

-Convention Report-

# Global Peace Convention 2017

Moral and Innovative Leadership:  
New Models for Peace and Development

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# Global Peace Convention 2017 Summary



THE GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION is a preeminent, world-level platform to share best practices and develop collaborative strategies in areas of peacebuilding, education, entrepreneurship, sustainable development, youth and women empowerment, and other fields of social impact.

Following conventions hosted in Manila (2009), Nairobi (2010), Seoul (2011), Atlanta (2012), Kuala Lumpur (2013), and Asunción (2014), leaders from 44 nations representing governments, faith traditions, business and civil society gathered again in Manila on February 28-March 3, 2017, addressing the convention theme **“Moral and Innovative Leadership: New Models for Peace and Development.”**

Serving as co-chairs of the International Advisory Committee, former Philippine President Gloria Arroyo and former Guatemala President Vinicio Cerezo extended greetings to the assembled leaders. President Arroyo especially acknowledged the efforts of GPF Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin Preston Moon to build support for Korean unification.

She noted that during her presidency the Philippines hosted sessions of Six-Party Talks on resolving divisions

on the Korean peninsula, and that GPF’s work in Nigeria to bridge religious divides also corresponded to efforts initiated in southern Philippines.

She thanked GPF for its work to bring solar lights to villages in the Philippines through its All-Lights Village projects. Interfaith cooperation and grassroots development projects are “tried and true approaches” to achieving positive change, she said.

GPF Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin Moon movingly paid tribute to the Philippines national motto: *Maka-Diyos, maka-tao, maka-kalikasan*, at *maka-bansa*, “For the love of God, people, nature and country.”

Dr. Moon said that the convention theme, “Moral and Innovative Leadership: New Models for Peace and Development” was timely and relevant not only in the context of the United Nations campaign to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 but also in the human quest “for genuine peace based on liberty, individual rights and just governance.”

Underscoring the role that scholars can play in finding common ground for peace, Professor Madhav Das Nalapat, Director of Geopolitics and International

*“We need to recognize the vital importance of the self-evident, transcendent truths that define our common humanity; and we need to build consensus around shared values to undergird the creation of vibrant, prosperous, ethical societies.”*

– Dr. Hyun Jin Preston Moon, Chairman, Global Peace Foundation

Relations and UNESCO Peace Chair at Manipal University in India, said, “This ambitious agenda [for world peace] might find some skeptics, but what seems impossible today may very well become commonplace tomorrow.”

Heritage Foundation founder Dr. Edwin Feulner emphasized the commitment of the United States to the Philippines and Korea in times of war, and America’s role in fostering growth and the improvement of living conditions in recent decades.

#### **GLOBAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: KOREAN REUNIFICATION, IDENTITY-BASED CONFLICT**

The convention plenaries drew attention to two key global strategic priorities: Korean reunification and resolving identity-based conflict, while underscoring the central importance of shared values in building social cohesion and transcending differences.

Panelists encouraged dialogue and consensus building around shared values as they presented approaches that address mounting religious and ethnic tension and the rise of violent extremism, as well as the threat to global security posed by the ongoing conflict on the Korean peninsula, a topic addressed in depth in later conference sessions.

Korean National Assembly representative Jin-Pyo Kim used the opportunity to express thanks for the global foreign aid that assisted Korea in its rise from an impoverished, war-torn country into a prosperous modern democracy.

Dr. Nalapat suggested that discussion of Korean unification was even more important than concern about terrorism and religious extremism. Millions of people lack basic rights and suffer severe privations under the North



Korean regime, he said, while the DPRK’s nuclear weapons capability threatens global security.

Five-time Grammy award-winning production team Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis also lent their support to the cause of reunification, testifying to the power of music to move people’s hearts and bridge divisions. The producers also collaborated on a landmark Unification Song, presented for the first time with leading K-pop entertainers at a concert at SM Mall of Asia Arena.



Other experts on reconciliation and peaceful engagement addressed the ongoing threat of violent extremism and identity-based conflict.

Dr. Leonard Swidler, founder of the Dialogue Institute and, with theologian Hans Küng, a primary author of efforts to advance a “global ethic” to promote peaceful co-existence, told the convention that it was important to recognize that we do in fact have the same ethical principles in common. We must not “share ignorance, but search together deeply for the truth,” he said. He presented the Golden Rule, a Christian tenant encouraging adherents to love one’s neighbor as oneself, as an example of a value shared by most faith traditions.

Dr. Marsudi Syuhud, Chairman of the Central Board of Nahdlatul Ulama, Indonesia’s largest civic organization, concurred, adding that in Islam peace is a primary purpose in life. Where the fundamental principles of faith traditions have been hijacked by violent extremists, Dr. Syuhud urged religious leaders to seek out shared values and understand the original purpose of their religions.

