



MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH

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New Plymouth Mayor David Lean stands beside a peace pole erected early this afternoon by the Atkinson building in Devon St West, New Plymouth.

Below is the inscription on the pole in English and Maori.

About 600 people including 400 delegates from the New Zealand Methodist conference in New Plymouth, attended the ceremony.

Mr Lean accepted the pole on behalf of the city and a group of children

said: "may peace prevail on earth" in Maori.

The prayer on the pole is in Maori, English, Japanese and French. People also said it in these languages.

North Taranaki Peace Group president Elaine Atkinson, opened the

dedication ceremony early this afternoon and the Rev Merv Dickinson of the New Plymouth Dayspring Centre talked about the pole. It is a gift to the city from the Society of Prayer for World Peace in Japan.

Mr Dickinson said 50,000 poles had been

erected in Japan and 250 throughout the world.

A Japanese delegation brought the pole to New Plymouth two months ago with one other, which has been erected at the Dayspring Centre's Westown property.

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