

# Towards a World Free of Nuclear Weapons ~ Japan's Diplomatic Efforts ~

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# Concert for Peace

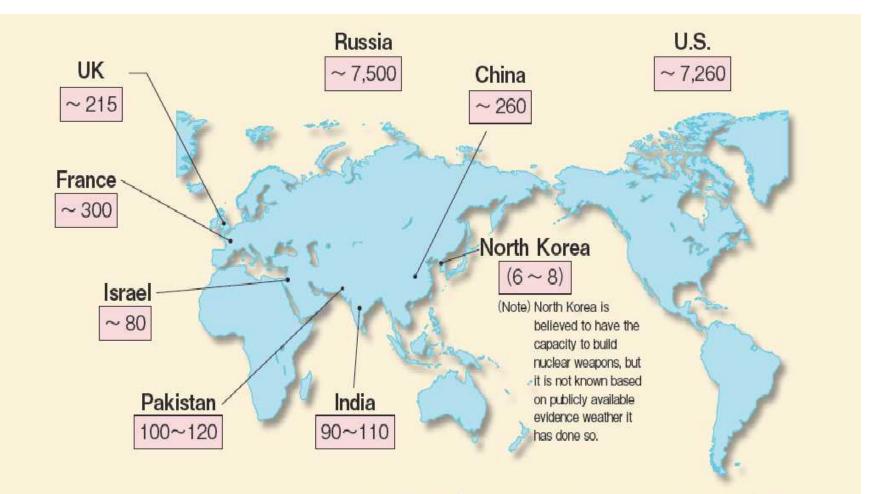
#### @Japanese Ambassador's residence in Berlin

- Held every year since 2009 to mourn for the victims of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and pray for peace
- Concerts performed by Japanese and German musicians as well as Lectures by experts on disarmament and non-proliferation issues





### World Nuclear Forces



Source : SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute), 2015 (All figures are approximate)

# Japan's Basic Position

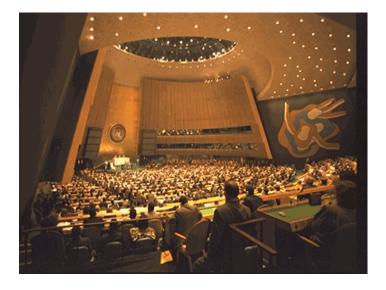
As the only country to have ever suffered atomic bombings, Japan has a mission to realize a world free of nuclear weapons

Cooperation on concrete and practical measures among nuclearand non-nuclear-weapon States is indispensable for realizing a world free of nuclear weapons



Japan's resolutions at the United Nations General Assembly - since 1994 -

- Consistently call for the total elimination of nuclear weapons
- Aim to realize a world free of nuclear weapons through concrete and practical efforts among nuclear- and non-nuclear-weapon States
- Have received widespread support from the international community since 1994



# Partnership with civil society

- Special Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons
- Youth Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons
- Translation of testimonies of Hibakushas into 14 languages (English, Dutch, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Turkish) in cooperation with Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Support for Atomic Bombing Exhibitions held all over the world



Testimony of Hibakusha



Youth Communicators



Atomic Bombing Exhibitions

# G7 Hiroshima Foreign Ministers' Meeting in April

- "G7 Foreign Ministers' Hiroshima Declaration on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation" a strong message towards a world free of nuclear weapons issued by both nuclear- and non-nuclear-weapon States
- Historical visit to Hiroshima by the sitting foreign ministers of nuclearweapon States, which led to U.S. President Obama's historical visit



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<u>Towards reviving international momentum for realizing a</u> <u>world free of nuclear weapons</u>



### Concert for Peace in 2012



- > Lecture by Masaaki Tanabe, a Special Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons
- Concert by Schumann Quartet Munich etc.



#### Concert for Peace in 2013



- Lecture by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, former Foreign Minister, West Germany
- Concert by Kusaka Sayako Konzerthaus Berlin etc.



#### Concert for Peace in 2014



- Lecture by Youth Communicators for a World Without Nuclear Weapons from Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Concert by Ensemble "Bird"

# Message for Youths

- Continue to have strong desire towards international peace and stability
- Store your mind with knowledge
- Think for yourself and then Act



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