

In Global Peace and Global University System and Prof. Dr. Takeshi Utsumi

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“Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.” Universal Declaration of Human Rights, General Assembly of the United Nations, 1948.

These holistic viewpoints must become the basis for developing conceptual and operational frameworks of education. Common sense and research at all levels, by all people, and for all issues, is not only useful but a necessity for the construction of a creative world embedded with truth, beauty, and goodness. We neither want peace without development nor development without peace. We must overcome our fears of one another by first creating trust, building friendships, developing intimacy, and finally, by achieving a heightened consciousness through mindfulness.

It is my sincere hope that this conference will help to foster a new era of peace e-Learning and hopefulness, and I am encouraged by the fact that many of us here today are already building bridges between the organizations working with people-to-people. In my opinion, education has always been considered in the Palestinian mind as one of the key components for nation building and also for the development of genuine and sustainable peace, human right and democracy

Today, new ways to learn and communicate are being developed. Through these new methods, it is possible to create a space where all e-nations children and young adults can learn about each other and build friendships, understanding, and compassion, all in a relaxed and fun environment. Therefore, I encourage you all to continue to pave the way for progress on the road to peace by developing methods to foster the social and political change needed to achieve true peace between all e-nations with its people, the people –to-people.

As the world is becoming smaller, technology has become a basic part of our lives. Information Technology has succeeded in improving knowledge and opening doors. But here in the Middle East, one of the most important spots in the world, we are still only in the midst of developing this process. Nonetheless, technology is increasingly important within **The Occupied Palestinian Territories** and there has been a notable development in the Information Technology infrastructure.

In a world where every aspect of life is increasingly dependent upon scientific and technological progress, the promotion of capacity building and education in science and technology is paramount for all nations. Indeed, we must not only strive to achieve sustainable development but also need to create scientifically and technologically literate citizens, with the interest of ensuring true democracy.

During the Peace e-Learning process and current events have perhaps taught us, that many people in the Middle Eastern region are experiencing one of the most important times in their lives right now. But, today, many scholars strive to live peacefully together in the Middle East. To encourage this development, much needs to be done in order to prepare people to think independently, and to become tolerant, open-minded, democratic, and responsive to the needs of peace and the development of their societies. This development will allow us to construct a long lasting and durable peace together.

The people of the Middle East have to understand that in order to live harmoniously, it is necessary to make sure that others live under the same conditions. To encourage the positive developments of democracy, tolerance and open mindedness, intelligent and creative people must exemplify peaceful coexistence and mutual understanding.

Spreading a culture of peace and tolerance is one of the main objectives of **Gaza International Foundation for Peace on Earth (GIFPE)**. We believe that our tireless efforts will eventually cause fanaticism and extremism to shrink and melt into an ocean of understanding and respect created in this part of the world in the future.

GIFPE would like to encourage Middle-Easterners and the international community to share our views about this critical issue that is facing many communities today. **In Global Peace through Global University System and Democracy Education Process** will benefit our region in many ways, and will surely bring people together to discuss issues, learn from one another, and develop mutual understanding and respect. That is why we need The Global Peace and Global University System.

Thank you

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