

Sunday, September 3, 2006

Location: Memorial Hall, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
“Human Rights and the Promotion of Peace”

Co-chairs: Shirin Ebadi and Jody Williams

Keynote Speakers:

The Honorable Yunsook Lee

Former Minister of Political Affairs II (Women’s Affairs), South Korea, Member, National Assembly, 2000-2004, and Chair, Women’s Affairs Committee



“Societies and Cultures for Enhancing Tolerance and Promoting Peace”

Mayumi Moriyama*



Member, House of Representatives, Japanese Parliament, and President, Japanese Parliamentarians’ League on International Labor Organization (ILO) Activities

Mitsuko Horiuchi



Former Regional Director for Asia Pacific, International Labor Organization (ILO)

“Human Rights at Work and Peace”

Distinguished Speaker: Environmentalist Henry Mensen (“Peaceful Coexistence in Harmony with Nature”)

Summation of Recommendations

Distinguished Speaker: Dr. Purificacion Quisumbing,* Chair, Human Rights Commission, the Philippines

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Distinguished Speaker: Michele Peppers, executive director, The Ribbon International

Ribbon Ceremony, Hiroshima Peace Park

Children’s Performance

Closing Remarks

* *Invited*

Monday, September 4, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Optional excursion to the island and shrine of Miyajima.

Honorary Chair

Hon. Tadatoshi Akiba



Mayor of Hiroshima, Japan, and President, Mayors for Peace, an organization of 1,306 member cities

Co-Chairs

Dr. Anthony Garro, Provost and Senior Vice President, Lehman College, The City University of New York

Dr. Sorosh Roshan, Founder and President, IHAN (International Health Awareness Network)

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- The Ribbon International
www.theribboninternational.org
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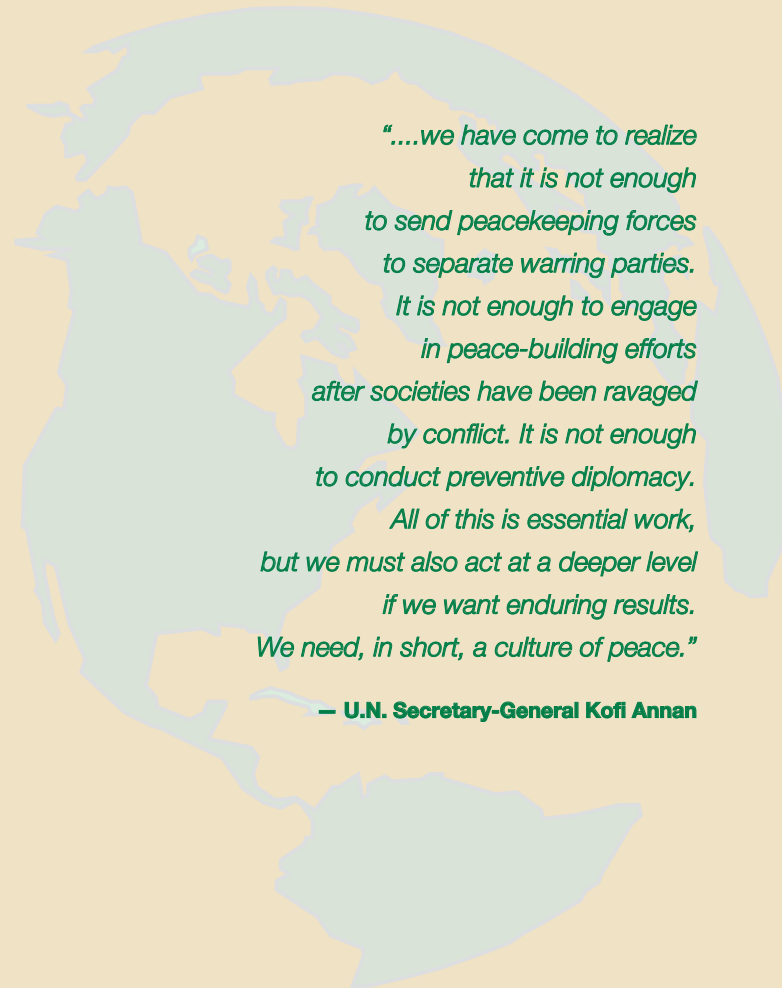
Building a Just and Sustainable Peace:

IMPROVING EDUCATION, HEALTH, THE ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL EQUITY

**A Global Conference
Hiroshima, Japan
August 31 - September 4, 2006**

“...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



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Friday, September 1, 2006

Location: Memorial Hall, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

“Education for World Peace”

A discussion of the role of education in the eradication of illiteracy, poverty and discrimination.

Chair and Moderator: Dr. Ricardo R. Fernández, President, Lehman College, The City University of New York

Panelists: Dr. Bobby Austin, The University of the District of Columbia; Dr. Binh Le, Professor of Political Science, and Dr. Suzanne Stutman, Professor of English, Abington College, Penn State University

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

“Sustainable Development, Human Security and Peace”

Chair and Moderator: Wilhelmina Reuben-Cooke, Esq., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.



Keynote Speaker: Jody Williams

1997 Nobel Peace Laureate and Founding Coordinator, International Campaign to Ban Landmines

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

“Building the Culture of Peace: An Essential Component of Sustainable Development in the Most Vulnerable Countries”

Chair and Moderator: Dr. Paul B. Reagan, Professor of History, Abington College, Penn State University



Keynote Speaker: Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury

United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

“Human Rights and Justice: Critical for a Just and Sustainable Peace”

Distinguished Speaker: Mikiko Otani, human rights activist, lawyer and Alternate Representative of Japan, 60th Session of the U.N. General Assembly

On August 6, 1945 at 8:15 a.m., the first atomic bomb the world had ever seen exploded over Hiroshima. Instantly, most of the city crumbled and burned. More than 140,000 people perished either immediately or within a few months. Those who managed to survive suffered from grievous mental and physical trauma from which many continue to suffer.

Since then, Hiroshima has become a spiritual center for the movement to ban nuclear weapons. Rising from the ruins, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum opened in August 1955, mandated to convey the facts of the bombing, thus contributing to the abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of genuine and lasting world peace.

In this spirit, a coalition of international institutions and organizations invites sponsorship and participation in “a gathering of global conscience” to galvanize support for a just and sustainable world peace. The event grows out of the symposium on “The Role of Women in World Peace and the Role of Men and Boys in Gender Equity,” held in New York City in 2004. One important goal of the 2006 conference is to build consensus and support for the creation of a Center for Peace and Human Rights Education at Lehman College, in conjunction with other institutions and organizations.

Thursday, August 31, 2006

Location: Hiroshima Art Museum

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration and Opening Ceremony

Welcoming Remarks

The Hon. Tadatashi Akiba, Mayor of Hiroshima and President, Mayors for Peace

Dr. Ricardo R. Fernández, President, and Dr. Anthony Garro, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lehman College, The City University of New York

Cultural Events

Networking Reception

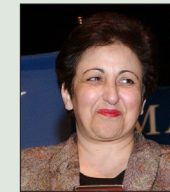
Saturday, September 2, 2006

Location: Memorial Hall, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

“Land Mines in Iran”

Chair and Moderator: Dr. Sorosh Roshan, Founder and President, IHAN (International Health Awareness Network)



Keynote Speaker: Shirin Ebadi

2003 Nobel Peace Laureate and leader of the Association for Support of Children's Rights in Iran

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

“The Health Imperative for Global Peace & Prosperity”

Distinguished Speaker: Dr. Vijaya Melnick, First Vice President, IHAN, and Professor Emerita, Biological and Environmental Sciences, The University of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Networking Lunch

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Summation and Closing Remarks

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Cultural events