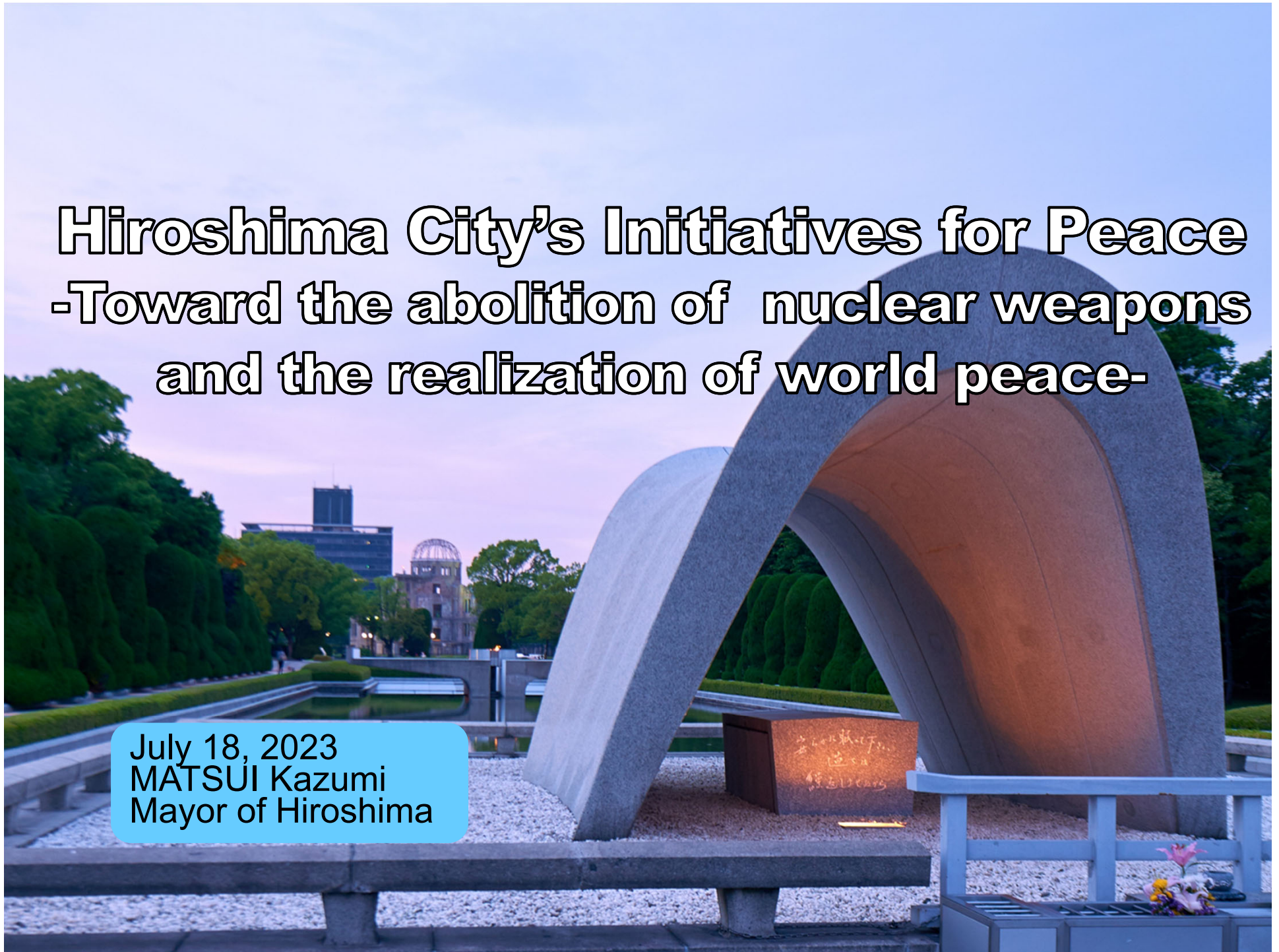


# Hiroshima City's Initiatives for Peace

## -Toward the abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of world peace-

July 18, 2023  
MATSUI Kazumi  
Mayor of Hiroshima

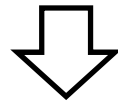


# The Hiroshima Peace Memorial City Construction Law

(Enacted on August 6, 1949)

**Article 1** It shall be the object of the present law to provide for the construction of the city of Hiroshima as a peace memorial city to symbolize the human ideal of sincere pursuit of genuine and lasting peace.

**Article 6** The mayor of Hiroshima shall, with the cooperation of residents and support from relevant organizations, establish a program of continuous activity toward completion of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial City.



