

**Peace Bell Island Ishigaki 2018
Ishigaki Island Peace Declaration**

Billions of people live on this planet called Earth.
They have different eye and skin colors and speak different languages.

On this planet called Earth, there are nearly 200 countries.
They have different histories, different thoughts, and different religions.

On this planet called Earth, there are very beautiful and very fragile things.
People compete for these beautiful and fragile things and sometimes fight over them.

This planet called Earth has a dark, sad past.
A past where people have hurt each other in foolish acts called war.

Conflict and violence still exist on this planet called Earth.
They are caused by greed, suspicion, and fear that slip into people's hearts.

But,

There is a ray of light called hope shining down on this planet called Earth.
It is a light that illuminates darkness and brings comfort and warmth to people's
parched hearts.

Ishigaki Island exists on this planet called Earth.
It is a small, but very affluent island floating on the ocean at 24 degrees north latitude.

There are peace-loving people on this island called Ishigaki.
We are here with friends who are full of hope and who respect dialogue and
consideration for others.

Ishigaki Island — a small island where 50,000 people live.
World peace from Ishigaki Island to people all over the world!

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Yoshitaka Nakayama, Mayor of Ishigaki City

The 30th Anniversary of the Installation of the World Peace Bell