



CITY OF NAGASAKI

August 6, 2013

Mayoral Message

On behalf of the citizens of Nagasaki, I would like to extend our congratulatory message to the Atomic Bomb Tree Planting Ceremony.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the International Committee for the Red Cross for their continued efforts towards the abolition of nuclear weapons and establishing world peace.

At 11:02 a.m., August 9th, 1945, Nagasaki was devastated by an atomic bomb. 74,000 people were killed in the explosion and a further 75,000 suffered injuries. Even today, 68 years after the bombing, many people are suffering from illnesses caused by the aftereffects of the bomb.

The citizens of Nagasaki have continuously engaged in conveying the reality of the atomic bombing and appealing for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Currently, there is an international movement towards establishing an International Law to ban nuclear weapons from the perspective of their inhumanity. We welcome this movement and believe our efforts have contributed to this momentum.

In order to realize a world without nuclear weapons, we need join forces to build on this momentum, overcoming differences in countries and ages.

I hope that the planted Atomic Bomb Tree will set its roots and grow symbolizing the preciousness of peace

In closing, I extend my best wishes for the good health and happiness to all participants

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Mayor of Nagasaki