

Spread the Message of Peace  
May Peace Prevail on Earth

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## Peace Poles - what are they?

Peace poles are a symbolic international effort to promote peace and unity. They are often wooden or stone markers installed in public spaces, schools, churches, and other places around the world. Each pole typically features the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" inscribed in multiple languages.

## How did they originate?

The phrase “May Peace Prevail on Earth” is a universal message for world peace. The message was authored by Japanese poet, spiritual teacher, and philosopher Masahisa Goi. After the end of World War II and the devastating atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Goi felt inspired to spread this message to the global community. His ideas for peace gained support and people began to share the message at peace gatherings with supporters handing out posters and stickers with his message. The concept of peace poles was subsequently introduced in the 1970s. The goal is to create a visual representation of peace and to serve as a reminder of our shared desire for global harmony.

Each peace pole is unique, often reflecting the cultural or artistic style of the community where it's placed. The idea is that these poles act as beacons, spreading a message of peace to all who see them and encouraging individuals and communities to reflect on their own roles in promoting a peaceful world.

There are currently (2024) 250,000 Peace Poles that have been placed worldwide, with at least one located in every country in the world.

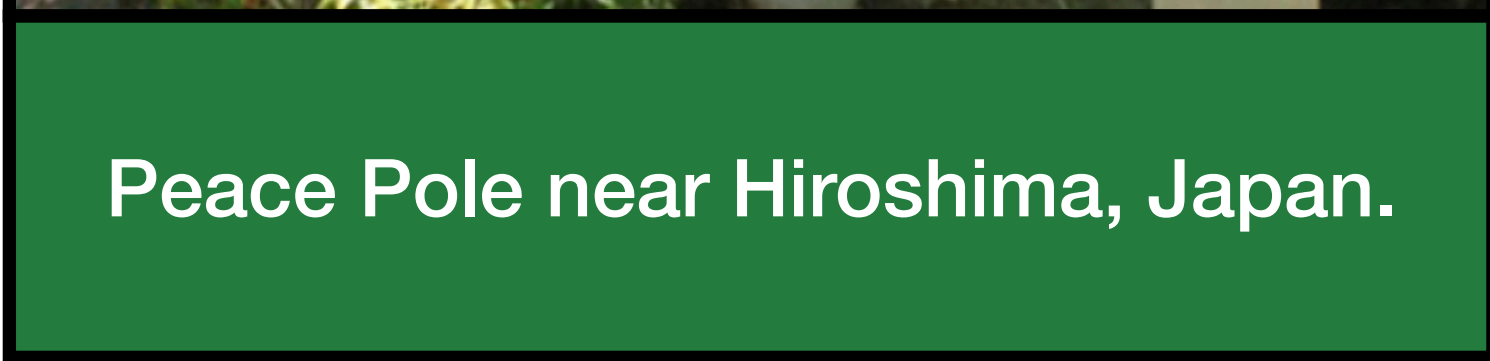
## Rotary and Peace Poles

Rotary Peace Poles are a specific initiative by Rotary International, reflecting the organization's commitment to peace and conflict resolution. The history of Rotary Peace Poles is tied to Rotary's broader mission to foster peace through various programs and projects. The idea of Peace Poles was introduced to Rotary in the early 2000s as part of an effort to enhance the visibility of Rotary's peace initiatives.

## The Rotary Camrose Peace Poles

Rotary Peace Poles are part of Rotary International's broader mission to promote peace globally. They symbolize hope and commitment to peace, integrating with Rotary's other peace-focused activities and contributing to the organization's enduring legacy of humanitarian service.

The Peace Poles installed along the Rotary Peace Path in Camrose contain the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" inscribed in the native languages of the countries associated with the Camrose Rotary Youth Exchange program.



**The Power of May Peace Prevail On Earth**

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