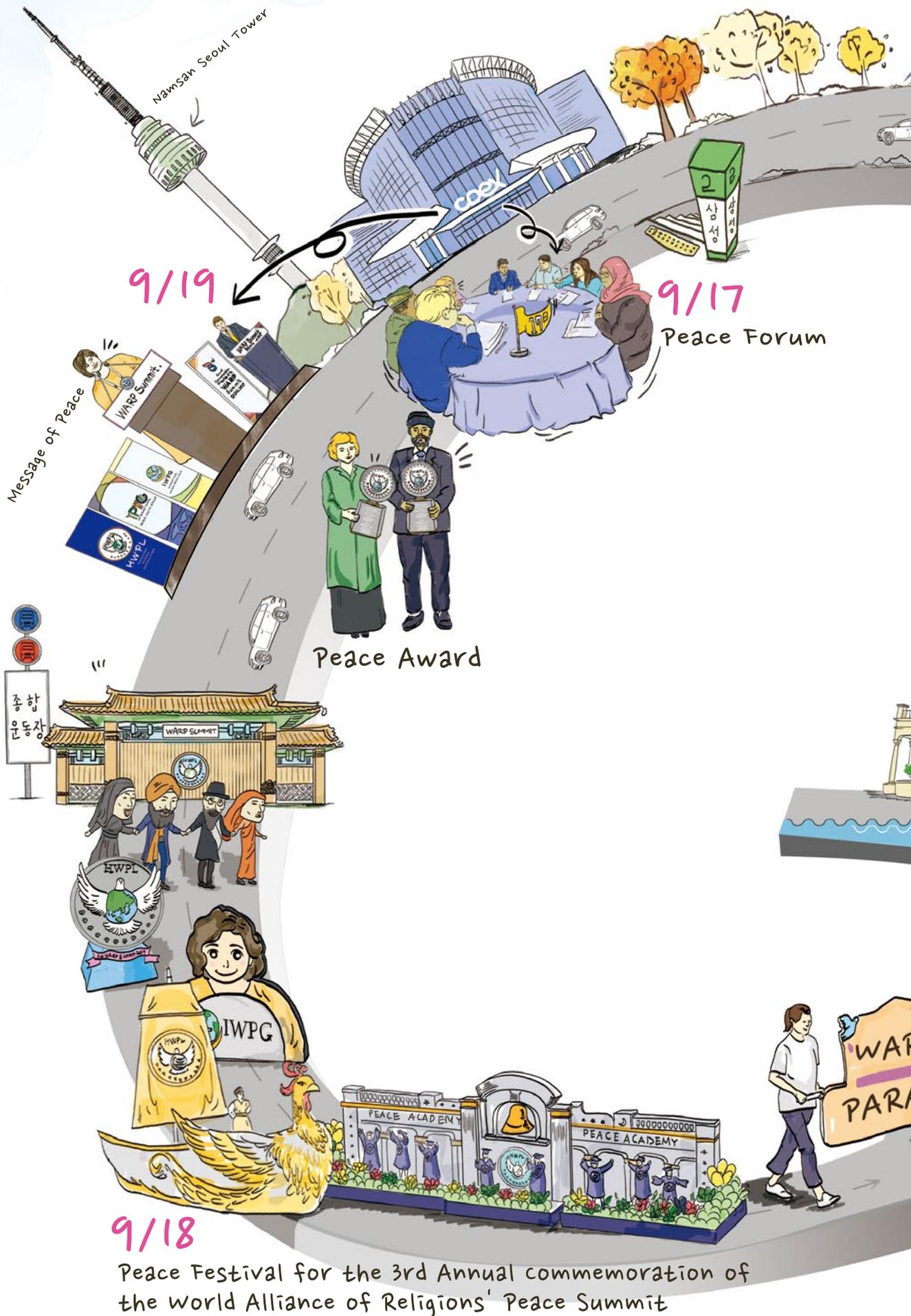




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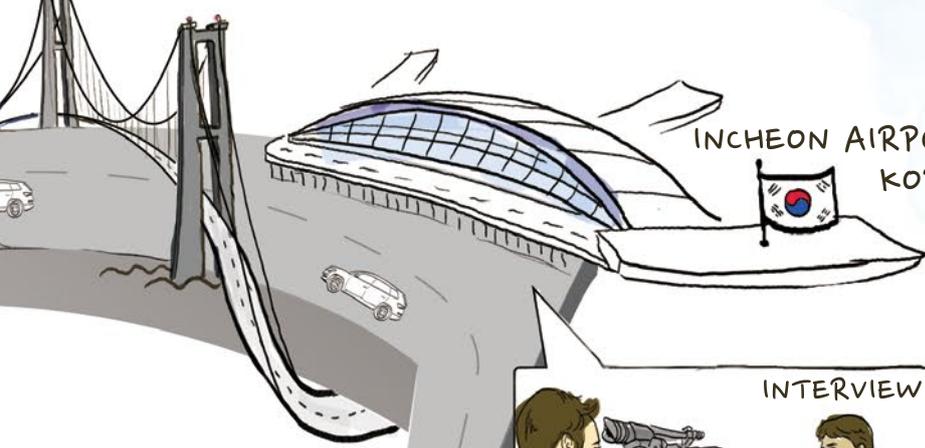
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The Youngjong Grand bridge



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OVERNANCE

Together for Peace  
as messengers for Peace !

# Press Conference

## for the 3rd Annual Commemoration of the September 18th WARP Summit Seoul 2017

Around 100 International media professionals showed great interest in and gave applause to the peace activities in the Korean Peninsula

“The Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War, drafted by prominent legal experts, is already here. All people living in this globe, regardless of who they are, have to work together with the same heart for peace and for the purpose of the cessation of war and world peace.”

HWPL Chairman Man Hee Lee gave this motivational statement at the Press Conference for the 3rd Annual Commemoration of the September 18th WARP Summit, which was held at the Grand Intercontinental Hotel in Seoul.

The flurry of anticipation filled the conference room as reporters coming from different media agencies raised their hands to ask more questions to HWPL’s Chairman. Also, the questions regarding peace education and the spreading a culture of peace initiatives were thrown to IWPG’s Chairwoman Nam Hee Kim.

Around 117 journalists and 105 press agencies from 45 countries including those in the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and others participated in the Q&A session. The primary question topics were regarding international law, peace education, women’s peace activities, spreading a culture of peace initiatives, peace in the Korean Peninsula, and religious conflict and peace.



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"What outcomes can we anticipate from this event, as the 3rd Annual Commemoration of September 18th?"



