

Toward a World Free of Nuclear Weapons

A Message of Peace from Japanese Lawyers



Your awareness is the key to helping A-bomb survivors!

Days of Tragedy

Within just 10 seconds, the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, on Aug. 6 and 9, 1945, claimed thousands of innocent people's lives. Following the explosions, intense heat rays, blast and radiation tore through the cities at terrifying speed, destroying virtually everything in their path. By the end of the year, 210,000 people were dead as a result of the bombings.

Human Beings and Nuclear Weapons Cannot Coexist

Nuclear weapons are more destructive than any other weapons.

Now that a series of lawsuits filed by A-bomb survivors has proved the horribleness of A-bombs, we want the world to know that humans cannot coexist with nuclear weapons.

The Never-Ending Suffering of A-bomb Survivors

Those that survived were left with wounds to their hearts and bodies that can never be completely healed.

Even now, nearly 65 years after the bombings, the victims are still struggling with physical and psychological damage known as "A-bomb Disease."

The Hope of the A-bomb Survivors ('Hibakusha')

'No More Hibakusha, No More Hiroshima, No More Nagasaki!'

A-bomb survivors, called "hibakusha" in Japan, want no one ever again to experience their suffering and loss.

To realize a world free of nuclear weapons, we, as Japanese lawyers, hereby announce the following five proposals.

- 1. Every government and civil society must achieve a "world free of nuclear weapons" by 2020.*
- 2. Every government immediately commences negotiations leading to a Comprehensive Nuclear Weapons Convention (NWC).*
- 3. Every government reaffirms the illegality of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.*
- 4. Nuclear weapon states immediately make a commitment to the negative security assurance to non-nuclear weapon states.*
- 5. Every government extends Nuclear Weapon Free Zones.*

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