

**Mr. Bach, Invite all participants of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games to observe a
minute of silence at 8:15 AM on August 6!**

---A Call for IOC and the Organizing Committee to Initiate Action---

《” Festival of Peace” in Japan》

Most of us learned the Olympic Games as the “Festival of Peace.” We also know that the Olympic Truce was inseparable from the Ancient Olympic Games. Since Japan is the hosting country this time, the peace-oriented emphasis of the Olympic Games leads us naturally to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, two symbol cities of peace worldwide.

We believe that Chairman Thomas Bach visited Hiroshima amid many difficulties and opposition because he understands this truth. If so, he would have to agree to share the message of peace Hiroshima and Nagasaki represent during the Tokyo Olympic Games.

《A Minute of Silence at 8:15 AM on August 6!》

The realization of peace starts from taking action. A small one would do. And the more, the merrier!

August 6 happens to be during the Tokyo Olympic Games. The timing can be a coincidence or may indicate the organizers’ subliminal wish for peace. Perhaps, taking this opportunity to explicitly show that the Olympic Games promote peace might be suitable. Why not all the athletes, staff, and other participants stand in silence for one minute to remember the victims of all past wars and wish for lasting peace without nuclear weapons?

We can expect that people outside of stadiums in Japan and elsewhere in the world would join the Olympians by observing silence.

《Initiative by the Olympic Hosts!》

So far, nobody, including IOC, the Organizing Committee, the Metropolis of Tokyo, and others on the hosting side nor the City and Prefecture of Hiroshima, has proposed such an idea. We want to urge IOC, the Organizing Committee, and others in a position to do so to take the initiative to call for the observation of silence on August 6.

This action would show clearly the meaning of the Tokyo Olympic Games to the world and posterity.

We pray that the future generation remembers the Tokyo Olympics that stood in silence as a significant step toward realizing peace through sports.

Tadatoshi Akiba, former Mayor of Hiroshima

Note: The Olympic Games would end before August 9. Let us observe silence on August 6 to pray for Nagasaki as well.