

2020 Sunhak Peace Prize Laureate Announcement

World peace can only be achieved when all people live together in harmony, guided by principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values. Unfortunately, the world we live in does not manifest this ideal. In international relations, the principle of “national self-interest” takes precedent over norms of dialogue and cooperation. In order to achieve peace, we must work to overcome the barriers that divide us. We must learn to see each other as members of one human family. Living in a global era, we must all strive for mutual prosperity and lasting world peace.

The Sunhak Peace Prize was established to contribute to a peaceful future for all humanity, which is the vision of its founders, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

The year 2020 is a very significant year for the Sunhak Peace Prize. Not only does it represent the 4th award ceremony; it is the centenary year of the founders. For this reason, in addition to the 2020 peace prize, there will also be a special Founder’s Award that will be presented to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the founder’s birth, the Sunhak Peace Prize committee carefully reviewed the achievements of many candidates, based on the principles of peaceful interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. Interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values serve as the standard for a prosperous and peaceful global community.

After careful review, it was decided that the Founders’ Award will be presented to former U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of the Republic of Korea. And the 2020 Sunhak Peace Prize Award will be presented to two worthy individuals: H.E. Macky Sall, current president of Senegal, and Bishop Dr. Munib Younan of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Palestine.

Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the winner of the Founders’ Award was the first Korean to become the U.N. Secretary-General in 2006. He served two successful terms, and contributed greatly to peace and human development. While in office, Secretary-General Ban led the United Nations with unyielding dedication, in the face of unprecedented global challenges and crises, including the global economic crisis, climate change, terrorism and refugee issues.

In particular, former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has pressed for international awareness of the seriousness of climate change which resulted in the Paris Agreement, a landmark accomplishment for humanity and the entire planet. In addition, during his term, the UN adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He also contributed greatly to presenting and implementing a global strategy for promoting gender equality and child health. The Sunhak Committee wishes to pay tribute to former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for his great contributions to world peace, and for his efforts to overcome numerous and critical challenges facing humanity.

Senegalese President Macky Sall, laureate of the 2020 Sunhak Peace Prize, is a leader who exemplifies good governance. Elected Senegalese President in 2012, and again in 2019, President Macky Sall has consistently upheld the rule of law and human rights, while working to eradicate poverty and to promote economic development, making Senegal one of the most stable countries on the continent.

As an advocate for democratic values, President Macky Sall is leading Senegal effectively, creating a stable democracy. Among other things, he has rejected the temptation to extend his rule by implementing reforms,

such as shortening the presidential term from seven to five years. Thanks to President Sall's fervent endorsement of the 'Plan Senegal Emergent' (PSE), his administration has greatly contributed to not only the prosperity of Senegal but also to West Africa's economic development, giving great hope for the whole of Africa. In addition, by holding events such as the *International Conference on Islam and Peace* or the *Africa Summit*, President Macky Sall has played an important role as a bridge to peace, promoting dialogue as a means to resolving conflicts in Africa.

Our committee praised Senegal's achievement, for overcoming adversity and achieving a stable and flourishing democracy along with economic growth in a relatively short period of time. Senegal's experience serves as a good role model for neighboring countries that are also on the path of democratization and development.

In addition, the committee has selected Bishop Dr. Munib Younan as a 2020 laureate. Bishop Younan believes that interreligious dialogue and reconciliation are fundamental to peace for humanity. He has devoted his entire life to promoting religious harmony. Born in Jerusalem in 1950, Bishop Younan has been promoting harmony between religions for more than 40 years, since he was ordained as a Lutheran priest in 1976. In particular, from 2010 to 2017, he served as chairman of the Lutheran World Federation, which represents over 70 million Christians. He established a wide network of religious leaders from diverse faiths, and has made continuous efforts for harmony among religions. Most of all, Bishop Younan has promoted interreligious dialogue to bring peace to Jerusalem. He has promoted dialogue and reconciliation among Jews, Christians and Muslims in Jerusalem, a city that has been a center of conflict for centuries.

