



## CITY OF NAGASAKI

### Message

On behalf of the citizens of Nagasaki, I would like to extend this message on the occasion of the lighting of the “Nuclear Disarmament Flame.”

On August 9, 1945, at 11:02 a.m., a single atomic bomb engulfed the city in flames, leaving charred corpses everywhere, while many fled for their lives. 74,000 precious lives were lost to the terrible blast, heat rays and radiation. A further 75,000 people were wounded. Those who narrowly survived continue to suffer from deep physical and mental wounds that will never heal.

The atomic bomb survivors, who have the experienced firsthand the inhumanity of nuclear weapons, continue to desperately raise the alarm so that nuclear weapons will never be used again.

However, to our dismay, there are more than 16,000 nuclear warheads in existence; the threat nuclear weapon is not behind us. We all need to establish a common understanding that this is a continuing danger that affects our present and future. The city of Nagasaki will continue to work with you towards realizing a world without nuclear weapons.

Through the lighting of the “Nuclear Disarmament Flame ” and other events that will be held to commemorate the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, I hope that you will share our wish for peace and spread the voice that calls for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

In closing, I extend my best wishes for the good health and happiness of all those gathered here today.

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