

A presentation by Richard Outram, Secretary,

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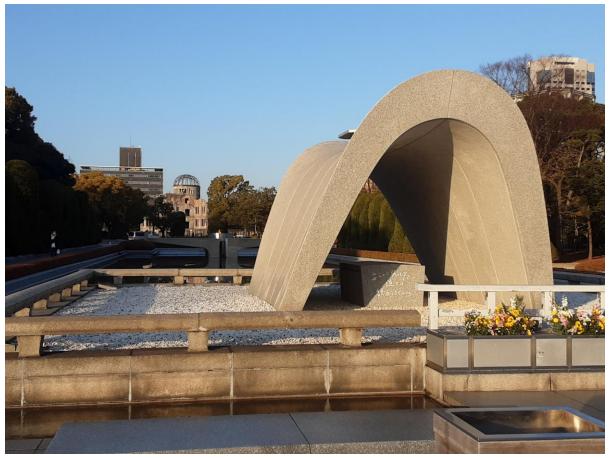










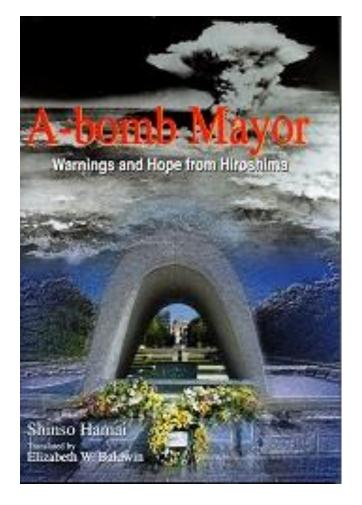












Let us join to sweep away from this earth the horror of war and to build a true peace.

Let us join in renouncing war eternally, and building a plan for world peace on this earth.

Here, under this peace tower, we thus make a declaration of peace.

Mayor Shinzo Hamai

The atomic bomb has given a new meaning to war. The suffering of Hiroshima has given a warning to all people everywhere.

That is to say, a warning that the ability to harness the power of nature for war will quickly develop until we have the power to annihilate mankind and destroy all its structures.

Please God, do not let us ignore this warning.

General Douglas MacArthur, Head of the Allied Occupation Forces







## 2020 Vision (Adopted Manchester 2003) Now PX Vision (2021-25)

#### **Objective A: Realise a world without nuclear weapons**

- Promote the universalisation of the TPNW by involving nuclear weapons states and allies
- Appeal to the UN and national governments for the abolition of nuclear weapons
- Support public calls by a wide range of citizens urging policymakers to effect policy change

# Objective B: Contribute to a sustainable Earth and society / Promote the SDGs

 Promote regional initiatives addressing local issues and challenges, such as terrorism, the plight of refugees, environmental degradation, acceptance of diversity and promotion of inclusion

#### Objective C: Foster and expand international public support

- Cultivate peace consciousness in civil society
- Widely convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war
- Develop youth leadership for future peace activities

#### Initiatives associated with the PX Vision

- A global membership drive to build to 10,000 towns and cities (8,237 as of 1 Feb 2023 in 166 countries and regions)
- A global petition drive promoting nuclear disarmament, the adherence of the nuclear weapons states to Article VI of the NPT and the value of the nuclear ban treaty (Collected signatures periodically handed in to UN, stands at 3.17 million signatures as of 1 Jan 2023)
- Conveying the message and experience (testimony) of the Hibakusha (A-bomb survivors)
- Asking Councils, especially in the nuclear armed states, to pass resolutions calling on their national Government to sign and ratify the nuclear ban treaty (now up to 29 plus Welsh Senedd and Scottish Parliament)
- Lobbying the UN and governments to sign the nuclear ban treaty and adhere to NPT (as a part of ICAN)
   (92 signatories, 68 ratifications)
- Marking symbolic days related to peace promotion (Hiroshima / Nagasaki Days; UN Int Day of Peace)
- Promoting Peace Education in schools and communities and Peace Tourism in cities
- Promoting public displays of the A-Bomb poster exhibition
- Holding events to mark Culture of Peace month in November
- Planting seeds from survivor trees round the world
- Promoting the Arts Competition to children and young people

### **UK/ Ireland Chapter**

Build membership (now 101)

Pass resolutions



Build activity amongst our members (meeting pending)

Plant more Hibaku trees, record sites of trees and peace trails

Support campaign for justice for Britain's nuclear test veterans

Working with partners (The European Chapter, NFLA, CND, ICAN, Nukewatch)

# My visit to Japan - 1

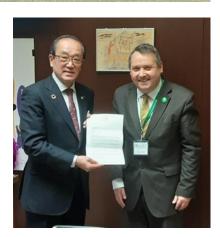




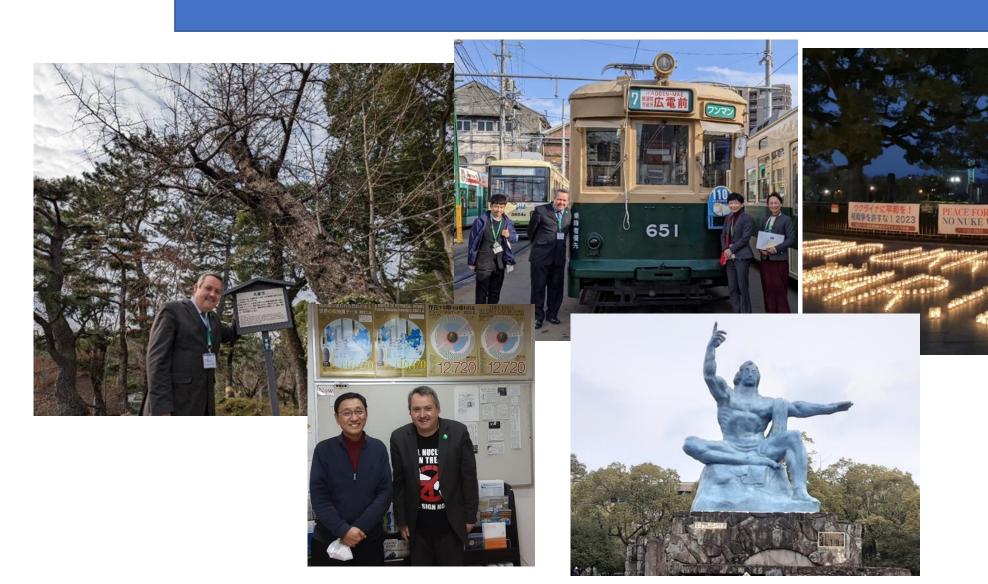








## My Visit to Japan 2





Things you <u>can</u> do now



Sign the Petition
Ask People to Sign the Petition on Street Stalls
<a href="https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/visions/initiatives/petitions/">https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/visions/initiatives/petitions/</a>



- Please help us spread our initiatives by retweeting/sharing our posts.
- We would also appreciate it if you could mention our account when you tweet about topics relevant to Mayors for Peace such as your peace activities to promote our cause.

Sign up to Mayors for Peace and UK Chapter social media and share posts

Invite your Council to join Mayors for Peace

https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/aboutus/resources/#recruit Mark Hiroshima or Nagasaki Day

Plant Hibaku Trees

Ask your Council to pass a resolution calling on the UK to sign the TPNW





#### No More Hibakusha!!!

#### Thanks for listening

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