

Mayors for Peace News Flash (April 2011) No. 16

Dear member cities and supporters of Mayors for Peace,

Thank you for your ongoing support for the activities of Mayors for Peace.

Please find below news related to the most recent activities of Mayors for Peace.

If your city has any news it wishes to share with others, please feel free to contact us!

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■ New President and Executives of Mayors for Peace

On April 11, Mr. Kazumi Matsui was inaugurated as the new President of Mayors for Peace following Hiroshima's April 10 mayoral election.

Dr. Tadatoshi Akiba, former Mayor of Hiroshima and former president of Mayors for Peace, is now a professor (special appointment) at Hiroshima University.

New executive cities namely, Fongo-Tongo in Cameroon and Montreal in Canada were appointed on March 25.

We appreciate your continued support for the new president and the executives of Mayors for Peace.

▼ Full article:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2011/new_president.html.

▼ New list of executive cities:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/membercity/executive.html>.

■ Cities Are Not Targets! (CANT) Petition Forms on Display at UN Headquarters

[New York, March 24]

The 1.02 million signature petition forms collected for the Mayors for Peace "Cities Are Not Targets! (CANT)" initiative are now on permanent display at the UN Headquarters in New York.

The exhibit, consisting of two three-meter-high towers of petition forms, was inaugurated by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and

US Messenger of Peace, actor Michael Douglas, at a formal ceremony on March 24.

The petition forms were submitted to the UN in May 2010 by the Mayors for Peace delegation on the occasion of the NPT Review Conference.

The CANT monument is the first-ever permanent civil society exhibit

(i.e. not donated by a government) to be installed at UN Headquarters.

▼ Full article:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/2011/un_cant_display.html.

▼ Related story (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020vc.org/index.php?id=2&expand=977&cHash=57ae704476>.

▼ New CANT petition:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/cant.htm>

■ Mayors for Peace Member Cities - 140 new cities: largest monthly growth

Thanks to your invaluable support, as of April 1, 2011, the number of member cities reached 4,680 in 150 countries and regions.

As a result of promotion on the occasion of the World Social Forum in February, 34 cities and municipalities from Senegal joined Mayors for Peace.

From Russia, 16 new cities; Ghana, 13 new cities, and 10 new cities from Austria joined.

As a result of sending invitations to all non-member Japanese cities in February, 56 Japanese cities/municipalities joined.

As our recruitment drive will continue, we would be most grateful if you could invite your fellow mayors, who are not yet our members, to join Mayors for Peace.

▼ Related information (PDF):

<http://www.2020vc.org/index.php?id=2&expand=980&cHash=6f0208c7e5>.

▼ Related story (2020 Vision Campaign website)

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/pages/571/>.

■ Financial Contributions from member cities to the 2020 Vision Campaign - Update for March 2011[Ypres, Belgium]

The positive trend for contributions to the 2020 Vision Campaign continued in March, with donations made by 25 cities, coming to a total of 13.565,35 Euro.

We are delighted by this continuing generosity from our member cities.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020vc.org/index.php?id=53&expand=997&cHash=f3db19128a>.

▼ List of the cities that made contributions in March:

http://www.2020vc.org/fileadmin/user_upload/2020VC/Members/Contributors/Contributions_March_2011.pdf.

■ Packed NFLA meeting talks about Fukushima, Mayors for Peace, and Chernobyl [Newry, Northern Ireland, April 1]

Representatives from the 2020 Vision Campaign International Secretariat encouraged the councillors to affiliate their cities with Mayors for Peace at the meeting of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities All-Ireland forum held in Newry, Northern Ireland.

At this well-attended meeting the NFLA UK and Ireland Secretary gave an update on the situation in Fukushima and issues including the work of Chernobyl charities were discussed.

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