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About the Result Report

This report is a compilation of the events and presentations for the 7th Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) held in Republic of Korea and 40 other countries on March 14, 2023.

HWPL has shed light on the importance of peace achieved through solidarity by everyone and continued peace activities in which all in the world can actively participate. In the face of the horrible conflicts and wars taking place all over the world, the growing need to promote peace is ever more evident with multilateral approach in which governments, international organizations, and civil society take the lead in close cooperation.

Based on HWPL's mediation in the Moro conflict in Mindanao, the Philippines and contribution to building a foundation of long-term peace, this event showed a peacebuilding experience on structural and institutional changes in conflict areas where international organizations and civil society act together with their willingness for peace. As the DPCW is the declaration for the purpose of preventing, mediating, and resolving conflicts, the case of institutionalizing peace in Mindanao is the very testimony that the provisions of the declaration are practically being implemented in our lives.

In celebration of the 7th commemoration, Mohammad Nazrul Islam, who contributed to drafting the DPCW from the beginning as a member of the International Law Peace Committee of HWPL delivered a speech on the significance of the DPCW. Just as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights awakened people's minds and brought about changes in the globe, HWPL's peace education, human rights campaigns, interfaith dialogues based on the principles of peace contained in the DPCW enable us to see how values of peace that this declaration pursues can contribute to sustainable peace and development.

Ven. Myeong An, who is continuing communication with other religions through the comparative study on scriptures established by HWPL based on Articles 8 and 9 of the DPCW, shared his experience on the way prejudice stemming from misunderstandings about religions can be overcome through communication. This platform for dialogue among religions, which is currently being operated by World Alliance of Religions

Peace Offices in 130 countries around the world, will provide far more examples of understanding and tolerance.

The participants had time to write peace letters (handwritten letter to advocate peace) that demand an end to war. HWPL will continue to make peace a foundation of peace in many parts of the world, especially those areas of conflict. HWPL hope that all walk together for a peaceful world.

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Concept Note

HWPL's 7th Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) -Institutional Peace: Strengthening Communication to Build Trust-

1. Overview

HWPL's 7th Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) will be held in South Korea on 14 March 2023. Under the theme Institutional Peace: Strengthening Communication to Build Trust, HWPL and leaders from diverse social arenas will explore ways to institutionalize peace around the globe underscoring conflict prevention, mediation, and resolution.

2. Background

Emerging Trends in Conflicts, the Rise of Non-State Actors

The current global community has the highest count of conflicts since World War II. One out of four people live in conflict-affected areas, and the number of people forcibly displaced due to violence or human rights violations has gone over 100 million in 2022. What is worth our attention is the change in conflict actors. Not only conventional inter-state conflict and internal conflict, but non-state-based violence is also growing in number and severity.

A Multi-Party Approach for Conflict Resolution

Such trends gave rise to the necessity of a multi-party approach involving multiple actors in peacebuilding efforts, from states, the conventional actors of the international society, to intergovernmental organizations and civil society.

The UN and the AU are turning to the role of civil society in conflict resolution and building sustainable peace. It refers to efforts to establish peace that lasts long term in response to the spread of longstanding conflicts, an approach countering the growing

complexity as politics, economic issues, and other structural factors blend with ethnicity, religion, and other cultural factors.

HWPL's intervention in the Moro conflict in Mindanao, the Philippines, has contributed to establishing lasting peace. It is a case in point of the effect of a multi-actor approach in building trust by facilitating communication among parties, establishing legal and economic institutions to sustain peace, and raising awareness for peace among local citizens of the conflict-affected regions. The case is a demonstration of the process of institutionalizing peace.

3. Program

The Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW), proclaimed at 3:14 p.m. on 14 March 2016, proposes ten articles and 38 clauses as a solution to prevent and resolve conflicts between and within states. Turning its view beyond the traditional role of a state, from Article 8 to Article 10, the Declaration highlights the role of diverse actors in establishing peace as a culture and spreading a culture of peace. Furthermore, to ensure religious beliefs and ethnic identities are respected without stemming conflict, the DPCW covers solidarity and activities of organizations and agencies working worldwide for the cause of peace and presents education that encourages mutual understanding and respect.

HWPL carries out peace projects inspired by the DPCW. Its focus areas include establishing a platform for communication for citizens and governments in conflict-affected areas to build trust in the local communities. In addition, its communication channels for interreligious dialogue have served to resolve misunderstandings of religions and prevent conflict caused by religion, hosting lively conversations in 130 countries since it was established in 2014.

At the core of the DPCW are messages that the actor of peacebuilding is the citizens and that a sustainable global order is not in governing by power but by the rule of law, reaching harmony, fairness, and justice. This year's commemoration will share cases of efforts for institutionalizing peace and their outcomes. Based on such presentations, the event will offer an opportunity to set strategies and action plans to develop and further expand the current peace activities from around the globe.

Congratulatory Messages



H.H. Suk Yeon-Hwa

The Sangharaja of the World Buddhist Sangha Council

Greetings, members of the peace family!

I am H.H. Suk Yeon-Hwa, the Sangharaja of the World Buddhist Sangha Council.

I profoundly congratulate Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light, HWPL for hosting the 7th annual commemoration of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Man-hee Lee, the Chairman of HWPL and the staff members for your dedication in organizing this momentous occasion.

Chairman Man-hee Lee has traveled to all corners of the world, serving as a peace advocate for the cessation of war. His efforts have gone beyond what any world leader has been able to achieve.

He visited Mindanao Island in the Philippines where the remnants of conflict still persist. Chairman Lee's accomplishment in convincing armed individuals to melt their weapons and turn them into farming tools enabled them to experience the noble

reward of hard work in the fields. This is a victory for humanity, a triumph for the peace movement advocate, and ultimately a victory for the entire HWPL family.

HWPL has established the DPCW with the purpose of preventing, mediating, and resolving global conflicts and establishing peace as a norm on earth, together with peace messengers from all walks of life around the world. I hope that today's commemoration will serve as the foundation for the DPCW to be institutionalized, submitted to the UN, and proclaimed with the support of leaders and nations worldwide.

I earnestly propose to representatives of each country and social community that we transcend political ideologies and religious factions and unite with one heart and will. I strongly urge you to actively join the peace movement spearheaded by Chairman Man-hee Lee and HWPL for the cessation of war and world peace.

Congratulatory Messages



Teodor Melescanu

Former Romanian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Greetings for everyone, and congratulations on the 7th Anniversary of the DPCW.

Serving consecutively as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Defense, and Minister of Justice until 2020, I had the opportunity to think a great deal about the international community and world order.

The great and important ancient Roman philosopher and writer as much, Cicero, stated that an unjust peace is better than a just war.

The conquest of territories, the killing of people, the destruction of infrastructure are not solutions for our time, yet they are taking place right before our eyes, causing concern not only for nearby states, but also for the global balance in the world.

We are in a period of readjustment of international society, in a world in competition, of course, and it is clear that we need a reset of the international society.

The DPCW addresses these issues, and I believe that through the DPCW, countries can

work together and will work together with us on the basis of mutual respect.

I want to express my gratitude to Chairman Lee from HWPL for our noble works toward the cessation of war and the realization of the world of peace.

I hope that today's event will further accelerate the realization of the world of peace.

Thank you very much.

