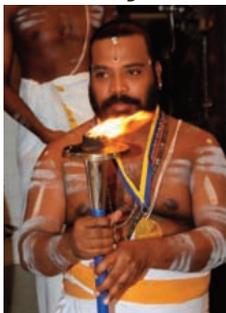




NEWS

A Malaysian New Year



Mr. Sharma, resident priest, led our team around the KIAMANTAN Hindu Temple dedicated to Mother Kali in a symbolic invocation of blessings for the start of 2011.



Malaysian youth take great delight in learning the World Harmony Run song. We met them as we carried the torch around the island of Pangkor. Malaysia embodies a spirit of interfaith harmony and this is a message we will carry as we visit countries throughout 2011.



Canadian explorer and education-
alist, Geoff Green, brings the torch
to Antarctica.



Nepal's Deputy President, the Right Honorable Paramanda Jha, received our Torch-Bearer Award.

Nepal

Starting in the ancient city of Bhaktapur (recognized as a UNESCO world heritage site) an international team of runners from more than 30 countries ran to Kathmandu where the torch was officially received by the Deputy President.

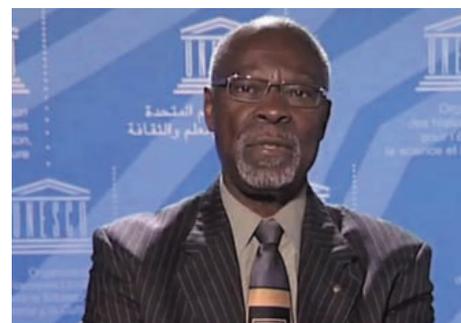
World Harmony Run in Antarctica!

Last year we were honored to meet Canadian Geoff Green, Founder & Executive Director of Students on Ice, an award-winning organization offering unique educational expeditions to the Antarctic and the Arctic.

We presented Geoff with our Torch-Bearer award for his outstanding service, especially towards youth.

On that day Geoff promised to take the torch to Antarctica and here is the proof!

*World Harmony Run
Means the beauty
Of the universal heart
And the fragrance
Of the transcendental soul.
- Sri Chinmoy*



UNESCO Appreciation

President of UNESCO's General Conference, Dr. Davidson Hepburn, sent us a powerfully inspiring video recording of his appreciation for the activities associated with the Run.

He concludes by saying, "I wish you continued success as you expand your efforts, guided by Sri Chinmoy's visionary spirit, to encourage active world citizenship from individuals on all continents. I am certain that initiatives such as the World Harmony Run contribute significantly to the realisation of one of UNESCO's principal mandates: mutual understanding and our shared determination to build and strengthen a culture of peace and harmony."



A Palestinian student, Razan, holds the torch with an Israeli student, Yoav, on a student expedition to Antarctica.



Bali

Balinese dancers get ready to perform as part of a welcoming ceremony for the torch.

Story excerpted from Utpal Marshal's Blog - heartlotus.blogspot.com

“When participating in the World Harmony Run you are always offered an opportunity to have a powerful new experience. It will be one in which you can always trust, that not only are you most assuredly adding to the forward progress of your life journey, but also perhaps doing something positive for the world at large.

The event in Sudaji, Bali, was one that was somehow simpler than the simplest, and yet at the same time, an all embracing heart felt spectacular.

At each stop small trees were planted, songs sung, games played, and everyone included in some way. To be part of the World Harmony Run doesn't require much. Run along with torch as best you can, and if the route is just too hard, walk a ways as well.

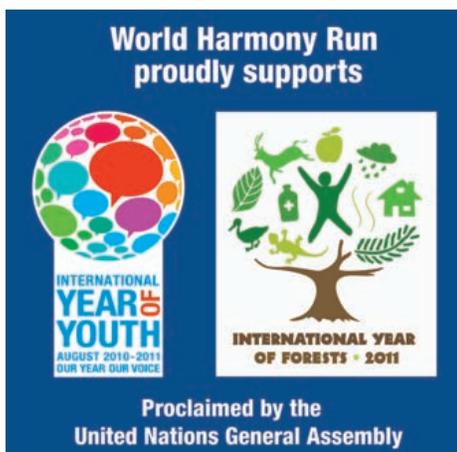
For the littlest ones it all may appear so new and so big and yet they just might feel the greater world beyond their doors. Maybe feel that peace can fill the world once and for all.



We ran through gorgeous rice fields and exquisite villages.

I am far away now and months have passed. Yet as I once again go over the pictures I took that grey Monday in Sudaji, the soulful tranquility of that special day all returns. I know how much I was inspired by its peace and beauty. I hope that perhaps, that all those we met there, just might remember the World Harmony Run as well and feel that during our brief visit they could touch the world with their own unique peace, and share for just a little while, paradise with their world family.”

World Harmony Run supports United Nations Initiatives



In keeping with Sri Chinmoy's tradition of encouraging special initiatives of the United Nations we are proud to support the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding.

