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Educational Endowment Trust (EET) is a non-profit and non-governmental, public charitable trust incorporated and registered in India with the main objective of imparting world-class education to the students through various schools set up/ run/ managed by the Trust all over India.

We think that ignorance is the worst enemy of the humanity, and today we believe, it is the illiteracy which lies under many problems that humanity is unable to solve. In this respect we applaud all the steps taken, no matter by whom, and see there are a lot to do beside the works done, and feel ourselves as the most responsible before anyone else. Without regarding any religion, language, race or creed, we believe, we can meet at the common denominator of being human; and we think love, brotherhood and tolerance are the main values which humanity is looking for.

Our educational volunteers have accepted the principle 'there is no limit in learning'. Besides the knowledge, information and experience, they believe that humanity has much to learn from India with its education, culture and vast tolerance coming from the depths of its history.



Amit Shah
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श्री सबन कुसुकजोरोग्लू जी,

यह जानकर प्रसन्नता हुई कि 'एजूकेशनल एंडोमेंट ट्रस्ट', द्वारा 'अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय भाषा एवं संस्कृति महोत्सव २०१६' का अनोखा कार्यक्रम आयोजित हो रहा है।

किसी भी समाज की समृद्धि का आधार शिक्षा होता है। समाज जितना अधिक शिक्षित एवं कौशलपूर्ण होगा, उतना ही अधिक विकसित होगा। शिक्षा एवं संस्कृति किसी भी राष्ट्र की उन्नति का मूल मंत्र है। यह कार्यक्रम भारतीय संस्कृति एवं परम्परा की सुदृढ़ता एवं जीवंतता प्रदान करते हुए 'वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्' का भाव वृद्धि करने में अपना महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देगा।

मैं 'अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय भाषा एवं संस्कृति महोत्सव २०१६' कार्यक्रम की सफलता हेतु अपनी हार्दिक शुभेच्छायें व्यक्त करता हूँ। वैश्विक एक परिवार की भावना को लेकर सहभाग करने वाले प्रतिभागियों एवं कलाकारों को बधाई देता हूँ।

शुभकामनाओं सहित।

भवदीय

(अमित शाह)

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Introduction

The International Festival of Language and Culture is unlike any other event in the world. Bringing together students from over 160 countries, it is unique in its ability to foster dialogue, respect and education among the world's most important citizens - its youth.

Since our humble beginning in 2003, the IFLC has grown into a global phenomenon. Our events will soon expand to over 40 countries, where attendees will be regaled with extraordinary songs, glorious tales, and poems that will enrich the spirit. We believe that every culture has something unique to offer the world community, and these culture showcases demonstrate that we are made stronger when we can come together and listen to one another.

Though some claim that our world is in the midst of a clash of civilizations, we are more hopeful. And this is why the IFLC celebrates diversity and respect - from the rich historical cities of Europe to the vibrant communities of South Africa and from up and coming Kazakhstan to the multicultural shores of the USA.

We truly believe that the best way to combat violence and injustice is through education and a sharing of cultural values. It's through such learning and dialogue that the bonds of friendship are formed and peace can be attained .

As citizens of one world, we have a responsibility to one another - to behave justly, to behave with tolerance, and to love each other as fellow humans. Who better to spread this message than the future leaders of our world - the children who see no ethnic, religious, or cultural boundaries, but who simply see different threads on the same tapestry?

The IFLC is proud to be optimistic in a cynical world. And we're proud to bring more than 2000 students together every year to celebrate both their unique stories and the ultimate story of humanity. We're excited to grow even bigger in the future, and to continue promoting respect, dialogue, and love.



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Sonia Gandhi
President

MESSAGE

Investing in education is especially rewarding. Education is the key that opens the minds of the young, enables them to fulfil their potential and opens the doors of opportunity for them to realize their dreams. However, simply to go to school does not ensure that a child receives a real education. What matters is the quality of the learning, the values children imbibe in school and, of course, the dedication of the teachers. Children spend their most formative years in a school, where their teachers are their mentors, guides and role models, and the culture of a school determines the values and ethics they grow up with. It is both a challenge and a huge responsibility that schools and teachers have, to shape the future of a young generation.

I am glad to learn of the activities of the Education Endowment Trust headed by Mr Saban Kucukzoroglu, and the fine schools that the Trust is associated with in Delhi. I wish them every success in their work in the field of education.

