Building a Just and Sustainable Peace

A Global Conference

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Hiroshima, Japan

“...we have come to realize that it is not enough to send peacekeeping forces to separate warring parties. It is not enough to engage in peace-building efforts after societies have been ravaged by conflict. It is not enough to conduct preventive diplomacy. All of this is essential work, but we must also act at a deeper level if we want enduring results. We need, in short, a culture of peace.”

— U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan

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Over 140,000 people perished after the first atomic bomb the world had ever seen exploded over Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. When I visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum two years ago, I saw the devastating effects of the use of human technology for destruction. This ignited the feeling in me that we must gather the global consciousness, have dialogues together, and build on the knowledge and diversity of people worldwide to foster world peace. It is in this spirit that this conference was conceived. By bringing people together from many different parts of the globe, by building bridges between countries that have had long histories of conflict, by showing living examples of the destructive power of landmines and other weapons, we will awaken the senses of both young and old to the value of seeking peaceful alternatives to conflict.” — Dr. Sorosh Roshan, Conference Chair

Honorary Chair

Hon. Tadatoshi Akiba has been the Mayor of Hiroshima, Japan since 1999. He received his B.S. and M.S. in mathematics from the University of Tokyo and his Ph.D. in technology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has taught at Tufts University and Hiroshima Shudo University and was a member of the House of Representatives in Japan from 1990 to 1999. As mayor, he has worked to improve waste management, reduce gang activity, and modernize government. He remains committed to anti-nuclear activism and greater democracy in government and is President of the worldwide organization, Mayors for Peace.

Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury is United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States. He was named to his current position in March 2002 by the United Nations Secretary-General. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the U.N. in New York, where he was President of the U.N. Security Council, President of the Executive Board of the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF), and Vice President of the Economic and Social Council in 1997 and 1998. He served for more than ten years as Coordinator for the Least Developed Countries and has also been the UNICEF Director for Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. Ambassador Chowdhury is the recipient of the U Thant Peace Award and UNESCO’s Gandhi Gold Medal for the Culture of Peace. He received an honorary doctorate from Soka University of Tokyo.

Dr. Shirin Ebadi is an Iranian human rights activist and the first Muslim woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize (2003). She received a law degree from the University of Tehran and was one of Iran’s first female judges, serving as President of the Tehran city court from 1975 to 1979. After the Iranian revolution in 1979, she was forced to resign her position. She now works as a lawyer, teaches at the University of Tehran, and leads the Association for Support of Children’s Rights in Iran, which she founded. Dr. Ebadi has campaigned for peaceful solutions to social problems and argues for an interpretation of Islamic law that is in harmony with equality before the law, religious freedom, and freedom of speech. She is the author of more than ten books, including her most recent Iran Awakening (2006), and several articles on the topic of law.

Mitsuko Horiuchi is the former Regional Director of the Asia Pacific International Labor Organization (ILO).

Conference Chair

Dr. Sorosh Roshan is the Founder and President of the International Health Awareness Network (IHAN). As a Non-Governmental Organization delegate to the U.N. since 1987, she is on the forefront of issues affecting women throughout the world and has presented at U.N. conferences on women’s health on five continents. IHAN, which she founded in 1990, provides healthcare to women and children in underserved socio-economic groups and developing nations. IHAN has planned and implemented international health conferences and field projects in Kenya, Jordan, Ethiopia, Egypt and Iran.

Hon. Yunsook Lee is the former South Korean Minister of Political Affairs. She has been a member of the National Assembly (ROK) of the Republic of Korea, as well as the Committee of National Defense, and has held many other key positions in the Korean government, including Chairperson of the Special Committee on Women of the National Assembly. Mrs. Lee is also the President of the Korea National Council of Women, Advisor to the United Nations Association of Korea, and Delegate to the Fourth United Nations Conference on Women. She is a graduate of Ewha Woman’s University and has been a radio and TV commentator in Korea since 1959.

Professor Jody Williams received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for her role as founding coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), which was launched by six non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in 1992. Under her leadership, the organization grew to more than 1,300 NGOs in over 85 countries and succeeded in securing an international treaty banning antipersonnel landmines in September 1997. Professor Williams has spoken on behalf of the organization all over the world and was senior editor of its annual Landmine Monitor Report from 1999-2004; the report monitors implementation of, and compliance with, the treaty. She is currently a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Social Work and Global Justice at the University of Houston’s Graduate School of Social Work.