The convention provided in-depth exploration of some of the most pressing issues relating to peace and sustainable development. Policy analysts, government ministers, business leaders, faith leaders, nongovernmental representatives, and women and youth leaders convened panels in key focus areas including:

**‘VALUES-CENTERED’ PEACEBUILDING: THREE INITIATIVES**

A panel of GPF representatives from the Philippines, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, and Korea described three major initiatives—the **All-Lights Village Project**, a comprehensive community-based initiative that begins with solar lamps and builds

partnerships to improve education, health, sanitation and self-reliance; the **One Family Under God peacebuilding campaign** in Kaduna State, Nigeria; and the **One Korea Global Campaign** supported by Action for Korea United, the largest

civil society coalition in Korea advocating for Korean unification.

These initiatives highlight practical applications of GPF’s unique “values-centered” approach to resolving divisions, building innovative partnerships, and fostering sustainable, shared prosperity.



❄️ **Interfaith Peacebuilding** As religion has become a flashpoint of conflict, diverse faith leaders advanced a vital counter narrative: the importance of shared values across faith traditions and the significance of a “global ethic” to guide an increasingly divided world.

❄️ **Transforming Education** The Global Peace Convention brought educators and stakeholders together to advance innovative new models emphasizing character competencies and entrepreneurship to make education relevant for the twenty-first century economy and world.

❄️ **Korean Unification:** Experts and policy makers examined the growing interest and public support for Korean unification as an approach to resolving the threat posed by the North Korean regime.

❄️ **Women’s Leadership Culture** Women leaders assessed the progress and ongoing challenges of empowering women and expanding the leadership roles of women, emphasizing that “peace begins in the home.”

❄️ **Youth Leadership and Service** Youth can contribute their diverse skill-sets, knowledge and networks to effectively address problems of conflict and extremism and foster a culture of service and peace.

❄️ **Business and Peacebuilding** Business leaders, government officials, NGO leaders, and entrepreneurs examined the often unrecognized role of private sector business in poverty reduction, sustainable development, and regional stability.

The 2017 **Global Peace Awards** honored government, civil society and faith leaders for exemplary public service at a Gala banquet. Following the Convention, the Global Peace Foundation partnered with IBM and the Dialogue Institute to host two seminars, **IBM Leadership Training** and **Essentials of Peacebuilding**. GPF partnered with SM Cares and the Philippines Department of Education to host 15,000 youth at the **Global Youth Summit**. And the **1 K Global Peace Concert** at the SM Mall of Asia Arena enlisted the support of K-pop artists for Korean reunification in an event broadcast to millions in 120 countries.

**3500+ PARTICIPANTS**  
44 NATIONS REPRESENTED



Over 30  
**CONCURRENT  
SESSIONS**

6 TRACKS

- KOREAN UNIFICATION
- INTERFAITH PEACEBUILDING
- YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE
- GLOBAL PEACE BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC FORUM
- NEW WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP CULTURE
- TRANSFORMING EDUCATION

- ◆ Global Peace Economic Forum
- ◆ Global Peace Youth Assembly
- ◆ Global Service Forum

**GLOBAL  
YOUTH  
SUMMIT**

15,000 at the  
SM Mall of Asia Arena



**MEDIA PICKUPS  
FROM AROUND  
THE WORLD**

**108  
Organizations  
Represented**

Over  
**200  
notable  
speakers**



10,000 at the SM  
Mall of Asia Arena



Close to 900 k  
Reach



200 million  
Impressions  
trending #1 in Manila,  
top 10 in the Philippines



300,000 Video views  
on multiple platforms

**36 Partners**  
**10 Media Parters**



# Track: Interfaith Peacebuilding

The Interfaith Peacebuilding Track at the Global Peace Convention in Manila 2017 was a balance of theory and practice, with renowned scholars sharing insights and courageous practitioners giving their on-the-ground experiences of peacebuilding. Among the participants, many local and international multi-sector leaders later reported transformative experiences, thought-provoking discussions and new opportunities for partnership.

