

Institutionalizing Peace: Designing Collective Action to Bring Peace as a Culture and Norm

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HWPL's 9th Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of World Peace was held online on May 25th, 2022, to tackle the current threats of life and stability from wars and conflicts. With 3,000 participants as representatives from politics, religion, academia, media and civil society, the event with the theme of "Institutionalizing Peace: Realizing the Collective Will for Peace" presented the progress of international cooperation to realize sustainable peace ensured by legal instruments.

The host organization, Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL), proclaimed the Declaration of World Peace back in 2013. The declaration addresses the endorsement of national leaders, engagement of women and youth, cooperation among civil societies, and expansion of media coverage on peace. Afterwards, it was developed into the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) as a process to establish international legal instruments for global peace.

Young Min Chung, the General Director of the International Peace Youth Group (IPYG), an affiliate group of HWPL, said in his progress report, "730,000 citizens from 176 countries have signed in support of the DPCW for the past nine years which allows them to express their opinions in the most direct way. Recently, the IPYG is running the Youth Empowerment Peace Workshop (YEPW), where they discuss the agendas such as education, human rights, and conflicts and conduct joint action as well as policy proposals."

The 10 articles and 38 clauses of the DPCW include prevention and resolution of conflicts, gradual reduction of war potential and turning weapons into daily tools, respecting, and resolving conflicts based on religion and ethnic identity, and spreading a culture of peace. The declaration is geared towards engaging nations, international organizations, NGOs, and individual citizens in taking actions for a peaceful world.

As for the collaboration for peacebuilding, Chairman Man Hee Lee of HWPL appealed to the participants to be united as "messengers of peace" "to bring freedom and peace to future generations." Chairman Lee continued, "This time (Russia) invaded Ukraine and started the war. This is why HWPL and families of peace have long called for the establishment of international law to prevent war potentials. So, we gathered experts in international law globally ... and made the declaration with 10 articles and 38 clauses."

As a case of peace activities to resolve conflicts in India, MOUs among religious leaders were signed for further cooperation with understanding religions based on comparative studies on religious scripture. In particular, the partnership between HWPL and the International Organization for Religion and Knowledge at Lampur led to erecting a peace monument to convey values of peace to local citizens.

Educators' participation in peace-related activities was also introduced in the event. Teaching methodology with the use of Metaverse was demonstrated as a virtual world platform where students can experience peace by reading materials and observing diverse peace activities that are carried out in many parts of the world.

One of the participant students said, "I learned the need for an international law to achieve peace. We need a law that can achieve peace. It is important that people

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abide by the law and if all people become citizens of peace, we would not even need the law.”

In a press report from the event, Supalak Ganjanakundi Thammasat University Visiting Fellow Fridi Banom Mun International University and former Editor-in-Chief of The Nation in Thailand said that the foundation of peace is democracy functioning as an open space that “allows civil society to participate” in the peace process. He continued “For a peace process that can lead to lasting peace, the problem must be addressed at the root cause, and democratization can be achieved through the intensive participation of civil society as well as stakeholders. It has to be followed.”

HWPL has been developing global cooperation for peace both at the international level and at the national level by garnering the support of international organizations for the DPCW and working hand in hand to reinforce international norms to realize peace. With civil organizations, HWPL has been carrying out activities for the public good to ensure that peace takes root.

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and drafted ten articles and 38 clauses of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War. The contents were announced to the world. The next step is to submit the DPCW to the UN for a vote to adopt it. Once put to the vote, all the peace family will say it must be incorporated into law.

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