Furthermore, through continued dialogue with the Catholic Church, Bishop Younan was able to overcome differences and build mutual trust between the Catholic and the Protestant churches, demonstrating the beautiful harmony that is possible between believers of different faiths. Pope Francis even attended the Lutheran church's 500th anniversary celebration of the religious reformation in 2017, declaring the "common path" which united Catholicism and Lutheranism. This was the fruit of his tireless efforts. The Sunhak Peace Prize Committee applauds his great contributions and achievements, and is very proud to present the award to Bishop Younan.

The crises facing the world today are problems that no single individual or even a few great powers can solve on their own. However, when we combine the actions of each and every one of us, working to help our neighbors in need, to care for nature, to make effort to understand the other person, we will be able to change the world little by little, moving in the direction of peace.

The biggest factor in conflict is when two parties have a heart of antagonism towards each other. As the founders, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, have always said, "In order to transcend religious, national and racial barriers, we must move away from self-centeredness and exclusivism by cultivating a harmonious mind and by promoting earnest encounters between peoples."

Today's award recipients are all peacemakers who also embody this kind of mindset. Moreover, they have applied this mindset, putting it into practice and solving conflicts. If we all associate the fate of the world with our own destiny, and if we unite and cooperate across borders, races, ideologies and religions, the world will be able to move one step closer towards one prosperous peaceful community.

October 5th, 2019

Il Shik Hong, Chairman of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee

2020 Sunhak Peace Prize Laureate Achievements 1. Macky Sall

A Model of Good Governance in Africa

Macky Sall

Born in Senegal on 1962.12.11

Senegalese President Macky Sall is the leader who displays a virtuous model of good governance in Africa. Since his election as Senegalese president in 2012, he has been leading the stabilization of democracy in West Africa, raising Senegal to be the one of the most stable countries on the African continent, achieving the rule of law and human rights, poverty eradication and economic development.

■ Academic background

- Institute of Earth Sciences Bachelor of Geological engineer and Geophysics (Senegal)
- Graduated from Higher National School of Petroleum and Engines (ENSPM) (France)
- Graduated from the French Institute of Petroleum (France)

■ Honorary Degrees

- Doctor Honoris Causa, University of Abomey Calvy, (Benin)
- Doctor Honoris Causa, Swiss UMEF University, (Switzerland)
- Doctor Honoris Causa, Puk yong National University, (South Korea)
- Doctor Honoris Causa, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM), (France)
- Honorary member of the French Overseas Scientific Academy, (France)

■ Professional Background

- 2012-Present | 4th President of Senegal (re-elected in April, 2019 (58.2%) election results)
- 2015-2016 | Chair of ECOWAS Head of State of Government Authority
- 2013 | Chair of the Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (NEPAD) (African Union)
- 2009-2012 | Mayor of Fatick
- 2007-2008 | Speaker of Parliament of Senegal
- 1998-2008 | Chairperson of the Initiative and Strategy Unit
- 2004-2007 | Prime Minister of Senegal
- 2003-2004 | Senior Minister of the Interior and Local Communities, Spokesperson of the Government
- 2002-2003 | Senior Minister of Mines, Energy and Water
- 2001-2002 | Minister of Mines, Energy and Water
- 2002 | Minister of Mining, Energy, Water, Equipment and Transports
- 2000-2001 | Managing Director of Senegal's Petroleum Company, PETROSEN

■ Awards

- Grand Cross of the National Order of the Lion (Senegal)
- Grand Officer of the French Legion of Honor (France)
- 2016 | U.S.-Africa Business Center Outstanding Leaders' Award (U.S. Chamber of Commerce)
- 2013 | Peter Benchley Ocean Awards –Excellence in National Stewardship of the Ocean (USA)

■ Achievements

Implemented good governance with prudent reforms, including reducing the presidential term from seven years to five years

Macky Sall, who took office as Senegal's fourth president in April 2012, is leading good governance in Africa with drastic reforms, including reducing his term, which was set for seven years, to five years under the current constitution. Shortening the presidential term is a highly unconventional policy in Africa, where long-term rule is rampant. However, Senegal implemented a comprehensive referendum on presidential terms and state affairs on March 20, 2016, with the reform bill passing by a 63 percent supporting vote.

