

**“Hiroshima for Global Peace” Plan**  
**Action Plan: FY2019-2021**

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**1. Action Plan**

Hiroshima Prefecture received recommendations in the form of the “Hiroshima for Global Peace” Plan from the “Hiroshima for Global Peace” Plan Formulation Committee comprised of experts from both Japan and abroad in October 2011. This plan describes the mission and the roles of Hiroshima, having been destroyed by the first atomic bomb in human history and then recovering from its ruins.

Roles of Hiroshima proposed in the plan

(1) Supporting the roadmap for the abolition of nuclear weapons (2) Reducing the risks of nuclear terrorism (3) Developing human resources to build a peaceful international community (4) Accumulating research for nuclear disarmament and peacebuilding (5) Building a sustainable peace-support mechanism

Hiroshima Prefecture established a promotion committee for the “Hiroshima for Global Peace” Plan, and in cooperation with the City of Hiroshima and relevant organizations, is currently working on details of the plan. In 2012, guidelines were formulated to indicate the course of action for the plan’s initiatives and in 2013, plans to materialize immediate efforts in line with the guidelines were formulated as the Action Plan of “Hiroshima for Global Peace” Plan (planned period: FY 2013-2015).

Now, as the FY2016 formulation plan (FY2016-2018) comes to its completion, opinions of the promotion committee for the “Hiroshima for Global Peace” Plan will be put into consideration while the plan for the three years starting 2019 is formulated. Going forward, evaluations will be conducted as necessary based on the progress of the initiative.

■ Dual symbolism of Hiroshima

★ **“Belief in abolishing nuclear weapons” as the place that experienced atomic bomb destruction for the first time in human history**

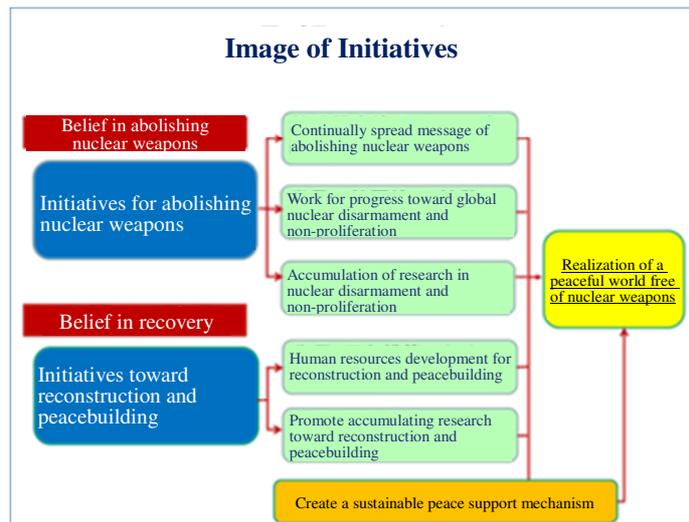
[Hiroshima’s strength]

- Being able to share the “belief in abolishing nuclear weapons” by describing experiences from humankind’s first atomic bombing and its realities

★ **“Belief in recovery and hope for the future” as the place having recovered from ruin caused by the atomic bomb**

[Hiroshima’s strength]

- The sharing of its “belief in recovery and hope for the future” by introducing experiences during the reconstruction process, from the historical ruins to present-day Hiroshima. Also, being able to record knowledge gained over the course of the reconstruction process and from medical treatment of atomic bomb survivors



## 2. Efforts thus far and moving toward the realization of a peaceful nuclear weapon-free global community

Hiroshima recognizes that the realization of a peaceful world free of nuclear weapons is its own mission and is working toward that goal in accordance with the “Hiroshima for Global Peace” Plan in a comprehensive manner including efforts for nuclear abolition, reconstruction and peacebuilding.

Toward abolishing nuclear weapons, it has called for the materialization of visits to the A-bombed site by leaders of various fields by seizing opportunities for them to come to Hiroshima such as with the NPT Review Conference. The visit by President Obama to the site of the atomic bomb which took place in May 2016 was the first such occasion by an incumbent US president and became a significant opportunity to greatly heighten international momentum for abolishing nuclear weapons.

