

WORLD CIVIC FORUM 2009

Joint Initiative of UN DESA and Kyung Hee University

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Topics

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I. BACKGROUND OF THE INITIATIVE

Needs

- Today's global challenges, such as MDGs, are global and multi-dimensional in nature
- In the inter-dependent world, the solution space must be through concerted efforts from key actors, both governmental and non-governmental.
- Such key actors include civil society organizations (CSOs), inter-governmental organizations (IGOs), higher education institutions (HEIs), Government organizations (GOs) and corporate organizations (COs)

Reality

- Collaboration models have not been defined with sufficient clarity
- Many key actors have been compartmentalized and fragmented
- Until recently, some key actors have been passive or absent from key discussions
 - HEIs
 - COs
- Due to differences and conflicts in ideological or motivational orientations, coordinated efforts have been absent

Initiative

WCF is a joint initiative of Kyung Hee University and UN DESA to address the key global challenges but mainly from the capacity building perspective

WORLD CIVIC FORUM

Civic values for social justice

Civic engagement in public and global governance

Civic action for the global agenda including climate change

2009

in Seoul, Republic of Korea



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II. KYUNG HEE'S PEACE INITIATIVES AT A GLANCE

Adoption by the United Nations of the International Day and Year of Peace

- The 36th UN General Assembly adopts the International Day and Year of Peace on November 30, 1981
- International Day of Peace: third Tuesday of every September
- International Year of Peace: 1986
- Since 1982: Annual conference to commemorate the UN International Day of Peace



KYUNG HEE'S PEACE INITIATIVES AT A GLANCE (CONT.)

Establishment of the Graduate Institute of Peace Studies (GIP): Recipient of the 1993 UNESCO Prize for Peace Education

- Purpose: Established in 1984 to educate a new generation of leaders dedicated to fostering world peace
- Program: Interdisciplinary education on peace studies leading to a Master's degree in Public Policy or Public Administration
- Scholarships of full tuition, room & board
- Instruction in English
- Extracurricular training programs in leadership, Model UN, meditation, martial arts, etc.



KYUNG HEE'S PEACE INITIATIVES AT A GLANCE (CONT.)

The 1999 Seoul International Conference of NGOs

- Theme : The Role of NGOs in the 21th Century
- Slogan : "Inspire, Empower, Act!"
- Dates : October 10-15, 1999 (6 days)
- Venue : Seoul Olympic Park, Olympic Parktel, Kyung Hee University
- Hosts : The U.N. Conference of NGOs, U.N. NGO/Department of Public Information Executive Committee, Kyung Hee University
- Attendance : Registration of 1,360 NGOs and over 13,000 NGO representatives from 108 countries



KYUNG HEE'S PEACE INITIATIVES AT A GLANCE (CONT.)

The UN Peace Park and the Global NGO Complex

- **Background:** Being built on 82 acres of Global Campus land, the UN Peace Park and the Global NGO Complex symbolize the commitment of Kyung Hee University to foster lasting world peace and cooperation. They are the result of promises made at the 1999 Seoul International Conference of NGOs.
- **Vision:** To become a global hub for civil society activities, research and education to promote the civic values of engagement and the betterment of humanity.



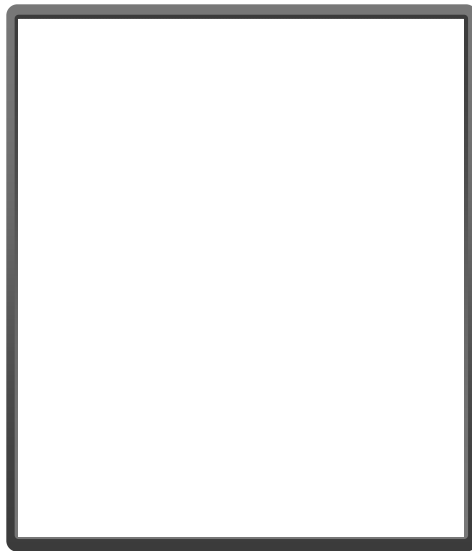
"The Peace Park is a magnificent reaffirmation of the ideals that the University of Kyung Hee and the people of Korea share with the United Nations. It is a powerful testament to the feelings of brotherhood shared by all Koreans, no matter where they live. And at a time when you have been so deeply saddened by the murder in Iraq of one of your beloved sons, the Inauguration of the Peace Park is a fitting occasion for us all to reaffirm our belief in the essential goodness of the human spirit."

Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary-General of the United Nations

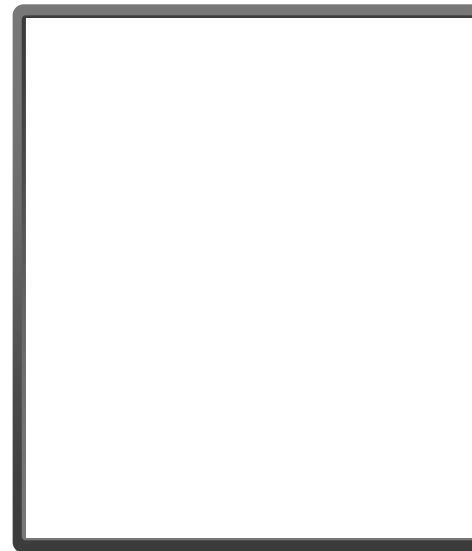
KYUNG HEE'S PEACE INITIATIVES AT A GLANCE (CONT.)