In order to modernize and stabilize democracy in Senegal, President Sall has enforced the Thirteen Reform Measures aimed at strengthening the rule of law and improving the governance structure of public affairs, and has led the fight against corruption by establishing the National Anti-Corruption and Civil Affairs Agency and the National Commission for the Acquisition of Illegal Assets and Restoration of Unrighteous Gains. His firm will and practice towards good governance is leading West Africa to stabilize democracy.

Contributed to the economic revival of West Africa by expanding transportation infrastructure

With the aim of stabilizing people's livelihoods and reviving the economy to be a top priority in national management, President Macky Sall pushed for the "Plan Senegal Emergent (PSE)" (first phase: 2014-18 and second phase: 2019-23) to stabilize Senegal's economic growth rate at around 6 percent. In addition, other various policies being pursued by President Sall, includes raising retirement pensions, providing emergency subsidies to farmers, holding various education-related national conferences, as well as revolutionizing the medical insurance in the West African economy.

President Sall is also chairman of the National and Government Leaders Orientation Committee of the African Union's Development Organization (NEPAD), which has greatly improved the transportation infrastructure in Africa by building roads, bridges, highways, production tracks, TERs (local express trains), as well as the Air Seagen SA airlines and SÉNÉGAMBIE bridges.

Expedition of harmony on the African continent

Emphasizing "dialogue" as a means of resolving continental disputes, President Macky Sall is actively promoting international conferences such as the "Islam and Peace International Conference," the "UPF African Summit" and the "International Conference on the Emergence of Africa" to promote harmony among African leaders. More than 500 religious leaders and scholars attended the 2015 International Conference on "Islam and Peace" in Dakar to discuss the topic of peace building. In addition, 1,200 political figures and religious leaders from more than 60 countries, attended the 2018 African Summit in Dakar to discuss about Africa's peaceful future.

2020 Sunhak Peace Prize Laureate Achievements 2. Munib A. Younan

A pioneer for religious harmony

Munib A. Younan

Born in Jerusalem on 1950.09.18

Bishop Dr. Munib A. Younan is a pioneer who has devoted his entire life to religious harmony, believing that dialogue and reconciliation between religions are the basis for human peace. Born in Jerusalem in 1950 as a Palestinian refugee, Bishop Younan has been on the path of religious harmony for more than four decades since he was appointed a Lutheran priest in 1976. In particular, he led religious harmony for world peace by serving as chairman of the Lutheran World Federation from 2010 to 2017, building a wide network of religious leaders from different faiths.

■ Academic background

- Graduated from Finnish Jürvenpü Luther Theological Seminary (Finland)
- Master of theology at the University of Helsinki (Finland)
- Graduated from Chicago Lutheran School (USA)

■ Honorary Degree

- Honorary Ph.D. at Germany's Münster (Germany)
- Honorary Ph.D. of theology of Wartburg College, (USA)

