

Hiroshima may host global nuke abolition meet

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The Hiroshima Prefectural Government said Friday it is considering hosting a global peace conference on the abolition of

atomic weapons as part of its wider plan to promote peace and nuclear disarmament.

Announcing the "Hiroshima for Global Peace" effort, Gov. Hidehiko Yuzaki said, "Hiroshima has a mission and duty to work

comprehensively (in nuclear disarmament) as a place that saw destruction and reconstruction.

"The scheme marks a new direction to be pursued by Hiroshima in promoting peace over the next 50 or 60 years," Yuzaki said.

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The prefectural government is planning to invite politicians, scholars and other experts to hold roundtable discussions.

Yuzaki will report the plan to the United Nations during a trip to the U.S. that starts Saturday.