Ms. Thiptawan Teeranaipong, Thai PBS, Thailand

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"What is the most important thing for women to do to popularize the peace education curriculum globally?"



Ms. Juliana Gollosi, BalkanWeb, Albania

"All people of the world have to think of the purpose that HWPL pursues and how it is related to the world today. The means of hosting this 3rd Annual Commemorative event is to raise awareness of the issue of peace among many and awaken those people who are asleep in relation to peace. We have come together to cease all wars and establish peace, and also to urge the world to acknowledge the need for removing weapons of mass destruction.

With those weapons of destruction still in existence, can we really achieve peace in this world? This globe, that is full of life, was given to men as their inheritance. Then, shouldn't we protect and preserve it? All the politicians and professionals in the political field need to think of and perceive the achievement of peace differently. I also urge all journalists and press to play their role in spreading the messages of peace to all leaders and citizens transparently."

Mr. Man Hee Lee, Chairman of HWPL

"For the implementation of peace education, I think we need to know the contents of the education as well as its proponents. In other words, the peace education carried out in this world is based on the mindset of Chairman Lee of HWPL and his footsteps for peace. He is the living curriculum of peace education.

This education trains children and youth to learn and build their behavior, attitudes, and communication skills to solve conflicts and issues peacefully. Peace education has to be practiced from the family level all the way through elementary, middle, and high schools and even to universities. IGOs such as UN and UNESCO are to cooperate with HWPL so that the education will be embedded in our everyday lives in order to cease all conflicts."

Ms. Nam Hee Kim, Chairwoman of IWPG



# The 5th HWPL International Law Peace Committee Meeting: Legislate Peace Together

The 5th HWPL International Law Peace Committee Meeting: Legislate Peace Together, that discussed the action plans of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) was held for the purpose of achieving both present and future peace.

Over 200 heads of states, high-level officials, and figures representing NGOs, civil society, youth, and women's organizations filled the meeting room ambitiously. The participation of diverse groups of people, in addition to the committee members, represented the will of building the foundation for governments to create policies, as well as support their institutionalization, and to carry out the peace work of civil groups vigorously. All of this will directly contribute to the creation of a legally binding instrument of peace for humanity.

The 5th committee meeting was divided into two parts respectively.

## Part I

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### Speech:

“Introduction of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War”

### Panel discussion:

“Seeking Ways to Make the DPCW a Reality for the Peaceful Present and Future”

The Chairman of The Finnish Arbitration Association, Mr. Gustaf Möller, who participated in the drafting of the first draft of the DPCW during the 2nd HWPL International Law Peace Committee meeting that was held in November 2015, opened the first session by introducing the comprehensive and valuable contents of the DPCW. He explained the 10 principles that work towards the realization of peace encompassed in the DPCW and presented the importance of collaborative cooperation among the various social sectors such as governments, education, civil society, women, youth and others.



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The Declaration, ‘Peace and Cessation of War’ was drafted with the intention of promoting the respect of fundamental human rights and international law. The core values are freedom, justice, peace, security, inter-generational solidarity, the promotion of social progress





and standards of life, and tolerance and respect in the context of religious beliefs and traditions.

As the root causes of conflict have become increasingly complex and multidimensional...the Declaration 'Peace and

Cessation of War' serves as a framework of robust, global infrastructure built by sovereign States on a foundation of tolerance, mutual understanding, and dialogue developed to resist conflict.



**Mr. Gustaf Möller,**  
Chairman, The Finnish Arbitration Association



In the discussion, a panel formed by 8 people, among whom were present heads of states, education department ministers, justice ministers, and chairmen of national assemblies, dealt with the implementation of spreading a culture of peace, as stated in Article 10 of the DPCW.

The panelists agreed on the importance of the mature awareness of world citizens with a fostered peace consciousness. This led, more importantly, to the idea that peace education must be implemented with a focus on children, who are the leading characters of the future, in order to achieve a sustainable peaceful future.

H.E. Sabri Saidam, Minister at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Palestine, stressed that the virtual example of HWPL's peace education needs to be implemented.

“What matters is no longer based on what we say but rather what we teach in our schools. Education is the key to bring new grounds for hope where human values are to be upheld high not oppressed. I am happy to see Palestine, my country, be amongst the first to sign the DPCW and continue to run the education system that never promotes the policy of killing. HWPL's work is certainly recommended, but needs more intensive education efforts that matches the wills of those in the room. Friends, can we do it?”

## Part 2

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### Speech:

“The development and Implementation of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War”

### Panel discussion:

“Seeking Ways to Make the DPCW a Reality for the Peaceful Present and Future”



In the 2nd part of the meeting, a Peace Committee member, Dr. Said El Dakkak, Professor of International Law at Alexandria University gave an outstanding presentation about the direction for the establishment and development of the international law in accordance with the realization of the principles expressed in the DPCW. He stated that in order for the declaration to be developed into a legally binding instrument and for it to become a document acknowledged by all States, it must advance while maintaining a binding force through the expansion of cooperative nations and continuous meetings between them.

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Since its proclamation, HWPL has launched the ‘Legislate Peace Campaign’ for solicitation and promotion of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War. In addition to acquiring a wide range of support from civil society and other non-state actors, the Declaration has advanced and been promoted in parliaments, governments, intergovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders that maintain international peace and security.

**Prof. Dr. Said El Dakkak,**  
Professor of International Law,  
Alexandria University

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Subsequently, the panelists also engaged in an intense discussion regarding the submission of the DPCW to the UN and its legalization and implementation strategies in states worldwide. Through real examples, such as the cooperative works between the states currently underway for submission to the UN in the parliament of Central America and peace zones in the regions of Central and South America and Oceania, participants were able to analyze the best course of action to take in light of potential obstacles similar to those faced by other campaigns.



Chairman Lee of HWPL said, “Is there any reason that the nation must go after war? We should all become the messengers of peace and stop overlooking this problem. Urge your presidents and politicians that if you think the DPCW enables putting an end to future war, all politicians should support and sign to advocate for the DPCW. We have publicized and sent the Declaration to all citizens of the world. Let us all work very hard to make a better world and leave a good world for our future generation. And I sincerely hope this will bring our collaborative work for peace.”

He also stressed, in the context of the declaration's inclusiveness, the need of cooperation and efforts from all levels of society, without a single person being excluded, for the realization of peace. He expressed the dedicated work and sincere hearts of many who have now become partners with HWPL for the collaboration between government bodies and civil organizations, exceeding the development of peace initiatives such as the international law and peace education. Additionally, he mentioned what kind of value the advancement of such peace work has in this world that is stained by conflicts and requested once again for everyone to agree and participate.