Congratulatory Messages



Oyunbaatar Tserendash

President of Mongolian National Association of Societies for the Protection of Consumers' Rights and Profits, Mongolia Former Deputy Prime Minister

Greetings, First of all, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations on this 7th Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War.

At a time when disputes become more intensified worldwide, the DPCW—announced for the purpose of prevention, intervention, and settlement of disputes—is considered to be the most needed matter for all mankind.

I would like to express my gratitude to Chairman Lee and HWPL, who lead meaningful activities for the world peace.

In particular, I witnessed the peace activities of HWPL based on the spirit of the DPCW firsthand in Mongolia and saw about 400 judicial officers and social figures understand it and take it meaningfully.

Personally, because I work actively in the field of human rights, I deeply sympathize with the DPCW's contents based on the Declaration of Human Rights and I support it.

Through today's 7th Annual Commemoration, I hope that the activities of citizens, who are the main agents to achieve peace, will be further developed through HWPL. Thank you.

Commemorative Address



Lee Man-hee
HWPL Chairman

Greetings, participants.

Thank you for joining this peace event. Together with you, I want to think about peace and develop it further so that a world of peace will come as soon as possible.

Not long ago, I went on a global tour and called for peace. Now, such peace would grow to bear fruit. I believe it will. When I think about myself, I seem like a simple person with nothing great to boast about. However, I made sure that I have shared what God had shown me and the words He had revealed to me with nothing omitted.

Even if it is a child speaking, if what needs to be said is true, people would accept it. Similarly, what I have spoken will be realized because they are not my words.

Everyone,

I firmly believe that the world we live in will change into what it was like in the beginning when it was created—a world of peace and blessing, filled with blessed people. This will surely happen.

It may be hard to make sense of it now but once, someone gave me as a gift carrying the message of a poet from India, who asked for his country to be remembered when a great world of peace comes to Korea. I thought it would be nice if that came true.

Whichever country it is, wouldn't it be wonderful if the world is renewed and becomes a peaceful place free of sins, disputes, and conflicts? I believe it will be.

Occasionally, it takes time to fully grasp what we hear. This happened when prophets of the past spoke, and it is the same today. Whether the heavens have spoken or a person, if there are prophecies on a good future of humanity and they are fulfilled, how incredible would this be? This is what I always think about.

Another topic I often ponder upon is whether what the prophets from the past have said would be fulfilled. From a religious perspective, regardless of which religion has stated, if there are prophecies, up to what percentage has been fulfilled and how much is left? I also thought about this.

For a person to be blessed, they should do something worthy of the blessings. How would anyone be blessed when they do nothing? Indeed. When people go somewhere, they do because their thoughts are there already. Just like this, if everyone hopes for a blessed world, the world is already going toward that blessed state. Wouldn't you agree? I believe a good world will come and everyone will be blessed. This would be wonderful, so I truly hope this will become a reality.

Prophets who prophesized about today have passed away due to their ages. However, if what they said were not empty words and they are fulfilled, this would be great. Don't you agree?

I am one of many believers in the world, but when I go around the globe, I rarely speak about religion. Why? This is because even if they listen, they do not have the ears to hear. Thus, I scarcely spoke on the topic of religion but I continued this peace work. Why? I did because I was commanded to carry out this work of peace. It is not that I had gone on global peace tours because I possessed great power, authority, or money. I would not have imagined doing this on my own.

Going on 32 rounds of the world peace tours was not easy and it required a handsome amount of money as well while I had no money myself. However, all that was done was

possible because I was doing it under the commands given to me.

You may find this odd but I have a story to share. There were five different occasions when people came to me and asked to take a picture together when we were on the peace tours. When I asked why, they said they saw a light staying above me at all times so they wanted to remember it by taking a picture together. I remember asking them how they could say that they have seen this when I could not.

Another instance was when I went to Europe and visited the home of a former president. When I walked into the house, the lady there just stood still with her eyes wide open. I said greetings but she did not even reply. Afterward, when talking to the former president, she came and said that when I entered, I did not seem like a person but a huge light that came into the house. That is what she said.

I have had these situations repeat a couple of times.

Once, I visited a South American country well-known for waterfalls, and we were having breakfast when a few people approached us and asked to take photos together. When I asked why, they said they should have left yesterday evening, but they stayed one more night at the hotel to take a photo together. When asked why they wanted to take a picture, they asked if it was me who sang and danced over there at the back. When I replied that was me, they said they saw a light staying above me and that was strange so they wanted a picture. I said sure, and we took a photo together while I held a spoon in my hand.

This also happened when we visited the UN in the US. This was just like how we use instruments to do something that needs to be done. However, all the power and work lie in the one who chose the instrument, not the person serving as an instrument.

When I think about myself, I feel that I am one of the most lacking, simple person. I am a mere person, a child. Despite all this, when people approached me saying they saw light, I wondered whether they were telling the truth or whether they were lying.

I have been doing the work of HWPL, but I did not know such a thing could be possible when it started in the beginning. I started this work not by my own decision. This was someone working through me, and I think I am serving as an instrument for the work.

However, what I say and the work I do are real. I do not make things up or speak lies.

When we think about it, religion is indeed hard to grasp. Religion. People often wonder, would these things really happen, and whether they should believe it or not. However, if they are inspired, they may be able to have faith.

Whether it is work related to religion or not, I did not carry them out on my own. We circled the globe again and again, but the lack of resources never prevented us from doing our work. I would always put on the same set of clothes when going on peace tours, and I did not scheme ahead what I would say when I met someone—I would speak what came to my mind. One thing is clear and it is that there was someone working through me and I only spoke what I had seen and heard.

The world has been suffering from thousands of year-long wars and pain to date. If this world was created by the one who has the power to create all creation, including people and heaven and earth, why would he make all creation live in pain? I am sure many would have given some thought to this question. I also did. However, I came to learn much more in the religious world.

However, I somehow came to learn the meanings and even the fulfilled realities, but I do not wish to speak about it much. I think the more I learn, the more I do not hope to speak about it so I have been refraining from mentioning it. The important thing is that regardless of what is written in the book, only the one who wrote it would know and nobody else.

I also came to realize that fulfilling what is written or not fulfilling is His will. The reason I am mentioning this is because I want to explain why I have been calling for peace across the globe—why I do the work of peace worldwide.

A long time ago, when a saint called Jesus was born, an angel said glory in heaven and peace on earth. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, he said Jerusalem, Jerusalem, only if you had known the work of peace. In the end, because of sin, he faced death. One may wonder if he could not have died. But he also said, I have the authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again, and he came to life after death. We know this thanks to the records although we are not the people from back then.

Whether the world becomes a place of peace or war depends on which direction people

head into. Whether the will for a peaceful world lies in the heavens or earth, all the people of the world... I mentioned that I went on world peace tours 32 times. Not a single person rejected peace. Everyone wanted peace. However, simply wanting it does not mean it will come true. As no one says no to peace, we should work toward peace and strive for it.

Only then, can peace be established. Even if the heavens and the earth call for peace, it does not mean peace is established by itself. When all the people hope for peace and pour in efforts together, peace can be truly achieved. This is what I have believed. Why?

There are many people in the world. Among it is the religious world, and even within, there are various types of religions. As I previously mentioned, although this book consisted of only 13 pages or so has been recorded about 2,000 years ago, no one knew the meaning behind it. Only when the author makes it known, can people understand it. Then after knowing it, should we go around the world and tell it to everyone? No.

