

Message for the 27<sup>th</sup> Hiroshima WPPC

Distinguished guests, dear members of the World Peace Flag Ceremony Hiroshima, supporters across Japan and the world, ladies and gentleman who had chance to attend this peace ceremony,

I express my deepest gratitude for your performing and supporting the 27<sup>th</sup> Hiroshima World Peace Prayer Flag Ceremony today representing the organization that is proposing the peace ceremony as a tool for spreading the universal peace message, May Peace Prevail on Earth.

In the 74<sup>th</sup> year after WWII, we have many problems in this country such as violent natural disaster and delay on recoveries of the disaster torn places. Our country is facing an unsettled situation in international communities as well. You see various problems such as environmental danger, nuclear weapon, nuclear power plant, wars and conflicts, refugees, polarization, food supply, depression, suicide and so on.

Your actions for World Peace Flag Ceremony and sending lights of hope across the world are indispensable.

It seems the world is getting worse when we watch the news in media, but in fact the world is surely getting better in their numerical numbers in statistics year after year according to the book, Factfulness, that are one of the best sellers. I believe that this is a proof of our prayers and wishes for peace after decades. I would like to join you and pray together for world peace from Tokyo with my vow of no-war tightly held in my heart.

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