United Nations Association of New York
2008 Humanitarian Awards Dinner

Celebrating UN Day and the UN Millennium Development Goal Ensuring Environmental Sustainability

Climate Change—A Call for Action!

October 23rd, 2008 at the United Nations

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The state of the world’s waters remains fragile, and the need for a sound and sustainable approach to water resource management is pressing. Yet water care remains an underserved and underappreciated area, and water reserves continue to be wasted and degraded throughout our world.

Glaciers from the Artic to the Antarctic and from Kilimanjaro to the Andes are melting at a dangerous rate. The devastating effects of hurricanes, droughts, floods and other erratic weather patterns caused by climate change can be seen across the planet.

It is the world’s poorest who suffer most. On average, people in developing countries have an 80 per cent greater chance of being affected by a climate disaster than those living in developed States.

Shortages and other hardships that result from these calamities are increasing economic, social and political tensions, raising the threat of violence and instability. Drought is forcing women to walk greater distances to fetch water, putting their personal security at risk, while girls are forced to miss school to help cope with the daily struggle to survive.

Climate change is not a theoretical issue to be debated exclusively in scientific circles – it is a very real problem that all countries must respond to through bold and decisive engagement.

We have a global foundation for action in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol. The first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol concludes at the end of 2012, and the clock is ticking. We need a deal by the December 2009 Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen.

Even as negotiators work to hammer out an agreement, citizens everywhere are doing their part to reduce our collective carbon footprint.

The United Nations Association of New York, with its ability to educate, inspire and mobilize the New York City community in support of the principles and priorities of the United Nations, is making a significant contribution to both individual and international efforts to address this pressing global challenge.

I welcome the decision by UNA-NY to highlight the issue of climate change at its 2008 Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner and hope that its call for action is met with a resounding response.

Ban Ki-moon
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RECEPTION
6:30 - 7:30 pm
United Nations Visitors Lobby

DINNER
8:00 pm
Delegates Dining Room

WELCOME REMARKS
Peter Rajsingh Ph.D.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Ambassador Joseph Verner Reed

VIDEO PRESENTATION
The History and Work of the United Nations Association of New York

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations

His Excellency Mr. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
The President of the Republic of Iceland

Mr. Sadayuki Sakakibara
President, Toray Industries, Inc.

WORLDVIEW INSTITUTE PRESENTATION
Dr. Rosemary Clemens, Co-Founder

PERFORMANCE
“Peace Unto You” by Maya Raviv

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The United Nations Association of New York (www.unanyc.org) is the New York chapter of UNA-USA, a not for profit organization dedicated to educating, inspiring and mobilizing Americans to support the principles and vital work of the United Nations, strengthening the United Nations system, promoting constructive United States leadership in that system, and achieving the goals of the UN Charter.

The specific vision of UNA-NY is that New Yorkers understand the role of the United Nations as an indispensable vehicle for multilateral diplomacy that seeks to spare the world from the scourge of war, ensure that human rights are honored and protect the natural environment. UNA-NY envisions the United States as a productive member of the United Nations.

The chapter furthers its work through a combination of public outreach and education. We conduct monthly programs for members and guests on subjects relevant to the UN and international affairs with expert speakers.

Speakers are distinguished scholars, educators, authors, and experts and have included Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, author James Traub, Ambassador Nirupam Sen, Permanent Representative of India to the UN, Isobel Coleman, Council on Foreign Relations, Alicia Barcena, Under-Secretary General for Management, and Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary General.

Program subjects have included for example: Women’s Empowerment and Development, the Mission of UNESCO, Human Rights in Venezuela, and Turmoil in Pakistan.

Our latest program, the Worldview Institute continues to attract new students and faculty. We had a ten week seminar series last fall and this spring that took place in different missions to the UN. The program addressed globalization issues in order to prepare emerging management

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members with an understanding of corporate responsibility and the political and cultural contexts of doing business in various regions of the world. We had a total of 43 students and 28 faculty members. We have also started our Ambassador Series co-sponsored by the Columbia Club of New York. Our first speaker was Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Later this year we will hear from the Permanent Representatives of Egypt and Chile.

Other outreach programs include Kids at the U.N. which targets 8-10 year olds from elementary schools in New York City. They are exposed to the United Nations and its work through U.N. tours and interactive discussions about global issues with U.N. representatives.

Each October we celebrate UN Day with an event honoring individuals who have made significant contributions in international affairs. Past award recipients include Kofi and Nane Annan, Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland, Carol Bellamy of UNICEF, Olara Otunnu, Sir Brian Urquhart, Harry Belafonte, the late Sergio Vieira de Mello, Robert Corcoran of General Electric Foundation and Anne Veneman of UNICEF. Last year we honored Antony Burgmans, former Chairman of Unilever, Guy Laliberte, Founder of Cirque du Soleil and One Drop Foundation and Rotary International.

This year’s UN Day focuses on climate change and the environment and we recognize Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, President of Iceland and Mr. Sadayuki Sakakibara, President of Toray Industries, Inc., three extraordinary people who remain steadfast in their efforts to address this global challenge.

Education remains our core focus. We encourage frank and open dialogue about the UN predicated on principles of responsible global participation among New York City’s citizenry. As host chapter of the United Nations Association, we are in a unique position to tell the UN story and be a force for its on-going relevance in the new Millennium.
Shiseido is proud to support the fund-raising efforts of The United Nations Association of New York and warmly congratulates this year’s honorees:

Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations

Mr. Ólafur Ragnar Grimsson
President of Iceland

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1998 Olara A. Otunnu
1999 Sergio Vieira de Mello
2000 Giandomenico Picco
2001 Harry Belafonte & Brian Urquhart
2002 Shashi Tharoor
2003 Gillian Sorensen
2004 Mary Robinson
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This ceramic art piece representing the tree of life was created exclusively for UNA-NY by international artist and potter, Miranda Thomas. Praised for her traditional craftsmanship, Miranda Thomas’ pieces have been acquired by some of the most influential private collections in the world including Pope John Paul II, Bill Clinton, Kofi Annan and leaders in the Middle East.

A limited edition series of 22 Tree of Life vases has been made by the potter and one can be seen on each table tonight. You can purchase the piece tonight at a special price of $350.

The potter has graciously donated all proceeds from such purchases to assist in the extraordinary effort by UNA/NY to supporting the principles and vital work of the United Nations and promoting constructive United States leadership at the United Nations.

Please contact Ann Nicol at 212-907-1353 for more information.

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