People with much knowledge tend to stay quiet even when those without it talk loud and argue among themselves. We are well aware of this already. In terms of knowledge, nothing would be at a higher level than the knowledge of the heavens. However, the more you know, the more you do not want to speak it, it seems.

I believe peace starts from home. Children need to be educated well at home, and secondly, peace education should be taught well in schools. If we can instill the value of peace deep into students so that it forms the basis of their minds and hearts, we will move toward peace.

Being reckless and causing anxious situations and fights will not lead to peace. There is another point under the keyword “peace.”

When we see a person, we see the body, but their minds are different from the flesh. A person may kill the body but they cannot cause a spirit to perish. A person can cause the death of the flesh, but not the spirit. Hence, the spirit lives on. Even if the flesh perishes, if the spirit is alive, that spirit will continue to exist.

When we think about the people of today, people shape the future and do what they learned. Hence, I believe that peace must be taught at home and in schools. Wouldn't you agree?

When we look at a scripture called the Bible, why does it mention peace and sin? How can they be addressed? I have thought about these questions as well. Also, there are things taught by people, but also those taught by God. Knowledge from above is truly hard to grasp. Having learned it does not mean you would want to speak about it. However, this does mean that you would understand the meanings.

The world is not going to stay the way it has been, and if the one who governs the heart of people takes control, everyone will be blessed persons living in a blessed era. This is what I believe. Then, when would this happen? In the religious world, it is recorded what will happen after what and what. These are recorded.

One would hope it will come as soon as possible, as near as tomorrow, but the heavens have a set of processes so what happens after what can be found in the scripture. Those who know will be aware of this, but those who do not know will simply live their lives. That is what happens.

If we lack knowledge, the world would have been a much more complicated place. However, there were those equipped with knowledge that taught others and people learned, so we were able to live in a less complicated and more orderly manner. This is what has happened.

Before going into peace, what is religion? Why does it need to exist? Can we not live without it? Because there is sin, there is teaching to prevent sinning. This is a type of learning and this is what I think about religion. If we truly yearn for a good world and if there is the creator who created the heavens and the earth, and if He dwells with people, then the future of humanity will be wonderful. This is what we hope for.

I had seen the record showing how a poet from India foretold what will happen to Korea, and he asked for his country to be remembered at that time. How did I see this? A country's minister of justice brought it and gave it to me as a souvenir. When I took a look at it, it had the record of what I mentioned. I was thinking the person may have received a message from above to write it down.

I am thinking about how I could explain to everyone gathered here today. HWPL's endeavors for peace and cessation of war have led to today's event and brought us here together. We hope that there would be no more war on earth and for peace to be achieved.

Concerning peace, we can learn and gain understanding from what prophets from the past had done. Also, whether done in the past or not, fighting and causing conflict is not ideal. If we stop all the fighting and help each other out, wouldn't this be peace? This would be a world of peace. In order to make such a world, we should strive for it.

One thing I would like to mention is that in the world of Christianity, there is a book, which is the last in the scripture. It only consists of a few pages, but it talks of the end of the world. It explains the end of the world and about a good future. I have read it carefully multiple times. I read it so many times that I know it by heart and it became a part of me.

There are positive and not-so-positive things written in it. Although it has only a few pages, no religious person understood the meanings for 2,000 years. This is true. If anyone says they know, I would like to ask some things, but really, there has been no one. This book also embodied explanations of what would become of humanity at the end of the days.

Regarding this, it is written that the first heaven and earth will disappear and new heaven and earth will be created. If the first heaven and earth disappear, people are the least of concern, since they will also disappear, isn't it? This is written in a religious scripture. These things are explained in a few pages and chapters.

Although it talks of an end, there is a way out as well. If we see it with our eyes and touch with our hands, we can acknowledge it but that is not the case here. How would anyone know for sure whether this is true or not? I have seen these writings.

I explained this before, but I carried out a life of faith after serving in the army. I would go to this wide field every evening to pray to God in heaven. I did not know much about a church or religion back then.

Then, one evening, I saw a star that came to me. It seemed like a star, but when it was near, it did not seem like a star but a bright light. It was too bright to see. This was at the vast field where I was. We built a farmer's hut there and my father and I worked and ate there. I was so taken aback by the star and woke my father up. I said, "Father, father. A star is here. A star came here."

It may sound absurd that a star came to me, but I am telling the truth. Then, my father

went outside and said, “Wow, this star is huge and bright.” He was surprised. After that event, I made a pledge before God in blood and began my life of faith.

People speak of religion but after all, peace is the best. People also call out Jesus, Jesus, but when Jesus was born, it was described as glory in the highest and peace on earth by angels. When Jesus went to Jerusalem, he said if you had only known what would bring you peace. This peace.

The world is filled with wrongdoings where people fight each other, but this is not what peace is about. Peace cannot be achieved by one person practicing peace. If the entire humanity becomes peace and lives together as one in kindness, then there would be no more war and conflict, right? Indeed.

In order to do that, we need love. Just as the saying that you should love others as yourself, when we love each other, there would no more war. This is how we should live. We should no longer live as two but as one. Truly this would be wonderful and great.

Today, we have the members of the International Law Peace Committee (ILPC) here. Why are we trying to work on international law for peace? If current international law is perfect, there would be no need. I heard that the UN was established for peace. How remarkable would peace be without war? However, with current international law, this has not been achieved.

One of the UN Security Council’s permanent members, Russia, led to a war in Ukraine. It was none other than a permanent member of the UN Security Council that caused the war. As flaws are evident, we are striving for renewal. What did the members of the ILPC establish?

They drafted the 10 articles and 38 clauses of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) to end and prevent wars from taking place. Since the declaration has been drafted, the next step is to practice it.

Although the 10 articles and 38 clauses of the DPCW have been drafted, due to COVID-19, we were held indoors. However, nowadays, we are not hearing the word COVID-19 as often and it seems the situation has improved. Since the DPCW has been drafted, should it be left abandoned? We should make known the DPCW globally so that the existing and the new proposal would be compared in terms of international law.

Then, we should practice what is better, whichever is better.

Not all the committee members may know, but when I visited the UK, I went to where the HQ of the International Law Association (ILA) was. They had a university there that I visited and gave a speech. I explained why there would be no need for something new if the existing international law was perfect, and that we invited experts in international law to draft the DCPW and its 10 articles and 38 clauses.

I said I may not know your opinion but I would like to explain mine so that they would hear it out and see which is better. People there clearly stated that what I said was a better idea.

The whole point of modifying something is because it needs mending. When something breaks down, we fix it. Just like it, if there is something better, we should change to that. A resolution based on the DPCW's 10 articles and 38 clauses should be submitted and put to a vote at the UN so that it would be adopted.

We had this in our mind but COVID-19 prevented us from going anywhere and we had to stay at home. However, we will have it reviewed again with the committee members here, and then send it to the UN so that it can be put to a vote. The response should not be a "No," but "OK," right?

This will not only impact others but those who drafted it as well, so it should be reviewed more and be submitted to the UN for adoption. What would the UN do afterward? They will put it to a vote, and once they say OK to it and adopt it, it will be implemented.

There would be a day when the UN was founded. If international law was flawless, there would be no need for something new, but because it required modification, something new was made. Even if something new has been drafted, it should be reviewed and adopted by the UN.

