

October 27, 2011

Mr. Mahfuz Siddiq  
Chairman of the First Commission  
The House of Representatives  
of the Republic of Indonesia

Dear Mr. Mahfuz Siddiq:

The Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have long worked to help people around the world fully share our *hibakusha*'s experiences of the atomic bombings and their wish for peace. We hope that the world can comprehend fully the bitter sorrow of the survivors who witnessed the bombings, and understand their sincere wish for peace. Our goal has been to help everyone develop the strong will required to abolish nuclear weapons.

We believe that the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) is of fundamental importance on the road to eliminating nuclear weapons.

Such demonstration of leadership by your great country will pave the way to bringing the world one-step closer towards reaching the goal of eliminating nuclear weapons.

The upcoming ASEAN and East Asia Summits in Bali on 14 November 2011 offers Indonesia an unparalleled opportunity to demonstrate, through completion of the ratification process of the CTBT, its leadership on disarmament issues.

We would like to ask you, in your capacity as Chairman of the First Commission, to lead the process of ratification to fruition.

Sincerely yours,



MATSUI Kazumi  
Mayor  
The City of Hiroshima



TAUE Tomihisa  
Mayor  
The City of Nagasaki