



MAHATMA MK GANDHI PRIZE FOR NON-VIOLENT PEACE

We Are One: Acting for Peace World Peace Seminar & Award Ceremony

Dear HWPL Family of Peace,

The Mahatma MK Gandhi Foundation for Non-Violent Peace carries forward the novel spirit of peace as propagated by the great leader MK Gandhi, and for the past 27 years, the organization has been awarding the prestigious "Mahatma MK Gandhi Prize for Non-Violent Peace" to those who have contributed to peace.

This year, the award for the year 2020 (which has been long overdue with the impacts of the global pandemic) will be presented to the advocates of peace who have shown their dedication in their respective fields for the cause of peace even amidst a raging pandemic. We are proud to share to you the first Filipino who will receive this prize in the person of no other than, Commissioner Dr. Ronald L. Adamat of CHED.

A webinar on peace has been organized alongside the award ceremony to discuss the growing need for sustainable peace, and ways of achieving it. As advocates for peace, we invite you to participate, and to celebrate the work that has been achieved, and take part in this journey that will be done for peace.

We are one!

Date & Time : March 27, 2022 (Sunday) / 8PM(GMT+9) Venue : Online platform Zoom Registration link: <u>https://bit.ly/3D5De1P</u>

Sincerely, HWPL

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1. Overview

We Are One: Acting for Peace (World Peace Seminar & Award Ceremony of the Mahatma MK Gandhi Prize for Non-Violent Peace), hosted by the Mahatma MK Gandhi Foundation for Non-Violent Peace and organized by Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL) will be held online on March 27th, 2022.

The Foundation has selected awardees for the prize every year since its conception. However, there has been a halt in proceedings since 2020 due to the impacts of the global pandemic. Therefore, we are recommencing the award ceremony for the 2020 Mahatma MK Gandhi Prize for Non-Violent Peace this year.

At this year's event, with assistance from HWPL, the foundation will hold a webinar on world peace prior to the award ceremony. Speakers working on the ground will be sharing their experiences and visions for peace, providing options on the various ways one can support and work for peace in one's respective region and community. The present day needs the values of peace, and this event has been planned to refresh that need and spur action.

2. Background

The Mahatma MK Gandhi Foundation for Non-Violent Peace was established in the year 1989 to carry forward the novel spirit of peace as propagated by MK Gandhi, the father of India. Not only did he give India freedom, but he also showed the entire world the strength of non-violence in attaining peace, solidarity, and brotherhood among people and nations.

The foundation works for peace by arranging conferences, symposiums, and meetings throughout the world. The foundation's motto is, "Peace is more precious than triumph." The foundation has also established the prestigious and famous "Mahatma MK Gandhi Prize for Non-Violent Peace." This prize is given to people who have made significant contributions in propagating peace and in the fields of science, education, and culture throughout the world.

The Grand Jury and the Executive Council, composed of prominent, senior figures, select the awardees through a secret ballot every July. Professors, politicians, such as Members of Parliament, Ministers of Government, renowned NGOs, noted advocates of Supreme Courts and High Courts, notable private companies, and eminent social workers can nominate noteworthy people for the prestigious "Mahatma MK Gandhi Prize for Non-Violent Peace."

HWPL is an international peace NGO associated with the UN DGC and is in Special Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC. HWPL leads an international peace movement with leaders from all walks of life without being limited by national, cultural, or ideological boundaries. Moreover, HWPL seeks to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals by spreading a culture of peace through various means such as forums, education, volunteer work, and campaigns. HWPL's peace activities will continue until sustainable peace is assured for future generations.



3. Content and Outcome

The Mahatma MK Gandhi Foundation for Non-Violent Peace and HWPL have worked beyond borders and limits when it comes to peace work. As a result, various sectors—law, media, government, women, youth, religion, education, etc.—are working in their respective capacities to achieve sustainable peace. It is the goal of this Webinar and this event that more attention be brought to the peace work being done today, and that more will realize that everyone has a role to play in the peace culture that is being established through the foundation laid out by the Mahatma MK Gandhi Foundation for Non-Violent Peace and HWPL.