In addition, efforts were made to bolster the peace research capabilities of Hiroshima, such as signing partnership agreements with global research institutions overseas and conducting joint studies. It also compiled and published the “Hiroshima Report,” summarizing the efforts toward nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation in various countries, and continues to hold the “Hiroshima Roundtable,” a forum for multilateral talks surrounding nuclear disarmament in the East Asian region.

As efforts to encourage individuals of the next generation in becoming a part of reconstruction and international peacebuilding initiatives, Hiroshima provides opportunities for high school students to learn more about international issues such as nuclear disarmament and conflict resolution with the “Future Leaders' Program for Global Peace,” as well as the “Hiroshima Junior International Forum” in which high school students from abroad and Hiroshima hold discussions regarding international peace and deliver a message of peace.

Hiroshima has also organized the “World Business Conference for World Peace” and garnered participation by various stakeholders including companies, international organizations, research institutions, and NGOs/NPOs to discuss the pursuit of peace from an SDGs point-of-view. Hiroshima Prefecture has deepened its understanding through such endeavors, and for expectations placed upon these efforts, the Japanese government has chosen Hiroshima as one of the SDGs Future Cities to serve as a municipality to lead other local governments.

In addition, the United Nations has adopted a nuclear weapon ban treaty with a majority vote, and ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons), an international NGO that has worked for its adoption, received the Nobel Peace Prize, and international public opinion regarding nuclear abolition has been heightened.

On the other hand, the gap between nuclear-armed and non-nuclear-armed states has further widened regarding the path to abolishing nuclear weapons, and no tangible progress has been made towards nuclear disarmament. Further, the withdrawal of the US from the INF Treaty has turned the momentum for nuclear disarmament around and at this pace, it may be difficult to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

In the midst of such harsh conditions for nuclear abolition, it is necessary to urge nuclear weapons states and countries relying on nuclear protection to break away from the stereotype of security through nuclear deterrence in order to navigate a more defined path to nuclear abolition.

Further, it is necessary to formulate policies to support the creation of a platform on which leaders of international peacebuilding can gather, and promote SDGs business that encompass CSR and BOP by encouraging the creation of a community for NGOs/NPOs, civil societies and companies throughout the world to contribute to international peace by dramatically increasing the number of supporters for Hiroshima's nuclear abolition initiatives. It is also necessary for Hiroshima to cooperate with various players including civil societies, leaders of various fields and companies to increase pressure upon governments around the world.

#### ■ The “envisioned goal” and “targets” put forth by the Hiroshima Future Challenge Vision

(Envisioned goal)

**As the world's first nuclear bomb site, Hiroshima contributes as a hub for international peace, and specific ways to ensure a steady move toward the realization of a peaceful world free of nuclear weapons are progressing, with the accumulation of materials related to peace and effective deployment of peace activities.**

(Targets)

- **Establish mechanisms and an environment for gathering peace-related human resources, knowledge, information, and financial resources**
- **Create a system to boost Hiroshima's abilities in dissemination as a hub for international peace**

#### ■ Targets to be set for this action plan (FY2019-2021)

**Work with various players across the globe to create conditions in which governments around the world can be approached for the purpose of abolishing nuclear weapons.**

**To this end, expand the base of supporters for the creation of new policies to replace nuclear deterrence and for initiatives led by Hiroshima.**

### **3. Course of action**

#### **1. Initiatives for abolishing nuclear weapons**

Hiroshima will convey to the world the realities of the atomic bombing and a message for abolishing nuclear weapons, and work toward advancing the process of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

#### **(1) Continuous dissemination of messages toward the abolition of nuclear weapons**

[Envisioned goal]

Ask many in the world, starting with leaders of various countries, to share their conviction for nuclear disarmament, and heighten global public opinion regarding elimination of nuclear weapons to make the abolition of nuclear weapons a reality. (Initiatives led mainly by Hiroshima City)

[Main path]

- Convey the realities of atomic bombing and appeal for the abolition of nuclear weapons

Have leaders from around the world deepen their knowledge and understanding regarding radiation exposure by learning the specific aspects of the immense and tragic actual situations brought on by heat rays, blasts, and radiation from the use of nuclear weapons so that they develop a firm anti-nuclear weapon sentiment. Also help the general public gain the same kind of awareness so that global public opinion might be stimulated in order to encourage real action towards abolishing nuclear weapons. In particular, with the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games being held in 2020, which coincides with the 75th anniversary of the bombing, Hiroshima will call on leaders from the world of sports as well as other fields to make a visit.

