

The Guideline for the Advancement of “Hiroshima for Global Peace” Plan

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In October, 2011, Hiroshima Prefecture received a proposal for “A Hiroshima for Global Peace Plan” from a committee which includes experts from both Japan and overseas. This Plan presents the roles and mission of Hiroshima, a place which was destroyed by the first A-bombing in human history and which eventually recovered from the ruins caused by this tragic event.

The 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 society
4. Creating ideas for nuclear disarmament, conflict resolution and building peace
5. Building a sustainable peace-support mechanism

This year, Hiroshima Prefecture, by establishing the Promotion Committee for Hiroshima for Global Peace Plan, has demonstrated its commitment to putting the Plan into concrete shape in cooperation with Hiroshima City and other relevant bodies. The guideline delineates the direction of its commitment. Along with its progress, the Plan will be reviewed on an as-needed basis.

■ Hiroshima’s dual symbolism

★ “Determination to Abolish Nuclear Weapons” as the first place in history to suffer devastation caused by an atomic bomb.

[Advantages]

- Hiroshima can share its determination to abolish nuclear weapons by presenting its experience as the first city in human history to be bombed with an atomic weapon, and the realities of the aftermath.

★ “Faith in reconstruction and Hope for the Future” as the place that rose from the ashes of destruction caused by an atomic bomb.

[Advantages]

- Hiroshima can share such faith and hope by describing to the world its experience of rising from the ashes of destruction, and offer its wealth of knowledge accumulated through the reconstruction process and *hibakusha* (A-bomb survivors) health care.

■ Aim and major commitments

Aiming to achieve a peaceful world without nuclear weapons, Hiroshima will make a comprehensive commitment to the abolition of nuclear weapons and the building of a stable and peaceful society, using its dual symbolism.



■ How can we reach the goal?

1. Initiative toward abolition of nuclear weapons

Hiroshima disseminates the message of the reality of the use of an atomic bomb and nuclear abolition and promotes nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation process.

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

[Aim]

Hiroshima aims to realize the abolition of nuclear weapons by sharing its strong determination to abolish those weapons with many people around the world, including global leaders, and by mobilizing international public opinion for that purpose.

(Effort led by Hiroshima City)

[Major Commitments]

- Passing on the realities of the atomic bombing and making an appeal for the abolition of nuclear weapons

Form a strong negative consciousness against nuclear weapons by helping global leaders to deepen their concrete understanding of the realities of the atomic bombing—with the use of a nuclear weapon, how serious and devastating the situation actually becomes due to the heat, blast wave and radiation. Also, arouse international public opinion by sharing the same understanding with the general public, and promote concrete actions toward the abolition of nuclear weapons.

<Future direction of the commitment>

- **Continue to convey the realities of the atomic bombing and make an appeal for the abolition of nuclear weapons**

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

[Aim]

Hiroshima will advance t concrete process to abolish nuclear weapons in international

society.

[Major Commitments]

- Lobbying for the promotion of existing efforts to abolish nuclear weapons in international society

Hiroshima aims to advance concrete actions toward abolishing nuclear weapons by lobbying for progress in existing efforts to abolish nuclear weapons in international society, such as observation of the terms of agreements on nuclear disarmament, including the NPT.

<Future direction of the commitment>

- **Compile a report on the observation of agreements on nuclear disarmament, etc.**

Hiroshima will compile a report on the status of each respective country as to how they observe the terms of international agreements on nuclear disarmament, such as the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, based on discussions at the Promotion Committee for A Hiroshima for Global Peace Plan, entrusting the compilation to the Japan Institute of International Affairs. This will raise the awareness of international public opinion and of governments around the world.

- Lobbying for new multilateral nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation initiatives

Aim for progress in nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation negotiations by realizing multilateral discussions at the non-governmental level (Track II) to prepare for the ultimate goal of realizing not only U.S.-Russian agreements, but also multilateral conferences on nuclear disarmament at the governmental level (Track I).

<Future direction of the commitment>

- **Hold the Hiroshima Round Table**

Currently preparing to hold East Asian multilateral nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation discussions (Track II) in Hiroshima at the non-governmental level.

- Promoting the research on nuclear disarmament and security

Promote the research on nuclear disarmament and security, and strengthen the theoretical support for nuclear disarmament and the abolition of nuclear weapons.

<Future direction of commitment>

- **Hold symposiums to present studies on nuclear disarmament and security by universities, etc.**

2. Initiative for Building Peace

Hiroshima will expand human resource development for building peace and accumulation for research on building peace and reconstruction, and offer the place as venues for peace dialogue.

