



## CITY OF NAGASAKI

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### Mayoral Message

On behalf of the citizens of Nagasaki, I would like to extend this message to the “Berkeley Peace Lantern Ceremony”.

At 11:02 a.m., August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1945, Nagasaki was devastated by an atomic bomb. 74,000 precious lives were lost and a further 75,000 suffered injuries. Even today, 70 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 so that the tragedies caused from the use of nuclear weapons will never be repeated.

I have attended the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference held in UN Headquarters this April, amid growing international consensus on the inhumanity of nuclear weapons. At the NGO presentation, I made an appeal to the government representatives to “make this Review Conference a turning point in the creation of a new world which denies the value of nuclear weapons” and asked “not only heads of state and heads of government, but all those involved in the nuclear problem, to come to Hiroshima and Nagasaki.”

The dangers posed by the use of nuclear weapons are not past issue only for Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but current and future issue faced by our entire world. Nagasaki will continue to strive for the abolition of nuclear weapons and everlasting world peace.

Through “Berkeley Peace Lantern Ceremony”, I hope that the citizens of Berkeley will share our wish for peace and spread the voice calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

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

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Mayor of Nagasaki