

The 16th Annual Meeting,  
Association of Japanese Museums for Peace  
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## **Joint Appeal On the Occasion of the International Day of Peace**

Signs of change for peace are now emerging in the world.

A ray of hope has streamed into the world covered with dark clouds where, even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, nuclear weapons still exist and various types of violence such as armed conflict, discrimination, poverty and ecological crisis are threatening the humanity.

That hope was brought by a speech delivered by the U.S. President Barack Husain Obama in Prague, Czech Republic, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2009. He clearly stated that “a world without nuclear weapons” could come true, and, above all, explicitly expressed that the United States has a moral responsibility to act as it is the only nuclear power which has used nuclear weapons. This statement encourages us, the only A-bombed nation, and confirmed our faith in the abolition of nuclear weapons.

After President Obama’s speech in Prague, the United Nations Security Council unanimously endorsed a resolution in September this year to “create the conditions for a world without nuclear weapons”. However, we must not forget that the way is still steep and therefore:

Showing our respect to President Obama’s speech in Prague, we, the participants of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Japanese Museums for Peace, jointly pledge that we will continue to work for the abolition of nuclear weapons and for the realization of eternal peace.