

Concluding Declaration of the “Peace Wave 2021” Actions

In solidarity with the Hibakusha, the “2021 Peace Wave” actions were held for eight days from 2 to 9 August, with the common aim of calling on the nuclear weapon states to abolish nuclear weapons, and on the governments of each country to support and join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. A variety of creative actions were organized around Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days, in the midst of the corona pandemic, taking precautions against infection.

In 16 countries outside Japan - New Zealand, the Philippines, Nepal, India, Ukraine, Finland, Lithuania, Belgium, Norway, Austria, Germany, France, the UK, Togo, Canada and the USA - a variety of actions were held, including vigils, lantern floating, flash mobs with A-bomb photos, anti-nuclear film screenings, reading of Hibakusha testimonies, online debates and paper crane folding workshops.

In Japan, with signature campaigns at the heart of the action, more than 300 events were held, including the display of a model of the Nagasaki A-bomb Fat Man, floating of ad balloons with messages, public standings with A-bomb panels, ringing of the peace bell, street public viewing by young people, an A-bomb exhibition, and exhibitions of A-bomb photos and drawings by Hiroshima City Motomachi High School students.

Let's develop the "Peace Wave", which has spread so broadly, into further global actions.

In Japan, the general election is coming soon. This is our chance to achieve Japan's participation in the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Whether we can make the most of this opportunity depends on our actions. Let's create a big swell of signature campaigns from the grassroots.

(※ Please refer to Gensuikyo's website for the complete listing of actions of the “Peace Wave 2021”.)