



## CITY OF NAGASAKI

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### MESSAGE

On behalf of the citizens of Nagasaki, it is my great honor to address you on the occasion of the Fifth Annual Japanese Peace Lantern Ceremony, held in the City of Berkeley, to coincide with the annual commemorations of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere respect and utmost gratitude to the city of Berkeley, a member of the *Mayors for Peace* Organization, for its continuing efforts to promote peace.

Sixty-one years ago, on August 9, 1945, the city of Nagasaki was devastated by an atomic bomb. The citizens of Nagasaki are united in their wish that such pain and suffering should never again be inflicted on the peoples of the world, and, together with the citizens of Hiroshima, have consistently called for the eradication of nuclear weapons.

Recent developments in world affairs are very alarming and I cannot help feeling a sense of crisis that the world is again moving towards a nuclear arms race and increased nuclear proliferation.

In order to break this impasse, we will be holding the third *Nagasaki Global Citizen's Assembly for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons* this October. NGOs from all over the world will gather in Nagasaki to strengthen international solidarity and send a strong message to the international community calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

A change in international society can only be affected by the citizens of the world through the power of a grass-roots movement. I appeal for us to work in solidarity and in coalition with the citizens and NGOs striving for peace so that we may bring about the abolition of nuclear weapons at the earliest possible date.

Lastly, I would like to extend my warm wishes for the good health of all the people attending this ceremony and for the continued prosperity of the City of Berkeley.

Ichho Itoh

Mayor of Nagasaki  
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