■ Professional Background

- 2016-Present | Board Member, Yasser Arafat Foundation
- 2016-Present | Honorary President of the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC)
- 2016-Present | Honorary President for the Evangelical Family Middle East Council of Churches (MECC)
- 2010-Present | Chair, Executive Committee & the Board of Trustees, (Lutheran World Federation, LWF)
- 2010-Present | Member, Executive Committee, Fellowship of the Middle East Evangelical Churches (FMEEC)
- 2007-Present | Chair, Board of Trustees Al Diyar Consortium in Bethlehem (ELCJHL)
- 2007-Present | Chair, Baptismal Site Committee (ELCJHL)
- 2007-Present | Chair, Board of Trustees, Severance and Pension Fund (ELCJHL)
- 2007-Present | Board Member of the Swedish Theological Institute, Jerusalem
- 2004-Present | Chair, Abraham's Herberge in Beit Jala (ELCJHL)
- 2004-Present | International Grand Chaplain, International Grand Priory of Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, OSMTH)
- 2003-Present | Member, Board of Managers, Near East School of Theology in Beirut

- 2002-President | Chair, Local Reference Group, and Founding Member of original church initiative (Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme for Palestine and Israel, EAPPI)
- 2001-Present | Member, Priory of Finland (OSMTH)
- 1998-Present | Bishop of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, ELCJHL (Consecrated January 5th, 1998)
- 1998-Present | Chairperson, Coordination Committee for Cooperation between the ELCJHL and Overseas Partners (ELCJHL)
- 1998-Present | Chair, Evangelical Lutheran School Board, (ELCJHL)
- 1998-Present | Chair of the Board, Augusta Victoria Hospital, Lutheran World Service in Jerusalem
- 1995-Present | Member, Executive Committee of the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC)
- 2010-2017 | President, The Lutheran World Federation (LWF)
- 2010-2016 | President, Evangelical Family Middle East Council of Churches (MECC)
- 2003-2010 | Vice-President & Member of Council (LWF)
- 2003-2010 | Member, Executive Committee & the Board of Trustees (LWF)
- 2004-2010 | President, Fellowship of the Middle East Evangelical Churches (FMEEC)
- 2001-2004 | Member of the Board, Vocational Training Center in Beit Hanina (LWF)
- 1999-2003 | Vice-President, Board of Managers, Near East School of Theology, Beirut
- 1998-2010 | Chair, Asian Regional Church Leaders Conference (LWF)
- 1998-2006 | Member, World Council of Churches Orthodox Study Group (WCC)
- 1998-2004 | Member, Executive Committee (FMEEC)
- 1998-2004 | President, Board of Managers, International Christian Committee (ICC), Jerusalem
- 1997-2010 | Member, Committee for the Department for Mission and Development (LWF)
- 1997-2003 | Vice-Chair, Program Committee for Mission Development (LWF)
- 1997-2003 | Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees, Institute for Ecumenical Research (LWF)
- 1993-1998 | Member, Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (MECC)
- 1993-1998 | Member, Theological Committee (FMEEC)
- 1990-1998 | President, Synod of the ELCJHL
- 1990-1995 | Member, Life and Service Committee (MECC)
- 1985-1990 | Member, Education Committee (MECC)
- 1984-2000 | Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hope in Ramallah (ELCJHL)
- 1979-1984 | Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Bejjala
- 1976-1979 | Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem (ELCJHL)
- 1977-1988 | Youth Pastor (ELCJHL)
- 1976-1997 | Teacher & Coordinator of Christian Education, ELCJHL Schools

■ Awards

- 2019 | Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award (Catholic Church)
- 2018 | The Building Bridges of Understanding Award (Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.)
- 2017 | Niwano Peace Prize (Niwano Foundation, Japan)
- 2016 | Jerusalem Golden Award (Al Quds University, Palestine)
- 2014 | Civis Mundi Award (Canada)
- 2013 | Al-Hussein Decoration for Distinguished Service, First Class (Jordan)
- 2008 | Mikael Agricola Medallion (Finland)
- 2007 | Templar Peace Prize (Jerusalem)
- 2005 | Bethlehem Star Award (Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas)
- 2004 | Holyland Christian Ecumenical Foundation Prize (Washington, D.C.)
- 2004 | Bethanien Prize (Methodist Church, Oslo, Norway)
- 2001 | Human Rights Award (United Nations Association, Washington, D.C.)
- 2001 | The Finnish Peace Prize (Finnish Christian Peace Movement)

