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As we enter a new year, UPF International brings you a new edition of "Connections" magazine, and highlights of recent activities around the world.



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Winter 2025

This issue of Connections focuses on the Asia Pacific region. It explains Cambodia's new Peace Charter initiative and China's approach to a "shared future for humanity." It details UPF founders' efforts to reconcile North and South Korea, and includes analysis of Asian perspectives on peacebuilding.

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Malaysian Speaker to Join UPF Speakers' Assembly

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – During a meeting with a high-level UPF delegation led by International Chairman Dr. Charles S. Yang in Kuala Lumpur on January 13, 2025, Speaker Tan Sri Johari Bin Abdul agreed to participate in the Asia Pacific Union **Parliamentary Speakers' Conference (APUPSC) to be** launched in April during the World Summit 2025 in Seoul, Korea. He is among dozens of speakers from around the world who will join this new initiative.



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Israel and Palestine: A Joint Plan to Restore Peace

UPF-EUME– In a webinar on December 16, 2024, UPF's Middle East Peace Initiative invited Mr. Guy Taylor of the Washington Times to moderate a one-hour discussion of a new proposal for peace between Israel and Palestine. In July 2024, Israel's former prime minister and the Palestinian Authority's former foreign minister put forward a proposal that could breathe new life into a two-state solution.

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UPF Brings Food Aid to Flood Affected Families in Sri Lanka

Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka – Working with generous donors in Singapore, UPF-Sri Lanka brought food aid to 250 families affected by flooding in Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka, delivered on December 28, 2024. One month earlier, on November 27, Cyclone Fengal had swept across northeastern Sri Lanka, bringing floods that wreaked havoc, displacing families and disrupting livelihoods.



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Panelists in Vienna Discuss Ukraine's Post-War Prospects in Europe

Vienna, Austria –UPF-Europe and Middle East organized an International Leadership Conference at the Vienna Diplomatic Academy on the theme, **“Europe and Ukraine: Common Perspectives and Values,”** on December 13, 2024. The event was co-hosted by the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES) and the Ukrainian Peace Council. The conference followed a fact-finding tour initiated by UPF-Europe and Middle East in Kyiv, Ukraine, in November 2023.

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