

To whom it may concern:

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Okinawa Peace Prize  
Request for Candidate Nomination**

In order to contribute to the creation of international peace the Okinawa Peace Prize Committee established the Okinawa Peace Prize in 2001.

During the Pacific War, Okinawa was the only prefecture in Japan where a severe ground battle that engulfed all of its residents was fought, claiming over 200,000 precious lives and irreplaceable cultural heritage.

Okinawa had also experienced a period of history under U.S. Military Administration, and still suffers from a high concentration of military bases, which adversely affect citizens' lives and prefectural development.

We have gained a deep appreciation of the preciousness of life and the importance of peace through the history of our prefecture, and we therefore strongly demand the realization of permanent peace.

Since the end of the Cold War, the international society has been searching for peace, stability and a new order of international framework. Despite such pursuits, the international society is still experiencing continuous outbreaks of regional conflicts. Indiscriminate acts of terrorism are also posing a new form of threat to all humankind. Moreover, many serious issues related to the threatening of life and basic principles of human rights remain unsolved such as global environmental destruction, poverty, and refugees.

In order to resolve these problems and work towards realizing permanent international peace, it is important that we all strive to overcome the discrimination against ethnicity and religion as well as to develop tolerance in accepting diversity and to achieve further international cooperation.

Sending the thought for peace of the people of Okinawa Prefecture has deep significance, and we will become involved in the building and maintenance of peace with the rest of the world, and strive to make the prize recognized as a fortune of Okinawa.

In the selection process of the prize laureate, Japanese and international experts and related organizations will be invited to nominate candidates, who will then be impartially screened by the Selection Committee under the authority of the Okinawa Peace Prize Committee.

In accordance with the "Okinawa Peace Prize Nominator Selection Outline", you/your organization have/has been selected as a prize candidate nominator.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could learn about the aims of the Okinawa Peace Prize and nominate a candidate **by February 29, 2016**, referring to the attached candidate nomination outline and instructions. Postage will be reimbursed with international postage stamp coupons, which will be sent after we receive your application for nomination (please enclose the postage receipt with your application).

Also, we would like to remind you that, in principal, the names of nominators will not be disclosed. Your understanding in this respect would be appreciated.

Onaga Takeshi  
Chairman  
Okinawa Peace Prize Committee

**Okinawa Peace Prize Committee**

The Okinawa Peace Prize Committee is comprised of representatives from different fields in Okinawa Prefecture; from business, education, local government, media, community fields, and various other associations and enterprises.

The committee was formed on December 28, 2001 with a purpose to establish the "Okinawa Peace Prize" and to manage as well as to implement this prize after its establishment.

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<p><b>Major Achievements / History of Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please specify month and year in chronological order.</li> <li>• Please describe candidate's activities that contributed to the promotion of peace in the Asia Pacific region.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Activities to be Awarded</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please indicate the type of candidate's activities by circling one of three categories to the right.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Promoting peace and non-violence in the Asia Pacific region</li> <li>2 Helping to achieve human security</li> <li>3 Promoting peace based on indigenous diversity</li> </ol>
<p><b>The Region Where the Activities Took Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please indicate the countries or regions where the activities took place and how the benefits directly or indirectly spread to other countries and regions.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>The Future Potential of the Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please relate the future potential of the activities and what sort of effects could spread from them.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>The Candidate's Major Publications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please list major publications related to peace promotion in the Asia Pacific region and the others.</li> <li>• Please include information on the author, the title, the publisher and the date of publication.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reason for Nomination</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In relation to peace in the Asia Pacific region, what sort of contribution has the candidate made? From what viewpoint have these become contributions to peace?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>List of Attachments</b></p>	
<p><b>Additional Sources of Information about the Candidate</b></p>	

## Instructions on Completing the Candidate Nomination Form

**1) Individuals and Organizations are Treated as Separate Entities**

Please indicate whether the candidate being nominated is an individual or an organization by circling the appropriate classification.

