



International Day of Peace 2021



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Ms. Seiko Takase is a Representative of the Association for the Reservation of the UN Peace Bell. She is the 6th daughter of Chiyoji Nakagawa, who presented the Peace Bell to the United Nations Headquarters in New York in 1954. Beyond Principles, Insistences, Religion, and Race, we are one. Our goal is World Absolute Peace and passes our Peace Activity to the next generation.

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About the UN Peace Bell

In 1951, Chiyoji Nakagawa, who was a then-current council member of the UN Association of Japan and later became the mayor of Uwajima City (Ehime prefecture), participated in the 6th General Assembly of the United Nations held in Paris at his own expense as an observer from Uwajima, a city located in the southwest of the Shikoku region. With the aid of Benjamin Cohen, the Secretary General, he appealed to national representatives: "I want to collect coins and medals from people all over the world, going beyond differences in ideas, principles, regions, races, and nationalities, to melt them into one molded piece to cast a bell as a symbol of the wish for peace and present it to the United Nations headquarters. I want the bell to be tolled for peace." No objection was raised from the representatives; the proposal was approved unanimously and officially accepted by the UN Economic and Social Council in the following year. They decided to place the bell in the Japanese Garden of the United Nations headquarters as the "Japanese Peace Bell."