

International Day of Peace in Nepal

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By UPF Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal: UPF Nepal celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Universal Peace Federation along with the United Nations International Day of Peace 2015. The theme was *“Partnerships for Peace – Dignity for All.”*

Both the UN and UPF see education as essential for meaningful, sustainable social change. As stated on the UN website, “The United Nations invites all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities during the Day, and to otherwise commemorate the Day through education and public awareness on issues related to peace.”

In collaboration with several Lions’ Club chapters in Kathmandu, a meaningful program entitled ‘Relief Support to Earthquake Child Victims’ was organized by awarding support money to two disabled youth. Both victims had lost legs due to the April 25th devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit Nepal, which resulted to over 9,000 deaths and 23,000 injuries.

The program was graced with the presence of UPF-Nepal President, former Government Minister and current Parliament Member, Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal. He spoke during the event about the need to encourage and uplift the needy people by supporting them, thereby promoting dignity for all. The Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s statement was read by international representative from Philippines, Mr. Richell Jalipa. Then, the UPF Statement was delivered by UPF-Nepal Vice-President and FFWPU National Leader, Rev. Santosh Kumar Paudel.

Then, both recipients, namely, Mr. Ramesh Khatri, age 18, who lost both legs and Ms. Priya B.K., age 14, who lost one leg, expressed their gratitude for being part of the significant program to promote dignity for all people. They both determined to use the monetary donations to continue their academic pursuits.

Finally, a vote-of-thanks was given by UPF-Nepal Secretary-General, Mr. Binod Dangi. The program Master of Ceremony was Mr. Kashi Nath Khanal, Secretary-General of the Teachers’ Association for the Research of Principles-Nepal.