The 5th HWPL International Law Peace Committee meeting served as an opportunity to catch a glimpse of the effort and development of the peace works carried out by each country after the 4th meeting last year. It also allowed us to examine, and form expectations for, the developing future of HWPL's work in peace, which will likely lead to rapid execution in a short period of time.

The government officials and representatives who composed the attending audience for this conference, will take the primary content presented in the panel discussions and on the 19th, the last day of the Summit, they will prepare methods and action plans adequate for each state through round table meetings separated by region-specific groups.

# Peace Education Development Forum for Spreading a Culture of Peace

HWPL carries out its Peace Education Initiative, which is formed through the Values of Peace based on the 3 Core Values, including ‘Sanctity of Life’, ‘Loyalty and Filial Piety’, and ‘Co-Existence and Sustainability’, to cultivate and train children and students to become true citizens of peace.

The forum this year focused on confirming the possibility of realizing the spreading of a culture of peace through HWPL Peace Education; building solidarity for the joint development of related educational contents; discussing the role and duty of educators, schools, and educational institutions, which are the critical entities who will practically implement such education.

## Part I

“Presenting the importance of Peace Education & Introducing the HWPL Peace Academy through an example case”

## Part 2

“Group Discussion for the Development of Peace Education Curriculum”



Education specialists working with HWPL are creating a culture of peaceful conflict resolution through the peace education that is being developed based on the core values of peace that HWPL pursues.

**Hon. Maria Eugenia Barrios Robles de Mejia**, *Deputy Minister of Ministry of Education in Guatemala*, spoke about “The Significance of Education and Schooling of Spreading a Culture of Peace.” She stated that in the current world where social changes are evident, educators “need to promote a better sense of tolerance, respect, and love for our neighbor, not only in classrooms. We need to do this in our everyday lives leaving theory aside.”

**Mr. Mathias Kevin Osimbo**, *In-Country Representative of Teachers Without Borders*, shared many pos-

itive cases he witnessed firsthand as a result of implementing HWPL Peace Education; for example, incorporating values such as empathy, respect, consideration, and others that are required for peace and harmony in society within his mathematics and physics classes.

At the first session of the Peace Education Development Forum, the importance of peace education as well as the role of educators in teaching the concepts of peace was seen through actual cases and the sincere speeches of the speakers.

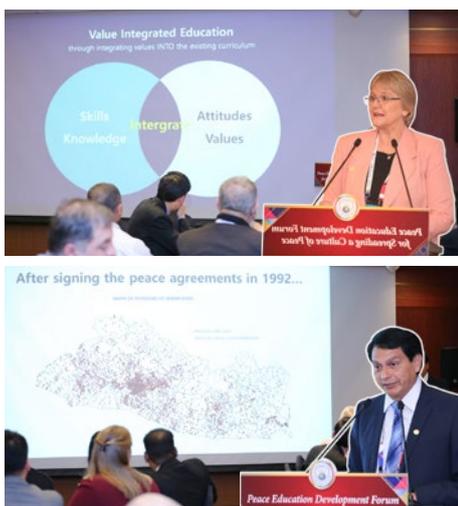
The Peace Education Development Forum Part II was primarily comprised of a round table group discussion for the development of the curriculum with given topics and various scenarios.

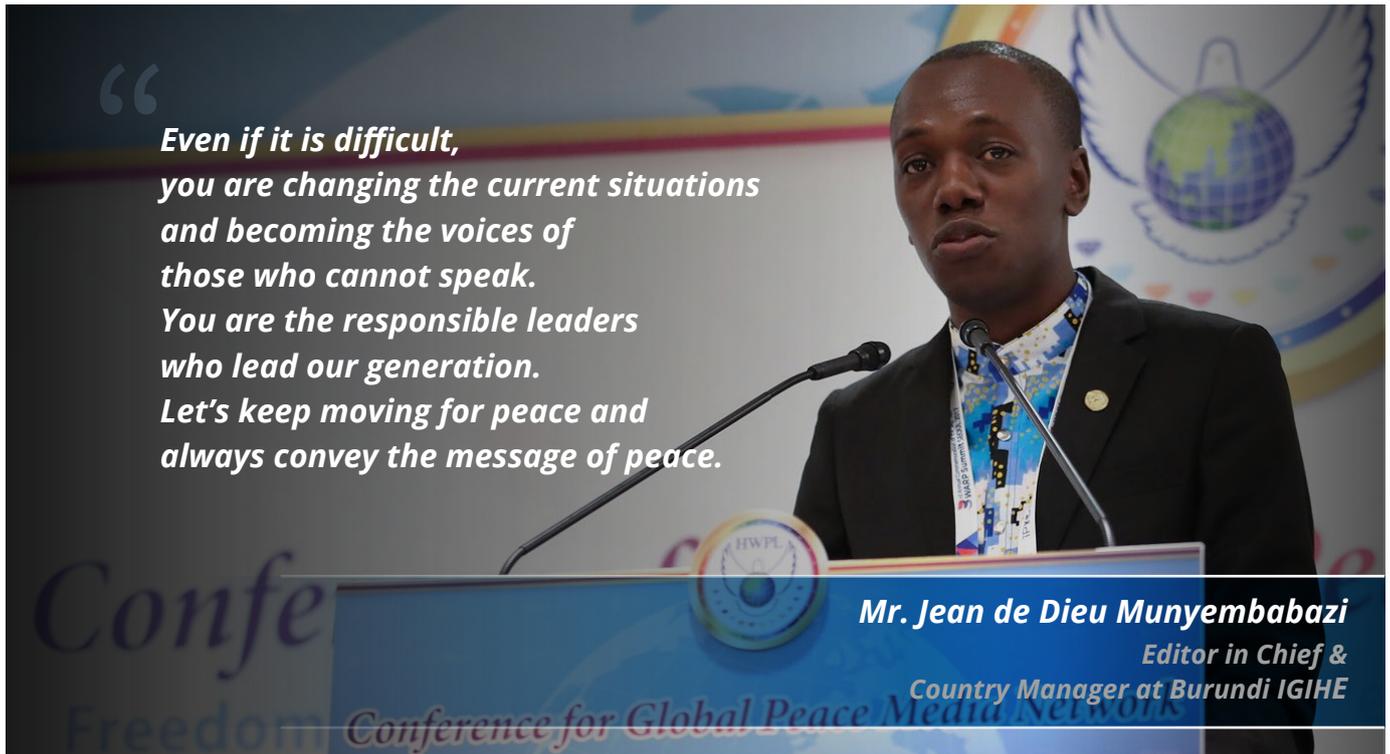
**Mrs. Nancy Roussopoulos**, *Former Principal at Camps Bay Preparatory School*, in Cape Town explained the fundamental purpose and necessity of the Value Integrated Education prior to the discussion. “Value Integrated Education does not want to change the curriculum, but through integrating values INTO the existing curriculum, we want to see a value-based society emerge in which all citizens can work, learn and live in peace with one another.”