[Main efforts going forward]

- Continue relaying the atrocities of atomic bombing and appealing for the abolition of nuclear weapons (FY2019-2021)
- Promote visits to Hiroshima by government officials and organizations from various countries as well as individuals and groups with influence on global public opinion
  - Strengthen efforts to use trips by political leaders and others to Japan as opportunities to have them visit Hiroshima (FY2019-2021)
  - Strengthen efforts to realize Hiroshima visits by leaders of various fields including sports as they come to Japan for the purposes of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games (FY2019-2021)

#### **(2) Lobbying for worldwide nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation**

[Envisioned goal]

Prepare a specific process to undertake for the abolition of nuclear weapons in the international community.

[Main path 1]

- Work toward promoting existing initiatives in the international community aimed at abolishing nuclear weapons

With regard to the existing efforts of the international community for the abolition of nuclear weapons, aim for real action toward the abolition of nuclear weapons, such as by urging ensured compliance with agreed agendas of the NPT or any others.

[Main efforts going forward 1]

- Enhance the “Hiroshima Report” which investigates, analyzes and evaluates efforts including initiatives for nuclear disarmament by various countries
  - Create a system of cooperation with United Nations agencies, international organizations, domestic and foreign universities/research institutions and NGOs, etc. (FY2019-2021)
  - Promote dissemination of information to government officials of various countries as well as individuals and groups with influence on global public opinion through the distribution of reports and other material at locations including international conference venues (FY2019 to 2021)
  - Hold a nuclear disarmament forum in conjunction with major US think tanks based on the theme of

analysis through reporting and strengthen abilities in dissemination (FY 2019-2020)

- Prepare a more easy-to-understand booklet with simple wording in order to raise interest in nuclear abolition among the general public and encourage them to participate in Hiroshima's efforts (FY2019-2021)

[Main path 2]

○ Work to start new multilateral initiatives for disarmament and non-proliferation

In order to materialize a nuclear disarmament conference, not only between the US and Russia but at multinational government level (Track 1 dialogue), work toward holding a forum for multilateral discussions at the non-governmental level (Track 2) with a view to making progress in nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation negotiations.

[Main efforts going forward 2]

○ Increase opportunities, such as the "Hiroshima Roundtable," for multilateral discussions around themes including nuclear disarmament

- Conduct surveys and studies that will form the basis of discussions (FY2019-2021)

- Set up a subcommittee or use other means to conduct research on which to base a proposal to present at opportunities such as the NPT Review Conference (FY2019-2021)

[Main path 3]

○ Promote research and propose policies toward nuclear disarmament and security

In order to strengthen Hiroshima's powers of recommendation at opportunities such as the NPT Review Conference, bolster theoretical substantiation for nuclear disarmament and abolishing nuclear weapons by advancing research on approaches for nuclear disarmament and nuclear security including security theory approaches, analytical approaches using game theory and humanitarian approaches exemplified by the nuclear weapons ban treaty.

[Main efforts going forward 3]

○ Propose policies toward the creation of a new theory of security that does not depend on nuclear deterrence theory

- Move the process of creating a network for research institutes along by setting up the "International Network Conference on Nuclear Disarmament Research (tentative name)" and strengthen research on nuclear disarmament in order to steadily progress toward the abolition of nuclear weapons (FY2019-2021)

- Strengthen policy-making for creating a new security theory that does not depend on nuclear deterrence and prepare for opportunities such as the NPT Review Conference (FY2019-2021)

○ Invite international conferences to be held in Hiroshima

- Call for international conferences and symposiums in the field of nuclear disarmament and nuclear security to consider Hiroshima as the venue (FY2019-2021)

[Main path 4]

○ Develop human resources capable of taking over the task of abolishing nuclear weapons

Provide opportunities in Hiroshima for participants to see the realities of radiation exposure and develop practical skills leading to concrete actions towards the elimination of nuclear weapons with the aim of educating future members of the United Nations, international organizations, and international NGOs.

[Main efforts going forward 4]

○ Launch human resource development courses in collaboration with international NGOs

- Cooperate with international NGOs to train individuals into becoming leaders capable of taking direct action toward abolishing nuclear weapons by creating the "Hiroshima - ICAN Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security (tentative name)" course (FY2019-2021)

## **2. Efforts in peacebuilding**

Further expand human resource development and research accumulation for peacebuilding in Hiroshima focusing on reconstruction, and work to create opportunities for dialogues on peace.

