

FFWPU UK: 2022 Sunhak Peace Prize winners Sarah Gilbert and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

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Professor Sarah Gilbert, Developer of AstraZeneca Vaccine, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance selected as Laureates of the 2022 Sunhak Peace Prize.

Professor Sarah Gilbert, Professor of Vaccinology at Oxford University, was recognised for the key role she played in protecting billions of lives in less developed countries by co-developing the Oxford-AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine, which is easier and less expensive to store and transport.

While Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance was recognized for its contributions in coordinating the COVAX Facility, aiming to provide fair and equitable access to Covid-19 vaccine worldwide.



Sarah Gilbert

Professor Gilbert viewed the Covid-19 pandemic as a threat to humanity and vaccine as a global public good. She stood firm in her belief that the vaccine she developed was not for profit, which has since been delivered to 182 countries.

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance is the largest international cooperation mechanism that contributed to improving the overall health of humanity by providing vaccination in developing countries.

Following the coronavirus outbreak, it coordinated the COVAX Facility, a global collaboration to support manufacturing of Covid-19 vaccines and negotiate their pricing for equitable access. Through this effort, over one billion doses has been distributed in 144 nations.

Jose Manuel Barroso, Chairman of Sunhak Peace Prize Committee and former President of the European Commission, said: "Scientific innovation, international solidarity, and multilateral cooperation are necessary to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, which jeopardizes the lives of everyone. Health is not just a matter of science or medicine, but a matter of human rights; therefore, it is human rights that the two laureates have contributed to promoting.

"Paradoxically, the Covid-19 pandemic is giving us an opportunity to drive real change. We do not know when the next pandemic will occur, but the Covid-19 has taught us that solidarity and cooperation based solely on humanity are the solutions to this global crisis."

The Sunhak Peace Prize was established in order to continue the legacy of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and heal the world of various suffering, conflict, and destruction that exists around the world, and build an all-encompassing future-oriented vision of peace.

The Sunhak Peace Prize awards individuals and organizations that make significant contributions to awaken respect and love for humanity, unite all conflict undermining peace with love, and create a society where humanity and nature may beautifully co-exist.

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