The lively round table discussion was held with the topic of what kind of values among the 3 a student can apply effectively in a way that will lead to action, as well as what would be the values necessary to emphasize in order to combat the direct or indirect violent environment students may be exposed to outside of class or school.

**Prof. Juan Carlos Torres** of *Don Bosco University*, currently implementing the HWPL value integrated education curriculum, said “the purpose of these 3 Core Values is to really change the core of the person, meaning that it is not a superficial change. Because HWPL has created a tailored fit education...and this is how the future generations will change through the HWPL Peace Education.”

The Peace Education Development Forum recognized the importance of peace education for spreading a culture of peace and strengthened the cooperative solidarity for its advancement with a firm foundation in the core values of peace. Also, it gave impetus to the collaboration of schools and educators in advancing the curriculum and encouraged more schools and institutes to implement the process.





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*Even if it is difficult,  
you are changing the current situations  
and becoming the voices of  
those who cannot speak.  
You are the responsible leaders  
who lead our generation.  
Let's keep moving for peace and  
always convey the message of peace.*

**Mr. Jean de Dieu Munyembabazi**  
*Editor in Chief &  
Country Manager at Burundi IGIHE*

## Conference for Global Peace Media Network "Freedom of the Press and International Peace Media Community Initiative"

Press and media professionals from around the world gathered to launch a media platform that will greatly contribute to their ability to carry out the work of achieving world peace.

On the first day of the 3rd Annual Commemoration of the World Alliance of Religions' Peace (WARP) Summit, the Conference for Global Peace Media Network was held and around 100 journalists from 50 different countries worldwide were seen in attendance. These participants shared their experiences and examples of media and peace activities that were actively conducted since the conference held last year. Also, the concept of a peace media network that would promote the freedom of the press in reporting news of peace was introduced.



## Introducing Global Peace News Platform

- The platform homepage will provide the news of disputes in all parts of the world as well as the news related to the subject of peace.
- Everyone will have the opportunity to hear news from all around the world, as well as openly ask the international community to contemplate and propose solutions for these issues together.
- Any journalist will be able to share and provide information and contribute to the discussions and opinions. Included will be newsfeed policies and work agreements for the journalists.



# Global Peace News Platform

**Mr. Bojan Stojikovski**, a journalist at *Makfax* in Macedonia, gave a presentation regarding the role of journalists worldwide in the peacebuilding process. He stated that “daily reporting on peace initiatives and activities, like the ones that HWPL is conducting, is the best way for journalists to help towards the cause of world peace. I have reported about the activities that HWPL has done in the Balkans and I was glad to be able to spread the peace message across my region, so that people can truly understand HWPL’s work and the cause of peace”.

**Mr. Kamal Khalifa Abdelrahman Mahmoud**, *Chairman of Alsalamnews*, established HWPL NEWS, which reports all the news of HWPL in the entire Arab region, and “Alsalamnews”, which became the gateway to deliver the news of peace to the public. Through these efforts, the news of peace was able to be delivered faster and more accurately to the people in the region, which received a great response from audiences. He gave a speech further explaining these achievements and how they can translate to a larger scale worldwide, especially in regard to the creation of a peace media network.

The final speaker of the conference, **Mr. Ian Seo**,

*Chief Manager of the International Press Department of HWPL HQ*, concluded the event by giving a motivational presentation regarding the role of the media in building cooperative governance for peace, which is the central theme of the Summit this year.

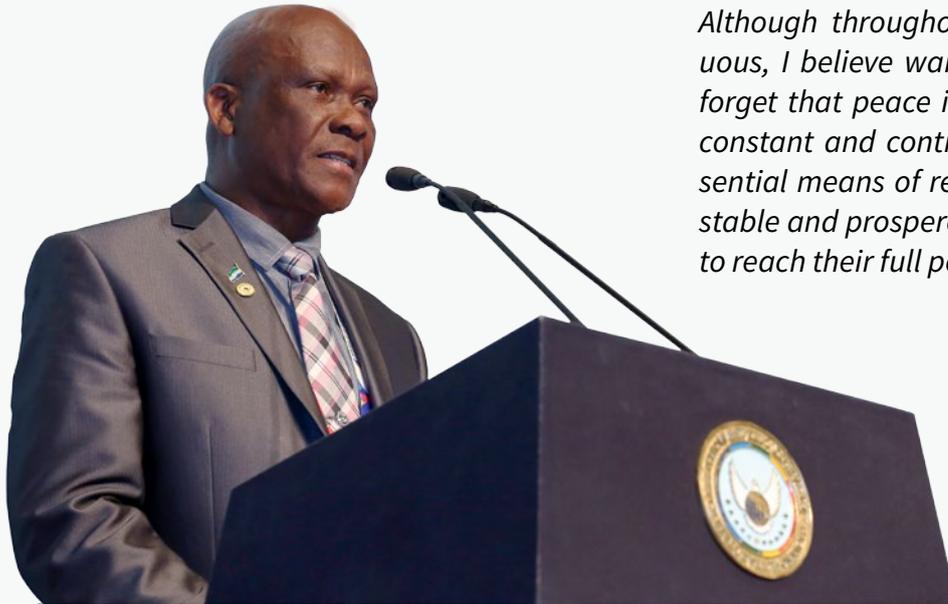
He stressed that “since journalism can make contributions to discovering, analyzing, evaluating, sharing and facilitating the trend and phenomena of peacebuilding, it plays a significant role in delivering the collective voice of the global community for the same, common goal of peace to every individual and attracting each individual to participate in such a task”.

Mr. Seo also urged all participants to join in the role of promoting genuine freedom of speech and media that goes beyond traditional boundaries of national, ethnic and social divisions and does not succumb to societal pressures and restrictions related to informing the public of the news of peace.

The proposals submitted by those who attended the media forum during last year’s WARP Summit have finally appeared as a reality and will be used by the media community as an effective means of achieving world peace.

