Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel Chancellor Federal Republic of Germany

Request for your visit to the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Excellency:

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We, the citizens of the A-bombed cities, will readily welcome you and hope to work with you to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

We would also be most grateful if German officials attending the G20 Ministerial Meetings would visit the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during their visit to Japan.

In closing, we offer our best wishes for your health and every success in your endeavors.

Respectfully,

MATSUI Kazumi Mayor The City of Hiroshima

His Excellency Mr. Giuseppe Conte President Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic

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In closing, we offer our best wishes for your health and every success in your endeavors.

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MATSUI Kazumi Mayor The City of Hiroshima

The Right Honourable Justin Pierre James Trudeau Prime Minister Canada

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We would also be most grateful if Canadian officials attending the G20 Ministerial Meetings would visit the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during their visit to Japan.

In closing, we offer our best wishes for your health and every success in your endeavors.

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MATSUI Kazumi Mayor The City of Hiroshima

His Excellency Mr. Mauricio Macri President Argentine Republic

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In closing, we offer our best wishes for your health and every success in your endeavors.

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MATSUI Kazumi Mayor The City of Hiroshima

The Honourable Scott Morrison Prime Minister Commonwealth of Australia

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We would also be most grateful if Australian officials attending the G20 Ministerial Meetings would visit the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during their visit to Japan.

In closing, we offer our best wishes for your health and every success in your endeavors.

Respectfully,

MATSUI Kazumi Mayor The City of Hiroshima

His Excellency Mr. Moon Jae-in President Republic of Korea

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We would also be most grateful if South Korean officials attending the G20 Ministerial Meetings would visit the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during their visit to Japan.

In closing, we offer our best wishes for your health and every success in your endeavors.

Respectfully,

MATSUI Kazumi Mayor The City of Hiroshima

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Request for your visit to the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

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We would also be most grateful if Saudi Arabian officials attending the G20 Ministerial Meetings would visit the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during their visit to Japan.

In closing, we offer our best wishes for your health and every success in your endeavors.

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MATSUI Kazumi Mayor The City of Hiroshima

His Excellency Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan President Republic of Turkey

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We would also be most grateful if Turkish officials attending the G20 Ministerial Meetings would visit the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during their visit to Japan.

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MATSUI Kazumi Mayor The City of Hiroshima

His Excellency Mr. Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón President Government of Spain

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His Excellency Mr. Lee Hsien Loong Prime Minister Republic of Singapore

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His Excellency Mr. Mark Rutte Prime Minister Kingdom of the Netherlands

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We would also be most grateful if Dutch officials attending the G20 Ministerial Meetings would visit the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during their visit to Japan.

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MATSUI Kazumi Mayor The City of Hiroshima

His Excellency Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi President Arab Republic of Egypt

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We would also be most grateful if Egyptian officials attending the G20 Ministerial Meetings would visit the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during their visit to Japan.

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His Excellency Mr. Macky Sall President Republic of Senegal

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We would also be most grateful if Senegalese officials attending the G20 Ministerial Meetings would visit the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during their visit to Japan.

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MATSUI Kazumi Mayor The City of Hiroshima

His Excellency Mr. Donald Tusk President European Council

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We, the citizens of the A-bombed cities, will readily welcome you and hope to work with you to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

We would also be most grateful if EU officials attending the G20 Ministerial Meetings would visit the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during their visit to Japan.

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MATSUI Kazumi Mayor The City of Hiroshima

His Excellency Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker President European Commission

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