

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

Statement Congratulating the Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

October 13, 2024

This year's Nobel Peace Prize winners embody determination and resilience in the face of tragedy. For decades, the members of Nihon Hidankyo have served as a human testament to the catastrophic human toll of nuclear weapons, telling a story that humanity needs to hear. On behalf of the United States, I congratulate them on being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their historic work to ensure that nuclear weapons are never used again. We also congratulate Japan for this recognition of the moral clarity and steadfast commitment of its people and Government to prevent the spread and use of nuclear weapons.

As I was powerfully reminded last year when I visited Hiroshima and met with a survivor of the bombing, we must continue making progress toward the day when we can finally and forever rid the world of nuclear weapons. The United States stands ready to engage in talks with Russia, China, and North Korea without preconditions to reduce the nuclear threat. There is no benefit to our nations or the world to forestall progress on reducing nuclear arsenals. Reducing the nuclear threat is important not despite the dangers of today's world, but precisely because of them. These nuclear risks erode the norms and agreements we have worked collectively to put in place and run counter to the vital work of today's Nobel laureates.

Yesterday's announcement by the Nobel Peace Prize Committee reminds us that we must continue our progress toward a world free from the threat of nuclear weapons. Let us all take inspiration from this year's Nobel Peace Prize winners and recommit ourselves to the vital work of building a safer world.

NOTE: The statement referred to Keiko Ogura, a *hibakusha*—survivor of the atomic bomb explosion in 1945, whom the President met during his visit to the Hiroshima Peace Park and Memorial Museum in Hiroshima, Japan, on May 19, 2023.

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