# 2017 Conference for the Implementation of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War:

## Developing the DPCW through the Establishment of Peace Governance



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*Although throughout history, war has been continuous, I believe war is not inevitable. But we cannot forget that peace is also not inevitable and requires constant and continuous effort. Prevention is an essential means of reducing human suffering, building stable and prosperous societies, and enabling people to reach their full potential.*

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**Colonel Muana Brima Massaquoi,**  
the Military Adviser of the  
Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone  
to the United Nations

Peace messengers from around the world gathered in Seoul, South Korea at the “2017 Conference for the Implementation of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War”, which is the largest of many conferences held as part of the WARP Summit 2017. Following in the successful steps of the original WARP Summit in 2014 and the following annual commemoration events, this year’s conference was highly anticipated by the international community.

As support continues to grow worldwide for the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW), which was drafted and later proclaimed on 14 March 2016, efforts are now being taken towards the implementation and development of this declaration into a legally binding document through its adoption by the United Nations. The DPCW carries within itself the core values of human rights and a world free of war and conflict that set a universal standard of conduct that encompasses both states and individuals equally. It

can be seen as the embodiment of a comprehensive legal approach that is essential in today’s globalized society for achieving sustainable peace.

With the key message of collaborative peace governance in conjunction with the implementation of the DPCW, attended by over 1,000 participants, this conference allowed them to understand the necessity of cooperation as well as the specific roles they can play within their respective fields in the peacebuilding process.

Four main speakers were highlighted in this conference, each of whom shared with the audience a unique and personal aspect of peace that clearly demonstrated their sincere heart for the era of peace to begin. These speeches captivated all participants and inspired them to carry out their individual duty as a messenger of peace and cooperate with others in order to create an unbreakable peace network.



**Hon. H.R. Sarathie Dushmantha Mithrapala**, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Justice and Buddhist affairs, is a highly acclaimed politician in Sri Lanka that many view as having a high level of integrity. He has done much notable work in his position and has a clear desire for peace, which was felt strongly during his speech.

He stated, “I see the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War as a worthy endeavour to consolidate and stabilize peaceful relations in the world. The Article relating to the illegal occupation of territory resulting from the threat or use of force in a manner contrary to international law is especially worthy of note. It is the duty of every state to respect the territorial integrity and political independence of other states.”

**Ven. Oeun Sam Art**, Head Office of Protocol and International Relations of the Secretariat of Supreme Sangha Council participated on behalf of H.H Samdech

*Preah Agga Mahā Sangharājādhipati Tep Vong*, The Great Supreme Patriarch of the Kingdom of Cambodia, who gave an inspirational speech during last year’s 2nd Annual Commemoration of the WARP Summit concerning the importance of the advocacy of the DPCW for peace.

This year’s speech did not disappoint as even more passion and determination was felt by all in attendance. Especially as he called on people from all sectors of society worldwide to act for the cessation of war in his concluding statement that “War only brings ‘destruction and pain’. So we, as state leaders, religious leaders, religious followers, youth and women groups, and all people over the world must work together to stop all forms of war. No war, no suffering and no destruction. May all beings be happy and peaceful”.

H.H Tep Vong's speech also shared about HWPL's efforts for the alliance of religions in his country, Cambodia: "HWPL's WARP Office became a gathering place where religious leaders and followers come and narrow down the differences between religions. Religious Youth Peace Camp is one of the fundamental tools to spread the culture of peace not only to religious followers but also to the ones who might become religious leaders in the future. So, we should do all over the world."

**H.E. Deng Deng Hoc Yai**, a Minister of the Ministry of General Education and Instruction in South Sudan, has been an active proponent of peace following his direct experience in the two civil wars experienced in his home country. After witnessing the atrocity of war, he has dedicated much time and effort into establishing peace within the communities of South Sudan and beyond. This personal experience provided the foundation of the key message he delivered to all participants during his speech.

There was also a light of hope as he motivated the audience to take action by proclaiming that, "humanity is counting on us. Our mission is difficult but it is by no means a mission impossible. So, let us make a solid commitment today to leave peace as our shared legacy to our future generations. Let us demonstrate iron

determination to end conflicts, wars, poverty and human suffering and sow seeds of friendship, prosperity and happiness throughout the world."

**Colonel Muana Brima Massaquoi**, the Military Adviser of the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, has done significant work throughout his longstanding career as a UN Ambassador. He has played a significant role for empowering those in Sierra Leone to act in accordance to the ideas of peace and security. His extensive knowledge in this career field, as well as his love for his country, was seen during his fervent call for cooperation under the values expressed in the DPCW.

This was particularly prominent as he reflected that "There is nothing more precious than the sanctity of life. In fact, all efforts made in the United Nations and international law is for the promotion of human rights. Disarmament of weapons is to safeguard the lives from the unnecessary destructive capabilities of weapons. Mediation, respect, and tolerance is to protect the unique cultural values and the fundamental right to expression and belief. The peacebuilding and peacekeeping operations to reduce human suffering, build stable and prosperous societies, and enable people to reach their full potential is, at its core, the promotion of their human rights."



He added, “The United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres has outlined three critical components for conflict prevention. First, relentlessly pursuing peace along the continuum of prevention. Second, integrating peace, security, development, and human rights. Third, strengthening the synergy between Member States, the United Nations, and all key stakeholders. For this reason Sierra Leone is fully committed to the United Nations and HWPL for the completion of the shared goal of world peace and cessation of all wars.”

All speakers greatly contributed to the atmosphere of the conference and challenged the other participants to actively strive for peace and create concrete solutions within their respective fields of expertise for peace and the implementation and development of the DPCW.

With only divided efforts it is impossible to establish a lasting peace that can be passed on as a legacy to future generations. For this reason, the conference challenged participants to break down traditional barriers and ideas that prevent sincere and complete cooperation.

Only when governments and civil society actors come together and work together under the ideals of collaborative peace governance can the hope of all global citizens be achieved. This key message was delivered to all participants attending this conference, preparing them for the other conferences and events that will be held during the remaining days of the 3rd Annual Commemoration of the WARP Summit.



# Peace Festival

for the 3rd Annual Commemoration of  
the World Alliance of Religions' Peace Summit

**Political Leaders** : 73 Countries / 220 Participants

**Religious Leaders** : 72 Countries / 257 Participants

**International Peace Youth Group** : 58 Countries / 207 Participants

**International Women's Peace Group** : 53 Countries / 186 Participants



**Article 10** *'Spreading a Culture of Peace'*  
Educating Children to become Messengers of Peace

**Article 1** *'Prohibition of the Threat or Use of Force'*  
Weapons to be Transformed into Tools Beneficial for  
Humanity



# Paradise of Peace



Peace festival

The Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War is derived from the voices of the messengers of peace working with HWPL, transcending various sectors of society, for one single purpose: the cessation of war and alliance of religions. The Parade of the Paradise of Peace expressed the unification of Korea with the train of unification that travels from the South to the North, connecting the land that has been ever-divided by the long-lasing ceasefire. The finale of the parade was the brilliant waves of peace that will encompass the world.