World Peace Trustees Emeriti - Kyung Hee University System

- Former UN Secretary-Generals, Javier Perez de Cuellar and Boutros Boutros-Ghali have joined the World Peace Trustees Emeriti of Kyung Hee University System in 2006



H.E. Javier Perez de Cuellar



H.E. Boutros Boutros-Ghali

III. WORLD CIVIC FORUM INITIATIVE

GENERAL MOU between Kyung Hee University - UN DESA, Sep 7 2006

- **Background :** The first academic institution in Korea to sign an MOU with the UN
- **Main agreements :**
 - Mutual collaboration and advice on research, seminars, publications
 - Internship opportunities for Kyung Hee students at UN DESA
 - Sabbatical exchange between KHU professors and UN DESA staff



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN
DIVISION FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
THE UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
AND
THE GLOBAL ACADEMY FOR NEO-RENAISSANCE, KYUNG HEE UNIVERSITY

Division for Public Administration and Development Management, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DPADM/UNDESA) and the Global Academy for Neo-Renaissance, Kyung Hee University, to establish cooperation in the fields of governance and public administration, have agreed to the following:

1. Based on the principles of mutual benefit and respect for each other's independence, the two parties will foster:
 - a) joint research activities and seminars and publications;
 - b) exchange of joint research results and materials;
 - c) internship opportunities at DPADM/UNDESA and the United Nations Organization system for Kyung Hee students;
 - d) opportunities for Kyung Hee faculty members to partake in the technical and advisory activities of DPADM/UNDESA and for DESA staff members to partake in the Global Academy's research activities;
 - e) opportunities to be hosted by both parties for Kyung Hee faculty members and DESA staff members on sabbatical;
 - f) joint programs in fields of governance and public administration; socio-economic governance and management; knowledge management and e-government; and public administration networking.
2. In order to carry out the above-mentioned activities, a detailed plan may be agreed to upon consultation between the two parties.
3. It is implicit that each and every activity undertaken under this agreement is approved by the appropriate officials at each party and must fall within each party's academic and fiscal constraints.
4. In order to facilitate and enrich the content of the mutual cooperation, both parties may work with Kyung Hee Cyber University to devise various programs to foster the spirits of this MOU.


5. DPADM/UNDESA and the Global Academy for Neo-Renaissance, Kyung Hee University, designate the following offices to serve as a liaison between the two parties:

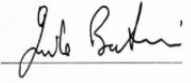
For DPADM/UNDESA: Dr. Adil Khan, Chief, Socio-Economic Governance and Management Branch, DPADM/UNDESA.

For the Global Academy: Professor Enjuyong Kim, Program Director, the Global Academy for Neo-Renaissance.

6. This agreement shall be effective on and after the date of its signing by the authorized representatives of the two parties, and shall remain in force until either party wishes to terminate. In order to terminate, a one year written notice must be issued.

7. This agreement may be modified at any time after due consultation between the two parties.


INWON CHOUIE
Rector
Global Academy for Neo-Renaissance
Kyung Hee University


GUIDO BERTUCCI
Director
Division for Public Administration and Development Management
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
United Nations

Date: Sep. 7, 2006 Date: 7 September 2006

WORLD CIVIC FORUM 2009 AT A GLANCE

Date/Venue

- May 12-16 of 2009 at COEX in Seoul, Republic of Korea

Themes

- *Civic values for social justice;*
- *Civic engagement in public and global governance; and*
- *Civic action for the global agenda, including climate change.*

Audience and programs

- Participants globally including, NGOs, Academe, Practitioners, Governments and IGOs, and Businesses
- Major programs include Conference, Exhibits, and Cultural events

Expected results

- Better understanding and awareness of the importance of the roles and responsibilities in the promotion of global civic engagement;
- Establishment of a sustainable space and platform for cooperation among key actors and stakeholders;
- Establishment of a sustainable network of public training institutions including higher education and universities for the promotion of civic education values and leadership capital.

KEY PRODUCTS TO BE GENERATED

Documentary outputs

- *“Declaration on Global Civic Engagement”*
- *“Guidelines and Recommendations for Global Civic Education and Leadership”*
- *Curriculum on civic values and social justice in Kyung Hee and Networked institutions*
- *Journal (bi-annual or annual) on Global Civic Engagement focusing on civic education and leadership*

Institutional set-up

- *“International Advisory Board on Global Civic Engagement”*

Others

- *WCF sponsored Civic Engagement Award(s)*
- *Regional Institutes/facilities for Civic Engagement (preferably with a U.N.-affiliated education or training institute or a recognized university).*

WORLD CIVIC FORUM INITIATIVE

Launching Ceremony and Reception, April 10, 2008

- **Venue:** Korean Permanent Mission in New York
- **Significance:** Formal launching of the initiative
- **Participants:** 150 Guests including ambassadors, head of CSOs, UN Departments, Academia and Corporate organizations. Welcoming remarks were delivered by Under-Secretary-General Sha, Ju Kang, and the President of Kyung Hee University, Dr. Choue, Inwon

