

World Peace Prize

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H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III

Hon. Benjamin A. Gilman

ROVING AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE

Civil Air Patrol

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MISSION

World Peace Prize is an initiative to promote world peace and inter-religious understanding. It is awarded periodically to individuals who have contributed to the causes of world peace by preventing regional conflicts or world war; by settling the disputes of political, diplomatic and economic matters; by developing new inventions to minimize threats and confusions within mankind. World Peace Prize operates according to the core spirit of advancing peace, justice and inter-religious collaborations.



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HISTORY & FOUNDERS



President John F. Kennedy with
Hon. Robert L. Leggett



Dr. Han Min Su with Hon.
Robert L. Leggett

The World Peace Prize is a prestigious award presented by the World Peace Corps Mission, an international Evangelical missionary organization. Since its inception in 1989, the World Peace Prize has been awarded to individuals contributing to the causes of world peace by preventing regional conflicts or world war; by settling the disputes of political, diplomatic and economic matters; by developing new inventions to minimize threats and confusions within mankind.

Over the past two decades, World Peace Prize has become a prestigious prize well recognized internationally. Some of the past award recipients include President Ronald Reagan of the United States; President Abdurrahman Wahid of Indonesia; H.E. Yitzhak Rabin, former Prime Minister of Israel, President Kuniwo Nakamura of Palau; amongst others.

The World Peace Prize was founded by late Hon. Robert L. Leggett and Dr. Han Min Su. It operates under the principles of inter-religious collaborations, and in the spirit of altruism and world peace. Dr. Heo Jeong Sik, President of the World Peace Corp Mission, is a senior clergyman who has been an invaluable facilitator of World Peace Prize ever since its inception.

The late Hon. Robert L. Leggett was a nine-term United States congressman. Prior to that, he was a Californian assemblyman and had served the United States Naval Air Corp. While in congress, he served on the House Armed Services and Budget Committees and as co-chairman of the National Security Task Force. While visiting Korea in 1982, the congressman met Dr. Han Min Su who is an



elder clergyman of the Korean Christian churches. He is also an ex-public relations officer of Pacific Air Force, and the USA-author of "Goodbye John." The two gentlemen struck an immediate friendship. In later years, Congressman Leggett continued to be inspired by the faithful Christians in Korea. While witnessing the success of the Peace Corps initiated by U.S. President John F. Kennedy, the two gentlemen co-founded the World Peace Corp Mission as a civilian organization emulating the spirit of the United States Peace Corps Volunteer Services. In 1989, with the support of clergyman Dr. Heo Jeong Sik, the World Peace Prize was established.

The true spirit of peace is shared by people with different beliefs. The World Peace Prize is adjudicated by a distinguished panel of judges who come from diverse background, nationalities, faith and ethnicities. They stand to show us the spirit of unity in mankind. The Chief Judge, Hon. Lester Wolff, former Chairman of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Committee of the United States Congress, is an eminent peace maker himself. During his 1978 congressional delegation to China, he met with Deng Xiaoping, the Father of Modern China. The Deng-Wolff Conversation conducted during this time was credited for its particular importance in the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between the People's Republic of China and the United States. He also introduced amendments to the White-House sponsored Foreign Assistance Act of 1969 to restore the initiative for direct peace talks between Israel and the Arab states.

With the fast changes in our world, we are confronted by numerous challenges that require great deal of collaborative efforts to bring resolve and understanding. The specific contributions and accomplishments that the honorees have in common are the preservation and development of peace and harmony throughout the world. The World Peace Prize salutes our honorees who devote their lives to the perseverance of peace, cultivating mutual understanding and respect by engaging in positive dialogues between nations, ethnicities, religions and to embrace differences.



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REMARKS

from

Hon. Chairman Lester Wolff
Chief Judge



Hon. Lester Wolff and Deng Xiaoping in China, 1978

“He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore”
Isaiah 2:4 ESV

The World Peace Prize has a long history. It has been given to the world renowned and also to those who have contributed to Peace without wide acclaim, but in their own way have made marked contributions.

Its origin stemmed from an abiding relationship between an evangelical religious leader, Dr. Han Min Su and an American legislator, Hon. Robert Leggett; both seeking to promote interest in



publicly acclaiming those who lead in the quest for a peaceful world. Our honorees today symbolize the continuity of their intent:

His Holiness Dorje Chang Buddha III through his spiritual leadership and teachings has advanced the cause of Peace unheralded but effective in constructive support of bringing together people of disparate backgrounds working towards the common goal of Peace.

Hon Benjamin Gilman, former Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs, has over the years demonstrated his deep commitment to achieving and maintaining Peace through his constructive leadership in bringing together world leaders and resolving differences through peaceful means and in turn defusing tensions that had the potential for disastrous consequences.

The two leaders, one spiritual and one political, are demonstrative of the fact that real Peace has its origins in multifaceted dimensions. This award strips away religious differences. The donor, Dr. Han Min Su is an evangelical Christian and makes the award to a Buddhist leader and a Jewish politico, plus he adds the ingredient of Church and State working together to make this world a safer place.

A humanitarian award is also presented to the Civil Air Patrol of the United States and its 60,000 volunteers for the dedicated humanitarian services in search and rescue who risk their own lives to rescue others. This is the purpose and the motivation behind The World Peace Prize awards we give today.

Think of it. If this spirit could pervade all of society; instead of devoting our energies and resources to War we could concentrate our resources to lifting up the poor, healing the sick and in common purpose to find the answers to the scourges that challenge all of mankind.