**Article 6** *‘Settle International Disputes through Peaceful Means’*

Establishing an International Law Based on the DPCW

**Article 9** *‘Promote Peaceful Coexistence Amongst Religious and Ethnic Groups’*

The Key to Achieve Interfaith Harmony



# Inspirational Messages of Peace

The level of awareness of people around the world has grown, as well the influence of the WARP Summit and HWPL in peace work. This era requires the establishment of collaborative peace governance among governments and NGOs and the formation of a comprehensive peace network for all members of society to join and work together for peace. The main points of the speeches at the Peace Festival were regarding the importance of peace education and the establishment of collaborative peace governance.

**H.E. Atifete Jahjaga**, *Former President of the Republic of Kosovo* said, “I can’t think of a better place to offer my thoughts on peace and peace governance than in Seoul,” sharing her gratitude for the WARP Summit being hosted in Seoul, the place from which the country has grown after the painful Korean War.

**H.H. Singh Sahib Giani Gurbachan Singh Ji**, *Jathedar of the Golden Temple of India*, has been supporting HWPL peace activities since his participation in last year’s Summit and has been actively cooperating to realize the alliance of religions stated in Article 9 of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW).

Through his congratulatory message, he stated, “HWPL plays a very important and needed role in establishing this network and peace governance between governments and civil society actors throughout the world. It is something that must be accomplished with the collaboration of all individuals around the globe.”

**Hon. Given Lubinda**, *Minister of the Ministry of Justice of Zambia*, called for everyone to acknowledge and complete their duty as the messengers of peace. “It is our inescapable duty to call to action all our political, religious, civic and academia leaders.” He then added, “under the slogan ‘Together for peace as messenger of peace’ we have to develop an action agenda for world peace and cessation of war as a reflection of global citizens’ hopes and aspirations.”



**H.E. Adrien Houngbedji**, *President of the National Assembly of Benin*, mentioned the value and future development of the DPCW, explaining that “It (the DPCW) is a praiseworthy effort which needs to be saluted. However, the different principles of this declaration must still be operationalized through a course of action, so that our countries as well as the international community can look for the possibility of implementing these measures in their national laws and treaties, agreements and international conventions.”

After the hopeful messages of these leaders of the various sectors of society, HWPL Chairman Man Hee Lee addressed all in attendance at the opening ceremony, expressing his gratitude for the inspiring speeches and the participation of the 150,000 people watching the Festival from all over the world through the livestream.

He proclaimed that, “the peace work we have carried on will be recognized by heaven, Earth, and by all creation, and every member of the family of peace will go down in history as a light that shines forever. Allow me to urge the presidents of respective nations to sign in support of the 10 articles and 38 clauses of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War. Also, I implore all global citizens to unite as messengers of peace.”

The Chairwoman of the International Women’s Peace Group (IWPG) also encouraged everyone to take action and participate in the peace initiatives by saying, “we already know the solution, the answer, to achieve peace, but if we do not act upon it, what will happen to the fate of this world? The choices we make can change the world.”

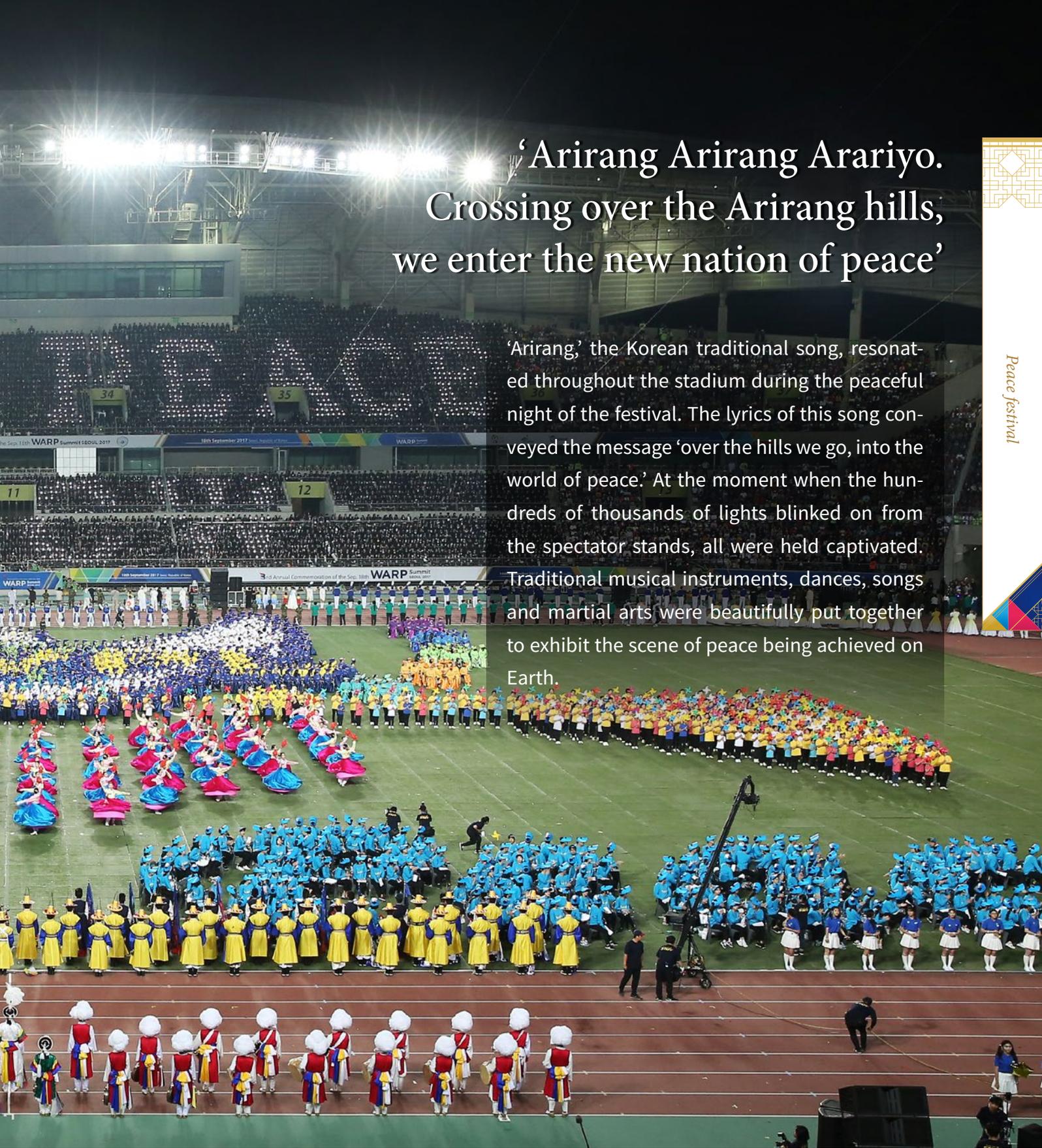
These messages should be developed into various forms of campaigns through numerous peace events worldwide. Peace must become a reality in our generation, which is possible when communication and a firm cooperative system is established. The terror and war still occurring today in different places around the world must come to an end during our lifetime.