Members of the ILPC,
please further review it and have it sent to the UN by having discussions and making decisions.

If the new is better than the old, the new should be followed, right? This cannot be

achieved by a person simply thinking about it. We should make right the flaws and seek improvements. The main focus of the DPCW is on ceasing wars and achieving peace—ending wars and building peace. When wars break out, the lives of the young youth are lost. Why should this happen?

I also served as a war veteran on the frontlines of the fratricidal battlefields of the Korean War. I experience many things then. When there is a war, you are bombarded by artillery both from your side and that of the enemy. Not even plants survive these attacks as artillery pours shells relentlessly on where you stand. Amid all these, people shout and try to move desperately for life. It is not about fighting the enemies but fighting against the shells. At a place where no life can live, how would people survive?

I experienced these not once or twice but many times as I fought on the frontlines as a war veteran. When we retreat, who waits for you with food? When you march on, who follows you and brings you food? More people die from starvation than from battles. This is what war does. When young people are pushed onto the battlefields, how many die? I even had an event held at the UN Memorial Cemetery in Busan. Those who lay there fought next to me on the battlefields. I said to the people there, ask them what war is like. So we had an assembly there.

Of course, a country would have gone to war to protect the country and the people. However, does this have to be done through war? We could talk it out and that is why we have international law as well. Each country has its law, but there is international law as well. We can utilize these to resolve situations rather than having youth get killed in wars. If those who start the wars are told to go to the battlefields and fight, they would not want to start wars.

Hence, we need to end wars and build a peaceful world to leave it as a lasting legacy to future generations. Who should? We, the people of today, should.

Thus, let us become messengers of peace and make the world a peaceful place.

Everyone,
let us do this work. What would be loving our children? Leaving a peaceful world for our children to inherit would be practicing true love, so let us make this happen.

All the participants who gathered here for the 7th Annual Commemoration of the

DPCW,

let us keep these words in our hearts—to leave a world of peace as a legacy to future generations. Also, let us have all families serve as messengers of peace. We truly should.

I believe that most of the ILPC members are here as they were invited as priorities. What we have done should not go in vain, but we should make sure to have it submitted and adopted at the UN.

After the DPCW was drafted, I still went on world peace tours, but what was it for? It was to call for support when the declaration-based resolution is submitted to the UN, and I did the same at the UN multiple times when we visited to have meetings there.

I have been saying that the implementation of international law for peace is something everyone should agree on. Hence, once the ILPC members review it and submit it, it should be adopted at the UN. Once that happens, it will be practiced, and it should be.

I have remained devoted to creating a peaceful world—a world of peace. This must start from homes and schools.

We recently visited Mindanao, the Philippines, and met leaders there to talk to them about peace education. I also spoke on the same topic at universities and all the students welcomed it. Hence, let us march on and not stop until we have our goals achieved and strive for the establishment of peace.

Thank you.

Commemorative Address



Yoon Hyun-sook

IWPG Chairwoman

Greetings to all members of the Peace Family who hope for and work to achieve world peace. I am Hyun-sook Yoon, the Chairwoman of IWPG. As a cooperative organization and one wing of HWPL, it is a great honor to be a part of the 7th Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War.

Although (we experienced) the COVID-19 pandemic for the past few years, Peace Families, who are together with HWPL, did not stop in their work, and they made their own efforts in various fields based upon the DPCW. We, IWPG, are with 3.9 billion women around the world. Women are members of peacebuilding with a clear presence and strength in homes, society, and the world. IWPG has been working with such women for the past 10 years to achieve cessation of war and realization of world peace. All of this was possible because we had the DPCW, the sure and clear answer to realizing peace.

Two days ago, I was in New York for the 67th CSW (Committee on the Status of Women) held by the United Nations. During this year's CSW, there were small and large bilateral meetings at the national level, side events co-hosted with countries

and over 800 parallel events hosted both online and offline. IWPG exchanged with women organizations from all around the world both online and offline, met with officials who carry out various activities for peace and security, ministers of 6 countries, 2 ambassadors from different permanent missions and 2 heads of semi-governmental organizations.

This 67th CSW, there were very special results for IWPG. Two side events were held jointly with two African countries. IWPG's peace education was introduced and the DPCW, which is what the woman peace education is based upon, was spoken of, and actively promoted.

Among the events, at a parallel event on education hosted by the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UN, practitioners engaged in education projects around the world heard about the activities of IWPG Peace Education and requested cooperation. In addition, participants from countries where there is ongoing war requested cooperation with IWPG and supported the DPCW, saying that they would like to participate in peace activities.

In many parts of the world, there are still many people suffering from conflicts, wars, discrimination, and violence. However, current international law cannot fundamentally prevent or solve this issue. However, the DPCW suggests ways to solve the essential causes of war, and further mentions the maintenance of sustainable peace. For this reason, many women related to the content of the DPCW, and especially participants from war-torn countries showed more interest in the DPCW and hoped for it to be established internationally. Therefore, although the stay was short, ministers, politicians, and heads of women's groups from each country promised to collaborate with IWPG to urge support for the DPCW to be introduced into the UN, and expressed their desire to hold a conference on the DPCW in their home countries. In particular, we were promised an in-person meeting with a head of state to support the DPCW at the national level. Through this UN visit, I was able to realize once again the impact and universality of the DPCW.

Therefore, I would like to thank Chairman Lee of HWPL and the International Peace Law Committee for codifying and further institutionalizing this spirit of peace together with international law experts. People in previous eras could not have imagined the freedom and peace of this era. Likewise, until Chairman Lee traveled around the world 32 times to proclaim peace and the DPCW, many people today did not believe

in the possibility of peace. However, now, on the 7th Annual Commemoration of the proclamation of the DPCW, people are putting it into action and we are witnessing with our own eyes the reality of a peace treaty being signed, war being ceased, and a culture of peace taking root.

Chairman Lee, HWPL, and the DPCW are setting great examples for IWPG's peace initiatives. In September of last year, the first Peace Activities Monument of IWPG was erected in Davao de Oro, Philippines. Seeing the civil peace agreement signed in Mindanao, Philippines, and the end of the war through the mediation of Chairman Lee of HWPL, the monument was erected to convey the spirit of peace to women around the world. It was also an activity to carry out article 10 of the DPCW, "Spreading a Culture of Peace". This year, to accelerate the institutionalization of the DPCW, we plan to display the united power of 3.9 billion women around the world by erecting peace activity monuments in more regions.

Distinguished guests,

Everyone gathered here are leaders of peace who will lead the world to come. Rather than a world groaning from war, conflict, discrimination, and violence, let us create a world united by freedom, equality, love, and peace. Now is the time to change. Let us all become messengers of peace and do our utmost to legalize the DPCW. We are one in peace, freedom, and love. Thank you.

Commemorative Address



Chung Young-min

IPYG General Director

Greetings. I am Chung Young-min, IPYG General Director. Today marks the 7th anniversary of the proclamation of the DPCW. As the international situation becomes increasingly complex, the DPCW is gaining attention as a solution for peace. Therefore, I would like to talk about the DPCW today.

As previously introduced, the DPCW is comprised of 10 articles and 38 clauses, and has three main goals: preventing conflicts, resolving conflicts, and maintaining peace. Proclaimed in the form of a declaration, it is now gaining international support through the United Nations to have greater influence.

