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Dear Friends,

We are most pleased to announce to you that the 12th International Animation Festival in Japan – HIROSHIMA 2008 will be held from August 7th – 11th, 2008.

We, the Festival Team, are making every effort to organize another highest quality festival, in order to meet the enthusiasms of filmmakers and production people, as well as to meet the expectations of all the participants who gather from all over the world.

As you may realize, HIROSHIMA 2008 will be held following the Peace Memorial Ceremony of August 6th. We should be most pleased if we could share the spirit of Hiroshima, more than ever, to pursue lasting world peace.

Looking forward to your entry and participation in HIROSHIMA 2008 !

Sincerely,

Sayoko Kinoshita
Festival Director



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Dear Friend of Animation,

Thank you very much for your continued support of the International Animation Festival in Hiroshima.

We are pleased to announce that Hiroshima City will host the 12th International Animation Festival HIROSHIMA 2008 from August 7th to 11th. This festival of "Love and Peace" will bring together the spirit of Hiroshima - the desire for lasting world peace - with the central aim of the Association Internationale du Film d'Animation (ASIFA). ASIFA was established with the goal of contributing to the peaceful coexistence of humankind through the art of animation, a form of communication that transcends national and linguistic boundaries. It is among the most significant international cultural events held in Hiroshima.

On August 6, peace-loving people from all over the world join the citizens of Hiroshima to pray for consolation and peace. I sincerely hope that the artists participating in HIROSHIMA 2008 will come to a deeper understanding of the atomic bombing and allow "the spirit of Hiroshima" to offer inspiration for future works.

As usual, we anticipate a vast array of excellent works and hope you will be there.

Sincerely,

Tadatosh Akiba
Mayor of Hiroshima