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MESSAGE FOR THE HIROSHIMA JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL FORUM

The devastation and destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 still shock the world today. The Hiroshima Prefectural Government's continued hosting of the Hiroshima Junior International Forum with the objective of spreading a message of peace and deepen mutual understanding is indeed commendable.

Since our independence in 1957, Malaysia has consistently and strongly advocated for nuclear disarmament, and supports all efforts towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons. We believe that the very existence of nuclear weapons is incompatible with the elementary considerations of humanity. The history of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have demonstrated that such weapon had caused massive death and destruction; and human having to endure the long term health effects of exposure to nuclear radiation; as well as long-term detrimental effect on the environment and socioeconomic development. Thus, nuclear disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation and peaceful use of nuclear technology must be addressed comprehensively and in a balance manner by the international community.

I am, therefore, encouraged to learn the genuine concern and determination of the next generation of youth to ensure that future generations are free from the threat of nuclear weapons, as demonstrated by the Forum. I hope the voices of the youth will be taken heed by the international community. I am also optimistic that collectively, the youth will persevere to accomplish this noble goal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kennedy Jawan'.

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