**Accomplish our goal of becoming an  
International Peace Culture City**

# **1. Promote the Initiatives for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons**

- ☐ Promoting Peace through Welcoming Visitors
  - (1) Invite international conferences to be held in Hiroshima
  - (2) Urge policymakers around the world to visit Hiroshima
- ☐ Mayors for Peace
- ☐ Create and disseminate the Peace Declaration

## **2. Raise Awareness of Peace**

- ☐ Promote the Culture of Peace
  - Culture of Peace Month

## **3. Convey the Realities of the Atomic Bombing to Future Generations**

- ☐ Manage the Peace Memorial Museum
- ☐ Preserve atomic-bombed buildings and trees
- ☐ Train official A-bomb Legacy Successors





# 1. Promote Initiatives for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

## Promote Peace through Welcoming Visitors

**It is important to have many policymakers come to Hiroshima to:**

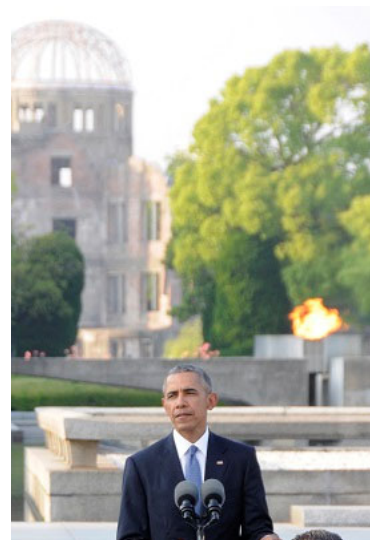
- Understand the reality of the atomic bombing,
- Strive for nuclear abolition

**To foster this, we will:**

- Urge policymakers from nuclear weapons states to visit Hiroshima
- Invite international conferences to address issues regarding nuclear abolition



G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Hiroshima  
(April 2016)



US President Barack Obama  
(May 2016)



Pope Francis  
(November 2019)

# 1. Promote Initiatives for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

## G7 Hiroshima Summit (May 2023)



Wreath laying ceremony



G7 leaders signing the guest book



Mayor Matsui explaining about the Cenotaph for the A-bomb Victims



Mayor Matsui escorting the leaders of the invited countries and heads of international organizations



