



SUMMARY

UN International Day of Peace (Peace Day)

Set at September 21, it is an annual official commemoration declared by the United Nations where all countries and people are invited to cease hostilities and open a constructive dialogue to promote greater public awareness or otherwise commemorate the day through education on the need for peace in our world. The first Peace Day was observed in September 1982.

Hong Kong Peace Festival 2014

This year's Hong Kong Peace Festival bears the powerful theme of "Right to Peace – Anti-bullying and Nonviolence", which underscores the need for us to provide our children with a safe and comfortable learning environment to ensure that their emotional, academic and social development can be free of harassment, ridicule and violence.

PEACE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (PIF)

PIF is a United Nations recognized NGO, a global peace promotion platform and is a member of the International Day of Peace NGO Committee at the United Nations, which works closely with the UN Department of Public Information to promote Peace Day observances in the UN and around the world.

Established in Hong Kong with a charity status 88 as part of the World Peace movement, our Foundation adopts a non-sectarian, non-political stance to actively promotes and advances the United Nations peace initiatives through youth-centered education and community involvement.

We have been co-hosting the annual International Day of Peace Ceremony in Hong Kong with the United Nations since the inauguration in 2008.

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UN International Day of Peace Hong Kong Peace Festival 2014 Schedule

Hong Kong Peace Festival 2014

19/09 – 25/09

The inaugural Hong Kong Peace Festival was held in 2010. The Peace Festival represents Hong Kong's contribution to the worldwide celebrations of the UN International Day of Peace and was designed to promote cultural diversity and unity, as well as to provide an educational forum to inspire Hong Kong youth to help achieve peace, both locally and internationally.

The Peace Festival offers a variety of activities that connect people of all ages, cultures, faiths and ethnic backgrounds. The event is also attended by a high profile delegation of international speakers and official UN and foreign representatives.

The Hong Kong Peace Festival's powerful theme this year is "Right to Peace – Anti-bullying and Non-violence", The theme is a continuation of 'Education for Peace' in 2013, inspired by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's 'Education First' global initiative, and represents one of the cornerstones of the concept of peace which highlights peace education as an important path toward a more peaceful world. In order to promote this theme, we hope to inspire more grassroots projects to be initiated in schools, workplaces and the broader community to promote peace education, especially places where such curriculum is currently lacking or non-existent.

Bringing Hope, Changing Lives



UN International Day of Peace Ceremony & Performance 20/09

The UN International Day of Peace Ceremony, (Saturday 20th September) to be held for the seventh year, is a by-invitation-only event. The Ceremony will be officiated by a UN senior official with a number of notable guests joining the Ceremony. The invited guest list will comprise of local and foreign diplomats, officials, dignitaries, representatives from NGOs, principals & students leaders, and faith groups. Hong Kong will join more than 6000 member cities of Mayors for Peace to observe the Minute of Silence at noon on Peace Day.

From 13 June 2014 and throughout the 100 Day Countdown to the Peace Day, students are encouraged to be actively creating ideas and plans about their vision and activities for peace based on the Peace Day theme. Universally, schools are invited to participate the Global Student Observance of the Peace Day, on Friday, 19 September 2014 at Noon.

The Peace Day Ceremony will start with the observance of the global Minute of Silence/Moment of Peace at 12 noon, followed with the ringing of the Peace Bell, reciting the Universal Peace Prayer, and the flying of the UN flag with school children joining in the International Flag Parade. A Senior UN official will deliver the Keynote Speech and present the Peace Video Message from the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Various guest speakers will also share their thoughts on the Peace Day followed by a series of performances.

This year, The Peace International Youth Orchestra, a collection of talented young musicians selected from various Hong Kong schools will debut at the Peace Day Ceremony to share their passion for music and their love for peace with the world and hope to inspire others to do the same.



Mission

To empower and engage today's youth to actively create a better world through peace education and sharing the joy of peace.

UN Peace Day Youth Form Right to Peace - Anti-bullying and Non-violence 20/09 – 22/09

Peace Education provides an opportunity to involve children and youth, as well as adults, in open dialogue to learn and discover more about peace and non-violence. Over the three days, exclusive film screenings and forum presentations by educationists, NGO representatives, student and other distinguished guests will take place.

- 20th September, Saturday (3 pm) - Opening of the Forum 'Youth for Peace'
- 21st September, Sunday - 'Music & Environment for Peace'
- 22nd September, Monday - 'Women for Peace' and 'Peace Consciousness' Closing of Forum

UN Peace Day Benefit Concert 'Ode to Peace' 2014 22/09

The Concert promises to be a star-studded evening of live performances by local and international music talents. An eclectic mix of arts and music combining the debut of the Peace International Youth Orchestra will be the highlight for the global promotion of the 'Culture of Peace'. The Concert will raise funds towards establishing the first Peace International Centre.

