

March 3rd, 2025

Ambassador Akan Rakhmetullin
President-designate of the Third Meeting of States Parties
for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Dear Ambassador Akan Rakhmetullin,

Addressing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference in March 2025, I would like to send a statement on behalf of the residents of Tomakomai.

I would like to begin this statement by expressing my respect to Ambassador Akan Rakhmetullin from the Republic of Kazakhstan who will serve as the President of the third Conference of the Parties.

In 2002, our city enacted the City of Tomakomai Non-Nuclear Peace Ordinance and has worked towards lasting peace, which is one of the fundamental principles of the Constitution of Japan, as well towards the realization of a world without nuclear weapons as outlined in our country's Three Non-Nuclear Principles.

Given this, Tomakomai is extremely concerned about Russia's regrettable actions, such as its extended invasion of Ukraine and its suggestion of the potential consideration of the usage of nuclear weapon.

We sincerely hope that the entire world will reconfirm that we all walk together towards nuclear disarmament so that the tragedies that occurred at Hiroshima and Nagasaki never happen again.

We believe that the Japan Confederation of Atomic and Hydrogen Bomb Suffers Organization, which has long lead the world in nuclear disarmament, receiving the Nobel Peace Prize last year will accelerate the nuclear disarmament of the world.

We, the residents of Tomakomai, pray that this conference, which marks eighty years since the tragedies at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will be fruitful and that it serves as a step towards a world without nuclear weapons. For that purpose, we offer this message.

Sincerely,

Suguru KANAZAWA
Mayor of Tomakomai City