# ‘Arirang Arirang Arariyo. Crossing over the Arirang hills, we enter the new nation of peace’

‘Arirang,’ the Korean traditional song, resonated throughout the stadium during the peaceful night of the festival. The lyrics of this song conveyed the message ‘over the hills we go, into the world of peace.’ At the moment when the hundreds of thousands of lights blinked on from the spectator stands, all were held captivated. Traditional musical instruments, dances, songs and martial arts were beautifully put together to exhibit the scene of peace being achieved on Earth.



# Region-Specific Discussion

## for the Implementation of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War

The main purpose of this conference was to discuss the establishment of cooperative governance for the development of the DPCW, the integration of peace education and the enactment of various peace projects worldwide.

### Discussion for the Development of the DPCW into a Legally Binding Instrument



Regional Implementation of the DPCW:

#### **Peacebuilding in the Americas:**

#### **The PARLACEN's Progress Made with the DPCW**

The progress that has currently been made towards the development of the DPCW that will be acknowledged by nations within Central America, was shared. In fact, the DPCW is now being advanced within the Security and Peace Personnel Committee and General Assembly of the Central American Parliament (PARLACEN). Participants also created methods to urge government officials to support the implementation of the DPCW.

Regional Implementation of the DPCW:

#### **South Pacific Peace Zone**

Recently the Peace and Cooperation Zone in the South Pacific region has been significantly strengthening and expanding through the implementation of the core values of the DPCW and the introduction of the background and contents of the Declaration of the Zone of Peace, which has been declared in various areas of the world.





### **Implementation of Peace Education Based on the Principles of the DPCW**

(Article 10: Spread a Culture of Peace)



Discussing the development plan of the Peace Guardian: Peace Education Program in the Middle East

Discussing the action plans for “Advancing Peace Education and Support of the DPCW” for youth in Palestine

Discussion on the Development and Implementation of Peace Education in Africa. Discussion on the potential roadmap to receive official approval of the H.O.P.E. Program by the national government

### **Execution of Peace Projects Based on the DPCW by Governments and Civil Societies**



Discussion about policies and methods of governmental advocacy for cooperative governance in order to promote Malaysia’s peace policy.

The necessity of implementing a peace project in Cambodia was recognized and participants discussed various activities for each class to carry out as a practical peace project based on Article 10 of the DPCW (To Spread a Culture of Peace).

Discussion on the implementation of the DPCW through the strengthening of the Indian Ocean Peace Zone and meeting to create a strategic plan of action for the implementation of the DPCW that incorporates cooperation across all levels of society.

# The 3rd International Religious Leaders' Conference

## : Cooperation for the Realization of Religious Peace

Under the theme of “Cooperation for the Realization of Religious Peace,” the International Religious Leaders’ Conference was attended by 300 religious leaders representing many of the prominent religious communities worldwide, including but not limited to Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Hinduism and Buddhism. The vibrant faces of all in attendance that were seen as

they exchanged greetings with one another according to the customs of their respective religions was a strong indication of their high expectations for this conference.

The conference began with a presentation concerning the data of the standard for a trustworthy scripture that was collected, and a summary of the future direction of the WARP

Offices in 2018. Currently 218 WARP Offices are operating in 126 countries.

The first speaker was the **Grand Ayatollah of Canada, Mr. Seyed Reza Hosseini Nassab**, who gave an inspiring speech entitled “Pursuit of Truth and Realization of Religious Peace” in which he clearly pointed out the role of religious



leaders in the creation of a peaceful future.

He said, “It is the most important responsibility of Religious Leaders to find out the truth from the Holy Scripture and to teach it to other people, especially the youth.”

**Rev. Acharya Prem Shankaranand Tirth**, the Hindu High Priest of Shree Geeta Ashram of Delhi, gave a rousing speech by sharing his personal background and experience with the WARP Office and said, “HWPL is trying to make efforts to gather all religious people in the WARP Office for the comparison of Scrip-

tures and to see the similarities of God and His teachings to demolish differences. Through this, people can live harmoniously and practice God’s heavenly culture.”

**Ven. Sumiththa Thero**, the Chairman of the Sri Lankan Buddhist Cultural Center Hong Kong, gave

an empowering speech regarding the “Trustworthy Scripture and the Task of Religious Leaders”. He stated that “religions share the same heart in seeking for the absolute truth because we all face the same sufferings like goodness and evilness, life and death, wars, etc.”

As a participant in the WARP Office meetings, Ven. Sumiththa Thero also openly shared his experiences there, stating “for the first time in my life, I have engaged in very deep dialogues and have seen how it is like to feel equal on the same table even if we have different religious backgrounds. This feeling is

so strong that I start to imagine how wars will stop if people will feel the same way as I do”.

Despite the multitude of different religions that can be found worldwide, it is important to never forget the many similarities that exist between them. Not only are religious leaders seeking for the highest truth, but all people around the world share the same anxieties and sufferings and have the same desire to work for peace and give that hope to the entire world.

Chairman Man Hee Lee of HWPL addressed all the religious leaders

present, stating that “When you put something on a scale, you know whether it is heavy or light. Just like that, we, ourselves, have to become the just and righteous scale. We, the religious leaders, have to be the wise scales measuring all religious scriptures. Let us not be arrogant thinking that what we know is everything.”

The 3rd International Religious Leaders' Conference provided a time where religious leaders from all different denominations directly confirmed that the WARP Office scripture comparison meetings are the answer to solve the issue of the



**Grand Ayatollah Seyed Reza Hosseini Nassab**

Pursuit of Truth and Realization of Religious Peace



**Rev. Darshan Singh**

The Scripture and Religious Peace



**Rev. Acharya Prem Shankaranand Tirth**

The Necessity of the Discussion for the True Harmony



**Imam DR. Chadi Zaza**

The Importance of Religious Alliance focused on a Trustworthy Scripture



<http://warpsummit.org>



**Ven. Sumiththa Thero**

Trustworthy Scripture and the Task of Religious Leaders

reconciliation of religions.