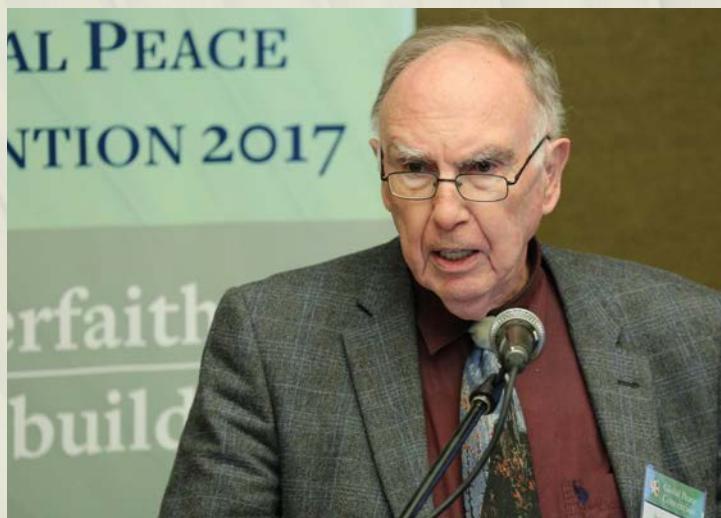
Seasoned peacebuilders discussed strategies developed through years of mitigating conflict and building community in Northern Ireland. A Christian pastor and Muslim sheikh shared their experiences of



## OUTCOMES:

- Created interest in and provided information about the history and work of the global ethic/global ethical framework and how it might be applied or engaged at the local level to participants and current/potential partners.
- Fostered new relationships, potential partnerships and new opportunities to engage in interfaith dialogue and cooperation with local and international leaders.
- The Countering Violent Extremism session articulated the importance of long-term prevention of violent extremism through the work of education on shared values and projects designed to create social cohesion.
- Established a “Global Ethic Strategic Working Group” consisting of international scholars and practitioners to identify, assess and promote grassroots projects that apply the global ethic in an innovative and effective way in peacebuilding efforts in the field.
- “Peacesharing” was identified as necessary and valuable concept that can bring new insights and hope to seemingly intractable conflicts.

*“That the need for a global ethic is most urgent is becoming increasingly apparent to all; humankind no longer has the luxury of letting such an ethic slowly and haphazardly grow by itself. It is vital that there be a conscious focusing of energy on such a development. Immediate action is necessary.”* – Dr. Leonard Swidler, Dialogue Institute, Temple University



peacebuilding in the hot conflict area of Kaduna state, Nigeria. A Brazilian leader discussed the importance and role of faith leaders in reforming societies based on principles and shared values in Brazil.

A Filipina leader of an interfaith organization described the process of creating a shared, interfaith space through a focus on building relationships and dialogue. This track provided a space for the work of “peacesharing” to unfold, for the enrichment of all.

One expert in Session III, “Countering Violent Extremism,” concluded that the work of building consensus around shared values is the “glue” of the popular phrase “unity in diversity.” This work creates social cohesion and is centrally important to prevent violent extremism.

Building on the considerable efforts toward a global ethic over the last several decades, the last session of the

Interfaith Peacebuilding Track brought together scholars from this historical work.

Among the presenters were Dr. Leonard Swidler, founder of the Dialogue Institute and one of the original authors of a draft confirmed at the 1993 Parliament of World Religions; Dr. Jonathon Keir a Research Fellow at the University of Tübingen, Germany’s Weltethos Institut, which was founded by Hans Küng; and Swami Shantatmanada of the RamaKrishna Mission, which connects to the history of building a global ethical framework through Vivekananda, who presented in Chicago at the 1893 Parliament of World Religions.

GPF is bringing value to this vital cause by connecting practical applications of the global ethical framework in grassroots projects that are designed around shared values—another understanding of “think global, work local.”



# Track: Korean Unification

THE GLOBAL PEACE FOUNDATION, ONE KOREA FOUNDATION, Action for Korea United, National Strategy Institute, and Global Peace Institute hosted three sessions during the Global Peace Convention to examine the prospects for and implications of a unified Korea peninsula. Session 1, “Laying the Foundation for One Korea,” included deliberations on a proposed joint statement, the Declaration for One United Korea, with experts from India and South Korea presenting ideas on approaches to opening North Korean society and expanding economic prosperity.

Scholars noted the significance of the ancient Korean ethos of Hongik Ingan, or “living for the benefit of humanity,” as an ideal that could transcend the political and social divide separating North and South.

A prominent North Korean defector suggested that the 30,000 people who have defected from the North could also be a powerful voice to advance a common future for all Koreans.

Session 2, “Asia-Pacific perspectives on One Korea,” presented a diverse panel of Korea experts from the United States, China, Russia, Mongolia and South Korea



who examined the relative roles, influence, and national interests relating to the Korean peninsula and potential unification.

Session 3, “Building Global Consensus for One Korea,” underscored the geopolitical importance of Korean unification, with scholars examining foreign policy and weighing the priority and likelihood of changing policy to more directly support a process leading to unification.

