HONG KONG, CHINA: PEACE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

For 2012, the Peace International Foundation is working to develop 9 days of activities, partnering with 2 Universities in Hong Kong with an effort toward the observance of a minute of silence in many schools. Areas of activity will include peace education, green/environment, interfaith dialogue and music.

Peace International Foundation (PIF) will be celebrating its 5th anniversary in co-hosting the UN International Day of Peace Ceremony (Friday, 21st September 2012) with United Nations in association with Marymount Primary and Secondary School at the historical and peaceful school campus in Happy Valley, Hong Kong. The observance of One Minute of Silence/A Moment of Peace will be rolled out to schools and tertiary education institutions, and other sectors of the community. We will have a short performance to finish the ceremony in the morning and followed with an afternoon variety performance featuring ethnic songs and dances, champion magician performing his famous 'dove magic' show , African Drum Dance and workshop to name a few, plus a host of artists and the multi award winning concert pianist Colleen Lee, Peace Music Ambassador of the Foundation to kick off the week long Hong Kong Peace Festival 2012.

In union with the theme of 'Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future,' as declared by the United Nations for UN Peace Day this year, a 3-day Youth Conference based on the Peace Day theme, will be held from September 22nd to 24th in association with Maryknoll Convent School on Kowloon side, a famous heritage site. Notable speakers from Hong Kong and the region are invited to speak at the Peace Education, Green and Interfaith Conference. We aim at leveraging this platform and dialogue to facilitate exchange and understanding among different faith, ethnic, business concerns groups in Hong Kong to help achieve a long term sustainable future. The Conference will be the basis of the 'East meets West' programme connecting young people from different parts of the world.

On September 25th 2012, we celebrate with our 'East meets West' dinner benefit concert at the beautiful south side Hong Kong Country Club. Music is a great way to achieve inner peace, this year PIF is excited to bring globally renowned performers from Hong Kong and Costa Rica together to play a wide range of East meets West repertoire featuring Dan Yu, 1st prize winner at 5th USA International Harp Competition; Dr. Derek Anthony, Asia's leading operatic bass and vocal coach and first prize winner of 5 vocal competitions; Colleen Lee – PIF Peace Music Ambassador, winner of 6th Prize at prestigious International Frederic Chopin Piano Competition, Warsaw, featured artist at international music festivals and global performer; Esteban Alvarez - Native of Costa Rica, Steinway Resident Artist, composer and concert pianist, special award winner for song composition at National Peace Program of Costa Rica, and the Organization of Costa Rica & Nicaragua and Shirley Lo - Music Director, prize winner of Japan-Hong Kong International Music Competition 2012, regional concert pianist, and gives special performance at the annual UN International Day of Peace Ceremony.

To end the week-long Peace Festival, a Closing Ceremony will be held after the Peace Day Green Concert, followed by a celebration reception.

In addition to the above major events, there will be Cultural evenings held in various districts of Hong Kong to enable people from all walks of life to be part of this global peace initiative.

At a later date, a Road Show exhibition of photography from artists who captured the precious moments of the Festival to be shared by the community – as a reminder of peace.

We look forward to sharing and partnering with local and international participants to jointly plant the seeds of peace.

Peace International Foundation partners with Marymount Primary and Secondary School Hong Kong to co-host the 2012 UN International Day of Peace celebration at the historical and peaceful venue of Marymount compound in Happy Valley, Hong Kong. The observance of a minute of silence will be rolled out to schools and tertiary education institutions and we will have an afternoon music performance featuring students, concert pianist Ms Colleen Lee to kick off our week long Hong Kong Peace Festival 2012.

We will embark on a 3-day 'Sustainable Peace for Sustainable Future' conference on September 22 to 24th with Maryknoll Convent School on Kowloon side, again, a famous heritage site. Speakers from Hong Kong and the region are invited to speak at the Peace Education, Green and Interfaith Conference, we aim at leveraging this platform and dialogue to facilitate exchange and understanding among different faith, ethnic, business concerns groups in Hong Kong to help achieve a long term sustainable future.

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