



The League of Historical Cities'
Statement of Peace and Solidarity

Every historical city in the world has developed over the centuries with sustained efforts of the citizens who strived to foster their unique cultures and traditions. It is the valuable asset for humans to be passed down to future generations.

The League of Historical Cities was established to promote world peace, which is fundamental for preserving and developing historical cities and is also a desire of all mankind. For the cities sharing the common bond as being a historical city, the League has served as a platform to promote exchanges and foster solidarity. Until today, we have had a number of meaningful dialogues, developed our friendship, and endeavored to resolve social issues.

However, there are still ongoing conflicts between nations deriving from differences in races, ethnicity, cultures, and religions. It is with our deepest regret that many lives have been lost in military actions and historical heritage, which have universal values to humanity, are seriously damaged in various areas in the world. Every conflict shall be resolved in a peaceful manner such as through dialogue, not by any military means.

While the international community is increasingly divided, we hereby reaffirm our solidarity based on our special bond strengthened through continuous exchanges. In addition, we hereby pledge to take actions to deepen mutual understanding through constant interaction between cities and citizens, to convey the importance of dialogue to the world for resolving issues, and to support historical cities and their people suffering from conflicts as well as to call for such initiatives.

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