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### プレスリリース

WORLD RUN PARMONY RUN RUN PARMONY RUN RUN Running for Peace and Harmony since 1987

世界 100 カ国をトーチを持って走る平和のリレー、 ワールドハーモニー・ランの世界開会式が マンハッタンで行われます!

提唱者: Sri Chinmoy

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イベント概要:トーチを掲げリレーしながら地元の子どもさんや市民の方と交流し平和と調和を願う心を分かち合う当イベントは今年で 25 周年。100 か国から集まったボランティア・ランナーが入場、トーチに採火し、世界各地のリレーへ向かう出発式を行います。国連代表部・機関から及び音楽の分野からもゲストをお招きし、文化や国を超えた平和・友情への願いを共有するひと時を持ちます。

日時:4月12日(木)13:00より(1時間程度)

場所: Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues)

見どころ:国連日本代表部から兒玉和夫特命全権大使(国際連合日本政府次席代表)ご出席予定です。ワールドハーモニー・ランは人類の意識の向上のため各界で貢献した方に「トーチ・ベアラー賞」を授与していますが、今年は同賞を日本の代表の方々に贈呈します。昨年の大震災以来世界に日本が示してくれた一体感・前進・勇気を称え感謝の気持ちからです。プレゼンターには、国連事務局からチョードリー大使(Senior Special Advisor to the President, Office of the President of the 66th session of the General Assembly: Former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations)を予定しております。同氏は1990-93に日本・ニュージーランド・オーストラリアのUNICEF ディレクターも務められました。

日本のランについて:今年はニュージーランドからカザフスタンまで 11 か国を 4 カ月かけてつなぐ初のアジアパシフィック・ランを開催中。ニュージーランドでの 3 月初めの出発式には在オークランド日本総領事がご出席・激励くださいました。日本は 9 カ国のメンバーで 5 月 7 日~11 日に仙台~石巻~大船渡~宮古~盛岡~秋田を走り、地元の方とも多く交流します。日本からのメンバーも上記セレモニーに出席いたします。

日本コースについての詳しい情報は下記のホームページでどうぞ。 www.worldharmonyrun.org/japan

詳しくは次ページの英文プレスリリースをご覧ください。

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## 25 Years Running for Peace and Harmony Torch Relay Launches Across from United Nations

New York – On **Thursday, April 12 at 1:00pm in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza** (47th Street between 1st and 2nd Ave) the World Harmony Run (<a href="www.worldharmonyrun.org">www.worldharmonyrun.org</a>) will celebrate 25 years of running for peace and harmony with an international line-up of United Nations representatives and special guests.

Keynote speakers for the event will be Dr. Davidson Hepburn, former President of UNESCO and Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, former Under-Secreatry General and High Representative of the UN.

The New York City Housing Authority Youth Choir under the direction of Larry Matthew will sing as will Belinda Munro, Donor artist from Sing for Hope. The Torch-Bearer Award will be given to H.E. Mr. Kazuo Kodama of the Japanese Mission for the recent tsunami relief efforts and to Ms. Paula Savage of the International Peace Garden Foundation.

Locally the Run will set off from New York City on its 50-state 4-month journey. The European torch relay began in Portugal in February and will end in October in Vienna, Austria. Relay runs will also occur in Canada, South America, Asia, Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Since the inaugural Run in 1987, more than five-million people have participated and a total mileage equal to more than 13 times around the circumference of the earth have been run. Endorsements have come from many world leaders, members of Congress, governors and mayors.

The World Harmony Run was inspired by the visionary Sri Chinmoy as a way to give citizens a dynamic way to express their own hopes and dreams for a more harmonious world. An athlete, philosopher, artist, musician and poet, Sri Chinmoy dedicated his life to advancing the ideals of world harmony and said, "If we have perseverance, then that is our first step towards world harmony."

An estimated 50,000 children in over 1,000 cities and towns on the 10,000-mile US route are expected to participate when World Harmony Runners visit schools and youth organizations.

The US portion will complete its journey mid-August in New York City.

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