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Mr Maeshima Osamu Hiroshima JAPAN

My Dear Maeshima Osamu,

May the peace and blessings of God be upon you.

I was very pleased to meet you in London recently. During our meeting, you informed me that it is your desire to establish Hiroshima as the Capital City of World Peace for which you are campaigning and are also organising a special day of commemoration. It is my prayer, may God grant you success in achieving your noble objectives. You also requested my message for this occasion which is as follows:

The world stands at a precarious stage which carries us back in time to the period of 70 or 80 years ago, when the conditions for the Second World War had begun to develop and which eventually led to the breakout of hostilities. Ultimately, the world was witness to a most terrible and horrendous event when the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were utterly destroyed by atomic bombs. A total of over 200,000 lives were completely wiped off the face of the earth including men, women, children and the elderly.

If an international war is re-ignited now, and nuclear weapons are used, it should be remembered that in the present day it is not only one country, which possess nuclear arsenals, but even some smaller nations have similar capability. The consequence of this nuclear conflagration will be such that even the plight of those people who survive the massive destruction, will be desperately pitiful and distressing.

Therefore the nations of the world, and particularly Japan, must make determined efforts that under no circumstances, should the world be

involved in another war, and instead should strive to spread the message of peace and universal brotherhood throughout the world.

Along with this, I offer my salutation of peace to the inhabitants of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, who despite the obliteration of their cities, rebuilt and renewed them, and thus made a supreme contribution to the overall recovery and development of Japan.

In conclusion, I pray that Allah Almighty protect Japan and every other country of the world from these frightful and devastating events and that humankind begins to recognize their Creator, fulfil the rights owed to Him, and be of those who also fulfil their obligations to their fellow beings. May God bless you all.'

Yours Sincerely,

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