

Declaration of Takayama City as a “City of Peace”

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Takayama City, set in a rich natural environment epitomized by the Hida mountain range, has fostered festivals, artisanal skills, and other aspects of traditional culture, and as an international tourist city it values its connections with others.

The city has designated the International Day of Peace as the “Takayama City Day of Peace” to proclaim the message of eternal peace from Hida Takayama to the entire world.

However, the reality is that conflict, terrorism, and famine continue unchecked in many parts of the world, and we still face the threat of nuclear weapons.

It is our hope that a world in which all people everywhere can live securely in peace will surely come, and we will work to this end.

These things we have learned from the past, and will pass on to the future:

The tragedy, futility, and terror of war and nuclear weapons, and the value of life.

These things we will continue to protect:

The abundance of the natural world, our proud traditional culture, and the bonds between people.

These things we value:

Understanding and respecting diverse cultures.

We, the citizens of Takayama, hereby declare that Takayama City will forever be a City of Peace.