

Report from the Nordic UPF seminar in Oslo, Norway - Principles of Peace

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UPF Norway organized a Nordic seminar in Oslo on Saturday, 12th November, under «Principles on Peace».



We chose to dedicate the event to the «International Day of Tolerance» which was coming up only four days later. On the «International Day of Tolerance» it is relevant to address issues like discrimination,

racism etc.

However, our presentations addressed the topic from a different and more fundamental perspective. Our perspective focused on the fact that we all belong to one universal family, one family under God, across our national or religious backgrounds.

As this vision and consciousness expand, the walls between people will come down. This vision also provides us with a common identity as children of the same «heavenly parent», an identity that promotes tolerance and, in the end, will wipe away all forms of discrimination.

27 participants from 15 different nationalities attended the seminar. Indeed a diverse group, but sharing the same hope of peace and tolerance.

The group took time to visit the Korean Peace Pagoda, donated by the South Korean Hwacheon Municipality, to ring the peace bell, take a photo and send a message for peace and tolerance on the Korean Peninsula.

Finally, the fact that the conference venue was 500 meters above sea level with a perfect view over Oslo in crystal clear sky lifted the participants' enthusiasm even higher.

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