Keynote Speakers

On the Cover: “The Ribbon” was created from a cloth with the Picasso print on it, using an embroidery kit given to The Ribbon International in Stockholm by the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILF). The kit was turned into a Ribbon panel. The drawing was given by artist Pablo Picasso to WILF for women who work for peace.
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2006
Opening Ceremony
Location: Hiroshima Art Museum
5:30 p.m. Welcoming Remarks: Hon. Tadatoshi Akiba, Dr. Ricardo R. Fernández, and Dr. Sorosh Roshan
6:30 p.m. Musical Interlude
7:00 p.m. Reception

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2006
Morning Session
Location: Memorial Hall, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
7:30-8:30 a.m. Hiroshima Memorial Walk
Participants led by Mayor Akiba and Nobel Peace Laureates
Dr. Shirin Ebadi and Professor Jody Williams
9:00-9:10 a.m. Opening remarks: Dr. Ricardo R. Fernández
9:15-10:45 a.m. Keynote address, Dr. Shirin Ebadi: “Land Mines in Iran” (translation to English by Dr. Shirin Ershadi)
Introduction: Dr. Sorosh Roshan

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11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Keynote address, Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury: “Building the Culture of Peace: An Essential Component of Sustainable Development in the Most Vulnerable Countries”
Introduction: Dr. Purificacion C.V. Quisumbing

Afternoon Session
Location: Memorial Hall, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
2:00-2:15 p.m. Presentation: In honor of Tatsuo Tanaka, founder of Lehman College at CUNY Hiroshima (1989-1995)
Introduction: Wilhelmina Reuben-Cooke, Esq.

BREAK

3:30-5:30 p.m. Presentations and panel discussion on health and the environment
Dr. Vijaya Melnick: “Health as an Imperative for Global Peace and Security”
Dr. Arthur Molella: “Memories, Museums, and the Bomb”
Mikiko Otani: “Human Rights and Justice: Critical for a Just and Sustainable Peace”
Panelists: Dr. Suad Al-Dasuqi, Dr. George Mungai, Henry Mensen, University of the District of Columbia student William Kellibrew, and Lehman College student representative

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2006
Morning Session
Location: Memorial Hall, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
9:00-10:45 a.m. Presentation and panel discussion on education
Dr. Bobby Austin: “Education for the Eradication of Poverty: A Basis for Global Peace”
Panelists: Dr. Ricardo Fernández, Binh Le, Dr. Julian Müller, Young Hai Park, Dr. Paul Reagan, Dr. Suzanne Stutman, and Lehman College student representative

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11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Presentation and panel discussion on human rights
Dr. Purificacion C.V. Quisumbing: “The Role of National Human Rights Institutions in Peace-Building”
Maryam Elahi, Esq.: “The Role of Human Rights Education in Promoting Peace”
Panelists: Dr. Farook Hassan, University of the District of Columbia student Selvon Waldron, and Lehman College student representative

Afternoon Session
Location: International Convention Center (3rd Floor)
1:30 p.m. Professor Jody Williams: “The Role of Nobel Laureates in World Peace”
Location: To be announced
4:00 p.m. Dr. Shirin Ebadi: “Iran Awakening: Memoir of Revolution and Hope”
(Note: Dr. Ebadi will be available to sign her book after the talk.)
Location: Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park
6:00-7:00 p.m. Performance by School Bands
Led by Dr. Shirin Ebadi and Professor Jody Williams

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2006
Morning Session
Location: Memorial Hall, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
8:30-10:30 a.m. Youth Forum: “Building a Peaceful Tomorrow”
Japanese Youth Group and Lehman College student representatives
Alice Michelle Augustine, Frank Critton, Jeniffer Herrera, and Monique McPherson, and IHAN intern Thomas Hari Sharon
10:30-11:30 a.m. Testimony by Hibakusha (survivor of the atomic bomb)
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Video/Talk: “Movement for Remembering, Forgetting, and Mourning”
Eiko Otake
Q&A Session

Afternoon Session
Location: Memorial Hall, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
Co-Chairs: Dr. Shirin Ebadi and Professor Jody Williams
2:00-2:30 p.m. Keynote address, Hon. Yunsook Lee: “Societies and Cultures for Enhancing Tolerance and Promoting Peace”
2:30-3:00 p.m. Keynote address, Mitsuko Horiuchi: “Human Rights at the Workplace”
3:00-3:30 p.m. Hope MacDonald-Lone Tree: “Seeking Social and Economic Equity in the United States of America”

BREAK

4:00-5:00 p.m. Conference Recommendations and Plan of Action:
Dr. Purificacion C.V. Quisumbing and Dr. Vijaya Melnick
5:00-7:00 p.m. Cultural Events
Location: Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park
“History of the Ribbon”
Michele Peppers and Miyoko Watanabe
Children’s performance
Closing remarks: Dr. Sorosh Roshan and Dr. Ricardo R. Fernández
Dr. Suad Al-Dasuqi
has been President of Lehman College for 16 years and, th
rd, Founder and President,
Federation of Bar Associations.

Maryam Elahi
has been President of Lehman College for 16 years and, be
to both the Board of the American Association of Higher Education and the Governing Board of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Ricardo R. Fernández
has been President of Lehman College for 16 years and, before
t, was Assistant Vice Chancellor for the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. He is Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the American Council on Education (ACE), the major coordinating body for higher education in the U.S., and Past Chair of both the Board of the American Association of Higher Education and the Governing Board of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Farook Hassan
is a Visiting Professor at the Harvard Center for International Af
tairs and a Senior Advocate for the Supreme Court of Pakistan. He is the author of over twenty-five books and has litigated landmark civil rights cases before the highest courts of Pakistan. In 2004 he was appointed as Special U.N. Ambassador for the Family by the World Family Alliance.

