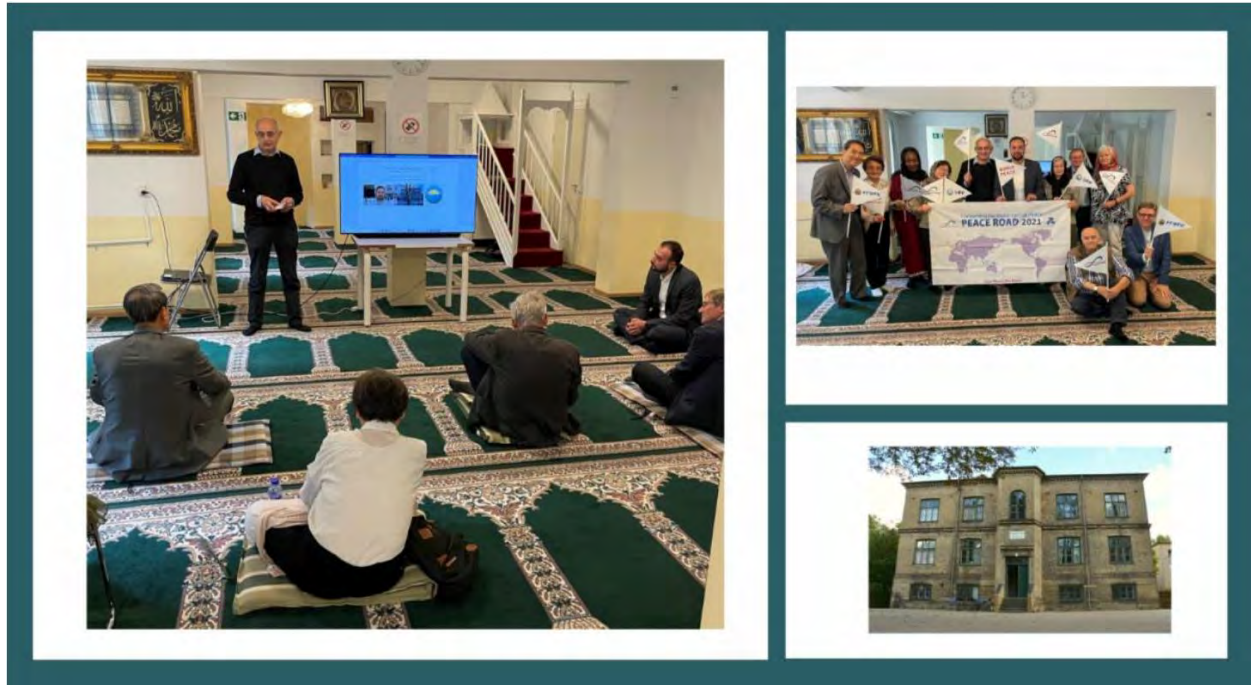


Copenhagen, Denmark Peace Road 2021 in the Albanian Community Mosque

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We could arrange to hold a Peace Road event in the mosque of the Albanian Faith Community in Denmark, which has 1500 members.

The leader is our UPF Peace Ambassador Imam Basri Kurtis, who is well respected in Denmark for his active interfaith work. Because of Corona restrictions, unfortunately not so many could participate. At first, the Imam explained about their faith community. Then General Secretary of UPF Denmark Karsten Nielsen introduced the Peace Road project and vision, supported by several video clips. Also, we showed a video of Peace Road activities in the Balkan region. Afterward, Senior Advisor for UPF Nobuhiro Igarashi explained and showed photos from the "South East Europe Peace Summit 2019" in Tirana, Albania. Finally, we introduced the "CIG Peace Embassy" in Tirana, which soon will open. All participants listened attentively and were very inspired by these peace initiatives.

Our purpose of this promotional Peace Road event, was to prepare the ground and find partners from different faith traditions to hold a bigger Peace Road event in 2022 in Copenhagen, where one idea is to bicycle or walk between the holy sites of a synagogue, mosques, church, and temple. Especially we hope this can be inspiring to participate in for the youth groups of these congregations. In September and onward we plan to hold similar promotional events to find more partners.

Also specifically for this event, we wanted to build closer ties to the Albanian community in Denmark. But also we wanted them to come to know about our movement's activities in Albania so that they hopefully can build relationships with our people and AfP in Albania as well. After the event, Imam Basri Kurtis thanked us for our visit and expressed his wish to develop our cooperation.