

History of the peacemaking policies by the Town of Togitsu

1994, September 29th The declaration as the Town Dedicated to Peace-Making and the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

1995, (50 Years after the Atomic Bombing) Published the atomic bomb anthology, "Ano Hiwo Wasurenai, "Never to Forget THAT day Panel exhibition of the Atomic Bombing brochures (at the entrance hall of the Togitsu Town Hall)

1998, Placed the Declaration Monuments in the Central Park and the entrance of the Town Hall

2001, Attended the National Council of Japan Nuclear Free Local Authorities

2003, Planted camphor trees, the descendant of an Atomic-bombed tree
2 trees at Culture Forest Park, 6 trees at municipal elementary schools and junior high schools, and 1 tree at the Togitsu Nursery School

2004, Atomic Bombing Exhibition for Peace
Exhibited wall posters and messages by local elementary school and junior high school students with a panel exhibition of the Atomic Bombing brochures
Hiroshi Takeyama Exhibition in the lobby and the 2nd floor of the Town Hall
Panel exhibition of Hiroshi Takeyama together with his original manuscripts (donated) and books

2005, (60 Years after the Atomic Bombing) The entire population of Togitsu participated in folding paper cranes for peace
Launched the inaugural "Peace Rally" to be held annually at the Cenotaph Park
Movie viewing of the A-Bomb animation movie, *NAGASAKI 1945 Angelus Bell*

2006, Implemented the questionnaire on the recognition of peace to elementary school pupils and junior high school students (municipal schools only)

2007, Made the documentary DVD of the atomic bombing *Within the 6 kilometers radius of the Atomic Bombing: Narrating the memories of THAT Day*

2008 March 27th, Issued "the Ordinance of the Basic Guidelines to Promote the Cause of Peace and to Abandon Nuclear Weapons by the Town of Togitsu"
Joined "Mayors for Peace"

2009, Panel exhibition of the Atomic Bombing brochures, held annually at the lobby and the 2nd floor of the Town Hall

2011, The inaugural Candle Service for Peace by the liaison council of children's development, held annually at the Water Front Park

2012, Purchased the A-bomb brochure material for the panel displays, to be rented to facilities within the Town of Togitsu

2013, Implemented the questionnaire on the recognition of peace to elementary school pupils and junior high school students (municipal schools only)
Donated the statue *The Steele for Peace* from the group of the second or third generation hibakushas placed at the Water Front Park

2014, Held the 10th annual "Peace Rally" (the venue changed from the Cenotaph Park to the Water Front Park)



Appeal from the Town of Togitsu for A World in Peace without Nuclear Weapons

We the citizens of the Town of Togitsu are,
together with all people, obliged to pass down
the knowledge of the inhumanity of the atomic
bombing and the preciousness of peace.

The declaration of peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons by the Town of Togitsu

We, as the citizen in the post-war world, are obliged to maintain the beautiful planet of Mother Earth for the generations that follow us.

We shall not forget the inhumanity of the atomic bombing and the ever-lasting agonies of the survivors, or hibakushas, and pledge to make sure Nagasaki is the last place ever to suffer the horrifying effects of nuclear weaponry.

We shall comply with the Three Non-Nuclear Principles to bring to reality a society living in peace and freedom, as well as the permanent peace in the world, and aspire for the total abolition of nuclear weapons in the immediate future.

Therefore, the Town of Togitsu declares itself as "the town dedicated to peacemaking and the abolition of nuclear weapons".

Dedicated September 29, 1994



Peace Rally

The Togitsu branch of the Nagasaki Council of Hibakusha and the Town of Togitsu host the Peace Rally together on the 9th of August, the Atomic Bomb Memorial Day, to pass down the memories of the cruelty of nuclear weapons, the preciousness of life, and the importance of peace, from parents to their children, and from their children to their grandchildren, from 2005 at the Cenotaph Park, and from 2014 at the Water Front Park.



The Descendants of the Atomic-bombed Camphor Tree

The two camphor trees at Sanno Shrine, about 800m away from the hypocenter, were severely damaged by the tremendous heat and ravaging blast of the atomic bomb.

Left alone amid the devastated wasteland, the camphor trees sprang new buds, and this small miracle gave hope to the people who were attempting to restore their lives after the devastation of the atomic bomb.

In 2003, Town of Togitsu planted young plants from the seeds of those camphor trees at Bunka no Mori Park, municipal elementary schools and junior high schools, and a municipal nursery school.

The camphor tree was chosen as "The Tree of the Town" on July 1st, 1989.

