



## PEACE ROAD in Lebanon

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This year's Peace Road event was the biggest that we did in Lebanon. It brought together almost 100 bicyclists from different parts of Lebanon.

The event was organized under the supervision of FFWPU Representatives Mr. and Mrs Park as well as UPF Lebanon in collaboration with the Municipality of Deir El Harf, and the Bicycle Club that was spear headed by Mr. William Massad.

Further, while on the Peace Road tour the Bicyclists were welcomed with some refreshments by the Municipality of Falougha and Raad Supermarket.

The Peace Road event concluded with a great Lunch buffet that was sponsored by the Municipality of Deir El Harf.

Mr. Tony Aboujaude gave welcoming remarks to all participants on behalf of the Mayor of the Municipality. Also Sheikh Abou Zeid a Sunni Leader from Saida gave an inspiring speech, praising the bicycle Ryders for joining this important event.

UPF Lebanon President, Mr. Thomas Schellen gave a brief overview of the significance of the Peace Road event and the Founders Vision for this Peace Road project.

In conclusion Mr Park thanked everyone for their participation in the Peace Road event.

As everyone was enjoying the great lunch, the Japanese MEYE who supported the Peace Road event from the beginning, were singing a beautiful Japanese song.

Overall it was truly a special moment to see so many young and senior Lebanese bicycle Ryders come together under the Banner of the "Peace Road" and its noble Cause.

Also, we are very pleased about the coverage of the Peace Road event by a Lebanese TV station as well as print media.

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*Peace Road started from Deir El Harf, then going to Btekhmay, Bmariam, Khraibeh, Chbaniyeh, Hammana then finally back to Deir El Harf. After the Peace Road Tour all gather for a nice Lunch. Including the Municipality Representatives. UPF President gives a speech about Peace Road and original vision of Peace Road by the founder.*



*MEYE did a great Job to support the Peace Road event, they were spending many hours to also help with preparing the nice lunch for all participants. Sheik Abou Zeid an Ambassador of Peace and Sunni Leader and Judge from Saida, gave a cheerful speech.*



*Mr Toni Aboujaude who was present on behalf of the Mayor of Deir El Harf Municipality, was truly making everyone feel at home and welcome. And he was happy to receive a present from the Peace Road Team, given to him by Mr. Park. Mr William Massad who was mobilizing all the Bicyclist for the Peace Road Event as well as contacting all local stake holders, to support the Peace Road event was giving recognition to all who were part of this Peace Road event. Mr. Park thanked all the Participants especially the bicycle Ryders for their great contribution to the success of the Peace Road event.*