■ Initiatives

- 2016 | With His Holiness, Pope Francis, signed Joint Statement commemorating the Lutheran Reformation and Historical Reconciliation between the Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches
- 2010-Present | Lutheran Patron of the Anglican Lutheran Society
- 2010-Present | Member of the Religious Leader Commission (C-1 World Dialogue Foundation)
- 2006-Present | Founding Member of the Council for Religious Institutions in the Holy Land (CRIHL)
- 2000-Present | Member of the Jordanian Interfaith Coexistence Research Center (Amman, Jordan)
- 1998-Present | Continuing work for the deepening of communion relationships with churches, synods, and diocese around the world
- 1997-Present | Active in local Church-to-Church relationships
- 1997-Present | Evaluator, Palestinian religious curriculum
- 1991-Present | Initiator of the Jonah Group (number of informal long-running dialogue groups, serving as forums for joint reflection of local Christians and Jews)
- 2009 | Contributing writer, 2011 Worship Resources, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 2006 | Instrumental in the “Amman Agreement”, a mutual recognition agreement among Middle East evangelical churches Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches (FMEEC)
- 1997-2000 | Developer of the Palestinian Christian Instruction Curriculum (recognized by the Palestinian Ministry of Education for use in Palestinian schools)

- 1998 | Author of the “The Christian Dimension of the Palestinian Curriculum” (adopted in 1998 by the Church Leaders in Jerusalem as the main document for negotiations with the Ministry of Education)
- 1993 | Translator, Arabic translation of the *Augsburg Confession* with study guide
- 1984 | Participant of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue Symposium (World Council of Churches)
- 1984 | Participant of the Anglican-Lutheran Dialogue (Jerusalem)
- 1982-2008 | Co-founder and member of the Al-Liqa’ Center for Religious Studies (Jerusalem)

■ Publications

- *Our Shared Witness: A Voice for Justice and Peace*. Lutheran University Press, Minneapolis, 2012
- *Witnessing for Peace: In Jerusalem and the World*. Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, 2003.
- *The Augsburg Confession in Arabic*. Emerzian Est., Jerusalem, 1993.

■ Chapters

- “Beyond Luther: Prophetic Interfaith Dialogue for Life,” in *The Global Luther: A Theologian for Modern Times*. Fortress Press, 2009.
- “The Future of the Lutheran Reformation Tradition: From the Perspective of Palestinian Christians,” in *The Future of Lutheranism in a Global Context*. Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, 2008.
- “The Role of the Church in Peacemaking: Raising a Prophetic Voice,” in *The Forgotten Faithful*. Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, Jerusalem 2007
- “Theological Reflection and Theology,” in *Theological Reflection on Accompaniment*. World Council of Churches, 2005.

■ Notes

- Born to Palestinian refugee parents

■ Achievements

Expedition of the harmony of Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the Middle East for 40 years

Bishop Munib Younan stressed to the world that a religion's role is to serve all humans, regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, religion and political factions. In addition, as he traveled around the world, he spread the message of “to achieve consensus in diversity, one must guard against religious extremism, accept the diversity of biblical interpretations, and also accept different religious traditions”.

Born in 1950 as a Palestinian refugee in Jerusalem, Bishop Younan devoted his life to promoting dialogue among Jews, Christians and Muslims, and leading reconciliation. In particular, he served as president of the Fellowship of the Middle East Evangelical Churches from 2004 to 2010, serving as a founding member of a coalition movement organization for Palestine and Israel, taking the lead in resolving the Israel-Palestine conflict. In addition, he was the first to translate the Augsburg Confession (1530), a key doctrinal document of Lutheranism, into Arabic, contributing to the promotion of understanding between Christianity and Islam. He also published a number of books containing messages for religious harmony.

