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His Holiness Pope Francis
The Vatican

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Committee of Seven to Appeal for World Peace
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We, the Committee of Seven to Appeal for World Peace comprising scientists and artists in Japan, publish messages for world peace several times a year. The Committee was founded in 1955 by Dr. Hideki Yukawa, the first Japanese winner of Nobel Prize (in Physics) and others.

We were deeply impressed by the messages that Pope Francis addressed in Nagasaki and Hiroshima in November 2019 during his visit to Japan. In sympathetic agreement to these messages, we published on November 30, 2019 our message "We fully agree to the messages by the Pope of Rome in Nagasaki and Hiroshima and hope that the messages will be broadly shared." We would like to deliver the English version of our message with a hope that it will be read by the Pope.

The Committee includes Kinhide Mushakoji who belongs to the Catholic Church of Japan and who served as a member of the Catholic Council for Justice in Vatican in the 1970s, and Susumu Shimazono, a faculty member of Graduate School of Applied Religious Studies of Sophia University who has been cooperating to the cooperation and dialogues among religious organizations in Japan. Both Mushakoji and Shimazono are working for the "International Conference for Reconciliation and Inclusion" to be continued from 2019 to 2021 in cooperation with the Japanese Committee of the World Conference of Religions for Peace which is a world known organization of religious cooperation for peace.

We are determined to keep on our efforts so that messages for peace by Pope delivered in Japan and our messages presented so far would become the mainstream in East Asia and further to the whole world.

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