If we break down the advantages of the DPCW, first, we have its legal and principled perspective. For example, under existing international law, neighboring countries do not have to automatically view an invasion such as the Russia-Ukraine war, as an act of aggression. There is a possibility that countries can stand by and watch the invasion because of their own interests.

However, the DPCW has strengthened its content to ensure that all countries consider

an invasion as an act of aggression. Moreover, the DPCW does not tolerate acts that condone invasions, making it impossible for even the most powerful nations to engage in aggression.

Additionally, when great powers cause invasions or interfere in internal affairs in violation of international law, they often try to rationalize their actions by citing other great powers who have violated international law before.

But, if the DPCW becomes the international community's standard, it can serve as an undeniable basis from which no one can violate it. Thus, the DPCW provides clear and strong principles for preventing and resolving conflicts in terms of international law.

Next is its value in terms of conflict prevention and peacekeeping. Even if there are perfect principles and laws, the world would be chaotic if violations continue to occur. Therefore, it is essential for all members of the international community to recognize the importance of peace and the harm that conflicts bring to everyone and reflect it in their attitudes towards life.

HWPL has been vigorously carrying out diverse activities to change people's perceptions based on the harmony between religions and nations and cultural peace under the articles 8, 9, and 10 of the DPCW. Testament to its efforts includes the DPCW-based peace education program, the DPCW handbook education for university students, ongoing peace webinars on various topics such as human rights and discrimination, dialogues between religious leaders, and religious camps.

The DPCW began as a document created according to Chairman Lee's aim of complementing the shortcomings of the current international law and establishing a new international order. Today, it serves as a solution for peace, spreading the winds of change to every corner of the world.

The 32nd peace tour, in particular, has led to remarkable accomplishments in Mindanao, the Philippines through the implementation of the DPCW.

The conflict between the Philippine government and the Mindanao region has been resolved, bringing an end to decades of conflicts.

As a result, the local government has become more stable, and the autonomous

government of Mindanao has recognized the significant contributions of the DPCW and has officially pledged its support. Furthermore, for the first time, a peace music festival was held in Mindanao during the recent peace tour, which was previously impossible due to the danger in the area.

Moreover, the Philippine government and officials at all levels are working to designate January 24 Mindanao Peace Agreement Day as National Peace Day, in recognition of the achievements of the DPCW. The Philippines, which was once one of the largest conflict areas in Southeast Asia, is now being transformed into a symbol of peace with the DPCW. This is a powerful testament to the effectiveness of DPCW.

As we celebrate the 7th anniversary, we look to the future with a determination to grow in influence as we work towards resolving conflicts and spreading a culture of peace. And I ask all the peace messengers present here today to lend your ears and join us in this mission when you hear news of peace.

We also urge young people around the world to join us in our cause. In the 21st century, it seemed that economic development and a stable society would prevail. Instead, the international community has suffered numerous conflicts and tensions, with young people often being the ones who are sacrificed the most. Why should we be forced to die on unwanted battlefields? This is unacceptable. Of all the injustices we fight against, this is the greatest. No one has the right to ask us to sacrifice our lives.

Let's raise our voices for peace, everyone. Let's protect ourselves and make this world a beautiful and safe place to live. If we don't teach young people about peace, someone else will teach them violence. Spreading the message of peace is the way to protect ourselves and ensure our future. Let's not forget that.

If the families of peace gathered here today and people around the world shout for peace, their voices will reach all leaders. Let's make it happen. We can do it, everyone. Please join us. We are one.

Thank you.

The progress report of the 7th annual commemoration of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War



Mr. Pravin Parekh

President of Confederation of Indian Bar

Greetings to all my Dear Worldwide messengers of Peace.

Currently I am also the President of Indian Society of International Law, The President of Supreme Court Bar cooperative society limited as well as the President of confederation of Indian bar. I was elected 6 times as the President of Supreme Court Bar Association of India and 10 times President of Supreme court advocates on record association of India.

Celebrating the 7th anniversary, I am pleased to meet, all the peace messengers working all over the world for peace. In the past year, HWPL has conducted major activities to promote the values of the DPCW and realize the introduction of the DPCW.

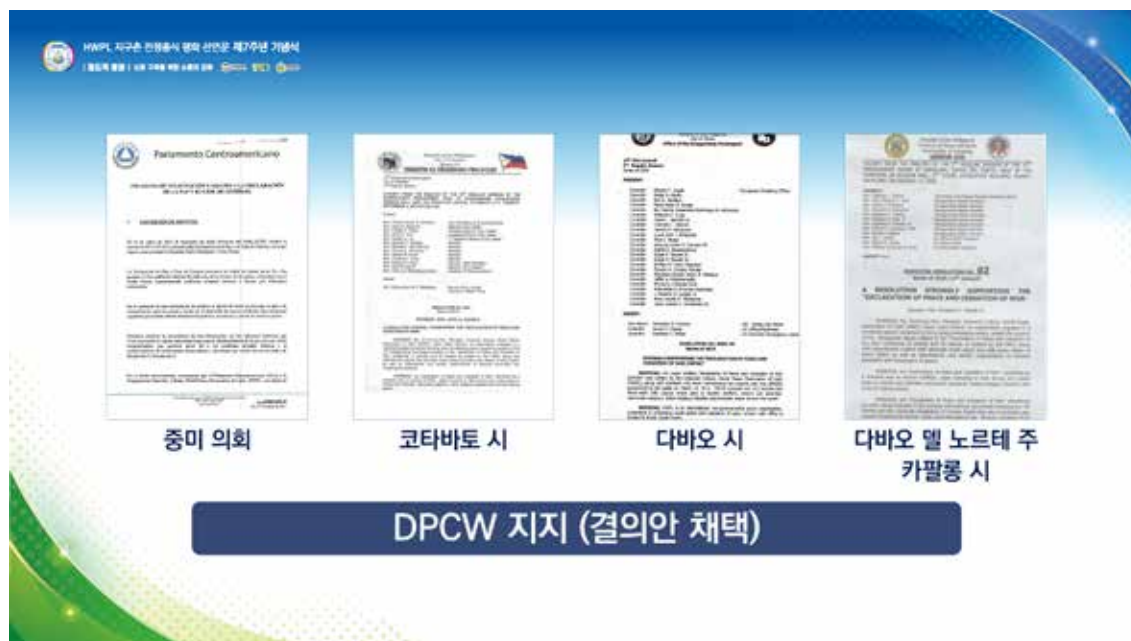
On 25th May 2013, HWPL Chairman Lee Man-hee proclaimed the “Declaration of World Peace,” and later on 18 September 2014, 29 former heads of state, supreme court justices and world leaders signed the “Agreement to Propose the Enactment of

International Law for the Cessation of Wars and World Peace” and promised for the implementation of the international law for peace at the HWPL World Peace Summit. International law experts from 17 countries were appointed as the members of the “HWPL International Law Peace Committee (ILPC)” to lay the foundation for drafting the peace declaration, and the “Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW)” was finally drafted through several meetings. On 14th March 2016 at COEX, Seoul, the DPCW was proclaimed to the world.

I participated as one of the members for the world peace. I have been participating in almost all important functions of HWPL in South Korea as well as different parts of world from 2014.

