

August 3, 2021

Ms. Seiko Hashimoto, Chairperson
The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games

Mr. Thomas Bach, Chairperson
International Olympic Committee (c/o The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games)

Dear Chairpersons:

Let us first offer our appreciation to you for holding the Tokyo Olympic Games under challenging circumstances.

As you are aware, it is the 76th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki this year. And August 6 falls right within the Olympic Games period.

Although IOC announced on August 1 that it will not honor August 6, we, the signers of the “change.org” petition (the list of signers is enclosed herewith.), continue to urge you, Mr. Bach (and Ms. Hashimoto), to invite all the participants of the stadium and the related facilities to observe a one minute of silence **at 8:15 AM on August 6**. The purpose is to pray for the repose of all war victims’ souls and show the world’s commitment to lasting world peace.

We would appreciate it if you would read the prospectus at the change.org site. For your reference, we enclosed a copy.

It seems that the Tokyo Olympic Games are facing extreme levels of challenges. We hope that you will make “8:15 AM on August 6” a starting point for continuing to uphold the two themes of the Olympic Movement, human dignity and promotion of peace.

Sincerely,

Tadatoshi Akiba, Former Mayor of Hiroshima
(and petition signers of the “change.org” campaign)

PS The URL of the campaign site is
<https://www.change.org/p/let-us-observe-a-minute-of-silence-at-8-15-am-on-august-6>

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