The slogan is: “Our Year, Our Voice”

and at many run events youth express their aspiration for harmony. Among its goals is the sharing and dissemination among youth "the ideals of peace, freedom, progress, solidarity and dedication to the objectives and goals of progress and development, including the Millennium Development Goals.”

In another initiative, the United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 2011 as the International Year of Forests.

We support this initiative by encouraging the planting of “Harmony Trees” at ceremonies around the world.

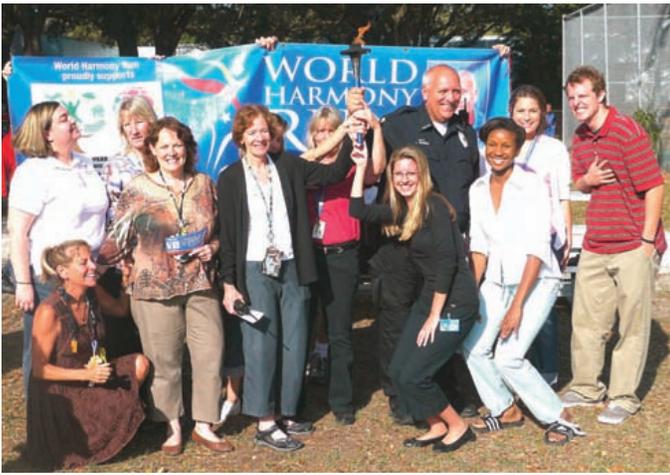


The resolution on the International Year of Youth specifically mentioned "...the inaugural Youth Olympic Games, to be held in Singapore from 14 to 26 August 2010, the aim of which is to inspire young people around the world to embrace, embody and express the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect..." We visited that park in Singapore early this year.

US News

Florida March 24 - 25 2011

As part of a whirlwind trip to Florida the World Harmony Run called in at Calvin A. Hunsinger, a school that is providing exceptional student education for Emotional Behavior Disorder. We were very graciously received by the teachers and moved by the politeness and attentiveness of the students. We could tell how engaged the teachers were and it definitely came through in their caring and nurturing relationships with the students. After a presentation and showing our video we headed outside for some running.



Teachers from Calvin Hunsinger, a Pinellas County School, were a remarkably dedicated and inspired group as you could ever hope to meet.

Later that same day we carried the torch as part of the St. Petersburg Illuminated Night Parade.



Over 15,000 people lined the streets for the St. Petersburg Parade and we passed the torch to most of them.



Accompanied by members of the International Folk Fair Society, we walked the parade route.



The Lakewood High School marching band were the best we saw - they really gave the crowd a great show.



Philadelphia



Philadelphia Eagles mascot, Swoop, leads the kids 1-miler holding the torch.



Pragati and Bahula came and lent their support. They are shown in front of a children's art contest.

Celebrating Earth Day

On April 20th we participated in an Earth Day celebration organized by the Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. This beautiful park is the location where we traditionally launch the International World Harmony Run every other year. It was tremendous to see all the various groups so actively engaged in building a sustainable future for our planet.



New York City Council Member, Daniel R. Garodnick, joined with our team to celebrate Earth Day.

The Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation invited us to participate in their city's largest race - The Broad Street Run - a 10 mile race which boasts participation of over 30,000 people.

We had a booth at their expo where we shared the torch and information about the Run. On race day we took the torch to the children's events and joined in the kids races and watched the finish.

Europe in Washington



Enthusiastic torch-bearer



Spain's Ambassador



Winston Churchill



Greek Dancers



Jayashri and Kalyanika



Transcendence-Perfection-Bliss of the Beyond



British Troopers



Finland's Ambassador



Netherland's Ambassador

On May 7 in Washington DC, we took a "Shortcut to Europe." The delegation of the European Union to the United States, along with the Embassies of the 27 EU Member States, opened their doors to the Washington public.

As we literally ran over 16,000 miles through 49 European Countries in 2010 we thought it might be a nice idea to take the Torch to many of these Embassies.

We met with many Ambassadors who were eager to hear our experiences from their country as well as countless DC residents who were out to experience Europe in their backyard.



Jefferson Memorial

We Need Your Help...

We are proud to announce that in 2012 we will once again be running 10,000 miles through 50 states, as well as celebrating our 25th Anniversary (1987 - 2012).

This year in keeping with our tradition of doing the Run on a smaller scale every second year, we are having local events. With your wonderful support we have already had a number of very successful ones.

Upcoming events will be taking place in New York City in Cooperation with the New York City Parks Summer Camp Program as well as in Connecticut with the World Youth Peace Summit, among others.

Get Involved

If you would like to organize a World Harmony Run visit to a school or community group, please contact Salil 646 327 2812.

Donations

While the Run is not a fund raising event, we do rely on donations to cover our administrative and operational expenses. If you can support these efforts, please make checks out to World Harmony Run and send to:

**Salil Wilson, World Harmony Run,
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