

Yokohama Children's Peace Message 2026

Next year, GREEN×EXPO 2027 will be held in Yokohama, the city where we live. Guided by the values of the SDGs that we have long cherished, we are excited to have the opportunity to talk with people from all over the world. We look forward to discussing a “Scenery of the Future for Happiness,” where people and nature can live together in harmony. We have continued making efforts such as caring for the environment, thinking about human rights, and learning from the wars of the past.

However, the news we hear from around the world today is far from the future we hope for. Cities destroyed by drones, natural disasters we have never seen before, and people crying out in suffering. Faced with these heartbreaking events, we feel confused and saddened. Why can't we stop conflicts, even though we know the tragedy of war? Why do nuclear weapons still exist, even though we know the horror of atomic bombs? Why is technology, which is supposed to improve people's lives, being turned into weapons that harm people? Why do people continue to fight over resources even as we hear the Earth crying out for help? If nuclear weapons were ever used somewhere in the world, or if our beautiful planet were damaged beyond repair, what would happen to our future? Would our small efforts mean nothing?

Even so, we will not give up. We will continue to tell others about the horror of nuclear weapons. We will cherish nature. We will listen to people with different opinions. We will keep talking, even if we don't agree. We will question ourselves before blaming others. We will think carefully about our words and actions. We will not become indifferent. We will look for the true causes of problems. And we will continue to ask “Why?” even when there are no clear answers. We will keep taking action, believing that our small efforts can lead to great change in the world.

There is something we want to tell the world today. Peace is not something that is simply given to us. It is something we build together. The future lies on the path we choose today, and we will work to make it a better one, hand in hand with everyone who hopes for peace.

2026 Yokohama Children's International Peace Program Members

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私たちの住む横浜で、来年、GREEN×EXPO 2027 が開催されます。自然や多様な人々と共に生きる平和な未来について、私たちがこれまでも大切にしてきた SDGs の考えのもと、世界中の人々と語り合えることに胸が高鳴ります。環境を意識する、人権について考える、過去の戦争と向き合う。そんな努力を、私たちは積み重ねてきました。

しかし今、世界から届くニュースは、私たちの願いとはあまりにもかけ離れています。ドローンに破壊された都市、見たことのない自然災害、泣き叫ぶ人々。胸が苦しくなるような出来事に、私たちは戸惑いと悔しさを覚えます。なぜ、戦争の悲惨さを知りながら、争いをやめられないのでしょうか。なぜ、原子爆弾の恐ろしさを知っているのに、核兵器はなくなるのでしょうか。なぜ、人の暮らしを豊かにするはずのテクノロジーが、人を傷つける兵器になってしまうのでしょうか。なぜ、地球の悲鳴が聞こえているのに、資源を奪い合って争うのでしょうか。もし世界のどこかで核兵器が使われてしまったら、もしこの美しい地球が取り返しのつかない姿になってしまったら、私たちの未来はどうになってしまうのでしょうか。私たちの小さな努力は意味がないのでしょうか。

それでも、私たちはあきらめません。核兵器の恐ろしさを伝え続けること。自然を大切にすること。違う立場の声に耳を傾けること。意見が対立しても対話を続けること。人を責める前に自分に問うこと。自分の言動を振り返ること。無関心にならないこと。問題の本質を見つめること。そして、答えの出ない問いにも「なぜ？」と向き合い続けること。私たちの小さな努力が世界の大きな変化につながると信じて行動し続けます。

どうしても今、世界に伝えたい。平和は、与えられるものではなく、私たちが築き上げるもの。今の延長線上にある、その未来を、私たちはより良い世界に変えていきます。平和を願うすべての人と手を取り合って。

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