

**Welcoming the Good News on the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017  
Awarded to the ICAN**

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The Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 was awarded to the ICAN: International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. This is a wonderful decision.

The reason for the award is that the ICAN actively contributed to making the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which was adopted at the United Nations on July 7 this year. I would sincerely like to express my heartfelt congratulations to all the people who have been involved with the ICAN. This decision of the award recognizes important works not only by the ICAN but also by hibakusha (survivors) in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generations and all the people who have been doing their best for the abolition of nuclear weapons in the world. We would like to share the joy with them.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons denounces the inhumanity of nuclear weapons, and it is the first treaty to legally ban nuclear weapons in history. It was adopted by 122 countries which are about 60 percent of all the member nations of the United Nations, which was the result of the rise of international public opinion aiming at the world without nuclear weapons. The Nobel Peace Prize to the ICAN recognizes the historical value of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in human history. It also points out the urgency and importance of the abolition of nuclear weapons appealing the importance of strengthening the movement against nuclear weapons.

We hope that all the people in all the countries will start taking more steps forward to abolish nuclear weapons taking this award to the ICAN a good and important chance. We strongly hope that the Japanese government will respond to all the hibakusha's wishes for the abolition of nuclear weapons over 70 years, learn modestly from an intention of the Nobel Peace Prize, abandon the theory of nuclear deterrence, free Japan from nuclear umbrella and change its nuclear policy by signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

We will promote our movement more for the abolition of nuclear weapons such as a signature campaign calling for banning and eliminating nuclear weapons in the not so distant future.

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