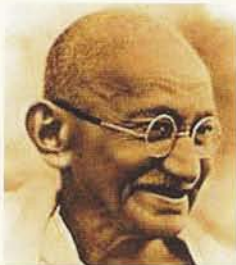
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TOP HONOR PRIZE PAST RECIPIENTS



President Ronald Reagan, U.S.A.

Former President of the United States



Hon Mahatma Gandhi, India*

Pre-eminent political and ideological leader of India



H.E. Yitzhak Rabin

Former Prime Minister of Israel



H.E. Fidel Valdez Ramos

Former President of Philippines



Gen. Yakubu Gowon

Former President of Republic of Nigeria

*Awarded posthumously



H.E. Syngman Rhee

Former (first) President of South Korea



H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid

Former President of Indonesia



H.E. Punsalmaagiin Ochirbat

Former President of Mongolia



H.E. Hosni Mubarak

Former President of Egypt



H. E. Kuniwo Nakamura

Former President of Palau



H.E. Meles Zenawi

Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia



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H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III is recognized by the World Peace Prize Awarding Council for his selfless devotion to an immensely wide scope of healing and rescue-relief activities directed at people from different communities throughout the world. His wisdom and benevolence embrace all races, ethnicities, cultures and religions: bringing kindness, peace and equality to all. Wherever he goes, His Holiness brings unity amongst people through His own humility and compassion. His life-long contributions to humanity are living examples of the benevolent spirit of Buddha, setting a model of humanitarian practices for all to emulate. His Holiness' noble character is manifested through His teachings, healing, art and philanthropy; leading people from all walks of life and from different parts of the world to walk the path of high virtue and charity. His Holiness' thinking and accomplishments has become the spiritual and cultural asset of all humankind.

The Buddha is also a distinguished artist. Through his teachings and practices, art and poetry, H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III has pointed out a bright path of non-violence, charity and love for humanity. He has been the recipient of numerous awards including the United States Presidential Gold Award for His outstanding contributions to arts, medicine, ethics, Buddhism and spiritual leadership, and to American society. H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III is the first Buddhist leader to be awarded the World Peace Prize.

H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III is the Buddhist leader of the highest order: the Buddha Vajradhara, true incarnation of the primordial Buddha of the Buddhist faith, recognized as such in accordance with Buddhist rules and governance. His outstanding mastery of exoteric Buddhism, esoteric Buddhist, and the Five Vidyas is unprecedented in Buddhist history. Many of His disciples are great Dharma Kings and international dignitaries. Yet He is most humble and always refers to himself as a "servant of living beings."

He teaches that each person should, starting with oneself, change one's environment, protect the earth, protect humanity, and promote peace and joy amongst all living beings. As a result, they will attain liberation from distress and suffering, and become respectable and joyful individuals. Institutions and groups from all over the world have established schools and classes for the sole purpose of learning from His audio discourses.

The Buddha leads by example the daily practice of selflessness, charity and humility. People from all over the world regard H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III as their model, His moral state as their standard, and His teachings as their guide. The discourses of H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III has become a vibrant social thought system and philosophy. Those who practice His teachings naturally become committed to charitable endeavors: bringing joy and relief to local and international communities, promoting peace and equality in humanity.



Wherever he goes, His Holiness brings unity amongst people through His humility and compassion. In 1995, when H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III first visited Taiwan from mainland China, the people of Taiwan gave him an overwhelming reception. More than 10,000 people greeted Him at the airport. The motorcade spans 1,700 cars proceeding from the airport into the city. It was the grandest reception ever witnessed in Taiwanese history. Chiang Yan-Shi, the Secretary-General to the President of Taiwan, conducted the opening ceremony for the art exhibition of H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III held at the Sun Yat -Sen Memorial Hall. During His short three-week stay in Taiwan, H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III was deeply respected and emulated by civilians and government officials alike. Dignitaries sought to learn from His noble ethics, morality, thinking and practices.

The revered Buddha has vowed to bear the sufferings of all living beings. In His own words published in *The Supreme and Unsurpassable Mahamudra of Liberation*, "When other living beings and I are suffering, I want those other living beings to extricate themselves from suffering before I do. ...I dedicate to all living beings all of the merit and accomplishments from my cultivation in the hope that they will leave suffering and attain liberation." Many people offer great fortunes in gratitude and appreciation for His holiness' teaching, but it is His steadfast principle to never accept any material offerings from anyone. Rather, He never hesitates to practice charity and relief to those in need.

People from different countries and regions, of different races and ethnicities seek to learn from H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III's profound wisdom, revered ethics, selfless compassion, sincere adherence to the principles of benevolence, and relentless advancement of peace and equality amongst living beings. Wherever He goes, H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III tirelessly benefits people regardless of race, nationality, social status, age, religion, or culture.

His Holiness is also an outstanding artist, poet, scholar and philosopher. In 1994, intellectuals from forty-eight countries and regions recognized H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III as a "Distinguished International Master" at the "World Poets and Culture Congress." The Buddha was named a "Fellow" by the prestigious Royal Academy of Arts in the United Kingdom. He is the first international artist to have received such honor in the institutions 200 years' history. His magnificent works are permanently on view at the International Art Museum of America in San Francisco.

Through his teachings and practices, art and poetry, H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III has pointed out a bright path of non-violence, peace and charity and for humanity; a path to pursue success in one's career, joy in one's family life, peace amongst mankind, societal progress and the advancement of civilization.