

GLOBAL PEACE FESTIVAL 2010
UNIVERSITY OF MAKATI

THOUSAND HANDS FOR PEACE

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It started in a fine sunny day. The huge tarpaulin was laid out in the middle of the oval ground on February 15, 2010 that signaled the grand opening of the Global Peace Festival UMak-syon na 2010 With the theme “UMak for Peace – One Family under God”. The activity formally commenced with the ribbon cutting led by Dr. Edita I. Chan, Executive Vice-President, University of Makati.



From left to right – Prof. Remedios B. Placer-GPF University of Makati (UMak) Committee Chair, Prof. Juvy Hermosura-Exec.VP Assistant, Mr. Eduardo T. Reyes-Secretary of the VP for Admin, Prof. Analie T. Sancho-Center for Students and Cultural Affairs Director, Ms. Sally Quimson-GPFF Program Director, Dr. Edita I. Chan-Executive Vice President, Ms. Ariza Arcan-Supreme Student Government CCS-Council Chairman and GPF UMak Project Director (at the back of Sir Eviza), Prof. Jose A. Eviza-Physical Education, Recreation, Sports, and Dance Center (PERSDC) Executive Director, Mr. Joseph Cris B. Placer-College of Technology Management Council Chairman



A huge 15 x 20 sq. meter size Global Peace Logo to be completed by the University of Makati students.

It was followed by the ‘Human Hand Printing’ on the gigantic tarpaulin. The activity was called “*Thousand Hands for Peace*”. It was a weeklong endeavor to complete the formation of the GPF logo in consonance with the GPF UMak’s campaign for the promotion of peace, unity and harmony through arts in the campus level. Yet the human hand printing itself was accomplished 3 days earlier. It was the school officials themselves who made the first move to encourage the studentry to take ownership over the GPF’s vision of building “One Family Under God”. The speedy completion of such only signified the unity and commitment of UMak’s faculty and its studentry. It also aims to impact other colleges and universities to do the same and to make a mark in history as UMak’s prime initiative.

This gigantic piece of art is also initiated to celebrate the National Arts Month and in preparation for UMak’s 38th Foundation Day on March 1, 2010.



First hand-printing done by university officials



Students gladly doing the hand-print

Anyone could easily take notice over the appealing message of the huge canvass on display. The faculties and students alike. At first, they were drawing back from the thought of getting involved with the idea of taking part of it and would just even shrug-off the idea of it. Yet as they took the steps towards it, they started to feel the worth of it. As they read and deciphered the captions on the banner, they began to understand the purpose and feel it like a skin to skin experience. On the first hours, individuals came in trickles yet eventually they came in groups.



As they came in queue and noticed others taking part of it, they also started to have fun, exploiting the opportunity to express their agreement silently to the pursuit of peace even mindless being a little late in coming to their respective classes. They would occasionally swipe their fresh clothes with a scratch of paint and wash the mess off their hands with a faucet in a few walks nearby.



The outpouring was unusual. There were 2,000 students and professors who signed up and printed their hands on the gigantic piece of art logo. They came from the eight (8) colleges and centers of the school system – College of Computer Science (CCS), College of Technology Management (CTM), College of Arts, Sciences and Education (CASE), College of Nursing (CON), College of Governance and Public Policy (CGPP), College of Business Administration (CBA), Center for Performing and Digital Arts (CEPDA), and Physical Education, Recreation, Sports and Dance Center (PERSDC), and Eight (8) student organizations: Supreme Student Government (SSG), League of UMaK Volunteers (LUV), Computer Society (ComSoc), Physical Education Student Central Organization (PESCO), Global Peace Youth Corps Makati Chapter (GPYC), Makati Singing Ambassadors (UMaK Chorale), Collective Arts of Students and Thespians (CAST)-UMaK Theater Group.





League of UMak Volunteers (LUV) officers and Ms. Ariza Arcan – GPF UMak Project Director & Chairman of SSG-CCS Council assisting the student on hand printing.



As mentioned above, it was only within the course of 3 days that the human hand printing activity was completed. Yet the impact and the mania it brought which also fed the faculties and the students alike with a message to be the owners of the GPF's vision, take on further steps. Each of them, as they put up their hand prints on the canvass, they would contribute a significant amount of money at their own option to benefit the children situated in armed conflict in Mindanao.

This event is a prelude of the Global Peace Festival 2010 in the University of Makati which will be held on March 1st on the occasion of the university's foundation day. The completed Global Peace Festival logo on the huge canvass is also set to be unveiled as part of the Main Event Program of the Global Peace Festival. A continuous campaign to join the cause of GPF 2010 University of Makati through campus ads and giving education to owners of the vision will be the next line-up of activities in conjunction with the effort to build up for the main event.



Their simple acts show a resounding answer.