HWPL has included clauses in the DPCW to prevent wars and intends to implement it as a legally binding international law to leave a world of peace without wars for present and future generations. Therefore, we have made efforts to end wars and achieve permanent peace. For a peaceful resolution, efforts have been made to overcome through strengthening communication. Also, we have done many activities for institutional peace. I wish to make peace a universal culture and norm.

HWPL has been strengthening trust and communication specially with youth, women and civil society around the world in solidarity through activities to realize the DPCW such as Legislate Peace Project, WARP Office, and Peace Education as well as activities to earn support for the DPCW ever since HWPL has proclaimed the Declaration.



As a result of this, HWPL signed MOUs with Pan-African Parliament (PAP), which is the legislative body of the African Union consisting of 55 African countries, and the International Centre for Black Sea-Baltic Studies and Consensus Practices, whose members are former heads of Eastern European countries, as well as an MOA with the Coalition of Caribbean Leaders for Peace (CCLP) whose members are former heads of Caribbean countries. In 2022, HWPL signed MOUs with the Andean Parliament, an IGO consisted of 5 nations in Andean region, and with four city libraries in the Philippines. HWPL members also invited to hold many functions and events in different parts of India and have the pleasure of organizing those events. HWPL is increasing cooperation in realizing the DPCW and peace activities.

Central American Parliament in 2017, Cotabato and Davao City in Mindanao of the Philippines in 2019, and Kapalong, Davao del Norte of Mindanao in 2020, and Manila in 2022 passed a resolution in support of the DPCW. A total of 257 signatures in support of the DPCW have been conducted for high-level government officials.

For the support at the individual national level, Seychelles, Eswatini, Comoros, Antigua and Barbuda, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines have expressed their official support for the DPCW since 2018 till today. In January 2023, the Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), a place that has been a disputed region in the Philippines for more than 40 years but is transforming into a peaceful region, has signed in support of the DPCW. In addition, Davao de Oro Province in Mindanao and Manila, the capital city of the Philippines, have officially declared the support for the DPCW.



In order to realize Articles 8 and 9 of the DPCW proposed to resolve the root cause of the conflict between religions, which is the main cause of the war, 278 World Alliance of Religions' Peace Offices in 130 countries are being operated, and last year 5,597 meetings and dialogues went on.

HWPL continues to teach the culture and spirit of peace to teenagers and children who will be the heroes in the future through HWPL peace education to maintain the world of peace mentioned in Article 10 of the DPCW. Currently, 313 places in 47 countries are designated as Peace Academies, and 1,090 education sessions were conducted in 56 countries around the world last year.

The work of achieving institutional peace that HWPL and peace messengers are creating is a reality before our eyes. It is our work that will be done in the near future. Despite the global pandemic that began in 2020, HWPL's peace activities have continued without interruption. In the process of achieving institutional peace, HWPL plans to contribute to peace education and spreading a culture of peace for the establishment of continuous communication and trust.

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who are attending the 7th annual commemoration of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War, and conclude the progress report. Thank you very much brothers and sisters, let us work together for peace in this year as well and of course forever. World Peace is so important today with powers of United States of America, Russia, China and etc. I'm sure that the functions of 7th anniversary of HWPL will be very successful.

14 March 2023

The Chairperson of HWPL International Law Peace Committee

Pravin Parekh

Speech

The Significance and Progression of the DPCW



Prof. Dr. Md Nazrul Islam

International Law Peace Committee Member

Hello, everyone. I'm Prof. Dr. Md Nazrul Islam (Asif Nazrul), Chairman of Department of Law, University of Dhaka. First of all, I would like to thank HWPL Chairman Man Hee Lee for inviting me to 'HWPL's 7th Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW)' and giving me an opportunity to give a speech at this session.

I'm an analyst and writer and I was also a bureau member of 'South Asian for Human Rights (SAHR)', a regional organization committed to promoting human rights. Also, I'm a member of the 'International Law Peace Committee' and I have been involved in the process of development from the beginning of the DPCW till now.

I am a pupil of Kamal Hossain, the former Minister of Justice of Bangladesh, who is called the father of Bangladesh's Constitution. With the recommendation of Kamal Hossain, who respects Chairman Lee, I first came to Korea in 2015, visited 'the HWPL Peace Training Institute', and met Chairman Lee for the first time. As always, Chairman

Lee has been working for peace up to this day, and I heard that he left for the 32nd World Peace Tour to Mindanao, the Philippines in January 2023.

After my first visit to South Korea in 2015, I wrote up the draft of the DPCW, and 10 articles and 38 clauses of the DPCW were completed with the efforts of the renowned legal experts around the world and the constant feedback of Chairman Lee.

So, in this presentation, let me give you the significance and development process of the DPCW that I witnessed.

Let me bring us back to when I had a meeting with Chairman Lee. When Chairman Man Hee Lee explained to me that HWPL wants to develop their documents of peace, calling for the cessation of war, and spreading the culture of peace, I told him “There are many documents which are passed by the United Nations General Assembly, there is a UN charter and international agreement. Why do you want to add a new document? What will be the use of that?” He just communicated to me that he wanted to develop a document from a global citizen perspective and to also address the deficiencies and what was lacking of the UN charter and UN documents.



HWPL proclaimed the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) in 2016, which was drafted by the HWPL International Law Peace Committee, which is comprised of renowned international law experts from 15 different states. This declaration, comprised of 10 articles and 38 clauses, aims to restore the spirit that

served as the basis for the establishment of the United Nations and to achieve sustainable peace by promoting the universal values of the global community. The DPCW contains the message of no war, peace between nations and societies, friendly relations, prosperity, and happiness. This is a simple message and everyone can relate to this message. So the legal language can be a bit complex, but that core message of this document is, I think in everyone's heart, everyone can feel that they are very close to this document. They can actually comprehend the inner message of this document.

The ultimate goal of the DPCW is not only to be introduced at the UN General Assembly as a resolution, but also to establish the articles and clauses of the DPCW as an international law for peace by being practically implemented in each country after passing the resolution. Also, to establish peace around the world and build a legacy of it for future generations.

For these processes, we are knocking on the door of the United Nations and informing civil society of the value of the DPCW at the same time. For this reason, the members of the HWPL International Law Peace Committee had face-to-face meetings every year before the outbreak of COVID-19 but afterwards, they have gathered online to discuss and implement what to do.



In the middle of the meetings and discussion, the necessity for peace education through the DPCW which can be applied in universities and education institutions all around the world was raised and creating the DPCW curriculum started to be discussed at the meeting of the 7th HWPL International Law Peace Committee in 2019. The DPCW

curriculum, completed on October 2020, consists of discussion questions which let law professors and law students think of and discuss them. It is a good resource for them to consider the value and necessity of peace and enabling measures in a serious way. Currently, various universities in the world are currently conducting the DPCW Handbook Discussion Project with the DPCW curriculum.



Recently in February 2023, a face-to-face event “Completion of Institutionalization of Peace: Need for the DPCW” was held in University Law College, Bangalore University, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India. Attended by the executives of the university and 90 law students, University Law College, Bangalore University and HWPL held a MOU signing ceremony as well as a launching ceremony of the DPCW Handbook Discussion Project which is going to be implemented from March to June 2023.

In addition, the DPCW Handbook Discussion Project has been conducted with NGOs, Youth organizations, and Law university students in various countries such as Bangladesh, and India, which have signed MOUs with HWPL.

