

On awarding the IPB Seán MacBride Peace Prize

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It is my honor to announce that this year's Seán MacBride Peace Prize has been awarded to two brilliant organizations, for their work for peace, disarmament and human rights. The International Peace Bureau, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1910, has chosen the International Signature Campaign in Support of the Appeal of the Hibakusha, alongside the US American movement, Black Lives Matter, to receive the MacBride Prize.

The signature campaign has collected millions of signatures from across the globe and in Japan – one of the largest signature campaigns of all time – and shown that support for the abolition of nuclear weapons has a global and diverse base. All this support is thanks to the Hibakusha, who have dedicated their lives to preventing the horror they saw firsthand from ever happening again. Their commitment and enthusiasm is a daily inspiration to us all and show us that each and every person can actively contribute toward the abolition of nuclear weapons and a more peaceful global society.

In choosing the Signature Campaign, IPB also makes a statement – nuclear weapons must never again be used and therefore must be completely eliminated. We stand in solidarity with the Hibakusha and all who have signed the appeal. Thank you.