

Be a Hero for a Better World

Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba

(1942-)



“Passing on to younger generations the memories and the will of those who suffered the bombing is the most important step for humankind to survive in the 21st century.”

Tadatoshi Akiba is Mayor of Hiroshima, Japan and President of Mayors for Peace, a network of mayors in 1800 cities in more than 120 countries, united for the abolition of nuclear weapons. Mayor Akiba started his career as a mathematics professor in New York and Hiroshima before being elected to the Japanese House of Representatives in 1990. He served until 1999 when he was elected as Mayor of Hiroshima, and was then re-elected in 2003.

Tadatoshi Akiba's activism was inspired while he was teaching at Tuft's University in New York; he heard on a call-in radio show that 90% of American listeners thought using the nuclear bomb was justified during World War II. As Mayor of Hiroshima, one of two cities, along with Nagasaki, to suffer the devastation of a nuclear bomb, Tad Akiba is deeply committed to ensuring that the world never again experiences the horror that reduced his city to rubble and killed hundreds of thousands of people. As President of Mayors For Peace, he has greatly increased the network's outreach, and has done much to bring awareness to Hiroshima's image as an International Peace Culture City. Mayor Akiba has also championed government transparency and environmental protection. He has worked hard to clean Hiroshima's rivers and has helped to make his city's recycling program a model success-story. For his dedication to a better world, Mayor Akiba has received many honors, including the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's World Citizenship Award.

Tadatoshi Akiba was born on November 3, 1942 in Arakawa, Tokyo

Be A Hero For A Better World!

1. Learn more about the No Nukes Movement.
2. Hold an event to raise awareness about the nuclear threat.
3. Contribute to organizations working for a nuclear free world

Organizations For a Nuclear Free World

- Abolition 2000 (abolition2000.org)
- Atomic Mirror (atomicmirror.org)
- International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (ippnw.org)
- Mayors For Peace (mayorsforpeace.org)
- Middle Powers Initiative (middlepowers.org)
- NoNukes.org
- Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (napf.org)
- TriValley CAREs (trivalleycares.org)

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