

February 12, 2019

The Honorable Mike Pompeo
Secretary of State
The United States of America

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

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Through the visits to our cities, we would like for you to deepen your understanding of the actual damage wrought by a single atomic bomb and the *hibakusha*'s ardent wish for peace. We also sincerely hope that you will share the recognition that a world without nuclear weapons is our common goal, and take actions towards the abolition of nuclear weapons with reason and insight as we call on all world leaders.

Today, more than 14,000 nuclear warheads still remain, and as long as such weapons exist, so too does the danger remain that the horrors seen in Hiroshima and Nagasaki will be repeated, by intent or accident, plunging people into fear and agony. Under these circumstances, the role of the United States, a highly influential nuclear superpower, is ever growing. We earnestly hope that the United States will make use of its leadership to pave the way towards the eradication of nuclear weapons, overcoming differences between nations in their positions and approaches.

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

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

Sincerely,

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Mayor
The City of Hiroshima

TAUE Tomihisa
Mayor
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