**2) Individual Name / Organization's Name**

Please write the candidate's full name or the full name of the candidate organization.

**3) Occupation / Position in Relation to Peace Activities- Representative's Position**

For the individual candidate, please indicate their current occupation as well as the position they hold in relation to peace activities. For the organizational candidate, please indicate the representative's name and position within the organization.

**4) Address**

For the individual candidate, please write the candidate's home address or the address of his/her place of employment. Please specify either home or work. For the organizational candidate, please write the organization's head office address.

**5) Relevant Background**

- a) Please specify the month and year in chronological order.
- b) For the individual candidate, please include date and place of birth, educational and professional background, previous awards or prizes. For the organizational candidate, please include the year the organization was established, the objectives / mission of the organization, a background of the issues that the organization was created to deal with and a history of the organization since establishment.

**6) Major Achievements /History of Activities**

- a) Please specify the month and year in chronological order.
- b) Include activities that have contributed to the promotion of peace in the Asia Pacific region.

**6.2) Activities to be Awarded**

From the details provided in section six, on major achievements and history of activities, please select one of the three categories below which best suit the candidates contributions to peace. More than one category may be selected.

- a) Promoting peace and non-violence in the Asia Pacific region
- b) Helping to achieve human security
- c) Promoting peace based on indigenous diversity

**6.3) The Region Where the Activity Took Effect**

In relation to the information provided in section six on major achievements and history of activities, please indicate the countries and regions where activities took effect and how the benefits directly or indirectly spread to other countries and regions.

**6.4) Future Potential of Activities**

The desired aims of the Okinawa Peace Prize is to nurture the peace promotional activities led by individuals and organizations. From this perspective it is important to consider the future potential of activities and how their effects

can be expanded. In relation to section six (Major Achievements / History of Activities) please relate the importance of activities achieved and how they have the potential to spread to other countries and regions.

**7) Candidate's Major Publications**

Please list the published material relating to the candidate's activities in promoting peace in the Asia Pacific and/or in other regions. Please include information on the author, the title, dates published, publishing company and publications in other fields.

**8) Reasons for Nominating the Candidate**

In relation to peace in the Asia Pacific region, please specify what sort of contribution the candidate has made, from what viewpoint these have become concrete contributions to peace.

**9) List of Attachments (Additional Information)**

- a) Please attach any additional information, for example papers, articles, photos, pamphlets, personal history, etc. that you may have about the candidate.
- b) Should you require the return of the materials, please state this on the materials along with instructions of where to return them.
- c) During the screening process, you may be asked for additional information.

**10) Additional Sources of Information about the Candidate**

If you are unable to enclose additional information about the candidate, we would be grateful for a list of sources where additional information can be accessed.

**11) Other Items**

- a) Please provide as much information as possible on the candidate's important items of personal history, achievements, history of activities and reasons for nomination.
- b) In the case of running out of space on the nomination form, please use a blank piece of paper and submit it together with the form.
- c) If you submit nominations for multiple candidates, please make a copy of the nomination form and use one form per candidate.

## Okinawa Peace Prize Candidate Nomination Outline

1. **Name** Okinawa Peace Prize
2. **Organization** Okinawa Peace Prize Committee
3. **Eligibility**

### 1) Description of Activities to be Awarded

The types of activities that will be recognized in the selection process of the Okinawa Peace Prize are listed below, with considerations for future potential achievements as well as past achievements and how they have a ripple effect on future peace promotion.

#### a) Promoting Peace and Non-violence in the Asia Pacific Region

Activities that aim at easing tensions, that strive towards peace and stability, and ensure non-violence in the Asia Pacific region.

Cases that damage or threaten human security or indigenous diversity will be excluded.

#### b) Helping to Achieve Human Security

Not only to resolve disputes, but also to establish proactive peace, activities engaged in finding solutions to poverty, hunger, environmental problems and infectious diseases, all of those activities contributing to the promotion of human security and to the prevention of further potential disputes.