### **(1) Development of human resources for reconstruction and peacebuilding**

[Envisioned goal]

Use the experience of radiation exposure and the reconstruction efforts in Hiroshima to educate future experts in peacebuilding and specialists with a reconstruction-oriented mindset in various fields of social development, so that they can contribute to creating stable societies in post-conflict areas and work for the suppression of terrorism and nuclear weapons. In addition, promote human resource development of specialists in areas such as treating radiation-exposed patients, utilizing atomic bomb survivor research results and actual medical treatment of radiation injuries in Hiroshima, so that they are able to make contributions to medical treatment in times of radiation accidents and disasters.

[Main path 1]

○ Develop human resources for peacebuilding

Making use of the “Confidence in recovery and hope for the future” that Hiroshima can offer, promote initiatives that aim to develop human resources possessing a variety of skills needed to achieve a peaceful and stable society, such as professionals in peacebuilding and experts in fields of social development (education, health, urban planning, etc.) who have a reconstruction-oriented mindset.

[Main efforts going forward 1]

○ Cooperate with UNITAR and JICA

- Utilize the results from research into Hiroshima’s reconstruction process to assist with peacebuilding projects by UNITAR and JICA and expand human resource development courses through means such as encouraging the establishment of new courses and seminars (FY2019-2021)

○ Implement human resources development business utilizing external funds

- Use external funds (JICA) for new reconstruction and peacebuilding support in the human resource development business through mutual cooperation of related organizations within the prefecture to work on projects such as supporting Mindanao in the Philippines (educating reconstruction staff of the local government) and assisting in Cambodian reconstruction (education for a sustainable society) (FY2019-2021)

○ Cooperate with institutions such as universities within Hiroshima

- Promote utilization of reconstruction and peacebuilding research project results in Hiroshima (reports, booklets) by relevant organizations in the prefecture (prefectural universities, research institutes, international organizations, etc.) (FY2019-2021)

- Implement the “Future Leaders' Program for Global Peace” program for high school students to encourage them to become contributors to international peace (FY2019-2021)

- Hold the “Hiroshima Junior International Forum,” where high school students from around the world and Japanese high school students discuss international peace and deliver a message of peace (FY2019-2021)

- Take advantage of the Internet to operate an online learning course “Think about Peace from Hiroshima” for users to learn about international trends in nuclear power and the realities of radiation exposure (FY2019-2021)

[Main path 2]

○ Provide education to train medical personnel capable of responding to radiation accidents and disasters

Use the research results of medical treatments for the atomic bomb survivors and radiation-caused disabilities to promote education to train medical personnel capable of responding to radiation accidents and disasters in various parts of the world.

[Main efforts going forward 2]

- Increase training to educate medical personnel capable of responding to radiation accidents and disasters
- Provide education to train medical personnel capable of responding to radiation accidents and disasters by implementing international medical training and joint research in collaboration with the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) through cooperation via HICARE (Hiroshima International Council for Health Care of the Radiation-exposed) with facilities such as universities (FY2019-2021)
- Promote the development of human resources who will take on responsibility as the next generation by dispatching medical students to the IAEA through HICARE and conducting visiting lectures at high schools (FY 2019-2021)

## **(2) Promote accumulating research toward reconstruction and peacebuilding**

[Envisioned goal]

Assist in the advancement of study regarding reconstruction and peacebuilding around the world by accumulating research related to reconstruction and peacebuilding, such as research on the reconstruction process of Hiroshima.

[Main path]

- Gather research related to reconstruction and peacebuilding
- Promote study on the reconstruction process of Hiroshima in various areas of society, and aim to accumulate research in a wide area related to peacebuilding.