# 1. Promote Initiatives for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons



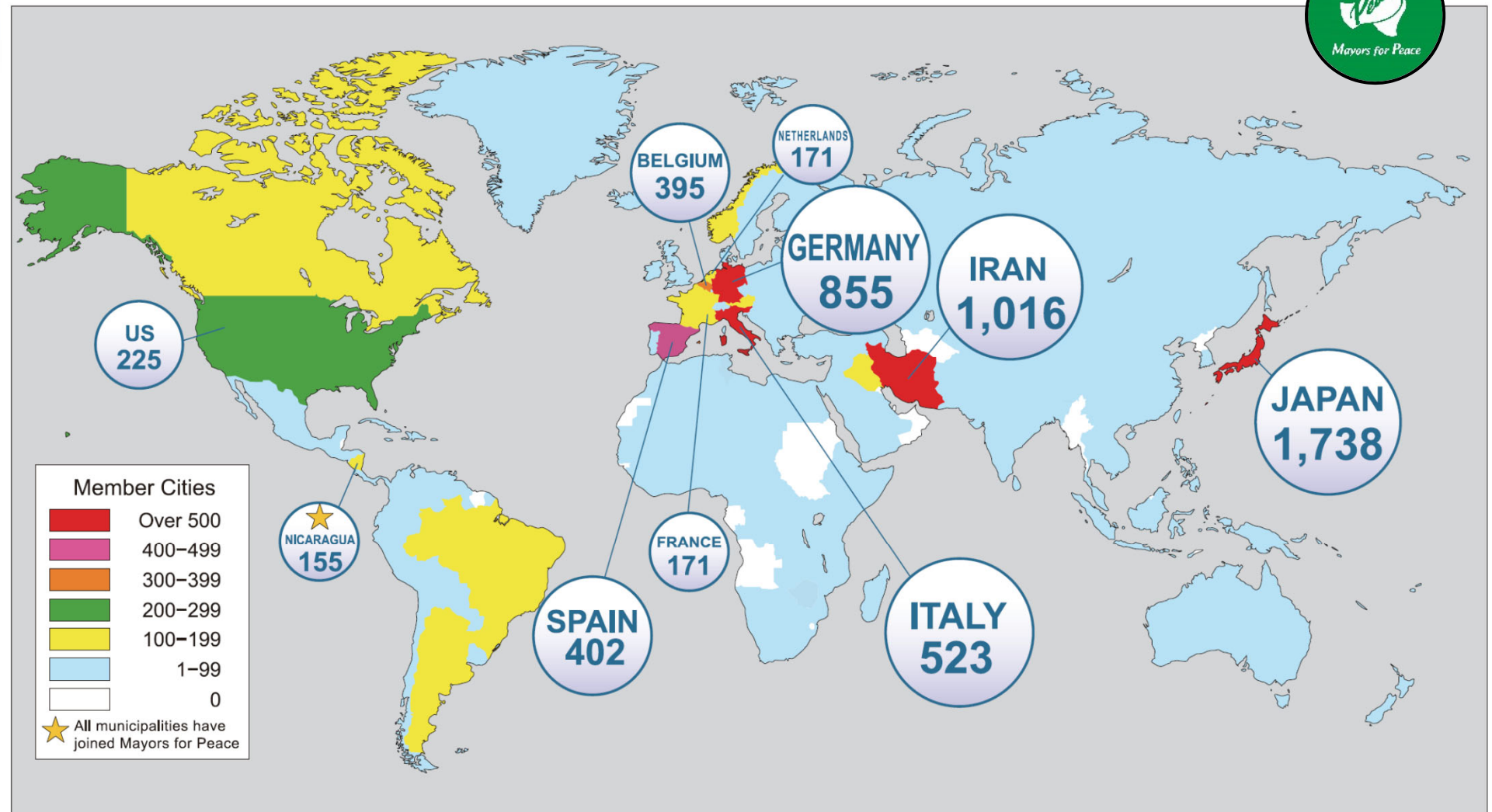
## Mayors for Peace

- ❑ Established in 1982 (registered as an NGO in the UN Economic and Social Council in 1991)
- ❑ Members: 8,265 from 166 countries and regions (as of July 1, 2023)
- ❑ President: Mayor of Hiroshima, Vice-President: 11 mayors



## [Map Showing Mayors for Peace Member Cities]

(Top 10 countries in terms of number of member cities)



(As of July 1, 2023)

# 1. Promote Initiatives for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons



**Lasting world peace**

**A:**

**Realize a world without  
nuclear weapons**

Sharing in the will of *hibakusha*

**B:**

**Realize safe and resilient  
cities**

Contributing to a sustainable earth  
and society: promoting SDGs

**C: Promote the culture of peace**

Fostering and expanding international public support



# 1. Promote Initiatives for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

## Peace Declaration

Delivered by the Mayor of Hiroshima during the annual Peace Memorial Ceremony on August 6



Mayor Hamai delivering the Peace Declaration (1952)



Mayor Matsui delivering the Peace Declaration (2022)

## 2. Raise Awareness of Peace

### The Culture of Peace



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### Culture of Peace Month

The City of Hiroshima designated the month of November as Culture of Peace Month during which a variety of peace-related events are held.



Culture of Peace Month Logo



### 3. Convey the Reality of the Atomic Bombing to Future Generations

#### Strengthening our Means of Disseminating Information About Peace

##### Peace Memorial Museum

##### Exhibit Facility for Atomic-Bombed Remnants

###### East Building

Renovated in Apr. 2017



###### Main Building

Renovated in Apr. 2019



Opened in Mar. 2022

### 3. Convey the Reality of the Atomic Bombing to Future Generations

**A-bombed buildings and trees are valuable witnesses to history that convey the realities of the bombing**

#### A-bombed Buildings

**Criteria:** Must be an existing A-bombed building within 5 km from the hypocenter

**Registered buildings:** 86 (22 owned publicly, 64 owned privately)

#### A-bombed Trees

**Criteria:** Must be existing an A-bombed tree within 2 km from the hypocenter

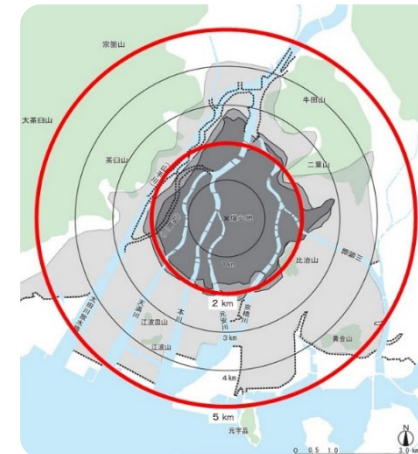
**Registered trees:** Approximately 160



Atomic Bomb Dome



Aogiri Phoenix Tree



Hypocenter

### 3. Convey the Reality of the Atomic Bombing to Future Generations

## Training official A-bomb Legacy Successors

### Number of A-bomb Legacy Successors: 195

- ☐ After a 2-year training program, legacy successors give presentations to students on field trips and others at the Peace Memorial Museum or are dispatched to venues upon request from schools or other entities.



### ***Hibakusha* Family Member Legacy Successor: 7**

- ☐ Program began in FY 2022 to inherit and convey wider variety of *hibakusha* experiences by members of their families.



**The Will of the *Hibakusha*:**  
**“No one else should suffer as we have”**



**The inscription reads:**  
**Let all the souls here rest in peace;**  
**for we shall not repeat the evil.**