

**Speech by Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms. Eri Arfiya at
Exhibition for Peace: 80 Years Since the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bombings
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Professor Marwala, Mayor Matsui, Mayor Suzuki, Distinguished guests, I am ERI Arfiya, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

On behalf of the Government of Japan, I sincerely welcome the convening of “Exhibition for Peace: 80 Years Since the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bombings” and would like to commend the efforts of the United Nations University, Hiroshima City, and Nagasaki City in organizing this exhibition.

In August 1945, the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki took many precious lives in an instant, and even those who survived the atomic bombings have had to live with indescribable suffering.

Since then, as the only country to have suffered atomic bombings during war, Japan has been advancing efforts toward a world without nuclear weapons in order to ensure that such a tragedy will never be repeated.

We believe that this exhibition will have great significance in helping people to convey the tragedy experienced by Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to reaffirm the importance of peace.

As this summer marks the 80th year since the atomic bombings on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we sincerely hope that this exhibition will serve as an opportunity to connect the hearts of those who seek a world without nuclear weapons and to reflect together on the preciousness of peace.

I sincerely hope that many people will visit this exhibition and that their desire for a world without nuclear weapons will spread even further.

Thank you very much for your attention.