At the conclusion of the Convention, a special One K Global Peace Concert featuring leading K-pop artists at the SM Mall of Asia Arena drew thousands of youth to raise popular awareness of Korean unification as a means to resolve conflict and advance human welfare in the region and world.

*“The unification of Korea will be an historic event that contributes to peace and prosperity all around the world.”*

– Hon. Jin Pyo Kim, former Deputy Prime Minister, Republic of Korea



#### **OUTCOMES:**

- More than 50 reports were published by international media on the Korea sessions, including Korean newspaper interviews with Heritage Foundation founder Dr. Edwin Feulner.
- The Director of Ulaanbaatar Dialog, Nanjin Dorjsuren, proposed follow-up meetings for Northeast Asia scholars in Mongolia.
- Russian and American scholars proposed to convene a forum on Russian policy and perspectives in Moscow.
- Wide circulation of the recent book, *Korean Dream: A Vision for a Unified Korea*, by Global Peace Foundation chairman Dr. Hyun Jin Moon.
- 2017 One K Global Peace Concert in Manila as part of the One K Concert Global Tour, showcased popular K-pop artists and multiple Grammy Award-winning writers and producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis in a display of global commitment to the peaceful reunification of the Korean people and global peace.



# Track: Transforming Education

## Transforming education through revolutionary change

ADMINISTRATORS, EDUCATORS, INNOVATORS, STUDENTS and other stakeholders gathered in Manila, the Philippines from February 28 to March 2 for a series of sessions during the 2017 Global Peace Convention to examine the role of education in the success of an individual and an entire nation.

The Transforming Education Track sought to ensure that graduates are ready to succeed and prosper in the workplace, build healthy and resilient families, and contribute to economic and technological development and social stability.

At a press conference, Global Peace Foundation's international Vice President of Education, Dr. Tony Devine, stressed how unprepared the education sector is for the challenges of an ever-changing world. "The world economy, companies, and organizations are moving at lightning-fast pace," Devine said.



"The world of education unfortunately is still stagnant. It's often stuck in the nineteenth century. The Global Peace Foundation is working to accelerate a transformation in schools around the world."

The first session enlisted the expertise of speakers from organizations that have exerted efforts towards improving the quality of education in the Philippines and in other parts of the globe.

### OUTCOMES:

- More than 25 presenters in six sessions examined the urgent need to transform education to contribute to economic development and social stability.
- Over 1010 Filipino principals, teachers, professors, regional directors and officials participated in addition to international delegates.
- Advanced education outcomes by emphasizing character, creativity and moral and innovative leadership.
- Supported best practices to create value through entrepreneurship, leadership and digital learning.
- Developed strategies for scaling innovative models for lasting change in school culture.
- Developed new approaches for bringing peace building into schools.
- Promoted workforce development with technology and digital learning.

*“We dream of Filipinos who compassionately love their country and whose values and competencies enable them to realize their full potential and contribute meaningfully to building the nation.”*

– G.H. Ambat, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and Alternative Learning Systems, the Philippines



Speakers also emphasized character formation and instilling an entrepreneurial spirit as essential education outcomes, and the important role of teachers in the character formation of students.

In the Philippines, Entrepreneurship is now a major course offered in some colleges and universities. GPF's Character and Creativity Initiative which focuses on whole school culture change, and Leap Hubs, which are Leadership and Entrepreneur incubators in schools, are now being successfully integrated in 24 demonstration

schools in Kenya, with a vision to expand to hundreds of schools across Kenya.

These efforts are linking employability and entrepreneurship skills to more conventional academic outcomes.

Transforming Education was one of several focus areas that drew experts, policy makers, and civil society leaders from more than 40 countries at the 2017 Global Peace Convention.



# Track: Youth Leadership and Service for Peace and Development

More than 500 young leaders from 40 countries, as well as major world development and corporate partners, participated in the Global Forum on Youth Leadership and Service for Peace and Development, which presented innovative new strategies and partnerships to advance a culture of service around the globe. Session participants teamed up to promote youth participation in fulfilling the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to form international and cross-cultural youth service networks in the region.

Among the participants were representatives of government agencies dealing with youth issues, civil society leaders, and development partners who engaged in lively discussions on enhancing partnerships to address key challenges in clusters of the environment, health, disaster response, peace, and youth entrepreneurship.

## **Global Peace and Development Service Alliance**

A significant outcome of the Global Service Forum was the launch of the Global Peace and Development Service Alliance (GPDSA), a multi-sector collaboration to advance a culture of service through promotional and programmatic initiatives.