Human security that sacrifices other people will be excluded.

#### c) Promoting Peace based on Indigenous Diversity

Around the world there are many regions that have formed distinctive social, historical and traditional cultures that cultivate different ways of thinking. And within each of these regions individual indigenous cultures have also formed, creating a greater diversity of characteristics and different ways of thinking.

Activities promoting peace that are based on the realization of mutual respect for indigenous diversity will be highly regarded.

However, activities promoting peace through strict adherence to a particular culture, without being inclusive of other cultures or ways of thinking will be excluded from the selection process.

To clarify the above mentioned points, if any of the following items are applicable, the candidature will not be eligible.

- a. Actions that are associated with, or accompany violence
- b. Public activities led by present national political bodies, or national political leaders, national government officials, etc.
- c. Theories or research activities that have a low likelihood of being put into practice

### 2) Candidate's Nationality and the Place Where the Activity Produced Results

In the selection process the candidate's nationality as well as the type of activity, its impact and the location where the activity was conducted will be considered under the following guidelines (individuals and organizations will be referred to as 'candidate' hereafter).

- a) Candidate's nationality as well as candidate's base country (candidate's nationality and candidate's base country will be referred to as "candidate's nationality" hereafter) is located in the Asia Pacific region, and the candidate's activities and results occur within the Asia Pacific region.
- b) Candidate's nationality lies within the Asia Pacific region, however candidate's activities and the results of those activities occur outside of the Asia Pacific region.
- c) Candidate's nationality is located outside of the Asia Pacific region, however candidate's activities and the results of those activities take effect in the Asia Pacific region.
- d) Candidate's nationality as well as candidate's activities occur outside of the Asia Pacific region, but the results of those activities have a spreading effect into the Asia Pacific region.

# Please refer to the attached chart "Eligibility for the Okinawa Peace Prize" for further explanation of the above mentioned points.

**3) Relating to the Location Where the Activity Takes Place**

Though it is desirable for activities to be done in the Asia Pacific region, activities in other parts of the world will also be recognized.

**4) Defining the Asia Pacific Region**

The Okinawa Peace Prize considers the Asia Pacific region to include the west coast of the United States of America, Central and South America, and surrounding countries in the Indian Ocean, and does not necessarily apply to specific countries, nor smaller specific regions. Should a case arise when there is doubt as to whether a location falls into the Asia Pacific region, the Okinawa Peace Prize Selection Committee will be composed of experts in this area, and a decision will be reached for each particular case. As to whether a country should or should not be considered a part of the Asia Pacific region, there are possibilities for nomination to the Selection Committee.

**5) Determining the Prize Laureate**

There are three stages to the selection process. The 1<sup>st</sup> stage consists of various experts from Japan and overseas who will consider candidates and nominate them to the Okinawa Peace Prize Selection Committee. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage the committee will select a prize laureate, and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage the laureate will receive final approval from the Chairman of the Okinawa Peace Prize Committee (the Governor of Okinawa).

**6) Number of Nominations**

Nominators can nominate up to three candidates.

**7) Regarding Self-nominations**

Self-nominations for the Okinawa Peace Prize will not be accepted.

**8) Nomination Process**

Enclosed is an application for all candidate nominations for the Okinawa Peace Prize, please fill in all of the information as it is essential to the application. When completing the forms, please refer to the attached paper "Instructions on Completing the Candidate Nomination Form". Please write your candidate nominations and post the application and appropriate documents to the following address.

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**9) Deadline for Nomination Submissions : No later than February 29, 2016**

**10) Number of Prizes and the Award**

There is single Okinawa Peace Prize.

The Okinawa Peace Prize consists of a certificate and an additional prize of 10,000,000 yen.

**11) Declaration of the Prize Laureate**

The prize laureate will be declared in August of 2016(date to be finalized).

**12) Awarding Ceremony**

The awarding ceremony will be held in October of 2016 (date to be finalized).