

**Message of H.E. Mr. UNG Rachana**  
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Peace could be defined as absence of hostility and violence whereas War has the opposite meaning. Peoples comprehend the meaning of Peace and War differently. Some support the concept that "If you want peace, you have to go for War." I must argue that this catchphrase is obsolete. This notion should be forgotten forever.

I strongly believe that, whatever reasons people may have to go for war, could not be justified. History showed that war has brought us only destruction, suffering, separation and famine. There will never be a development and happiness if people choose war. It will be even worse or no one could imagine the catastrophic and human consequence if one day nuclear war broke out. No one wants to see the repeat of August 6 and August 9, 1945,

Sharing with Japan's past tragedy from nuclear bombs, Cambodia is a strong advocate of a total elimination of weapon of mass destruction. Cambodia is a state party to NPT. As we are living in the world of diversity, and we should choose harmony over adversary. We should grow culture of dialogue, tolerance and build trust. Let's join hands to build the world free of war and free of nuclear weapons.

I am very encouraged to see that young people who will lead the world, have growing interest in and take part in the world affairs. I strongly support Hiroshima Junior International Forum participated by young generation from different countries including Cambodia. I hope that this Forum which could serve as an exchange platform of young think-tank on nuclear catastrophe and the abolition of nuclear weapons, will attracts more and more young participants worldwide.

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