

## Press Release

12 April 2014

### **More than 5,000 People Gathered at Science Park for Peacemakers' Celebration**

More than 5,000 people attended the “Peacemakers’ Celebration” of **UNESCO HK Peace for All Youth Programme**, co-organized by **UNESCO Hong Kong Association (“UNESCO HK”)** and **UNESCO Arts in Education Observatory for Research in Local Cultures and Creativity in Education (“UNESCO RLCCE”)**, and sponsored by the Commission on Youth, Home Affairs Bureau, HKSAR, on 12 April 2014, Saturday at Hong Kong Science Park.

Officiating at the Inaugural Ceremony were **Mrs Phumelele Gwala**, Consul General, South African Consulate General and **Professor Tao Xiping**, Vice President of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs Centers and Associations and President of the Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations together with Guests-of-honour from participating Consulates and a long list of international and community organizations.

On behalf of the organizers, Dr Darwin Chen SBS, Vice President (Culture), UNESCO Hong Kong Association and Chairman of Organizing Committee, UNESCO HK Peace for All Youth Programme thanked all the contributors to the Programme at the ceremony.

To act for peace, Dr Chen mentioned that this year marks the centenary of the start of World War I. “Many believe humankind has been fortunate in avoiding yet another global conflict. But peace is more than the absence of war. Peace goes beyond political peace, encompassing individual peace, cultural peace, social peace and ecological peace as well,” said Dr Chen.

Dr Chen also quoted Eleanor Roosevelt’s saying “It isn’t enough to talk about peace; one must believe it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it; one must work at it.” He reminded us that peace is a choice to be made on each situation, an everyday-life decision. He encouraged participants to take actions that would make a difference to “Peace for All”.

The ceremony was followed by orchestra performance by Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra and Peace Street Arts Parade.

On the same day, a variety of programmes were also held at the Science Park. They include Social Peace: Care & Dare “A Bright New Horizon” Campaign Kick-off Ceremony, Peace Education Seminar, Peace Booth Exhibition, Installation Arts Exhibition, Cultural Performance, Culture Discovery Workshops, “Peace & Dream” Youth Essay Competition Board Display and Hong Kong Style Milk Tea Demonstration.

Peacemakers’ Celebration was the highlight of 2013-2014 Peace for All Youth Programme and aimed to strengthen local peace efforts through better understanding of cultural diversity and tolerance of cultural differences, and to encourage intercultural dialogue. Thousands of students and teachers from local and international schools, representatives from the international and community organizations showcased the outcome of their projects promoting peace and intercultural understanding on the Celebration Day.

*Appendix 1 – List of Officiating Guests*

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## APPENDIX 1

# Peacemakers Celebration Kick off Ceremony

The occasion was graced by the following guests of honour and officiating guests:

### Guest of Honors

- Professor Tao Xiping, Vice President of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations & President of Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations
- Mr Ng Hak Kim, Eddie, SBS, JP, Secretary for Education, Education Bureau
- Miss Jiang Yu, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Mrs Phumelele Gwala, Consul General, Consulate General of South Africa in Hong Kong
- Mr Yip Wing-shing, David, BBS, MH, JP, Convenor, Youth Programme Co-ordinating Committee, Commission on Youth

### Officiating Guests

- UNESCO Chairs in Comparative Education, The University of Hong Kong and Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Lifelong Learning, The Hong Kong Institute of Education
- Consulates General and country representatives of Bangladesh, Czech Republic, European Union to Hong Kong and Macao, France, Greece, State of Kuwait, Laos, Mexico, Nepal, Romania, Spain, South Africa, Switzerland, United States, Vietnam
- Spiritual leaders of Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong, Diocese Hong Kong, Diocese of Western Kowloon, Kowloon Mosque, and St. John Cathedral and The Confucian Academy.
- International Organization leaders from District Governor, Rotary International District 3450 (Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia & PRC – Guangdong Province), Junior Chamber International Hong Kong and AIESEC in Hong Kong Session 2013-2014

## 新聞稿

二零一四年四月十二日

### 超過 5,000 人齊集科學園參與 和平大使慶典

超過 5,000 人於 2014 年 4 月 12 日(星期六)在香港科學園聚首一堂，參與由香港聯合國教科文組織協會及聯合國教科文組織本土文化及創意教育研究觀測所共同主辦的「和平共融遍香江」青年大使計劃之“和平大使慶典”。本計劃主要贊助單位為香港特區政府民政事務局青年事務委員會。

是次活動邀請到南非總領事館總領事 Mrs Phumelele Gwala 及聯合國教科文組織世界聯合會副主席、中國聯合國教科文組織協會全國聯合會主席 陶西平教授擔任「和平大使開幕典禮」主禮嘉賓；並有多位駐港領事館、國際及社區組織代表出席。

在典禮上，香港聯合國教科文組織協會副會長(文化)、「和平共融遍香江」青年大使計劃籌委會主席陳達文博士代表主辦機構感謝曾經為此計劃提供協助的單位及作出貢獻的人士。

陳博士致辭時提到今年是第一次世界大戰爆發一百周年紀念，他說：「許多人認為人類幸運地避免了其他全球性的衝突，但和平不僅是沒有戰爭，更涵蓋政治和平，心靈和平、文化共融、社會和平及生態和平五大概念。」

陳博士亦引用美國首任駐聯合國大使愛蓮娜·羅斯福的話「談和平是不夠的，我們必須相信和平。相信和平是不夠的，我們必須努力去爭取」，來提醒參加者和平是日常生活作出的選擇，鼓勵大家都要時刻致力為和平而努力。

緊接著開幕典禮，是香港中樂團的音樂演奏及和平巡禮。

當天還有一系列的活動在科學園進行，包括社會和平活動：「踏出一步 邁向新生里程」計劃啟動禮、和平教育講座、國家攤位展覽、文化表演、裝置藝術展覽、文化探索工作坊、《和平與夢想》青少年徵文比賽大陸賽區展板展覽及港式奶茶即場示範。

和平大使慶典是 2013-2014 和平共融遍香江青年大使計劃的重頭戲，計劃旨在創造平台予不同文化背景的青少年作深入的和平文化交流，通過活動增強青年人對和平及多元文化共融重要性的認識，學會尊重、包容文化的多樣性，散播和平種子。來自本地、國際學校的師生，以及國際社區組織，在慶典日以不同型式展示了他們促進和平與認識多元文化項目的成果。

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## 附件一 - 主禮嘉賓

### 「和平大使慶典」啟動禮

當日出席的榮譽嘉賓包括：

- 陶西平教授, 聯合國教科文組織協會世界聯合會副主席, 中國聯合國教科文組織協會全國聯合會主席及香港聯合國教科文組織協會名譽會長
- 吳克儉先生, SBS JP 教育局局長
- 姜瑜女士, 中華人民共和國外交部駐香港特別行政區特派員公署副特派員
- Mrs Phumelele Gwala, 南非總領事館 總領事
- 葉永成 BBS, MH, JP, 青年事務委員會 青年活動統籌委員會召集人

主禮嘉賓包括：

- 多國駐港領事及國家代表，包括孟加拉、捷克、歐盟、法國、希臘、科威特、老撾、墨西哥、尼泊爾、羅馬尼亞、南非、西班牙、瑞士、美國、越南。
- 精神領袖，包括來自道教青松觀、孔教學院、天主教香港教區、天主教九龍教區、九龍清真寺及聖約翰座堂。