We hope this camphor tree grows up as the symbol of the love of our native town, the peaceful future of the world without nuclear weapons, and thereby give people peace of mind.



Making Peace Candles

Wanting to increase the recognition of peace by children, the Togitsu liaison council of children's development holds the Candle Service for Peace. The service has had increasing number of participants year by year.

Around 300 children each make a Peace Candle and bring it back home to write a message for peace on it. Every 9th of August, we hold the lighting-up ceremony at the Water Front Park.



Picture Exhibition of the Atomic Bombing

We shall not allow the agonies of the Atomic Bombing to be repeated. To pass down the tragic happenings to the later generations, we hold the annual picture exhibition of the Atomic Bombing before every 9th of August.



Rental Service of Togitsu A-Bomb DVD

The Year 2015 falls on the 70th anniversary of the Atomic Bombing. The hibakusha-generation gradually gets older. It is an important task for us to pass the words of the tragic and horrific happenings to the generations that follow them.

The Town of Togitsu has produced the documentary DVD featuring spoken material by hibakusha at Togitsu.

In order for the experiences of the hibakushas to be passed on to the generations born after the Atomic Bombing, this DVD is open for any organization to rent free of charge.



The Contents of the DVD

- (1) Within the 6 kilometers radius of the Atomic Bombing: Narrating the memories of THAT Day
 - Approx. 45 mins
 - DVD for peace studies featuring experiences by hibakushas at Togitsu
- (2) Within the 6 kilometers radius of the Atomic Bombing: Narrating the memories of THAT Day, with actual footage of hibakushas
 - 3 DVDs (DVD 1 Approx. 80 mins, DVD 2 Approx. 60 mins, DVD 3 Approx. 60 mins)
 - Featuring 8 hibakushas talking their experiences of the Atomic Bombing

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Do you know who Mr. Hiroshi Takeyama is?

To commemorate the late Mr. Hiroshi Takeyama, the winner of honored literature awards, including the Mokichi Saito Tanka Literature Award as the tanka poet who suffered the Atomic Bomb, and his distinguished contribution to the cultural development of Togitsu, the Town of Togitsu is planning to build a monument to his tanka works.



The Personal History of Mr. Hiroshi Takeyama

Born on February 29th, 1920, at Minami-Tabira Mura, the present Tabira-machi, Hirado City

Passed away on March 20th, 2010, at the age of 90, at Nishisonogi County, The Town of Togitsu

◎A Brief Biography and his Works

- 1941 (age 21), attended the tanka society "kokoro.no Hana" suffered from tuberculosis
- 1945 (age 25), Exposed to the Atomic Bomb at the hospital in Nagasaki City during his stay to cure tuberculosis
- 1958 (age 35), re-joined "Kokoro no Hana" after joining tanka societies, "Uguisu," Japanese Nightingale, and "Tanka Fuukou," A Good View of Tanka
- 1978 (age 58), moved to The Town of Togitsu
- 1981 (age 61), published the first tanka collection "Tokoshie no Kawa," *The River of Evermore*
- 1986 (age 66), published the second tanka collection "Hazakura no Oka," *The Hill of Cherry Trees with Fresh Green Leaves*
- 1990 (age 70), published the third tanka collection "Zankyuu," *Reverberation*
- 1995 (age 75), published the fourth tanka collection "Ikkyaku no Isu," *A Chair*
- 2001年 (age 81), published "Takeyama Hiroshi Zen Kashu," *The Complete Works of Hiroshi Takeyama*
- 2002 (age 82), received the Special Contribution Award at the Togitsu Citizen's Recognition Ceremony
- 2008 (age 88), published the ninth tanka collection, "Nemutte Yoika," *Am I to Rest?*
- 2010 (age 90), passed away in the Town of Togitsu

◎The Selected Awards Received

- 1996 The fourth Nagarami Award of the Modern Tanka Poetry for "Ikkyaku no Isu"
- 2002 The 17th Poetry Museum Award (the tanka division) for "Takeyama Hiroshi Zen Kashu"
- The 13th Mokichi Saito Tanka Literature Award
- The 36th Cho-ku Award
- 2009 The 32nd Award of the Modern Tanka Literature for "Nemutte Yoika"

◎Other Recommended Works

- Senjitu Senya, *A Thousands Days and Nights*, 1999
- Kanen, *Longevity*, 2004
- Sora no sora, *The Vanity of Vanity*, 2007
- 100 Tankas from Tokoshieno Kawa with English Translation, 2008
- Chi no Yo, *Salt and Light*, 2010