New Delhi
January 13, 2016

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परिचय

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय भाषा और संस्कृति महोत्सव दुनिया के दूसरे समारोहों से बिल्कुल जुदा है, यह महोत्सव 160 से भी अधिक देशों के छात्रों को एक साथ लाकर विश्व के सबसे महत्वपूर्ण नागरिकों – युवाओं में आदर और शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने में और संवाद स्थापित करने में अनन्य रूप से सक्षम हैं।

2003 में अपनी एक विनम्र शुरुआत से अब तक आईएफएलसी एक वैश्विक आयोजन बनकर उभरा है, हमारे समारोह जल्द ही 40 से भी अधिक देशों में मनाये जायेंगे, जहाँ पर प्रतिभागी विशेष गीतों, शानदार कहानियों और उत्साहवर्धन करने वाली कविताओं से खुशियां बिखेरेंगे। हमारा ऐसा मानना है कि संसार की सभी संस्कृतियों के पास विश्व को देने के लिए कई अनूठी चीजें हैं। यह सांस्कृतिक प्रदर्शन यह प्रमाणित करते हैं कि हम जब भी एक साथ होते हैं और एक-दूसरे की सुनते हैं तो हम और भी ज़्यादा मज़बूत होते हैं।

हालाँकि कुछ लोगों का यह दावा है कि हमारी दुनिया सभ्यताओं के संघर्ष से जूझ रही है, पर हम फिर भी आशावान हैं। शायद यही कारण है कि आईएफएलसी यूरोप के सुंदर और ऐतिहासिक नगरों से लेकर दक्षिण अफ्रीका के उत्साही समुदायों तक और कजाखिस्तान की सुदूर ऊँचाइयों से लेकर बहुसांस्कृतिक संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका के समुद्री किनारों तक विविधता और सम्मान के इस जश्न को मनाता है।

हम यकीनन यह मानते हैं कि शिक्षा और सांस्कृतिक मूल्यों का आदान-प्रदान ही हिंसा और अन्याय का सामना करने के सबसे कारगर उपाय है। इन्हीं शिक्षा और संवादों से ही दोस्ती के रिश्ते पनपते हैं और दुनिया में शान्ति स्थापित की जा सकती है।

एक ही दुनिया के नागरिक होने के नाते हमारी एक-दूसरे के प्रति न्यायपूर्ण, सहनशील, मानवीय और मित्रवत व्यवहार करने की ज़िम्मेदारी बनती है। इस संदेश को हमारे भावी विश्व नेताओं से बेहतर और कौन समझ सकता है। वे बच्चे जो किसी प्रकार के भी जातीय, धार्मिक अथवा सांस्कृतिक सीमाएँ नहीं देखते बल्कि इन सभी को एक ही चित्रपट पर कई रंग – बिरंगे धागों के रूप में देखते हैं।

आईएफएलसी आज के इस कूटिल और निराशाजनक विश्व में आशावान बने रहने पर गर्व महसूस करता है। हर वर्ष नए 2000 छात्रों को एक साथ लाकर और उनकी मानवीयता की महान और अद्वितीय कहानियों को मंच देकर सम्मान महसूस करता है। हम भविष्य में और भी फलने – फूलने, सम्मान और प्रेम को बढ़ावा देने और संवाद स्थापित करने में लगे रहने के प्रति बहुत उत्साहित हैं।



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डॉ. महेश शर्मा
Dr. Mahesh Sharma



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MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF TOURISM & CULTURE AND
MINISTER OF STATE OF CIVIL AVIATION
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

MESSAGE

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is a philosophy that communicates an understanding that the whole world is one family. It is a philosophy that tries to cultivate an understanding that the whole of humanity is just one family. The first word is made up of three Sanskrit words - **Vasudha, Eva** and **Kutumbakam**. **Vasudha** means the earth, **Eva** means emphasizing and **Kutumbakam** means a family.

The International Festival of Language and Culture has seemed to have implemented the practice of this great Indian philosophy within its performance. It is awesome to witness that those who share that sort of vision have placed the idea that it offers in tradition.

If we achieve to get all the nations of the world with goodwill, especially the young people to manifest themselves through performing arts, our descendants and we are bound to live in a more peaceful world.

I would like to express my thanks to IFLC for carrying out this impressive event in India and abroad, causing hope and awareness of global peace and furthermore add our thanks to the Educational Endowment Trust for its efforts to bring this marvellous festival to the "Incredible India".

We warmly welcome IFLC and wish great success.

(Dr. Mahesh Sharma)

New Delhi

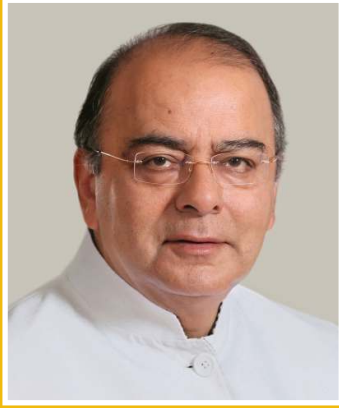
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भारत



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MESSAGE

I am happy to know that Educational Endowment Trust is organizing an international language and cultural event on 7th May, 2016 in New Delhi with the motto "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" – The world is one Family.

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is essentially an Indian cultural and spiritual concept. It looks upon the whole world as one's own family. Love and harmony, co-operation and mutual support are the basic ingredients here, as in a family. The all human beings are small part of this great universe.

I hope that the deliberations in this event will help in bridging the barriers and in bringing the world together as a family as per the Indian philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbaka".

I convey my best wishes to the organizer for the event and for all their endeavors.


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Minister of External Affairs &
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सुषमा स्वराज
Sushma Swaraj

Message

I am very happy to know that Educational Endowment Trust is organizing an international language and cultural event on 7th May 2016 in New Delhi with the motto "**VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM**" -**The World is one Family**.

