

Encouragement in the Cause of Peace

Macky Sall and Amadou Ba

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Remarks, via video by Macky Sall, president of the Republic of Senegal, 2020 Sun Hak Peace Prize recipient

Simultaneous interpretation of a speech by Amadou Ba, the minister of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad, who accepted the award in Korea on behalf of president Macky Sall and who conferred upon True Mother Senegal's Order of Merit



Macky Sall 2020 Sun Hak Peace Prize recipient

Madam Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation, ladies and gentlemen, dear friends, distinguished guests:

The health situation which has put the international community in a state of emergency led me to cancel the trip to Seoul I was preparing myself for. It is with the deepest regret that I was not able to join you personally as I had planned. I would like to thank my Korean counterpart, President Jae-in Moon, for all the preparations he made for my visit. It is with deep reverence that I salute the memory of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, whose centenary we celebrate this year. He was a visionary leader and the inspiration behind the Universal Peace Federation.

I would like to offer my highest esteem to the honorable Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. For several decades, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has been the embodiment of incredible kindness. Her life demonstrates a profound heart of superlative commitment to the cause of peace and the wellbeing of humanity. Her unique ability and lifelong dedication to comfort those in need are leading to the realization of a harmonious global community filled with love. Her dedication deserves our unending respect and admiration. I would like to extend to her my respect and esteem once again. I see the members of the Universal Peace Federation as my associates.

Ladies and gentlemen, in these times of turbulence and uncertainty, there is no task more urgent than fostering dialogue to allay tensions, promote mutual understanding and support the peaceful coexistence of people. It is with this spirit that in January 2018, Senegal welcomed the inaugural Africa Summit of the Universal Peace Federation. It is with this similar spirit that I humbly accept the Sunhak Peace Prize that you have awarded me. It is with humility that I accept this prize because to me, this award is not an end in itself but an encouragement to persevere in the culture of peace and human kinship. I accept this prize with humility because I recognize the essential blessing this prize brings to the people of Senegal. Every member of the Senegalese people has always harbored a profound sense of togetherness in their diversity.

Countering destructive ideology

This prize is greater than my humble self, it is a prize that honors the people of Senegal and I would like to dedicate it to the people of Senegal. As I accept this award, I think about all those whose peace is usurped by violence and the vicissitudes of life. I think about the victims of war and terrorism, about refugees and displaced people, about those suffering from xenophobia and racial discrimination simply because of their origin or the color of their skin.

Peace is fragile. When society is characterized by indifference and the madness of self-centeredness,

society cannot take care of those most in need. Peace is threatened when extremism of all types manipulates the conscience of people and turns faith into activism to feed ideologies of conflict. Peace is threatened when some believe they are imbued with the mission of forcing onto others a unique ideology of action and existence. This stands at odds with the diversity of cultures and civilizations.

It is for all these reasons that we must defend the ideal of a better world for all. That is why, in agreement with the African Union Commission, I have decided to donate the entire prize amount of US\$500,000 of the Sunhak Peace Prize to the peace fund of the African Union. I hope for this to promote efforts to realize peace continentally. This is why, as a laureate of the Sunhak Peace Prize, I will endeavor to stay faithful to the ideal that unites us. I will endeavor to pursue together with you, our common efforts for peaceful coexistence among people, cultures and civilizations.

I wish you tremendous success at your gathering.



Amadou Ba, the Senegalese of Foreign Affairs

Remarks by Amadou Ba

Honorable Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), ladies and gentlemen, representatives of the Korean government, excellencies, ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps, ladies and gentlemen, anyonghaseyo.

I would like first to express to you the great regret of the head of state, his excellency, Macky Sall for not having been able to make the trip to come to receive this high and very important award and to share with you these moments of brotherhood, but above all exchanges for a cause as noble as peace. He instructed me, as the minister of Foreign Affairs, to represent him, though I also have a colleague with me, to represent the head of state, our ambassador here, to express on his behalf and on behalf of the entire Senegalese people all the joy and honor to be among the Sun Hak Peace Prize laureates.

He also asked me to thank True Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of UPF as well as all the members of the organization for choosing him and for all the resources mobilized for their holding of this event. He also thanked the Korean government for its kind collaboration and praised the excellent relations of friendship and cooperation that our two countries have enjoyed for a long time.

The prize you are awarding him has a double meaning, it's an act of recognition of the efforts that Senegal is carrying out in the quest for peace in Africa and the world, but above all, it's encouragement to continue and to persevere in this dynamic. This is how the president of the republic sees it and it will guide all the actions for which he will be responsible as head of state and beyond. In conclusion I would like to convey to you the president's encouragement and his wishes for a world of peace, stability and wellbeing, hoping that the resolutions resulting from this meeting will go a long way in contributing to this.

It's a joy for me, honorable Dr. Moon. I'm so proud to award you, on behalf of President Macky Sall, you, a grandmother, the Order of Merit, Senegal's highest distinction. Through this distinction, Mr. Macky Sall is again expressing his gratitude and he pays tribute to your commitment to the cause of peace. We want to congratulate you for assigning Dr. Yang as an advisor to Macky Sall. We are so happy with your efforts for Senegal. Thank you for your attention. Kamsahamnida.