

## President Lee Jae Myung consoles compatriots affected by atomic bombing on 80th anniversary

‘We will steadfastly uphold value of peace to prevent horrors of war from repeating’



President Lee Jae Myung (5th from L) and first lady Kim Hea Kyung (6th from L) observe a moment of silence for patriotic martyrs and national heroes at the 80th Liberation Day celebration held at Seoul's Sejong Center for the Performing Arts on Aug. 15.

President Lee Jae Myung expressed his condolences on Aug. 5, as part of the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Japan, stating, “I offer my deepest condolences and sympathy to our fellow citizens who suffered the atomic bombings and their bereaved families, who endured the double and triple torments of history’s turbulent waves in a foreign land, not even in their own homeland.”

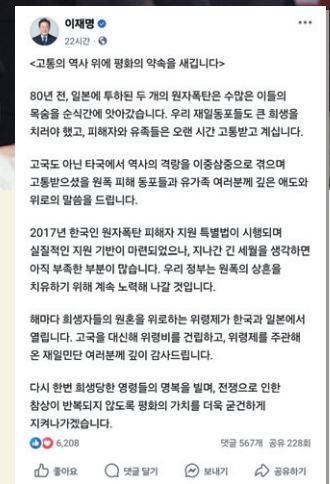
On the eve of the Hiroshima bombing anniversary, Lee offered this consolation in a Facebook post titled “Carving a promise of peace upon a history of suffering.”

“Eighty years ago, the two atomic bombs that were dropped on Japan instantly took countless lives,” Lee said. “Our compatriots in Japan also suffered great sacrifice, and the victims and their bereaved families have endured pain for a long time.”

**‘We will continue our efforts to heal the scars of the atomic bomb’**

“While the Special Act on Support for Korean Atomic Bomb

President Lee Jae Myung's Facebook post



Victims took effect in 2017, establishing a practical support framework, considering the long years that have passed, there are still many areas that fall short,” Lee said. “The government will continue its efforts to heal the scars of the atomic bomb.

“Memorial services to console the spirits of the victims are held annually in both Korea and Japan. I express my deep gratitude to the members of the Korean Residents Union in Japan who have erected memorial monuments and presided over these services on behalf of their homeland,” he said.

“We will steadfastly uphold the value of peace to ensure the horrors of war are never repeated.” 장