We have to judge in terms of its contribution. Although ultimate impact cannot be measured right now, the question is whether it has added something to the current culture of peace and movement of peace. It has added a new dimension to the global movement for peace, prosperity and happiness.

One of the most notable influences is that the mentor professors of the DPCW Handbook Discussion Project have been introducing the project to law professors and students of

other universities and giving them the door to be aware of the 10 articles and 38 clauses of the DPCW. Young generations in various countries and regions are getting involved in the project, which means they are aware of the DPCW.

The DPCW is a declaration made in succession to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Before the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, there was the British Bill of Rights, the French Declaration of Rights of the Man and of the Citizen, and the United States Declaration of Independence, which were products of the struggles of the grassroots people. The 1972 Constitution of Bangladesh, enacted after independence from Pakistan, was also made based on the struggle of the grassroots people. No ideology can move the world without the cries of the people who make up the majority of the world and without the support of the absolute majority. Because we understand the principle well, the DPCW was also created to protect the rights of all citizens of the global village based on the bottom-up approach.

In the webinar, titled “Enhancement of Human Rights Based on Bottom-up Approach in Humanities,” we had a discussion “why human rights are important” and “why we must protect human rights” from the perspective of the basic spirit of the DPCW, the bottom-up approach, by examining the humanities related to the historical facts of the grassroots movement. I gave a speech to the attendees at the time that I hope to fulfill our duties as human beings and remind others of what we have learned through the webinar. Also, I looked forward that another type of human rights movement and discourse based on the DPCW would unfold after this event. And yes, the participants of the event opened the ‘Peace Culture Education Based on the DPCW for Citizens’ to enable not only law experts but citizens to understand and convey the peace message contained in the DPCW with a wider range of people.

As a member of the HWPL International Law Peace Committee, I drafted the DPCW, and seeing the process of the DPCW being known to the world, and developed, I would like to say that peace should be legislated across the whole world.

If the values of peace in DPCW become universal, the human rights values of the global citizens will be guaranteed, wars will end, and a world of peace will finally arrive.

I kindly ask all of you attending here to unite under the leadership of Man Hee Lee, the chairman of HWPL, and to become messengers of peace and contribute to the institutionalization of peace.

Let us all unite for sustainable peace and development, from citizens to heads of state.

Speech

Building Interfaith Trust Through Dialogue



Ven. Myeong An

Vice President of Yeorae Order of Korean Buddhism

Dear family of peace, greetings. I am Myeong An, the Vice President of Yeorae Order of Korean Buddhism. Thank you for inviting me to a meaningful event hosted by HWPL, which is working at the forefront for global peace.

There is a Buddhist saying, “Even a slight touch of sleeve creates destiny.” Since we have become one family for peace, I feel our encounter is a greater destiny. Perhaps it was destined from a long time ago.

There are many who question whether peace is really possible. Even religious leaders who work for love, grace, and peace ask the same question. But world peace and reunification of Korea was something that I naturally felt obligated to do, because since childhood, I have always heard and learned about peace from Great Master In Wang, the founder of Yeorae Order of Korean Buddhism.

Great Master In Wang was a veteran of the Korean war just like Chairman of HWPL.

He understood the terrible atrocities of war better than anyone, and he always led by example. He asserted “one global family” and preached “coexistence and co-prosperity.” With Venerable Seo Gyeongbo, he established monuments in various places, wishing for world peace and reunification of Korean peninsula.

In line with such will, Yeorae Order has been praying for world peace and reunification of Korea for a long time.

Perhaps our hearts connected as a result. I feel that this is a very precious relationship. Seeing Chairman Lee working tirelessly even at the age of over 90 in order to leave a peaceful world without war as a legacy, I was reminded of Great Master In Wang, and it seemed as if the family of HWPL working for the same cause were connected to us Yeorae Order. I felt that we were one family in peace.



Among many initiatives of HWPL, I am participating in Scripture Comparison Discussion. Up to now, I have taken part in 40 sessions with Muslim and Christian panelists.

At first, I was doubtful whether different religions can understand each other and achieve peace together when it was difficult for people to unite even in one denomination. But the more sessions I attended, it became more clear to me why Chairman Lee started this Scripture Comparison Discussion.



To be honest, it is true that I held prejudiced views towards Islam and Christianity. But as I was having discussions based on Scriptures, I realized how much misunderstanding I had. I learned that Christianity and Islam also practiced love, grace, and peace just like Buddhism. Moreover, global peace and cessation of war that Chairman Lee pursued was in line with the Buddhist idea of Bodhisattva.

To me, the discussion panelists are no longer Muslim imams or Christian ministers. They are now like my sons and nephews. I realized that strangers can also become a family.

At the recent session, we discussed about the issue of building Islam mosque in Daegu. I offered to help out, and Christian Panelist apologized on behalf of Christianity. It was a time to understand and embrace each other.

In the world today, there are many conflicts, persecution, and disputes between religions. This is because interfaith communication is broken down, and people think that only their belief is right.

But what will happen if many people of faith participate in the Scripture Comparison Discussion? I believe the same change that occurred to me will occur to them as well. If more people gather to have dialogue and promote understand instead of arguing over right and wrong, harmony will come, and a peaceful world without conflict will only be a matter of time.



To put into action what I felt and realize from the discussion, I hosted a small event at Dae Yaksa Temple in Okcheon, which is a temple that I am serving at. It's called "Peace Event with People of Faith and Citizens" held in May last year. About 100 people attended, we spinned pinwheels together wishing for peace and watched a wonderful performance. It was quite a meaningful time.

During the event, I also showcased the Scripture Comparison Discussion, and one of the monks said he wants to participate in it too. And at the last 40th session, one Christian minister joined as an observer. He was surprised by such platform for harmony and also wanted to participate in the discussion.

At the end of last year, the panelists, religious leaders, and members of HWPL opened a one-day charity café and made the donation with the head of Seo-gu Office. I am happy to be able to carry out the will of Great Master In Wang along with HWPL, and I feel a sense of satisfaction for the positive influence that my actions have on others.

I will continue to take part in many events held by HWPL, and I'm also planning to host the peace event that was done in May last year again. It will be the 2nd Peace Event. I hope the number of people gathering to create peace will be two times, three times, even ten times more than the 1st event. Moreover, our Dae Yaksa Temple will open a WARP Office so we can play a pivotal role in promoting interfaith harmony.

I am sure all of you are aware that precious lives are being lost and sufferings are

caused by big and small wars in the world. Unfortunately, the current international law cannot prevent this kind of war.

That is the reason why HWPL proclaimed the 10 articles and 38 clauses of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War, drafted by international law experts as a new solution for creating peace and ceasing wars, and today marks its 7th anniversary. Even at the moment, messengers of peace are making efforts in various places to introduce the DPCW to the United Nations. As a religious leader, I took note of the contents regarding the prevention of interfaith conflict and promotion of a culture of religious peace, stipulated in Article 8 Freedom of religion and Article 9 Religion, ethnic identity and peace. I thought these contents were groundbreaking, and came to support the Declaration.

I believe the peace initiatives of HWPL, including the Scripture Comparison Discussion, international law for cessation of war, and peace education are very desirable and necessary for peace. And now, someone should take the initiative in doing this work.