(1) Human resource development for reconstruction and building peace

[Aim]

Hiroshima will contribute to building a stable society in post-conflict regions by supporting the education of specialists in peacebuilding and post-conflict social development, using its own experience of the A-bombing and reconstruction, so as to prevent terrorism and the proliferation of nuclear weapons. Hiroshima will also promote the training of medical experts in the field of radiation disaster medicine by employing its expertise and experience in *hibakusha* (A-bomb victims) health care, as well as contribute to the response to cases of radiation exposure under unexpected circumstances, such as nuclear terrorism and accidents.

[Major Commitments]

- Developing specialists in peacebuilding

Hiroshima is committed to the development of human resources with the skills necessary to realize a peaceful and stable society, such as specialists in peacebuilding and post-conflict social development (e.g. education, medical health care, and urban planning), by using “faith in post-conflict reconstruction and hope for the future,” something that Hiroshima can offer.

<Future direction of the commitment>

- **Develop new human resource development programs for post-conflict reconstruction and peacebuilding**

In cooperation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), as well as universities and other relevant organizations both in Japan and overseas, Hiroshima will develop new programs for the development of specialists in peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction.

- Development of experts in such fields as radiation disaster medicine

Hiroshima will develop experts who can engage in radiation disaster medicine all over the world by using its accumulation of knowledge in *hibakusha* (A-bomb victims) health care, etc.

<Future direction of the commitment>

- **Expand the development of experts in such fields as radiation disaster medicine**

In cooperation with HICARE (Hiroshima International Council for Health Care of the Radiation-exposed), universities, and other institutions, Hiroshima will expand the development of experts in such fields as radiation disaster medicine by using the knowledge accumulated through its experience in *hibakusha* (A-bomb survivors) health care, etc.

(2) Accelerating accumulation for research on reconstruction and building peace

[Aim]

Hiroshima will contribute to the progress of studies related to post-conflict reconstruction and building peace around the world by integrating studies on Hiroshima’s own reconstruction process, and international comparative studies and other studies related to post-conflict reconstruction and building peace.

[Major Commitments]

- Accumulation for research on reconstruction and building peace

Hiroshima aims to accumulate a broad range of researches related to building peace, while promoting research on its own reconstruction process according to each social

field.

<Future direction of the commitment>

➤ **Hiroshima's research on its own reconstruction process for each social field**

Hiroshima will compile its own reconstruction process into teaching materials according to each social field, and use them for human resource development.

➤ **Promote the accumulation of research on building peace and post-conflict reconstruction**

Hiroshima will build networks with research and educational institutions related to peace in Hiroshima.

Also, Hiroshima will discuss measures necessary for the integration of studies (provision of research bases, establishment of a research support system, etc.), and make efforts to invite many researchers to Hiroshima.

(3) Offering the place as venues for peace dialogue

[Aim]

Hiroshima aims to contribute to efforts to provide a place to hold peace negotiations to realize a peaceful world without nuclear weapons, as well as for conflict resolution.

[Major Commitments]

○ Offering the place as venues for peace dialogue

Hiroshima will highlight the significance and effectiveness of holding international peace conferences in Hiroshima, provide places to hold peace negotiations and dialogue between disputing parties, and invite international peace conferences by increasing worldwide recognition of Hiroshima as a place to hold talks regarding peace.

<Future direction of the commitment>

➤ **Increase the frequency of International Peace Conferences**

Hiroshima will continue to invite international peace conferences to the region, and seek to invite international conferences for decision-makers and policy-makers of nations, as well as international peace conferences for financial experts.

➤ **Provide a place to hold peace negotiations and dialogues between feuding countries/peoples**

Hiroshima will promote itself as a place to hold negotiations and dialogues.

☆ Establishing sustainable peace support mechanism

Hiroshima will advance its construction of sustainable mechanisms to support peace by establishing such functions as an incubation function (a function to create and nurture peace) to support peace movements through the integration of resources, including human resources, knowledge, information, and capital, from around the world, as well as use Hiroshima's symbolism in order to effectively generate new activities to promote peace.

[Aim]

Hiroshima will contribute to the progress of peace movements around the world by constructing a sustainable mechanism to support peace movements through the integration of resources, such as human resources, knowledge, information, and capital, from around the world.

[Major Commitment]

○ Establishment of an Incubation function

Hiroshima will promote the establishment of an incubation function which is designed to generate, develop and support peace movements through matching "needs" and "seeds" for the support of peace operations by integrating resources, such as human resources, knowledge, information, and capital.

<Future direction of the commitment>

➤ **Efforts to establish an incubation function to support peace movements**

Hiroshima will establish an incubation function and decide which entity will operate that function.

➤ **Hold a Peace Concert**

In 2013, a peace concert to make an appeal to the world for peace will be held in Hiroshima.

○ Establish a stable promotion system

In addition to the incubation system stated above, Hiroshima will establish a promotion system designed to provide support for peace-related studies and to invite and support international conferences.

<Future direction of the commitment>

➤ **Effort to establish a promotion system**

Hiroshima will consider establishing a system to promote the “A Hiroshima for Global Peace Plan” on an ongoing basis.