Engaging corporate, government, and civil society support, the GPDSA will work to achieve measurable impacts and establish a strong evidence-based record in areas of conflict and underdevelopment, environmental



sustainability, technology and innovation, and disaster preparedness and response.

The Youth Leadership Track of the 2017 Global Peace Convention inspired, instilled, and uplifted the values and essential leadership qualities required in addressing critical global issues relevant in today's world.

The 2017 Global Peace Youth Exchange in Manila provided unique opportunities for 40 participants from 15 countries to interact with residents in the Laguna Province, engage in an environmental service activity, and network with motivational professionals.

At the Global Peace Youth Assembly, new models for peace and development and best practices created by youth were shared to inspire 500 young people to take leadership and ownership over the 2030 SDGs.

*“It is the openness to dialogue and cooperation that I am happy to see in the work of the Global Peace Foundation.”*

– Maria Leonor Gerona-Robredo, Vice President, Republic of the Philippines



#### OUTCOMES:

- The Global Service Forum inaugurated the Global Peace and Development Service Alliance, a multi-sector collaboration to advance a culture of service.
- The 2017 Global Peace Youth Exchange provided opportunities for 40 participants from 15 countries to participate in environmental service.
- The Manila Bay Coastal Clean Up gathered some 5,000 volunteers from 25 area schools.
- More than 500 young leaders from 40 countries gathered for the Global Forum on Youth Leadership and Service for Peace and Development.
- Models for peace and development were showcased during the program, and inspired a “call for action” for youth involvement in pressing societal issues.
- Youth and service programs for 2017 were announced, including: **International Youth Leaders Assembly** in the United States in August; **Global Youth Peace Fest- 2017** in September in India and Pakistan; and **Technology Expo** in November in South Korea.



# Track: Women's Leadership Culture

## New Women's Leadership Culture for Peace and Development: from the Home to the World

GLOBAL PEACE WOMEN TRACK SESSIONS examined the critical leadership role that women play in both sustainable peace building and strengthening families in their communities around the world.

The GPW Track welcomed more than 700 outstanding women leaders from diverse areas to share their vision and leadership capacity for building peace within and beyond the home.

The track had six sessions, including two panel discussions with influential women leaders who promoted the theme of peace-building in diverse professional fields; a discussion on encouraging women engagement; a workshop on best leadership practices and strategies; a networking opportunity to build long-lasting international partnerships; a film-screening that exemplifies a woman-initiated cultural peace-building movement; and a special training program to develop healthy relationships as a fundamental peacebuilding and leadership skill.

H.E. Hajiya Amina Namadi Sambo, Founder of I-Care Women and Youth Initiative in Nigeria, also highlighted the importance of the family and women's roles,



especially within the home environment. Women, she encouraged participants, “be peaceful, preach peace, act peacefully, and live peacefully.”

The GPW Track included four additional programs: an art and children's book exhibition; a home hospitality exchange event where more than 200 local and international guests were invited to a warm welcoming party; a networking lunch with almost 100 influential women leaders; and a “Peace Begins in the Home” photo campaign, with some 300 participants, inspiring the initiation of this project on an international level in 2017.

Overall, GPW Track participants gained deep insights, a more holistic understanding, and greater appreciation of women's leadership role in the contemporary world.

*“Peace begins in the home because it is where we learn to love, trust, respect, and work together with members of our human family.”*

– Dr. Junsook Moon, Chairwoman, Global Peace Women



In addition, many had the opportunity to participate in rich cultural experiences and explore the vast spectrum of

practices of peacebuilding that can be implemented within their families and communities.

#### **OUTCOMES:**

- More than 700 women leaders, NGO experts, policy makers, educators, civil society leaders, artists, and activists from 12 countries participated in the sessions.
- More than 19 outstanding speakers and women leaders around the world shared messages and models for women-initiated peacebuilding, from the home to the world.
- Through 6 sessions and 4 additional programs, the GPW Track advanced a comprehensive and dynamic approach to empower women to practice peace.
- A convention program session provided practical and effective healthy relationship training to support family and community members.
- More than 300 people participated in the “Peace Begins in the Home” photo campaign, launching an international-level movement in 2017.
- GPW sessions demonstrated the potential of culture, art, and film to overcome barriers and build harmonious relationships and peace.
- Participants experienced Philippines’ sincere hospitality culture, expanding an intimate network of focused thinkers, leaders, and peace activists.



# Track: Global Peace Business and Economy

*Businesses can be a powerful convener for bringing people together across national and cultural lines. They can create relationships based on a shared sense of identity and purpose, overcoming differences that, in the wider society, are more difficult to surmount.*  
—UN Global Compact

BUSINESS LEADERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, NGO leaders, and entrepreneurs met at the Global Peace Convention 2017 to examine the critical, yet often unrecognized role of private sector business and economic development in poverty reduction, sustainable development, and regional stability. The UN's embrace of the private sector Global Compact to accomplish its 2030 Agenda for sustainable



development provided a perfect backdrop for the Business and Economic Forums at the Convention.

