



History of the peacemaking policies by the Town of Togitsu

1994:	September 29th, the Town of Togitsu declared "The Declaration of Peace and the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons by the Town of Togitsu"
1995 (50 Years after the Atomic Bombing):	Published the atomic bomb anthology, <i>Never to Forget THAT day</i> Panel exhibition on the Atomic Bombing (at the 2nd floor lobby of the Town Hall main building)
1998:	Placed the Declaration Monuments in the Central Park and the entrance of the Town Hall
2001:	Joined the National Council of Japan Nuclear Free Local Authorities
2003:	Planted camphor trees, descendants 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 Hiroshi Takeyama Exhibition (at the 2nd floor lobby of the Town Hall main building)
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 at the Cenotaph Park (held annually thereafter) Screening of the A-bomb-themed animated film, <i>NAGASAKI 1945 Angelus Bell</i> at Canary Hall
2006:	Implemented the questionnaire on the recognition of peace to elementary school pupils and junior high school students (thereafter conducted on a regular basis)
2007:	Made the documentary DVD of the atomic bombing, <i>Within the 6 kilometers radius of the Atomic Bombing: Narrating the memories of THAT Day</i>
2008:	Joined the Mayors for Peace March 27th, issued "Ordinance of the Basic Guidelines to Promote the Cause of Peace and to Abandon Nuclear Weapons by the Town of Togitsu"
2009:	Panel exhibition on the Atomic Bombing, held annually at the 2nd floor lobby of the Town Hall main building
2011:	The inaugural Peace Candle Service organized by the Children's Development Associations Liaison Council, held at Water Front Park
2013:	Donated the "Stele for Peace" by the Association of Second- and Third-Generation Hibakusha, installed at Water Front Park
2015 (70 Years after the Atomic Bombing):	Commemorative lecture held to mark the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing Held the 11th annual "Peace Rally" (unveiling ceremony of the Hiroshi Takeyama Poetry Monument) Expanded the outreach peace education program to nursery schools and kindergartens Distributed the "Peace Learning Guide for Elementary School Students" to all elementary schools Produced the peace initiative leaflet titled "Toward a Peaceful World without Nuclear Weapons"
2022:	Screening of the film <i>Prayer: Figments of Nagasaki</i> at Canary Hall
2025 (planned) (80 Years after the Atomic Bombing):	Held the 80th Anniversary Commemorative Peace Program, "Sharing, Conveying, and Strumming the Message of Peace," at Canary Hall Held the 21st annual "Peace Rally" (display of peace message banners created by students of the town's public elementary and junior high schools) Expanded the outreach peace education program to nursery schools and kindergartens Panel exhibition on the Atomic Bombing (display of original manuscripts by Hiroshi Takeyama) Revised the peace initiative leaflet

The Declaration of Peace and the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons by the Town of Togitsu

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We, as citizens 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 hibakusha 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."

Togitsu Town,
Nishisonogi District,
Nagasaki Prefecture

Dedicated September 29, 1994



Sharing, Conveying, and Strumming the Message of Peace



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 Town of Togitsu

June 2025



Peace Rally

The Togitsu Branch of 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. These rallies have taken place since 2005 at the Cenotaph Park and, from 2014, at the Togitsu Water Front Park.

The rally commemorates all victims of the war, including those who died from the atomic bomb. It also features a pledge for peace made by junior high school students representing the townspeople and provides an opportunity to reflect deeply on the preciousness of peace.

Atomic Bombing Exhibition for Peace

We shall not allow the agonies of the Atomic Bombing to be repeated. To pass down the tragic memories to the later generations, we hold the annual atomic bombing exhibition for peace at the 2nd floor lobby of the Town Hall main building.



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, the 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 as the symbol of the love of our native town and the peaceful future of the world without nuclear weapons and thereby gives people peace of mind.

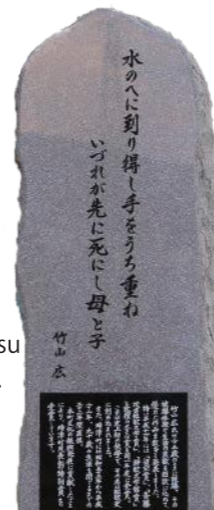
Hiroshi Takeyama Poetry Monument

**one hand upon another
those who almost reach the water's edge—
which of them died first,
mother or child?**

Mr. Hiroshi Takeyama resided in Togitsu Town for over thirty years. He is 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 contributions to the cultural development of Togitsu.

To commemorate his achievements, the Town of Togitsu built a poetry monument at the Togitsu Water Front Park.

Everlasting River by Hiroshi Takeyama 100 Tanka
Translated by Aya Yuhki



Loan Service of Togitsu A-Bomb DVD (Japanese Only)

As 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 a documentary DVD featuring spoken material by hibakusha at Togitsu.

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

Likewise, individuals can borrow the DVD from the library.



The Contents of the DVD

- 1. Within the 6 kilometers radius of the Atomic Bombing:**
Narrating the memories of THAT Day

DVD for peace studies featuring experiences by hibakusha at Togitsu
Approx. 45 mins

- 2. Within the 6 kilometers radius of the Atomic Bombing:**
Narrating the memories of THAT Day, with actual footage of hibakusha

Featuring 8 hibakusha talking about their experiences of the Atomic Bombing

3 DVDs
(DVD 1 Approx. 80 mins, DVD 2 Approx. 60 mins, DVD 3 Approx. 60 mins)

Inquiry

The Division of the Policy and Finances, the Town of Togitsu
Tel 095-882-3916 (Direct Line)

80 Years Postwar: Recordings of Families of the Fallen "The Afterglow Never Fades"

March 2025, created by the Togitsu Town Bereaved Families Association



Inquiry

The Division of Welfare, the Town of Togitsu
Tel 095-865-6940 (Direct Line)

Loan Service of Atomic Bomb Panel (Japanese Only)

To relay first-hand experiences of the atomic bombing and war to future generations, and to ensure remembrance of its atrocities and the importance of peace, we offer the Hiroshima-Nagasaki "Atomic Bomb and Humanity" B2-sized 30-page set panel as educational materials for the study of peace.

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