Not only for cessation of war but also for religious freedom, the DPCW should be adopted at international level. For this, your support and encouragement is needed.

Dear family of peace,

If HWPL Chairman Lee's purpose in pursuing peace is accomplished, I believe religions will be able to become one, and global peace and humanity's salvation will be achieved.

Let us all become the delegates of peace and join the peace efforts of HWPL so that interfaith communication and harmony can be achieved soon.

There is a Buddhist saying, Unstartled, like a lion at sounds. Unsnared, like the wind in a net. Unsmearred, like a lotus in water, wander alone like a rhinoceros.

Likewise, there may be many difficulties on our journey toward a complete peace, but until the day when wars come to an end and world peace is established, let us work with HWPL with a great hope and pride, and take the lead in creating a peaceful world. Thank you very much.

Special Video

I am Ashly Dacup, nine years of age and living in Davao City, Mindanao, Philippines.

As a child, I love to hear the stories of my mom. She shared stories about her experiences when she was a little girl. I remember when my mom shared the story of Mindanao when she was a little girl like me. She was not able play much outside the house because she was afraid of what she saw and witnessed. What she heard is the strong sound of guns shootings like fire crackers. She saw killing of a person in the crowd. Attacking person inside the jeepney. Everything is crazy.

Every time my mom shares her sad stories, I can't help myself not to be afraid. She is telling me these so that I will be very careful at all times. I told myself, "I hope I will not experience nor encountered what my mom had encountered." I do not want to live in fear. No children should experience this and live in fear. I am praying that peace will always prevail. Peace in my family. Peace in our house. Peace in our school with my friends and classmates. Peace is my desire.

That is why, I am so grateful that I am a part of HWPL Peace Education. More so, many children like me are gaining hope because peace education is being taught in schools. I got to know that it was Chairman Lee Man-hee who introduced the concept of having peace education in the Philippines and he visited our country, especially in Mindanao, many times to spread peace. Because of his efforts we can now have a brighter and peaceful future. I will study hard to acquire all the values of HWPL Peace Education and become a peace messenger like Chairman Lee. God-fearing, friendly, loving, respectful to man and nature. I hope someday, a peace monument will also be erected in our school to inspire the students like me.

Thank you, Chairman Lee, for bringing HWPL to our community. I can proudly say, that peace is here in Mindanao because HWPL is here.

With overflowing gratitude and love, Ashly.





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Reciting and Writing Peace Letters



Dear President Vladimir Putin of Russia,

Greetings.

We are members of Heavenly Culture World Peace Restoration of Light (HWPL), an international peace organization registered with the UN ECOSOC.

Mr. President, we have written to you multiple times that the war in Ukraine must come to an end as soon as possible and that this tragedy must stop. However, as the current situation is turning into a prolonged war, we write to you yet again in the face of such a distressful turn of events.

Mr. President, Russia is a permanent member of the UN Security Council. Yet, you ordered the Russian troops on 24 February 2022 to invade your neighbor, Ukraine. It was an act of aggression that was unsanctioned by the UN Security Council and the international community alike and an act of oppression against the political independence and territorial integrity of a fellow nation. It is a violation of international law, including UNGA Resolution 2625.

Not only did Russia's unlawful exercise of force break lives apart for the troops and civilians of Ukraine and Russia alike, but it also greatly afflicted people around the globe, brought on by fear caused by the war and socio-economic turmoil. This constitutes a crime.

Most regrettable is the lives of innocent youths lost in vain. We ask you, Mr. President.

When it was you who started the war, how come it is the youth losing their lives on the battlefield? Will you be able to bear the responsibility for the youth killed in the war and compensate for their lives? How could you repay death? We demand an answer from you, Mr. President.

Would you hand death to the young ones just setting out to the world? They must be given life. Shouldn't you give hope to the young generation? Don't they deserve freedom and peace?

Peace is what the current world needs the most, and it is our collective responsibility to leave a legacy of peace for the next generation. HWPL members, global citizens from all walks of life, and the media join in urging Russia to cease all acts of aggression and withdraw the Russian military back to their homeland.

Failing to cease the war against the voice of the people of the world would bring harsh judgment with no merit for redemption. In such case, the future generations of Russia would remember you and this war as an unredeemable and shameful chapter of their history, recording you as the very person who drove innocent lives into harm's way.

We look forward to your courageous decision for peace and await your response.

14 March 2023

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List of 7th Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War by Country

No.	Event Date	Country	City	No. of Attendees
1	2023.03.11	Philippines	Philippines	1,000
2	2023.03.11	Australia	Melbourne	215
3	2023.03.14	Korea	Gwangju	200
4	2023.03.14	India	New Delhi	200
5	2023.03.14	Sri Lanka	Colombo	50
6	2023.03.14	Korea	Wonju	200
7	2023.03.14	Korea	Daejeon	150
8	2023.03.14	Korea	Jeonju	300
9	2023.03.15	Korea	Busan	100
10	2023.03.15	India	Tamil Nadu	150
11	2023.03.16	Somalia		25
12	2023.03.16	Republic of South Africa, Lesotho	Cape Town, Maseru	150
13	2023.03.17	United States of America	LA	360
14	2023.03.17	Maldives, Pakistan, Afghanistan	Male, Islamabad, Kabul	40
15	2023.03.17	Thailand		50
16	2023.03.17	Korea	Daegu	120
17	2023.03.17	United Kingdom	London	50
18	2023.03.17-18	Middle East, Africa		50
19	2023.03.18	Japan	Fukuoka	50
20	2023.03.18	Australia	Sydney	70
21	2023.03.18	Colombia	Bogota	60
22	2023.03.18	Bangladesh	Dhaka	60
23	2023.03.18	Korea	Busan	80

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24	2023.03.18	Japan	Osaka	50
25	2023.03.18	Republic of the Union of Myanmar		25
26	2023.03.18	East Timor		40
27	2023.03.18	Cameroon		50
28	2023.03.18	United States of America	Chicago	150
29	2023.03.18	India	Rampur	300
30	2023.03.18	Switzerland	Zurich	120
31	2023.03.18	New Zealand	Oakland	70
32	2023.03.18	Netherlands	Rotterdam	50
33	2023.03.18	Zambia	Lusaka	50
34	2023.03.18	Japan	Tokyo	60
35	2023.03.18	Portugal	Lisbon	10
36	2023.03.18	United States of America	Texas	100
37	2023.03.18	Pakistan	Lahore	100
38	2023.03.18	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kinshasa	70
39	2023.03.18	Kenya	Nairobi	120
40	2023.03.18	Uganda	Kampala	2,200
41	2023.03.19	Australia	Brisbane	80
42	2023.03.19	Sudan		25
43	2023.03.19	Republic of South Sudan		30
44	2023.03.19	Rwanda		35
45	2023.03.19	Burundi		22
46	2023.03.19	United States of America	New York	150
47	2023.03.19	Germany	Berlin	170

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48	2023.03.19	Kazakhstan	Nur-Sultan	35
49	2023.03.19	India	Chennai	80
50	2023.03.19	Republic of Türkiye	Istanbul	100
51	2023.03.19	United States of America	San Francisco	100
52	2023.03.20	United States of America	Washington	150
53	2023.03.20	Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	113
54	2023.03.20	Tanzania	Dar es Salaam	90
55	2023.03.20	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	1,000
56	2023.03.20	Fiji	Suva	50



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