

Results of the outreach at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development

1. Summary

Taking advantage of the opportunity of the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (hereinafter “UN High-Level Political Forum”), held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, the Governor spoke to conference participants, UN officials, and government officials from various nations regarding the efforts of the prefecture and the Hiroshima Organization for Global Peace (HOPE), and called for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

2. Current situation and background

The UN High-Level Political Forum is the primary forum for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), providing political leadership and guidance in collaboration with the UN General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other relevant bodies and forums. It is convened every four years at the level of Heads of State and Government under the auspices of the UN General Assembly, and annually at the ministerial level under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. This year, the forum was held at the ministerial level from July 8th to 17th.

3 Overview

(1) Summary

The Governor met individually with relevant parties to explain the new approach to raising the issue of nuclear weapons from a sustainability perspective and asked for their cooperation in formulating the next set of United Nations development goals.

He also introduced the activities of the Global Alliance “Sustainable Peace and Prosperity for All” (commonly known as GASPPA), and asked for understanding and cooperation for initiatives such as the establishment of a Friends Meeting.

In addition, he exchanged views on the international situation surrounding nuclear weapons and called for progress in nuclear disarmament.

A. Period

Sunday, July 7 to Thursday, July 11, 2024

B. Location

New York

C. Dispatched person

Governor, HOPE Principal Director Shimada, and others

(2) Main content

A. Meeting with President Paula Narváez (the 79th President of the UN Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations)

The prefecture/HOPE's efforts were explained, focusing on a new approach to raising the issue of nuclear weapons from the perspective of sustainability, and support was

gained. Advice was also sought on what would be effective in the UN Economic and Social Council process.



Also, the Governor explained GASPPA's activities and its aim to set up a Friends Meeting for government officials, and asked for cooperation.

President Narváez commented that “The prefecture/HOPe initiative of cross-sectional discussion of various global issues is the right path forward, and I fully support it,” and also advised us, as the Chilean ambassador, to actively utilize our cooperative relationships with Latin American countries and opportunities at various international conferences, including the UN Summit of the Future

B. Meeting with Ms. Shoko Noda, UN Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Crisis Bureau Director

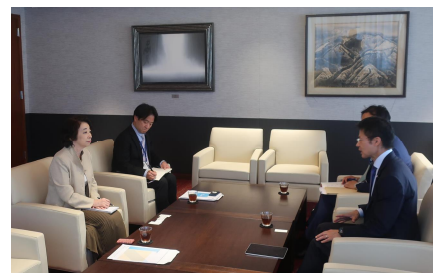
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Director Noda commented: “We could consider coordinating with UNDP, such as having you appear as panelists at UNDP events, taking advantage of the powerful message Hiroshima conveys about reconstruction.”

C. Meeting with Ms. Mitsuko Shino, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations

We explained the prefecture/HOPe’s initiatives and requested cooperation from the Japanese government. We also exchanged views on the future outlook for the international situation surrounding nuclear weapons and the status of discussions within the United Nations on the next set of development goals.



Ambassador Shino commented: “I urge anyone who travels to Japan, especially those who will lead the next generation, to visit Hiroshima and witness with their own eyes the horrific consequences of nuclear weapons. The terrible conflicts that are continuing today are the result of a lack of imagination about the consequences.”

D. Meeting with Ambassador Maritza Chan Valverde (Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations)

The prefecture/HOPe's efforts were explained, focusing on a new approach to raising the issue of nuclear weapons from the perspective of sustainability, and support was gained. Advice was sought on future collaboration and what kind of outreach efforts would be effective within the international community.

Also, the Governor explained GASPPA's activities and its aim to set up a Friends Meeting for government officials, and asked for cooperation.

Ambassador Chan advised: "Approaching the abolition of nuclear weapons from a sustainability perspective is the right direction. The Costa Rican government has made similar claims. It would also be good to promote activities to have your opinions reflected in specific draft agreements at international conferences on nuclear disarmament."



E. Meeting with Ambassador Kairat Umarov (Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations)

We explained the prefecture/HOPe's initiatives and support was gained. We also asked for advice on future collaboration and effective approaches within the international community, given that the Ambassador is in a strong position as he simultaneously chairs the NPT Review Conference and the Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.



Also, the Governor explained GASPPA's activities and its aim to set up a Friends Meeting for government officials, and asked for cooperation.

Ambassador Umarov commented: "Kazakhstan is working to expand the nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia. The comprehensive approach proposed by the prefecture/HOPe is exactly the approach that Kazakhstan is trying to pursue, and we believe that cooperation can be deepened in many areas. It would be great if you would participate when Kazakhstan holds events at the UN or domestically."

4. Schedule (dates and times are in local time)

Date (mm/dd)	Program	Location
7/7 (Sun)	Departure from Japan/Arrival at destination	New York
7/8 (Mon)	Meeting with Ms. Narváez, the 79th President of the UN Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations	
	Meeting with Ms. Shoko Noda, UN Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Crisis Bureau Director	
	Meeting with Ms. Mitsuko Shino, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations	
7/9 (Tue)	Meeting with Ambassador Chan (Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations) Meeting with Ambassador Umarov (Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations)	
7/10 (Wed)	Departure from the destination (late at night on July 9th)	—
7/11 (Thu)	Arrival in Japan	

5 Results

[Proposal for the UN High-Level Political Forum]

Through meetings with participants in the conference, including ECOSOC President Narváez, we were able to emphasize that nuclear weapons are hindering the realization of a sustainable future, and to propose that working toward the abolition of nuclear weapons and nuclear disarmament from a sustainability perspective will also contribute to the promotion of the SDGs.

[Expanding the supporter base]

We gained support and received advice from UN officials and others regarding the new approach to raising nuclear weapons issues from a sustainability perspective, which will provide momentum to position nuclear abolition within the post-SDGs framework going forward.