

Ishigaki Peace City Declaration calling for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

We, the citizens of Ishigaki, have learned the horror, misery, and cruelty of the atomic bombing through Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II.

Moreover, we will always remember that hundreds of thousands of precious lives were lost in the Battle of Okinawa and due to the malaria in the Yaeyama War.

We, the citizens of Ishigaki, pray that all wars and terrorism will disappear from the Earth, and we long for the total abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of lasting world peace.

We also aspire to see a global ban on nuclear tests that may lead to the development of nuclear weapons, the greatest threat to mankind, and strive to realize a society independent of nuclear energy.

We, the citizens of Ishigaki, strongly appeal for the abolition of nuclear weapons to ensure that children and future generations can live in their hometowns feeling safe. Ishigaki City aims to become the world's happiest city and hereby declares it to be a "Peace City calling for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons."

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