The concert program and our all-star performers have been carefully selected to deliver a diverse musical evening, featuring performances from multi-award artists, including: Colleen Lee (PIF Peace Music Ambassador); PIF Goodwill Music Ambassadors and Steinway Artists: Esteban Alvarez, Shum Kinwai; PIF Goodwill Music Ambassador: Katie-Targett-Adams, PIF Peace Artistic Ambassador: Philip Chu and PIF Music Director, Shirley Lo.



Global Feast for Peace 22/09



The **Global Feast for Peace** which takes place during the festival week, encourages people from all cultural backgrounds to come together and sharing food in celebration of friendship and common interest. Enjoy a meal in the name of peace. The breaking of bread creates a neutral setting for people to gain understanding and resolve differences

The celebration of peace meals can be held in homes, schools, organisations, public eateries, picnics and charity events.

The Fest will also feature talks about the importance of food from nutrition, sustainable and responsible agriculture, cultural cuisine, awareness of world hunger and more. Please look out for the participating restaurants.

Peace Garden Dedication 23/09

The Peace Garden dedication in schools is a symbol of peace and community. We hope to encourage greater environmental awareness, while promoting global friendship and international understanding through cultural activities.



We can spread the message of peace to all corners of the globe.

Peace Cultural Activities 23 & 24/09

The Hong Kong Peace Festival also features a number of social, cultural and intercultural activities held throughout the communities of Hong Kong which will connect people of all ages, cultures, faiths and ethnic backgrounds.

Peace Day Activities for Children with Special Needs 24/09

We aim to encourage different types of awareness days or weeks during the year. The first activities day during the Peace Festival will be for children with special needs, to broaden awareness within our society.

'Building Peace' Panels Road Show Opening 25/09

A miniature travel peace museum will present the history of peace and the global peace movement in its broadest sense.

Photographs capturing memorable moments from the Hong Kong Peace Festivals, peace projects in schools, and winning works of art, music and essay competitions will also be displayed.

Hong Kong Peace Festival 2014 Closing Ceremony & Concert 25/09

To round out the festivities, there will be a Closing Ceremony and a Concert to conclude the whole event with a celebration party.



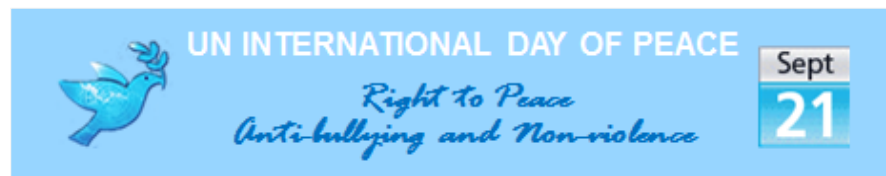
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19 – 25 September 2014



Event Proposed Schedule

(Program - subject to change)

21 August – Thursday		30 Day Countdown to UN International Day of Peace
19 Sept – Fri	Noon Evening	Global One Minute Peace Observance and UN Peace Day Celebration in Schools Peace Day Youth Forum - Launch of 'East meets West' video conference with overseas students
20 Sept – Sat (by invitation only)	Noon	UN International Day of Peace Ceremony , Celebration Performances Launch of Peace International Youth Orchestra – debut performance
	3.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Opening of Peace Youth Forum – ‘Right to Peace –Anti-bullying and Non-violence ‘
21 Sept – Sun	10.00 am - 6.00 pm	Peace Youth Forum talks and workshops • “Youth for Peace ” , “Environment for Peace”, “Peace Consciousness”
22 Sept – Mon	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	UN Peace Day Benefit Concert – ‘Ode to Peace’ 2014 at City Hall. Major Donors/Sponsors & Premium Ticket holders ‘Meet the Artists’ Supper (after concert)
	One week event	Global Feast for Peace - celebration in homes, schools, organisations, restaurants, picnics & charity events.
23 Sept – Tues	5.30 pm - 6.00 pm	Peace Garden Ground Breaking Dedication & Peace Poles Planting Ceremony in schools
	7.00 pm onward	Peace Cultural Activities (held by organisations) – Hong Kong, Kowloon & New Territories
24 Sept – Wed	5.00 pm - 8.00 pm	Cultural Evening (held by schools) – Hong Kong, Kowloon & New Territories
25 Sept – Thurs	10.00 am -3.00 pm	Peace Day Activities for children with special needs
	4.00 pm - 6.00 pm	‘Building Peace’ Panels Road Show Opening & Reception – Exhibition of peace photos, work from artists, photographers, music composers, essay writers etc.
	7.00 pm - 9.30 pm	HKPF 2014 Closing Ceremony & Concert
27 Sept – 2 Oct		9 th International Youth Peace Fest-IYPF 2014 - India (for student participants) www.peacefestindia.in