Conflict reconciliation between the Catholic and Protestant Churches

Bishop Younan has talked continuously with the Catholic church for decades to overcome the deep-rooted conflict between the two churches. As a result, in 2013, the Lutheran World Federation and the Vatican jointly adopted a document called "From Conflict to Sacrifice," unraveling the 500-year-old conflict. This came to be known as a historical reconciliation between the churches where both sides promised to "renew their commitment to theological dialogue and continue the journey towards unity, guided by God's spirit according to the will of Lord Jesus Christ." This was done with the aim to unite the two churches, accepting that the Lutheran Church and the Catholic Church are from the same roots so they must work towards reconciliation. Therefore, in 2016 Lutheranism and Catholicism together celebrated the 500th anniversary of religious reformation, and Bishop Younan and Pope Francis signed a declaration to go towards a "common path." It was the first time in history that the pope took part in the founding anniversary of Lutheran Church, with both sides stating, "Theological distinction entails prejudice and conflict, degenerates into a tool for political purposes," and that they "reject all past and present hatred and violence expressed in the name of religion," sending a strong message of religious harmony around the world.

Founders' Special Prize Peace Laureate Achievements 1. Ban Ki-moon

A Leader Striving for a Sustainable Earth

Ban Ki-moon

Born in South Korea on 1944. 8. 1

Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon became the first South Korean to become the UN Secretary-General in 2006, successfully serving two terms and contributing greatly to peace. During his 10-year tenure, Ban led the United Nations to fight and overcome the unprecedented global challenges and crises, including the global economic crisis, climate change, terrorism, and refugee issues. As a leader of world peace, he prepared global measures against climate change, adopted an agenda for sustainable development, presented a new vision to the world, and contributed greatly to the promotion of human rights, including gender equality.

■ Education

- Master of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University (USA)
- Bachelor's degree in international relations from Seoul National University (South Korea)

■ Honorary Degrees

- Honorary Doctor of University of Maryland (UMCP)
- Honorary Doctor of Loyola Marymount University (USA)
- Honorary Doctor of Law at Cambridge University (England)
- Honorary Doctorate in women's studies at Ewha Womans University (South Korea)
- Honorary Doctor of Nanjing University (China)
- Honorary Doctor of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (Russia)
- Honorary Doctor of Bordeaux University (France)
- Honorary Doctor of Fairleigh Dickinson University (USA)
- Honorary Doctor Diplomacy at Seoul National University (South Korea)
- Honorary Doctor of National University (Singapore)

■ Professional Background

- 2019-Present | Chair of the Presidential Committee on National Council to deal with Particulate Matter
- 2019-Present | Board Chairman Ban Ki-moon Foundation for a Better Future
- 2018-Present | Deputy Chair of the Elders
- 2018-Present | Chair of Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

- 2018-Present | Co-Chair of the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens
- 2018-Present | Chair of Boao Forum for Asia
- 2017-Present | Chair of the International Olympic Committee's Ethics Commission (IOC)
- 2017-Present | Honorary President of Yonsei University's Global Social Contribution Institute and Ban Ki-moon Center for Sustainable Development, Honorary President
- 2007-2016 | 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations
- 2004-2006 | 33rd Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of South Korea
- 2003-2004 | Foreign Policy Advisor at the Presidential Office
- 2002 | Ambassador to the Foreign Ministry
- 2001-2003 | Chief of Staff to the 56th President of the General Assembly
- 2000-2001 | Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 1998-2000 | Ambassador to the Embassy of Austria and Ambassador to the International Organizations Representative to Vienna
- 1996 | Presidential Secretary for Protocol
- 1996 | First Vice Foreign Minister
- 1996 | Presidential Secretary for Foreign Affairs and National Security
- 1996 | Chief Foreign Policy Officer
- 1995 | Director-General for Foreign Policy Planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1992 | Special Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 1990 | Director-General of the Foreign Ministry's Bureau of American Affairs
- 1987 | Consulate General and Consulate General at the U.S. Embassy
- 1985 | Secretary of State for protocol at the Prime Minister's Office
- 1980 | Chief of United Nations and the Department of Foreign Affairs
- 1976 | First secretary to the Indian embassy
- 1970 | Entry into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

