute evil, an atomic bomb, exploded in the sky over Hiroshima. Under the roiling mushroom cloud, the lives of many innocent civilians were taken, and the city of Hiroshima was reduced to ashes. The scenes of hell burnt into their memory and the radiation eating away at their minds and bodies are even now sources of pain for those who managed to survive.

After 74 years, there remain around 14,000 nuclear warheads in the world, and the likelihood is growing that what we saw in Hiroshima after the explosion that day will return, by intent or accident, plunging people into agony. Furthermore, certain countries are blatantly proclaiming self-centred nationalism and modernising their nuclear arsenals, rekindling tensions that had eased with the end of the Cold War. If the human family forgets history or stops confronting it, we could again commit a terrible error. That is precisely why we must continue talking about Hiroshima, and efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons must continue based on intelligent actions by leaders around the world.

For leaders to focus their reason and insight on abolishing nuclear weapons, civil society must respect diversity, build mutual trust, and make nuclear abolition a value shared by all humankind. In this context, it is truly significant that you have come together and organised Hiroshima Day Candle Float to call for a peaceful world free of nuclear weapons and I extend to you my deepest respect.

The City of Hiroshima, together with over 7,700 Mayors for Peace member cities from 163 countries and regions, intends to create an environment to encourage world leaders to take such actions. I would like to ask all of you to continue to strive with us to eliminate the absolute evil that is nuclear weapons and to realise a peaceful world.

In closing, I extend my best wishes for the great success of this event as well as the good health and happiness of all in attendance.

August 6, 2019

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Mayor
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THE BAD NEWS.....

On August 2nd, 2019, the INF Treaty, signed in 1987 to keep nuclear weapons out of Europe and ending the presence of Cruise missiles at Greenham Common, came to an end after President Trump and President Putin withdrew the support of the USA and Russia.

This is a step towards a new arms race developing smaller nuclear weapons more likely to be used, placing Europe and the UK at much greater risk of suffering a nuclear attack.

The UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, warned that the world has lost ‘an invaluable brake on nuclear war’ as the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty ended.

THE GOOD NEWS.....

In 2017, 122 countries signed a motion that the United Nations adopt a Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

The Treaty is going through a ratification process requiring signatures from 50 countries to make the Treaty UN law. 24 have signed already.

Nuclear weapons, and all development and support connected with them, will be declared illegal, along with chemical and biological weapons, land mines and cluster bombs.

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