

The World Harmony Run proudly supports the
UNESCO/United Nations initiative for 2010:
International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures



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2010 WORLD HARMONY RUN CEREMONY West Block, Parliament Hill

Ottawa – The 2010 World Harmony Run ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 25th in Room 200 of the West Block on Parliament Hill at 12:00 noon in celebration and support of UNESCO's 2010: **The International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures**. The World Harmony Run, now in its 23rd year of running, is an official event for this 2010 UNESCO initiative. (Visit www.worldharmonyrun.org/unesco_year)

In attendance will be the **Hon. Peter Milliken** along with other members of Parliament, and representatives from the diplomatic community.

The May 25th ceremony will feature a video presentation showing the international scope and success of the World Harmony Run; as well as the presentation of the **Torch-Bearer Award to Ray Zahab, founder of impossible2Possible, and Geoff Green, founder of Students On Ice** polar expeditions.

The **World Harmony Run** was founded in 1987 by Sri Chinmoy, who held Peace Meditations at the United Nations from 1970 until his passing in 2007. This global event fosters the ideals of harmony by the symbolic passing of flaming Torches from hand to hand throughout the world. The Run is organised by an international network of volunteers inspired by Sri Chinmoy's vision of a more peaceful world. The Run has received a wonderful reception in Canada and the more than 140 countries it has visited over the past two decades.

Ceremony details: **Tuesday, May 25th
12 Noon – 12:30 p.m.
Room 200, West Block
Parliament Hill**

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