■ Awards

- 2017 | Order of Civil Merit Mugunghwa Medal
- 2016 | 100 Leading Global Thinkers (Foreign Policy)
- 2016 | Legion of Honour (French President)
- 2015 | Republic of Korea Red Cross Humanitarian Award
- 2014 | Tipperary International Peace Award
- 2014 | Humanitarian of the Year (Harvard Foundation)
- 2014 | Distinguished Seoul National University Award

- 2012 | 11th Seoul Peace Prize
- 2012 | Distinguished International Leadership Award (Atlantic Council)
- 2010 | UCLA Medal
- 2009 | Order of Civil Merit Mugunghwa Medal
- 2009 | Sustainable Development Leadership Award (New Delhi Summit)
- 2008 | Grand Cross of the Order of Sikatuna (Philippines)
- 2008 | Rotary International Award of Honor
- 2007 | 9th Gwanak Grand Prize Honor Sector (Seoul National University)
- 2007 | First Innovation Award (Pony Chung Foundation)
- 2006 | Magazine's Person of the Year Award
- 2006 | Order of Service Merit
- 2006 | Grand Cross of the Order of the Sun (Peru)
- 2004 | James A. Van Fleet Award (Korea Society)
- 2002 | Order of Rio Branco (Brazil)
- 2001 | Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold with Star (Austria)
- 1986 | Order of the Red Star (Merit of Service, Korea)
- 1975 | Nokjogunjeong Medal of Honor (4th class, Merit of Service, Korea)

■ Recognitions

- 2016 | Top 100 Global thinkers (Foreign policy)
- 2013 | #32 World's most powerful people (Forbes)

■ Achievements

Successful implementation of global action for the on climate change through the Paris Agreement

Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon played a pivotal role in concluding the Paris Agreement, a global measure against climate change. The Paris Agreement on climate change adopted in 2015 is a revolutionary climate agreement in which 197 countries join in curbing greenhouse gas emissions within this century, with a comprehensive long-term goal of eliminating man-made greenhouse gas production.

Ban displayed remarkable leadership behind-the-scenes, covering the distance from the North to the South Pole, traveling all over the world, urging world leaders to make the decision to successfully implement the historical climate agreement where all countries regardless of rich or poor can join the fight against climate change.

Furthermore, Ban succeeded in lobbying 55 countries for the agreement to take effect in less than a year. His efforts led Foreign Policy, a prominent American news publication which focuses on global affairs, to select Ban as one of the '100 Leading Global Thinkers of 2016.

Presentation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as the master plan for the future mutual prosperity of humankind

In the 70th Regular Session of the UN General Assembly, Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon presented and succeeded in unanimously adopting the 'Sustainable Development Goals', a master plan to realize mutual prosperity of humankind by 2030. The Sustainable Development Goals, consisting of 17 areas for sustainable development of the global community, is a comprehensive and global cooperation agenda for countries to alleviate common threats to sustainable development such as polarization of the economy and society, social inequality, and the destruction of the global environment, also including the UN's typical tasks such as fighting poverty and ending hunger. Ban drew as much participation and consensus as possible from the heads of state to adopt the development agenda to create a world in which no one is left behind, breaking the distinction between developed and developing countries.

Promotion of gender equality and human rights

Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has made it an important task to advance the fundamental human rights of mankind from the early days of his tenure, especially the promotion of women rights and gender equality. In 2010, Ban launched the UN Women by integrating several committees related to women's rights registered in the UN. He also promoted women's rights by launching initiatives and campaigns such as 'UNiTE to End Violence against Women', 'Stop Rape Now', 'Network of Men Leaders', and 'Special Representatives on Sexual Violence in Conflict'.