



## SGI Peace News

Newsletter introducing Soka Gakkai International (SGI)'s activities to promote a culture of peace

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### Anti-Nuclear Weapons Exhibition in Germany

Waldorf, Germany, July 9, 2015

The exhibition "Everything You Treasure –For a World Free from Nuclear Weapons" was launched at the city hall of Walldorf and began with a flag hoisting ceremony of the Mayor's for Peace Flag in front of the city hall. Mr. Heinz-Peter Becker, the mayor of the city Moerfelden-Walldorf attended the opening and delivered a speech expressing the honor to be the first city to host this exhibition in Germany.

Ms. Ayako Daniel, an opera singer at the Hessian State Theatre sang the song "Hana wa saku" (flower will bloom) which touched the hearts of participants.



### [SGI Joins Faith Groups in Launching Statement Condemning Nuclear Weapons](#)

New York, US, May 1, 2015

SGI, together with other faith-based organizations, contributed to drafting the statement titled "Faith Communities Concerned about the Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons" which powerfully denounces the need for nuclear weapons in today's world and criticizes the vast amounts of resources diverted from investment in genuine human security. Signatories pledge, as people of faith, to communicate within their respective faith communities the inhumane and immoral nature of nuclear weapons and the unacceptable risks they pose, and to call for the early commencement of negotiations by governments on a new legal instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons...[more](#)



### [SGI-Nepal Earthquake Relief Activities](#)

Kathmandu, Nepal, May 20, 2015

In response to the April 25 and May 12 earthquakes in Nepal, SGI-Nepal members have been carrying out relief activities both in the capital city of Kathmandu and surrounding areas.

On the day of the first earthquake, the SGI-Nepal Peace Center in Kathmandu opened its doors and grounds to about 600 people in need of shelter, providing medical masks and first aid. [...more](#)



## Consolidating Peoples' Agenda for Development Justice

Bangkok, Thailand, May 17-18, 2015

“Does current development make sense for social minorities including LGBTs or migrants? Can we say that justice exists there?”

These questions were posed by civil society representatives at the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD), convened in Bangkok on May 21-22 by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). It was the second regional meeting under the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) for sustainable development.

Prior to this, a civil society forum was convened with a title of "Consolidating Peoples' Agenda for Development Justice" at the Nouvo City Hotel. In this forum focal points of 17 constituencies of Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (APRCM) were elected. An SGI representative attended both of the forums and shared lessons learned through its collaborating initiatives with other NGOs which have contributed to disseminating minorities' voices in the fields of nuclear abolition and disaster risk reduction.



***This bimonthly SGI Peace News provides recent updates on SGI's public educational activities to help raise awareness on issues such as nuclear disarmament, human rights, sustainable development, interfaith cooperation and humanitarian assistance.***

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