



Year of Harmony 2016

Year of Harmony 2016 (YOH 2016) is a combined initiative of Kathmandu based Global Peace Foundation Nepal, Joint Youth and Students Platform, Tour de Lumbini-Pedal for Peace and Lumbini World Peace Forum that came into existence as the result of the joint efforts to build a broad-based, political and non-political youth coalition as well as civil society platform to raise awareness of peace, nonviolence, social justice, tolerance and eco-balanced world.



Former Chairman of The Council of Ministers & Former Chief Justice of Nepal Hon. Khitraj Rogmi delivering speech on a solo art exhibition themed 'Harmony' by Artist Ajit Sah

YOH 2016 is committed to constructive dialogue, peaceful solutions, ecology, social justice and equality and seeks to spread the message of harmony embodied in the goals and objectives of its originating organizations by serving as a best alternative for all Nepalese.

As an open and movement-oriented campaign opposed to violence, intolerance, fear, suppression, inequality and exploitation, YOH 2016 is committed to bringing the message of hope and harmony in Nepalese society throughout 2016 from every front possible.

It is in that spirit that the YOH 2016 enthusiastically supports all the youth led initiatives to build Sustainable Peace and Social Cohesion in Nepal.

The aim of 'Year of Harmony 2016' is to actively advocate for tolerance and understanding through non-violent means and promote a positive image of Nepalese society based upon the idea of Humanism and motivate more participation and contribution for the country's development.

As part of our "Year of Harmony 2016" campaign, several "Harmony" themed art exhibitions by various



Former National Player of Nepal Cricket Team & International Commentator Mr. Dharendra Pant is the coordinator of Twenty20 Cricket for Harmony

national and international well-renowned artists have been planned for this year. First of such event was organized at Mithila Yain Art Gallery on December 29, 2015 with the theme 'Buddha and Harmony', solo exhibition by artist BK Nar Bahadur. The second solo exhibition themed 'Harmony' of Mithila Art by Ajit Kumar Sah took place in February-March at Nepal Art Council, Babar Mahal.

Other 'Year of Harmony 2016' activities include "Harmony Bikeride 2016" from Lumbini (Lumbini to Bhairahawa on April 2) to Biratnagar, Twenty20 Cricket for Harmony 2016 in seven cities of Terai districts namely Bhairahawa (Siddhartha Stadium on April 2), Tikapur, Nepalgunj, Birgunj, Janakpur, Rajbiraj and Biratnagar, art workshops and exhibitions both solo and group including Lumbini Art Camp 2016, Photo exhibitions, music concerts (Sing for Harmony) and Peace festivals on International Day of Peace (21st September).



Lumbini World Peace Forum is a member of Geneva-Switzerland based International Peace Bureau (IPB) dedicated to the vision of a World without War.

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President of Lumbini World Peace Forum Basu Gautam with Nobel Peace Prize Winner Shri Kailash Satyarthi of India

WHO WE ARE

We are an open platform of peacemakers from around the world

Lumbini World Peace Forum (LWPF in short) is a non-governmental and non-profit organization that works to promote world peace, social-justice, equality, sustainable development and respect for the environment.

WHERE WE ARE

We are based in Kathmandu and Lumbini region of Nepal

Lumbini World Peace Forum was initially conceptualized by a group of young people from diverse professional background from Nepal back in 2011 with an intent to promote Nepal as a hub of world peace, we were officially institutionalized in 2015. To ensure better global network of peace activists and peace initiatives, we aim to establish Lumbini World Peace Forum chapters in all regions of Nepal, in South Asia, the south-east Asian region, North America and around the world before 2018.

WHAT WE DO

Our vision is to grow and cultivate awareness for peace in our own lives as well as the lives of everyone on the planet.



Celebrating International Day of Peace 2015 at Manjhar Mandala Kathmandu

Lumbini World Peace Forum is dedicated to promoting peace and social justice through creativity, arts, innovation, cross-cultural dialogue and environmentalism. This is achieved by means of workshops, publications, projects, conferences, art and photo exhibitions and virtual activities by which we carry the message of peace into daily life.

WHAT WE AIM FOR

Our overall aim is to help build peaceful world Lumbini World Peace Forum organizes an annual forum in Lumbini and the Greater Kapilvastu Region of Nepal. We also conduct conferences and exhibitions globally, carrying across the world the "Spirit of Lumbini" which is the spirit of peace and harmony. The Forums are especially designed for activists and leaders engaged in peaceful movements and civil society organizations – but everybody can participate!

Nepal Earthquake 2015



On Saturday afternoon April 25, 2015, a massive earthquake of 7.9 magnitude struck Nepal causing widespread destruction. This earthquake now famously known as

great earthquake, coupled with another in May claimed the lives of nearly 9000 and injured many more. Hundreds of thousands of people were made homeless with entire villages flattened, across many districts of the country. At least 8 million-one third of the entire Nepali population have been affected due to this tragedy.

In response to the tragic earthquake, Lumbini World Peace Forum (LWPF) volunteers were immediately deployed in worst affected districts including Sindhupalchowk,

Kavre, Nuwakot, Dhading and various parts inside Kathmandu valley. Some of our volunteers in Kathmandu were engaged in raising funds and collecting relief materials for earthquake victims by creating crowdfunding sites while others were utilizing social networks like Facebook to reach out the potential donors during the emergency. Relief materials of immediate need were distributed among as many as 3,600 households affected due to earthquake by



the end of June. For a month our volunteers worked tirelessly carrying tarpaulins, blankets, mosquito nets, food items to name a few and some volunteers still continue to do so. Our volunteers focused on women and children as they were most vulnerable and the marginalized communities in rural areas heavily affected by the earthquake.