

Kyotanabe City Non-Nuclear Peace Declaration

To live a life that is peaceful and full of hope is a wish shared by people around the world.

Despite this common view, at present, there are ongoing conflicts that devalue the lives of human beings; and nuclear weapons present a real danger to human existence.

So that we may never see a repeat of the suffering and sadness caused by the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, in line with the peaceful ethos of the Constitution of Japan, we shall remain committed to the 'Three Non-Nuclear Principles'. Through non-violence and peaceful dialogue, we must continue to seek world peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons.

"We want to instill a respect for life in the children of the next generation, as well as an understanding of both the misery of war, and the value of peace."

"We will do all that we can for a peaceful future."

We believe that such 'peaceful attitudes' passed down from generation to generation, present a beacon of hope for the attainment of world peace.

We, the citizens of Kyotanabe, vow to cherish and respect our abundant nature and natural monuments, like the Kizugawa River and Kannabiyama Mountain, and rich cultural history that has been passed down from those before us. We pledge to respect one another, endeavor to spread happiness and kindness from our homes to our local community - and ultimately the global community, and make grass-roots efforts in contribution towards the realisation of peace.

We hereby declare that as a non-nuclear city, Kyotanabe will continue to take steps to achieve world peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons.

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