

The Sun Hak Peace Prize declares a vision of world peace and one global family

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As president of Nigeria (2010–2015), Goodluck Ebele Jonathan had phone conversations and later met UN Secretary General Ban at the United Nations, where they spoke face-to-face. He describes President Sall as a friend and expresses an affinity for the Bishop Younan, an Arab Christian living in Jerusalem. Among other responsibilities, Dr. Jonathan is chair of the International Summit Council for Peace-Africa.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, our host and founder, Dr. Il-sik Hong, chair of the Sun Hak Peace Prize Committee, your excellencies, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, our astute guests from all around the world, it is very nice to meet you all. More than anything, I am very honored and highly delighted to attend today's Sun Hak Peace Prize Ceremony in commemoration of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's centennial.

An outstanding group of laureates

Congratulations to our laureates, Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, President Macky Sall and Bishop Munib Younan for receiving today's awards. The three laureates have made outstanding achievements in promoting world peace and that is why we are here. I'd like to sincerely thank Secretary General Ban Ki-moon for his interest in Africa during his time in office as secretary general of the United Nations. I recollect with nostalgia the various bi-lateral talks and courtesy visits we had when you were in office and I was also the president of Nigeria.

I also thank President Macky Sall, my good friend, for his good governance in Africa. Lastly, thank you Bishop Munib Younan for your contributions to religious harmony in the Middle East. President Macky Sall has shown me a model of good governance through democratization and economic development in Senegal from which I could also gain lots of inspiration. Soon, Africa will transform into a land of opportunity and it will grow into a major leading force in the twenty-first century.

Next, the award winner, Bishop Younan A. Younan has practiced inter-religious dialog in Jerusalem, one of the most intense places afflicted by religious confrontation. The first condition for coexistence is listening to one's opponent and having a conversation. For us to enjoy the earth, the world must embrace dialog among civilizations. In that sense, I strongly support the practical activities of Bishop Younan through interfaith dialog in Israel. Youth from around the world will respect and learn from the lives of today's laureates, as they pursue their dreams. Please allow me to extend my heartfelt respect to the

winners today.



The vision

The founder of the Sun Hak Peace Prize was a good leader who promoted world peace and declared a vision of one global family. I would like to recall the deep objectives of the founder and hope that the Sun Hak Peace Prize, which is celebrating its fourth anniversary today will continue to contribute promoting world peace, mutual prosperity and the happiness of all global citizens.

Let me commend the chair and members of the Peace Prize Committee for your excellent work. Respected laureates, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, please continue to take part in promoting world peace. Once again, congratulations to our distinguished award winners and I wish all the best to the progress of the Sun Hak Peace Prize and to our host and founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. We appreciate your contributions to world peace and economic development. I thank you all.