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WORLD CONFERENCE FOR THE 42ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATOMIC BOMBINGS

CONFERENCE FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD

HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI AUGUST 2 - 9

Dear Friends,

We should like to express our sincere gratitude for your continuing commitment to a nuclear-free world. We extend to you our deepest solidarity.

Despite our tireless efforts, the world seems to be heading in the wrong direction. The continuing accumulation of nuclear weapons, far from making us secure, actually exploits our weaknesses, induces more and more hatred and violence in our lives, and contributes directly to the increase in poverty and hunger among the minorities and indigenous peoples of the world. The nuclear fuel cycle is still expanding and, with it, the number of radiation victims grows by the day. Besides those of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, there are thousands upon thousands more tragic cases. After Three Mile Island, who could foresee Chernobyl? After Chernobyl, what next?

No longer just the threat, but the actual possibility, of a nuclear holocaust is now etched firmly in our minds. All over the world, people have come to expect that there just might be a nuclear holocaust. What is more, ongoing wars throughout the world have become a permanent experience for all of us. In such an atmosphere, nations today seem to be readying themselves for the worst. In Japan, for instance, the government led by Prime Minister Nakasone is pushing its military build-up beyond limits in collaboration with the United States and its nuclear strategy. This military build-up heightens the fear of invasion and, in more subtle terms, leads to the economic domination over other Asian and Pacific countries.

There are, however, forces trying to change the direction of the world. The people of Belau (Palau), a small Pacific island with a population of 15,000, have established a nuclear-free constitution and are today upholding it. The people of Aotearoa (New Zealand) as well are keeping their country nuclear-free. Voices demanding the abolishment of nuclear power and weapons and calling for peace and justice in the world are growing stronger and stronger everywhere. Together we can act upon this growing chorus of energy to create sane and safe alternatives to our nuclearized world.

We regard the nuclearization of the world, our nuclear predicament--although it itself is enormous and terribly complicated to deal with--to be but one symptom of the insanity of our modern age. The problems of nuclear "development" are all interconnected. And, following them through to the end, we find them to be based on the violation of fundamental human rights and self-determination and on discrimination against other life forms--the "silent" fauna and flora of the earth. It is of the utmost necessity for us who bear a responsibility for all future generations to re-examine the systems and reality of the nuclearization of the international and national decision-making process, the world economic order, and our respective cultures.



The Coordination Committee for the World Conference is pleased to invite you to three conferences scheduled to be held in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. There we expect to hold fruitful discussions on how to achieve the termination of the nuclear age and the creation of a nuclear-free society and cultures.

Agendas include: Total Nuclear Disarmament; Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban; Star Wars; Radiation Effects; Nuclear Weapons/Fuel Cycle and its Related Technologies; Nuclear Free Zones; Beyond Blocks; Nuclear Free Autonomy; the Effects of Nuclearization on Politics, Economics, Society and Culture. Details of the conferences are now being worked out by the Coordination Committee.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

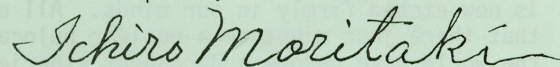
August 2 - 6 The World Conference, Hiroshima

August 7 - 8 Asia Pacific Nuclear Victims' Conference, Nagasaki

August ~~8-9~~ The World Conference, Nagasaki

We look forward to having you participate in these events. We are obliged to ask you to attend at your own expense. Hotels will cost approximately US \$45.00 per night, including breakfast. Transportation by super-express train--Tokyo-Nagasaki-Tokyo--will cost about US \$340.00. The Committee and its staff will provide you with as much assistance as possible during your stay. Simultaneous interpretation will also be provided. We are looking forward to seeing you in Japan this summer.

In peace,



Ichiro Moritaki,  
Representative of CCWC

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