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The Honorable Mr. Donald Trump
President
United States of America

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

Dear Mr. President:

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits.

We are delighted to have learned that you will visit Japan this November and would like to ask you to take this occasion to visit the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Our citizens would wholeheartedly welcome you.

As you know, the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 reduced our cities to ashes in an instant and took the precious lives of 210,000 people in total by the end of that year. Our *hibakusha* who managed to survive, while suffering the aftereffects of radiation and encountering discrimination and prejudice, continue to tell their painful stories to ensure that no one else in the world experiences the horror of another nuclear attack. Now their average age is over 81 and their ardent wish is nothing but the realization of a world free from nuclear weapons.

In reality, however, some 15,000 nuclear warheads exist in the world, and amid the still very harsh international situation on nuclear disarmament, the very danger of the use of nuclear weapons is increasing globally, especially in Northeast Asia. Moreover, as long as nuclear weapons exist, we cannot ignore the risk of unintended and accidental use of such weapons and nuclear terrorism.

In realizing world peace, to which each and every one of us aspire, the importance of the role that your country can play as a nuclear super power has grown more than ever.

We would be most grateful if you could visit Hiroshima and Nagasaki to deepen your understanding on the actual damage wrought by a single bomb as well as our *hibakusha*'s experiences. Furthermore, we would like for you to fully share in the spirit of Hiroshima and Nagasaki which calls for world peace.

The citizens of the A-bombed cities hope from the bottom of their hearts that you will strive in good faith for a nuclear-weapon-free world together with them.

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

Respectfully,

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Mayor
The City of Hiroshima

TAUE Tomihisa
Mayor
The City of Nagasaki