Message to the 25th Hiroshima Memorial Day World Peace Prayer Ceremony

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Hiroshima WPPS members, to our friends who are watching live

on the internet and who are connected in spirit,

At this memorial 25th Anniversary of the Hiroshima Memorial Day World Peace Prayer

Ceremony, we would like to convey our congratulations from our heart. We are deeply

grateful for your tireless effort of 25 years to make preparations throughout each year and

performing the ceremony.

In the past 25 years, so many people participated in Hiroshima WPPC including diplomats

and tourists from abroad who were visiting Hiroshima. Countless number of people must

have heard about Hiroshima WPPC from the participants as their unforgettable experience.

All these fruits are made by your efforts of a quarter century.

In the World Peace Prayer Ceremony, we pray for peace of 194 countries and all the other

regions of the world representing the people of each country. People of each country pray

for peace of their country and pray for peace of country one another. These are the base of

the world peace and that is symbolized in this ceremony.

As Hiroshima WPPC as a great peace message to the world from Hiroshima, I am wishing

that the world peace will come to realize as early as possible, by humanity touched deeply and

transformed by the message.

May Peace Prevail on Earth

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