Binh P. Le
is Associate Librarian and a Ph.D. candidate at Penn State University. He has published widely in the field of library science, especially concerning the impact of technology, and has also concentrated on the fields of Asian history, literature, and politics.

Hope MacDonald-Lone Tree
is the Councilwoman for the 20th Navajo Nation Council (2003–2007). An activist committed to issues affecting Native American communities, she has coordinated efforts to address drug trafficking and illegal alcohol sales and has worked through the Council’s Public Safety Committee to secure over $6 million in new funding for Navajo Public Safety, which has been chronically underfunded.

Dr. Vijaya L. Melnick
is the First Vice President of IHAN, is Professor Emeritus of Biological and Environmental Sciences and the Director of the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs at the University of the District of Columbia, where she also has served as Director of the Center for Applied Research and Urban Policy. In addition, she is Associate Director of the International Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Immunology at Georgetown University Medical Center and a member of the Health Care Ethics Faculty at Howard University Medical College.

Henry Mensen
is the founder of Arxx Building Products and chairman of Mensen Group International, a land-holding company. An environmentalist, he is involved with The Hunger Project (THP), a non-governmental organization that is working to stamp out hunger and poverty in developing nations. Through THP, he will be helping to address these issues in Haiti.

Dr. Arthur P. Mollera
is the Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Director of the Smithsonian’s Lemelson Center at the National Museum of American History. He is the author of numerous books and articles on science, technology, and culture, including the development of atomic cities. He was chief curator of the Smithsonian’s “Science in American Life” exhibit and has lectured widely on atomic culture in America, Japan, and England.

Dr. Julian C. Müller
heads the Department of Practical Theology at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, and is an ordained minister in the Dutch Reformed Church. He is widely known for his research and involvement in the field of pastoral care and community development in an African context and is a leading voice in the effort to care for the victims and families struggling with the HIV/AIDS crisis in his country.

Dr. George S.N. Mungai
is President of the Caroline W. Mungai Foundation. The Foun
dation was established by the Mungai family after the loss of their daughter, Caroline, at the age of 25. Its goal is to help the most vulnerable members of society: children without parents and without hope. The foundation is establishing Caroline Wambui Children’s Homes, starting with Ms. Mungai’s original home in Kenya.

Mikiko Ota
is an attorney-at-law in Japan, specializing in the area of international human rights, and Alternate Representative of Japan at the 60th Session of the U.N. General Assembly. She is Director of the Office of International Affairs of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations.

Eiko Otake
and her partner, Koma, were named John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellows in 1984 and awarded one of the first “Bessies” (the New York Dance and Performance Awards) in 1984. They were honored with a Bessie again in 1990 and named MacArthur Fellows in 1996. Most recently, they received the 2004 Samuel H. Scripps American Dance Festival Award for "lifetime achievement in modern dance."

Young Hai Park
is a Professor at Sookmyung Women's University, Vice President of ICW, and Seoul Women's Forum Coordinator.

Dr. Purificacion C. V. Quisumbing
is Chairperson of the Philippines Commission on Human Rights. She chaired the 43rd Commission on Human Rights and also served as Representative of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Director of the Office of the U.N. Center for Human Rights at U.N. Headquarters in New York, and Assistant Secretary of Foreign Affairs for Human Rights in the administration of President Corazon Aquino.

Dr. Paul B. Reagan
is a lecturer in Asian history, international relations, and modern Japanese language at Penn State University’s Abington College. A Fellow of the Institute of Social Science at the University of Tokyo and of St. Catherines’s College, Oxford University, he is preparing a study of Abe Jiro and a translation of Art and Society of Tokugawa Japan.

Wilhelmina Reuben-Cooke, Esq.
was named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of the District of Columbia in 2003. She previously was a prac
ticing attorney in Washington, D.C., with Willmer, Cutler & Pickering and the Citizens Communications Center and was also an Associate Director of the Institute for Public Representation at Georgetown Law Center. In 1986, she joined the faculty of Syracuse University College of Law, where she became a tenured full professor and was also the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Suzanne Stutman
is a Professor of English, American Studies, and Women’s Studies at Abington College, Penn State University. She is the author of five scholarly texts and three books of poetry and is Past President of The Thomas Wolfe Society. She has written poetry on behalf of several organizations, and her work has been read and exhibited at the U.N. and various locations around the world. She is Immediate Past President of the National Council of Women (U.S.A.) and Vice President of Educational Outreach for IHAN.

Other speakers include Michele Peppers, Executive Director, The Ribbon International; and Miyoko Watanabe, President, Hiroshima Peace Ribbon Association.

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