## OUTCOMES:

- A Global Peace Business Council was proposed to:
  - i. Help the business community understand their own critical contribution to peace, stability and inclusive prosperity.
  - ii. Help the public sector and civil society understand this contribution and engage business leaders in peacebuilding initiatives.
  - iii. Create a platform for collaboration within the business community as well as foster cross-sector collaboration beyond it.
- Panelists and delegates from diverse backgrounds presented a new model for peace and development.
- Regional economic collaboration was promoted, highlighted by this year's fiftieth anniversary of the ASEAN economic community.
- Clear, data-verified, positive outcomes of principled economic policy were outlined through the Economic Freedom Index.
- Panelists largely agreed across all sessions that SMEs drive economic growth and should have access to capital and relief from regulatory red tape.

*“If centuries ago, trade was a reason to provoke war, today, because international relations are such, it is conversely a tool for peace.”*

– Dato Latt Shariman Abdullah, Founding President, e-Sports Malaysia



Four Business Forums included examinations of the role of entrepreneurs in alleviating poverty; the requisite skills of cultural competency in successful international business; the power of the tourism industry in generating international understanding and goodwill; and the interconnected, interdependent, prosperity-driving networks of relationships built naturally through international trade and investment.

A robust partnership/sponsorship with the Tourism Promotion Board and the Chamber of Commerce of the Philippine Islands substantially demonstrated collaboration for development.

The ASEAN region specifically presented an example of the importance of forward-looking government policy in

fostering economic growth. Among the fastest-growing economies in the world, Southeast Asia is a complex multi-cultural region where explosive growth and endemic poverty co-exist. Policies that unlock market capital, encourage start-up investment, and avoid excessive regulatory burdens can broaden opportunity, prosperity and social inclusion.

Complemented by two networking receptions and a special Corporate Social Responsibility Luncheon anchored by IBM, the powerful international array of presenters, moderators and delegates from every continent made an irrefutable case that business leaders and economic development specialists have a lead role in creating new and practical models of peace and development—the theme of the Convention.

# Global Peace Economic Forum

THE GLOBAL PEACE ECONOMIC FORUM is a framework for economists, policy makers and development experts to advance innovative, market-based approaches to development and social progress. The promotion of broad-based prosperity through entrepreneurship and forward-looking business practices not only expands markets but also involves more people as stakeholders in society, thus fostering peace and stability.

The first Global Peace Economic Forum, “Peaceful Unification and Economic Development,” in October 2015, explored the economic incentives for unification of the Korean peninsula.

The 2017 Economic Forum hosted during the Global Peace Convention in Manila included two sessions: “Economic Freedom Index: Roadmap for Economic Dynamism and Prosperity” and “ASEAN Renaissance: Unleashing Entrepreneurial Power for Peace and Prosperity.”

The first session opened with a presentation of the just released 2017 Index of Economic Freedom. Produced by the U.S.-based Heritage Foundation, the Index has documented the factors that lead to expanded economic opportunity and growth. The specific case of the



Philippines (advancing 12 places this year) was examined in the context of the ASEAN economies from the perspective of global leaders.

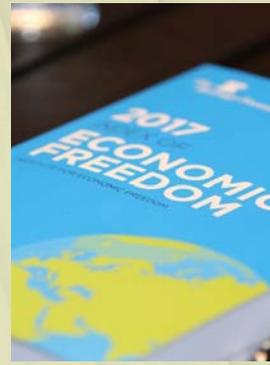
Noting the Philippines’ strategic location and key ties with prosperous nations, its abundant natural resources and English-speaking people, GPF Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin Moon said that for a nation to achieve sustained economic prosperity, it should have a free economic system anchored on innovation and entrepreneurship.

At the same time, he said, sufficient regulatory and enforcement mechanisms should support an alignment with the country’s societal values and ensure a level playing field for broad-based development.

H.E. Nicolas Ardito Barletta Vallarino, former President of Panama and former Vice President of the World Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean, discussed the role of entrepreneurship in the Latin American context and

*“Micro-enterprises, which are 40 percent of the economic activity in Latin America, face problems of access to credit, access to markets, access to technology and access to information, and that needs to be provided for a more equal society that opens opportunities for all.”*

– H.E. Nicolas Ardito Barletta Vallarino, former President of Panama



said the success of a market-based economy is based on the work of entrepreneurs.

