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**M E S S A G E**

The United Nations adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is a milestone for humanity. The entry into force of the Treaty is a big step in fostering a nuclear-free world for the future generations. Hiroshima and Nagasaki, two cities whose experience proved a wake-up call to humanity on the dangers of nuclear weapons, continue to play a pivotal and lead role in these efforts.

For the young people, I encourage you to embrace peace in your daily lives whenever issues arise in your homes, schools, and communities. Student Forums, like the one held in Hiroshima, provide good venues for the youth to engage in dialogue and exchange ideas on how to achieve a peaceful and nuclear-free world.

I also take this opportunity to congratulate the peace administration and the Hiroshima Prefectural Government for the successful hosting of the 5<sup>th</sup> Hiroshima Junior International Forum held online from 29 November to 13 December 2020.

Thank you and *Mabuhay!*



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