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"Peace Road" held on the International Peace Day (21. 09. 2017)

This year too (hoping to become tradition) FFWPU, W-CARP and UPF held in Pristina, on September 21<sup>st</sup>, on International Day of Peace "Peace Road" project, intending the promotion of peace. The participants and the supporters of this project were added to hundreds of world citizens wishing to be not victims of conflicts, but important individuals for building and protecting peace wherever they are, study or work.





The sounds of guitar and voices of students of Guitar School "Mirela"-Podujeva, under the guidance of Mr.Ymer Musa, accompanied the attendants of the event during the equipment with T-shirts and bikes, creating a happy atmosphere, until the start of marching.



Approximately 200 participants: honored figures Ambassadors for Peace from Kosovo and more, students, high school students from Pristina, and "Model" school students (under special care of Mr.Tefik Fazliu); young people from Podujeva; members from organizations in Kosovo and Albania, and passing by people who marched with bikes and walking for peace sake.



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All the participants started marching from "Zahir Pajaziti" square singing and holding in their hands peace messages. They went through "Nënë Tereza" square and went to "Skënderbej" square, where pedestrians forwarded the cyclists in the main road of the city.



Both of groups, pedestrians and cyclists, meet each other again in "Zahir Pajaziti" square, to attend the follow up program with greeting messages, songs, dance and poetry. This program was moderated professionally by Ms.Melisa Demiri Klaas.



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The opening addresses was by Ms.Savjola Konja, executive director of FFWPU and the coordinator of the project. She emphasized the importance of the project and gave thanks to all them who collaborated. She said that now is the time that each one of us can become an important factor to change the history, by helping on realizing the world peace, a goal that in appearance is a dream, but can be reality if everyone contributes.

After Prof. Daut Demaku expressed his regards:" There are many words that can said, but we should be very precise of today's manifestation, PEACE ROAD. This peace road is one of the best roads that humanity can follow. People cannot be measured by number, neither their weight but by values... today you are starting a small road, that you consider it simple, but actually is great. There is no other way for this messed up world, there is no other way for our messed-up family... let's not give up on this because it is the only way in life!"

European FPU President Dr. Otsuka Kazumi had his attention on the way of how such activity can connect people from all races, cultures and religious beliefs in all over the world. He said that:" ...it is impressive how the same activity is held in Japan, Korea, America and many other countries, showing clearly that all the differences caused by borders, races, religious beliefs and cultures will be no more."

The closing remarks were by the First Secretary of Albania in Kosovo, Mr. Bruno Rexhaj who said: "...all the participants can be as generators of a better world, better society, in peace, harmony and collaboration."

All these meaningful messages were reinforced by famous inspiring and meaningful songs in Albanian and other languages. The interpretation of "Crown of Glory" by Mr. Skënder Podvorica touched all the participants and they were enthusiast with the dance performances.



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As the event finale was the setting free of doves by three children, all the participants signed the "Peace Road" flag, showing their common engagement to have a positive pro peace, harmony and collaboration mindset. The event was aired even in some of the local and national medias.



This activity was successful thanks to the collaboration with Ambassadors for Peace in and of country; the principals of some high schools and universities in Pristina: the Kosovo Biking Federation and the"Model" school, under the special care of Mr. Nuhu and Me. Fazliu; the Guitar School "Mirela"-Podujevë under the dedicated care of Mr. Musa; the Podujeva Municipallity; Grand Hotel; the Bike Agency Gërmi; Pristina police, FFWPU and W-CARP members from Albania; Jpanesse students; National Training Program team; singer Ardi Gashi; reciter Skënder Podvorica and to the untiring members of FFWPU and W-CARP Kosovo. We express our sincere grattitude to all of the who contributed and hope that we can cooperate again for such noble purposes, for humankind! THANK YOU!

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