Other speakers discussed the importance of shared values, advanced by innovative political, civic and business leaders to undergird a nation's policies and direction and support economic growth and prosperity.

National economic policies in the region should promote and protect such values, while strengthening an environment to ensure growth and broad access to resources and opportunities for an expanding array of new entrepreneurs. Speakers presented how these principles affect national transformation and unlock market capital, while fostering peace and stability.

On a range of economic, social, and environmental objectives, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has become a platform for organizations and companies to develop a sustainability framework that can benefit communities. A Corporate Social Responsibility Luncheon: Partnering for Impact 2030 explored the perspectives of corporations committed to employee volunteerism on how they are driving progress on achieving the SDGs. CSR can encourage government and small businesses, as well as multinational corporations, to develop closer ties with the community. Informed by a caring corporate culture, CSR can support employee engagement towards a culture of social responsibility.



# GLOBAL PEACE AWARDS GALA

The Global Peace Foundation conferred awards on leaders in wide-ranging areas of impact who have significantly promoted peace, advanced models of good governance, fostered an ethic of public service, and demonstrated a willingness to transcend boundaries of religion, ethnicity, and nationality. The awards were presented on March 1 at a gala banquet at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Manila on Day 2 of the 2017 Global Peace Convention.



## INTERFAITH LEADERSHIP AWARD



The Interfaith Leadership Award recognizes individuals who are leaders of interfaith collaboration, showing by example that it is possible to transcend differences based on shared values and our common heritage as one family under God.

**Rev. John Joseph Hayab and Sheik Halliru Abdullahi Maraya** are Christian and Muslim clerics from Kaduna State, Nigeria who are working to build bridges of tolerance, understanding and respect across religious divides in one of the most volatile conflict regions in the world.

## LEADERSHIP IN STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AWARD



The Leadership in Strengthening Families Award is presented to an individual for sustained efforts to advance the welfare of the family as the primary unit of society and for supporting responsible parenting, strong marriages, and a healthy and nurturing environment for children.

**Dr. Nona S. Ricafort** is a distinguished educator and women's advocate who has long promoted the empowerment of women in the Philippines and Southeast Asian region. Dr. Ricafort has consistently worked to integrate spiritual principles and affirmation of the family within education policy.

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD



The Outstanding Service Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies a life of service to humanity that has not only addresses critical issues and external needs but has also fostered a culture of service, compassion, and living for others.

**Dr. Marco E. Roncarati** is Social Affairs Officer at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand. ESCAP works to support, protect and empower all population groups, with a particular focus on the needs of women, youth, the disabled, elderly and migrants.

## INNOVATIVE SCHOLARSHIP FOR PEACE AWARD



The Innovative Scholarship for Peace Award recognizes an individual whose outstanding scholarly work has positively contributed to security, peace, and social reconciliation and led to policy initiatives that have advanced peace and human development.

**Dr. Edwin J. Feulner** is the Founder, Chairman of the Asian Studies Center, and Chung Ju-yung Fellow at the Heritage Foundation, one of the nation's leading research and public policy institutions located in Washington, DC.

## GOOD GOVERNANCE AWARD



The Good Governance Award recognizes an outstanding leader who exemplifies the spirit of moral and innovative leadership, and advances human welfare through executive, legislative and economic initiatives.

**H.E. Nicolás Ardito Barletta** served as President of Panama from 1984 to 1985, the first democratically elected president after 16 years of military rule. During his presidency he emphasized the reestablishment of democracy, moral and innovative economic development, and transparent and efficient government.

## PHILANTHROPY AND CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP AWARD



The Philanthropy and Corporate Citizenship Award is presented to an individual who has committed significant efforts and resources to advance initiatives to improve and enhance the quality of human life and has played a pivotal role in advancing corporate social responsibility.

**Ms. Diane Melley** is Vice President of Global Citizenship Initiatives in IBM Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs. Ms. Melley has leadership responsibility over the IBM Impact Grants portfolio globally, which includes support for not-for-profits, schools and government organizations.

## PROMOTING A CULTURE OF PEACE AWARD



The Promoting a Culture of Peace Award recognizes an individual whose efforts have contributed to greater cultural understanding of our shared human ideals while building cross-cultural bridges in the cause of peace and people-to-people diplomacy.

**Ms. Keiko Kobayashi** is Chair of the NPO JUN AI World Peace Foundation and executive producer, script writer, and lead actress of the Japan-China collaborative film "JUN AI." In 1999 in Japan Ms. Kobayashi initiated the JUN AI Project based on a vision for peace beyond nationality, religion and culture.