It is anticipated that through these WARP Office Meetings peace will soon be achieved between religions in accordance with the standard for a trustworthy scripture that was announced at this conference.



# 2017 IWPG Network Forum

This Forum was the location where around 350 women leaders from all over the world gathered together for the purpose of putting an end to war, as well as to support and promote the establishment of an international peace law. They also discussed successful cases of cooperation for the implementation of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) and future action plans to further advocate for its development into a legally binding international law. With this Forum, the international women's peace network became stronger, overcoming the traditional boundaries of nationality, race, religion and social standing.

## ***IWPG Peace Prize Award Ceremony***

The IWPG Peace Prize Award Ceremony was held as part of this year's conference. This distinguished prize was awarded to 12 outstanding peace messengers who sincerely devoted their efforts to the various activities held to advocate for the establishment of HWPL's international law. In addition, they also actively participated in the peace work done for the end of global war and the realization of world peace. Without the dedication of individuals such as these, the rapid growth of IWPG and support for the work of peace achieved this past year would not have been possible.



## ***"Mother, give us peace." Peace performance with children***

During the final portion of this year's forum, an amazing group of children, who are the true representatives of our dreams for the future, put on a special performance. Children's songs, along with Michael Jackson's "Heal the world", comprised the background music as handwritten letters showing the children's heart for peace were directly delivered to the global women who were gathered at the Forum. Also, the peace performance created by the mothers and children became the breathtaking scene of a truly peaceful world that all participants of the forum are hoping to establish in the near future.



### ***Establishment of International Law for the End of War and Realization of World Peace and the Role of Women***

Women have a major role to play in the peacebuilding process, as **IWPG's Chairwoman Nam Hee Kim** stated that "The core value of our IWPG is the heart of a mother because it is this heart that is the source of achieving world peace. Through the heart of a mother we continue to hold peace campaigns, call for conferences with members from all around the world and work for the legislation of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War with the assistance of UN women leaders."



### ***Establishment and Utilization of a Network of Women Leaders for International Law Enactment***

The next speaker, **Dr. Merbet Tel-Avi**, the President of the Arab Women's Organization, said, "I am also proud to present the importance and peace activities by attending the 3rd annual commemoration of WARP Summit hosted by HWPL and IWPG. And my voice for women empowerment is to continue with IWPG until the human rights and peace are achieved."



### ***The Role of Women for Future Peace Together with the IWPG***

**Ms. Hannah Kim**, the Former Chief of Staff and Communications Director to US Congressman Charles B. Rangel and Remember727 Founder said, "I've traveled many countries in six continents including China, Russia, and North Korea, meeting Korean War Veterans. They all said war is atrocious and women and youth are the scapegoats bearing the most sacrifice. A world free of war must be established through our hands."



### ***Practical Examples of Urgent Action for Establishing International Law as well as the Establishment of Cooperative Governance***

The final speaker, **Ms. Sow Pheng Woo**, the President of the Johor Women's Federation, inspired all in attendance with her sincere passion and determination for peace. She stated, "we must not forget the great goals that people around the world pursue: justice, mutual respect, national sovereignty, education, and freedom of religion etc. These goals and principles are contained in the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War, and we must inform the world."



# HWPL Peace Award Ceremony

**The messengers of peace who are dedicated to ending war and creating a world of peace are given this award, but the true reward is that peace will soon be achieved in the world.**

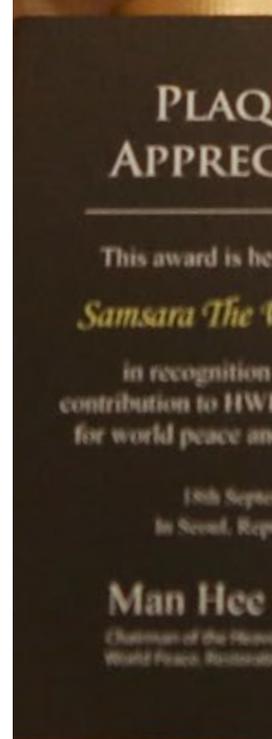
*“We are not two, but one. We truly are one. We are the one that will make peace. Think about this one point and do not forget that we are one family. Let’s fulfill our mission to create peace together. Thank you very much.”*

The HWPL Peace Award Ceremony was held at the 3rd Annual Commemoration of the World Alliance of Religions’ Peace (WARP) Summit. Around 66 participants from various sectors of society, including international law experts, education professionals, civil society leaders, heads of youth and women organizations and members of the press, were invited to participate in this ceremony, which was part of the “Conference for the Development and Implementation of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War”.

Following the original WARP Summit that was hosted back in 2014, HWPL granted the first peace awards to honor individuals from various fields who displayed a strong love for peace and endeavored to spread and promote the culture of peace for the purpose of putting an end to all wars across the globe.

The recipients of the HWPL Peace Award have exceeded expectations and went on to advocate for the international law for peace that will lead to the cessation of war, participate in the opening of WARP Offices for the alliance of religions and interfaith harmony and increase public awareness of the work of peace through civil society, youth and women's organizations. As journalists, they have also worked for the purpose of achieving sustainable world peace by actively spreading the message of peace in accordance with HWPL’s goal of creating a peaceful world without war.

The true winners of this peace award were all those who came together from each field and worked as one in order to achieve a peaceful world that can be left as a shining legacy to future generations. Over 1,000 participants, including the honored winners, attended this





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event and once again pledged to continue to serve as messengers of peace.

In particular, at the 3rd Annual Commemoration of the WARP Summit this year, the 10 members of the HWPL International Law Peace Committee who are diligently working to publicly make known the 10 Articles and 38 Clauses of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW), which is the necessary tool for the elimination of war, were recognized for their efforts and also received the HWPL Peace Award.

**Pro. Dr. Said El Dakkak**, *Professor of International Law at Alexandria University and member of the HWPL International Law Peace Committee*, said "I consider it is not a personal award. It is an award for what we did. It is an award for what our messages are carrying on. It is an award for all the people who worked hard

to let the declaration come into effect."

He added, "Now we have this declaration, we have this already drafted and launched, but the hard work has started now. We have to go further, all the way, in the ways of the national level, the international level through the civil organizations, and inter-governmental organizations."

All the winners were interviewed afterwards, and they expressed their sincere joy in being honored with this award and reaffirmed their commitment to keep working in the future. However, the true peace prize is that all people across the globe will become messengers of peace and war will disappear from the world and complete peace will be achieved soon.



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