



## Mayors for Peace

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To the Honorable Mayor  
Mayors for Peace Member City

Dear Mayor:

Let me begin by thanking you for your ongoing support for Mayors for Peace.

As I informed you in my letter of March 31, 2020, Mayors for Peace had planned to hold its 10<sup>th</sup> General Conference in Hiroshima this August. However, we are unfortunately unlikely to see an early end to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we have therefore decided not to hold the General Conference this year, but to work on holding it in Hiroshima in August next year—returning it to its regular quadrennial cycle.

In line with this postponement, while Mayors for Peace will adopt a new Vision and its Action Plan at the General Conference next year, it has been determined that the 2020 Vision will terminate at the end of this year and that the current Action Plan based on the 2020 Vision will temporarily remain effective until next year's General Conference. This decision was made by Executive Members' voting via email. Your kind understanding will be most appreciated.

Mayors for Peace has set the “realization of safe and resilient cities” in addition to the “realization of a world without nuclear weapons” as its objectives to walk on a path toward everlasting world peace. In the face of the common threat of COVID-19, municipalities have a duty to work in firm solidarity all the more with their citizens to secure their safety. I hope we can continue to count on your understanding of and support for the initiatives of Mayors for Peace.

In closing, I wish to extend my sincerest prayer that the global pandemic of COVID-19 will subside as soon as possible, and look forward to meeting you in person at the General Conference next year.

Sincerely yours,

MATSUI Kazumi  
Mayor of Hiroshima  
President of Mayors for Peace