# POST-CONVENTION TRAINING

## 'ESSENTIALS FOR PEACEBUILDING' WORKSHOP: TOWARD A GLOBAL ETHIC

DIALOGUE  
INSTITUTE



IN A FULL-DAY, CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP run by the Dialogue Institute, participants of the Global Peace Foundation's post-convention program gathered on March 3, 2017 to learn more about the global ethic and the "essentials of peacebuilding."

Dr. Leonard Swidler, founder of the Dialogue Institute, opened the day with the story and hopes behind the 1993 Declaration Towards a Global Ethic signed at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago, Illinois. As one of the most notable and active scholars having worked to advance the global ethic, Dr. Swidler shared on the history as well as his hopes for the ongoing work to create inclusive, ethical societies and for the well-being of all humanity.

As an important part of helping this work grow at the grassroots, the Dialogue Institute, together with the Global Peace Foundation, worked to share the principles of dialogue and relationship-building to a wide variety of community leaders gathered at the workshop.

In building One Family Under God, the principles of dialogue and the meaningful discussions around them become important resources for building understanding across lines of difference. The Essentials of Peacebuilding workshop was a fitting conclusion to the interfaith peacebuilding programs held during the Global Peace Convention.



### IBM LEADERSHIP TRAINING: EMPOWERING LEADERS TO BECOME ‘CHANGE-MAKERS’



IBM HOSTED A POST-CONVENTION LEADERSHIP TRAINING on March 3 as part of their contribution to the 2017 Global Peace Convention. The training was conducted by Peter Mostachetti, a “manager champion” and top trainer from IBM’s global headquarters in New York, accompanied by consultants from IBM’s national office in the Philippines, and hosted by Diane Melley, IBM Vice President, Global Citizenship Initiatives.

The practical workshop was designed to grow leadership capabilities and helped participants understand how as a leader one can shape “moments of impact” experienced by those one leads. IBM has been engaged with the Global Peace Foundation since the first Global Peace Convention in Manila in 2009, and participated in subsequent

conferences in New York and Kenya.

“The kinds of things that we do together are focused on empowering youth to promote peace around the world,” said Diane Melley. “We think that education is one of the strongest differentiators to make good leaders and to really make change. And what we have been doing at conferences is leadership training for youth. It’s the very same training that we give to our IBM executives around the world, so it really is empowering youth to recognize their ability to lead, to be ‘change-makers’ and really take ownership of the future.”

What we like about the GPF model is it is empowering at the local level,” Melley said. “So from countries around the world, many of the ASEAN attendees, are getting the training, but then they are going back to their countries and making change.”



ONE DREAM  
ONE KOREA  
ONE WORLD

# 2017 ONE K GLOBAL PEACE CONCERT

THE ONE K-GLOBAL PEACE CONCERT in Manila 2017 featured top names in K-pop including SHINee, CNBLUE, AOA, B1A4, BAP, BTOB and Psy, drawing 10,000 fans on March 2 at the SM Mall of Asia Arena in an impressive display of international commitment to global peace. The concert presented a new reunification song and anthem for global peace, produced by multi-Grammy award winning duo Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis.

Manila was the first stop of a world tour planned by the One-K Global Campaign Organizing Committee that seeks to connect people and nations around the world to the One K Global Campaign. The campaign is creating a cultural platform that promotes grass-roots efforts to advance Korean Unification as an important part of securing regional and global peace.

Action for Korea United, an NGO alliance consisting of over 850 civic groups, created the organizing committee in 2015, effectively launching a movement that has continued to gain momentum since its first campaign song produced by Korean composer Kim Hyung-seok and sung by over 30 K-pop artists.





## Global Youth Summit Draws Thousands

SOME 15,000 YOUTH DELEGATES from 35 countries and 185 universities assembled at the SM Mall of Asia Arena for this year's Global Youth Summit (GYS), meeting on the theme "Achieving 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) through Youth Collaboration, Leadership and Innovation."

Several popular celebrities including actress KC Concepcion, the United Nation's World Food Programme National Ambassador Against Hunger; singer and chair of the National Youth Commission Aiza Seguerra; and actress and UNICEF ambassador Anne Curtis-Smith, highlighted the role of youth in providing for the essential needs of underserved populations.

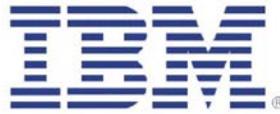
Now on its fifth year, the GYS was co-organized by SM Cares, the corporate social responsibility arm of SM Supermalls, the Global Peace Foundation, the Philippines Department of Education, and others.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of the SM Malls seed grant of P1 million to five youth groups that had presented innovative and sustainable programs addressing five development issues relevant to youth.



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