

Press Release

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More than 5,000 People Gather at Science Park for Peacemakers' Celebration

More than 5,000 people attended the “Peacemakers’ Celebration”, 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”)**, on 24 February 2013 at Hong Kong Science Park.

Officiating at the ceremony were **Dr Rita Fan Hsu Lai-tai, GBM, GBS, JP**, Member of Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, **Professor Tao Xiping**, Vice President of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs and President of the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in China Officiated the Inaugural Ceremony together with Guests of honour from participating Consulates and a long list of international and community organizations.

On behalf of the organizers, Professor Patrick Lau SBS JP, President of UNESCO HK and Professor Samuel Leong, Director of UNESCO RLCCE thanked all the contributors to the Programme at the ceremony.

To act for peace, Professor Lau emphasized the importance of working together. “Confronted by the challenge of growth and sustainable development worldwide today, it is ever more important for us to work collaboratively and in partnerships to contribute to peace,” said Professor Lau.

Professor Leong reminded the students the Celebration was not just “One day for peace”. “Today is one important step along the continuing road towards peace. Whatever course your lives may take, may you always strive to make decisions and take actions that would make a difference to “Peace for All””, said Professor Leong.

The ceremony was followed by the Global Peace Concert conducted by Maestro Mak Ka Lok with a congregation of students from schools.

On the same day, a variety of programmes were also held at the Science Park. They include Peace Booth Exhibition, Installation Arts Exhibition, Cultural Performance, Culture Discovery Workshops, “What can I do for peace” Essay Competition- Award Presentation, Peace Street Arts Carnival, Hong Kong Style Milk Tea Demonstration.

Peacemakers’ Celebration was the highlight of Peace for All Programme which is a new UNESCO HK initiative with support from Hong Kong local and international communities, to promote peace in the context of cultural diversity and provide a cultural discovery platform for students. 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.

新聞稿

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超過 5,000 人齊集科學園參與 和平大使慶典

超過 5,000 人於 2013 年 2 月 24 日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“和平大使慶典”。

是次活動邀請到全國人民代表大會常務委員會委員 **范徐麗泰博士 GBM GBS 太平紳士** 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會長劉秀成教授 **SBS 太平紳士** 及聯合國教科文組織本土文化及創意教育研究觀測所總監梁信慕教授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。

劉教授致辭時提到共同協作對推動和平的重要性，他說：「當今全球正面對經濟增長及推動可持續發展帶來的挑戰，現在更加需要大家建立協作的關係，共同努力，促進及推動和平與多元文化。」

梁教授亦提醒同學們，推動和平的工作不只在和平大使慶典當天，他說：「今天是重要的一步，讓大家繼續走向和平的道路。無論您採取任何的生活方式，您都要時刻致力為和平而努力。」

緊接著開幕典禮，是國際知名指揮大師麥家樂先生帶領一眾同學演奏的和平音樂會。

當天還有一系列的活動在科學園進行，包括國家攤位展覽、文化表演、裝置藝術展覽、文化探索工作坊、起動和平、《我可以為「和平」做些甚麼?》徵文比賽頒獎典禮及港式奶茶即場示範。

和平大使慶典是“**頌慶和平計劃**”的重頭戲，計劃旨在提供平台予來自不同文化背景的學生作深入的交流，增進學生對不同文化的了解。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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Group Photo of Organizers, Officiating Guests, Representatives of Consulates
 主辦機構、主禮嘉賓及領事館代表合照



Global Peace Concert
 世界和平音樂會



Peace Booth Exhibition
 和平攤位展覽



Culture Performance
文化表演



Closing of Peacemakers' Celebration
和平大使慶典閉幕