

UPF La Paz, Bolivia Hosts Peace Road 2024 March for World Peace

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The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Bolivia recently organized its tenth annual "Peace Road" event under the theme "Cultivating Peace and Non-Violence." The peace march, held on October 5, 2024, in La Paz City, brought together approximately 500 participants, including 70 cyclists and 430 pedestrians.

The event saw participation from a diverse group of organizations, including Ambassadors for Peace, the Permanent Association of Human Rights, the Institute of Banking Education, Army Military College, National Police Academy, Confederation of Trade Unions of Bolivia, Interinstitutional Women's Committee, Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia, Women's Christian Association, Zebras (Citizenship Education), and the Association of Independent Lawyers.



Participants marched for one kilometer through the Miraflores area of La Paz, emphasizing that peace is not merely the absence of war. They highlighted that true peace can only be achieved by addressing issues such as poverty, racism, discrimination, religious persecution, and exclusion.

The event culminated with the signing of the Peace Road 2024 Flag by key officials, including:

- Hernan Ivan Arias Durán, Mayor of La Paz City
- Rodney Melvin Miranda, Deputy Mayor of the Central Macrodistrict

- Javier Escalier, Municipal Council of the Central Macrodistrict
- Juan Americo Gemio Zabala, Municipal Secretary of Culture and Tourism



The closing ceremony featured performances by the Ballet Pasión Boliviana and a dance session for senior citizens, which was enthusiastically enjoyed by all attendees.



This Peace Road event served as a powerful reminder of the importance of peace and unity movements, especially in light of current global conflicts and tensions. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to spreading peace through grassroots activities like the Peace Road, recognizing that love is the humblest yet powerful force available to humanity in consolidating a culture of peace.