

For the NPT Review Conference 2015
An Appeal for Nuclear Abolition:
From the Ancient City of Kyoto to the Citizens of the World

From Kyoto, which is one of the ancient cities of Japan, an appeal for nuclear abolition is sent to the citizens of the world.

70 years have passed since the U.S. dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, creating hundreds of thousands of victims in an instance. During the nuclear armament race between the U.S. and the former Soviet Union, nuclear weapons have spread to other nations such as the U.K., France, China, Israel, India, Pakistan and North Korea.

At the same time, due to the spread of nuclear weapons and nuclear energy, humankind has faced large-scale catastrophes and fear again and again stemming from nuclear-related incidents such as the Japanese fishing boat crews' exposure to radiation by the U.S. H-bomb tests at Bikini Atoll in the South Pacific in 1954, the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986, as well as the Fukushima nuclear disaster in 2011.

Dr. Hideki Yukawa, who studied in Kyoto and became the first Japanese Nobel Prize-winner for physics, was strongly opposed to "deterrence theory", which regards nuclear weapons as "a necessary evil". He said that "Humankind can't coexist with nuclear weapons". Although Dr. Yukawa is no longer with us, we believe that the experiences of the repeated tragedies of the past 70 years have taught us the truth of his words.

In May 2015, the Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference will be held in NYC. To abolish nuclear weapons, which threaten the very basis of human life, we wish from the bottom of our heart for the earliest possible realization of the "Nonproliferation Treaty".

Appealed by following prominent figures:

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