[Main efforts going forward]

- Carry out research projects regarding the Hiroshima reconstruction process
- Convert reports into educational material to utilize in personnel training, and consider a method of international comparison to be able to utilize the material in countries with varying social and cultural backgrounds. (FY2019-2021)
- Promote utilization of reconstruction and peacebuilding research project results in Hiroshima (reports, booklets) by relevant organizations in the prefecture (prefectural universities, research institutes, international organizations, etc.) (FY2019-2021) (As above)
- Promote accumulation of reconstruction and peacebuilding research
- In addition to strengthening cooperation among relevant organizations in the “Hiroshima Research and Educational Institutes Network for Peace” comprised of peace-related study and educational organizations in the prefecture, examine measures necessary for the purpose of research accumulation (2019-2021)

## **(3) Offering the place as venues for peace dialogue**

[Envisioned goal]

Participate in efforts to provide a venue in Hiroshima for engaging in dialogues for peace, and assist efforts to materialize a peaceful world without nuclear weapons and towards conflict resolution.

[Main path]

- Provide a venue for peace dialogues

Emphasize the importance and effectiveness of holding an international conference on peace in Hiroshima and having a place for holding dialogues among parties of conflict, etc. and raise awareness of Hiroshima as a venue for dialogues in peace and encourage its materialization.

[Main efforts going forward]

- Invite international conferences to be held in Hiroshima
- Collaborate with nuclear weapon abolition initiatives and call upon international conferences on peace to be held in Hiroshima (FY2019-2021)
- A venue for dialogues, and cooperation with projects concerning peace dialogue
- Through cooperation and other efforts with peacebuilding projects by JICA and others including peace

dialogues, increase awareness of Hiroshima as a place of dialogues for peace, and facilitate networking with conflict resolution-related parties in the Asian region through initiatives by JICA, Hiroshima University, and others. (FY2019-2021)

### ★ Create a sustainable peace support mechanism

Develop a sustainable peace support mechanism utilizing the symbolism which Hiroshima possesses and gather human resources, knowledge, information, and financial resources from around the world to effectively create new activities toward the promotion of peace.

[Envisioned goal]

Gather human resources, knowledge, information, and financial resources from around the world, build a sustainable support mechanism for peace activities, and support progress in peace activities around the world.

[Main path]

○ Strengthen and maintain Hiroshima's central function

Gather resources such as human, knowledge, information, financial and others from around the world, heighten Hiroshima's central position in international peace and establish the central function in the part of the project promotion entity.

In particular, hold a commemorative event in 2020, the 75th anniversary of the A-bomb, and increase momentum for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

[Functions necessary for a central role]

- Coordinating function in policy proposals that contribute to nuclear disarmament and nuclear abolition
- Function enabling expansion of supporters for Hiroshima's peace efforts
- Educational and human resource training function with online peace lectures and other offerings

[Main efforts going forward]

○ Efforts toward the realization of a sustainable peace support mechanism

- Organize the Hiroshima Junior International Forum (FY2019-2021) [As above]

- Promote the "World Business Conference for World Peace" and the establishment of an entrepreneurship promotional network in the business community for the purpose of increasing momentum for peace (FY2019-2021)

- Relay the initiatives taken by Hiroshima at meetings concerning global nuclear disarmament (FY2019-2021)

○ Propose policies to create a new security theory that does not depend on nuclear deterrence [As above]

- To steadily progress toward the abolition of nuclear weapons, move along the process of creating a network for research institutes by establishing the "International Network for Research on Nuclear Disarmament (tentative name)" and strengthen research on nuclear disarmament (FY2019-2021)

- Strengthen policy proposals for creating a new security theory that does not depend on nuclear deterrence to prepare for opportunities such as the NPT Review Conference (FY2019-2021)

○ Construct a platform for peace-related human resources development using the Internet

- Offer an English version of online learning courses to provide the youth of the world with opportunities on a wide scale to learn about peace (FY2019-2021)

○ Create a website

- In addition to providing consolidated information regarding Hiroshima, expand the base of supporters for peace efforts in Hiroshima by securing community functions etc., and promote participation by and partnerships with various stakeholders both in Japan and abroad (FY2019)

○ Acquire funds, prioritize activities and conduct regular reviews

- As Hiroshima becomes a base for international peace while proceeding with developing mechanisms to

garner financial resources in a broad manner from both Japan and abroad to fulfill that mission and role as well as to maximize its limited resources, place qualitative and quantitative emphasis on initiatives and conduct reviews (FY2019)

- Hold a commemorative event in 2020 (75th Anniversary of the A-bomb) to expand the base of supporters
- In 2020, which marks the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing, hold a commemorative event to increase momentum toward abolishing nuclear weapons and promote the formation of 'Platform Hiroshima' to generate efforts for peace (FY2019-2021)