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The past month was very active for UPF around the world. Here are some highlights; please visit our website, www.upf.org, for more inspiring news.



Forum at UN Airs Proposals for Peace in Asia-Pacific

At a conference at UN headquarters in New York on May 23, 2024, UPF introduced three key projects to advance peace on the Korean Peninsula and in the Asia-Pacific region. About 100 people, including UN ambassadors, NGO leaders, and representatives of women's and youth groups, attended the event, with the theme "Peace and Prosperity in the Asia-Pacific Region: Toward Greater Unity and Cooperation."

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Thousands Celebrate Africa Spiritual Day at African Union

Thousands of people from across Africa and beyond took part, onsite and online, in a special Africa Spiritual Day celebration on May 22, 2024. The event was organized by the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) Africa in partnership with the Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (CIDO) of the African Union.



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UN Committee Addresses Alarming Fertility Decline

The United Nations reports that two-thirds of people live in countries with a fertility rate below 2.1 births per woman. The NGO Committee on the Family, with UPF's co-sponsorship, organized the Research Forum on Family Policy and Population to present member states with current research on demographics and pro-natal policies. This was held on May 1, 2024 and sponsored by the Mission of Hungary to the United Nations in New York.

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Geneva Conference Questions "Can We Really End Wars?"

A conference at the United Nations Office on May 10, 2024, drew an international audience of about 200. One session focused on a faith-based approach to peace, and another on the theme "No peace without women."

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Korean and Japanese Youth Building Future Leaders Network

From May 19 to 22, 2024, UPF-International conducted a field inspection tour to Tsushima Island, Iki Island, and Fukuoka, Japan. Leaders and staff from UPF-International were joined by representatives of the World Peace Road Foundation and two photographers. The purpose of the trip was to explore options for building a Future Leaders Network of youth ambassadors for peace from Korea and Japan.

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