I hope that the deliberations in this event will help in bridging the barriers between languages & cultures and in bringing the world together as a family as per the Indian philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam".

I convey my best wishes to the organizers for the success of the event.


Sushma Swaraj

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MESSAGE

Educational Endowment Trust has been involved in imparting world class education to the students in India through a chain of institutions which is appreciable.

The initiative taken by Educational Endowment Trust for organization of **International Festival of Languages and Cultures (IFLC)** is a step forward in strengthening the concept of the unity in diversity which has remained the core identity of India.

I congratulate the Educational Endowment Trust for its endeavours in elimination of illiteracy and its thrust for educational empowerment of the masses and convey my best wishes for successful organisation of IFLC in India.


(M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

The 8th February, 2016
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अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री
भारत सरकार

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that an International Festival of Language and Culture (IFLC) is being organized by the Educational and Endowment Trust (EET) in New Delhi on 7 May, 2016.

It is heartening to note that EET is imparting world class education to the students at various schools all over the country operated by its trust. The festival, by thrusting its focus on the youth to create a platform to share their cultural heritage with their peers around the world will go a long way in helping to restore the cultural and linguistic diversity and help in realising our cherished philosophy of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*, meaning the whole world is one family. This impressive initiative is imperative for attaining and promoting peace, friendship and acceptance.

I am sure this event will be significant and help in bridging the cultural and language divide. I convey my best wishes to the organizers for the success of the event.

Najma Heptulla
(NAJMA HEPTULLA)

New Delhi
12 February, 2016

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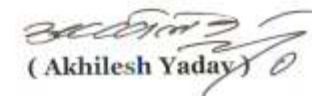
Message

I am delighted that 'Educational Endowment Trust' is going to organise International Festival of Language and Culture.

India is known for its vibrant culture and heritage. Uttar Pradesh is the heartland of India and the cradle of civilization. This ancient land is known to be the crucible of all major religions and cultures. People from distant parts of the world as well as followers of various faiths and religions have made Uttar Pradesh their home, thereby enriching its culture. This freedom to practice different religions has made Uttar Pradesh a unique state where tolerance and diversity have been handed down to people over generations.

Language and Culture are closely interconnected. During international festivals people get an opportunity to familiarise with the diverse cultural and linguistic heritage of various countries. Such events foster a feeling of brotherhood between the participants. I hope that this event would successfully achieve its objectives.

My best wishes for the entire endeavour.


(Akhilesh Yadav)



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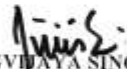
I am really happy to know that Educational Endowment Trust is about to organize an International Festival of Language and Culture (IFLC) this year in New Delhi by bringing the youths from across the globe together under the very idea of underpinning dialogue, peace and reliance in the community, country and the world at large.

Education grooms children in such a way that they become capable of shouldering responsibilities of their adult life with confidence. Culture is the characteristics and knowledge of a particular group of people, defined by everything from language, religion, cuisine, social habits, music and arts. This is also a part of growth. As the country grows, so does its cultural diversity.

It is a great insight to pull off such a huge, tactfully coordinated event with a vision of providing a multicultural ambiance for better mutual understanding." Although education is undeniably important for a country's development, the expected results will never be achieved if the young people are not educated according to the country's traditional values."

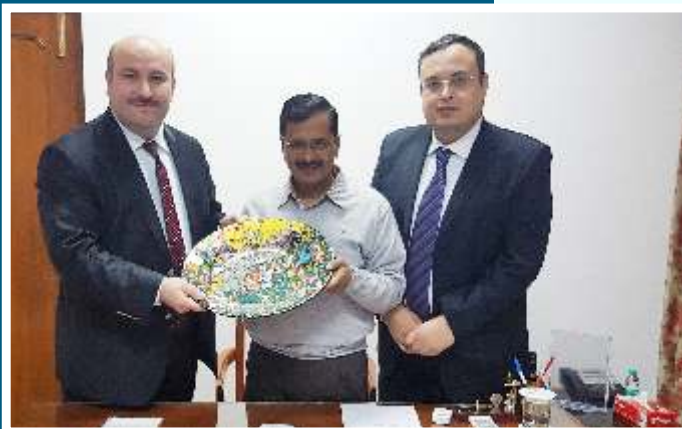
Thus, I appreciate the exceptional involvement of Educational Endowment Trust in the field of education and the role it has played in enhancing the learning skills and personal development of young people by providing easy access to education with parallel cultural programs.

I convey my best wishes for the event to be a great success.


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Arvind Kejriwal
Chief Minister of Delhi



ARVIND KEJRIWAL
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Message

I am glad to know that Educational Endowment Trust is going to organize an International Festival of Language and Culture (IFLC) this year in New Delhi by bringing the youths from across the world. I also appreciate the efforts made by Educational Endowment Trust in the field of education.

I wish the event will turn out to be a great success.

(Arvind Kejriwal)



Manish Sisodia
Deputy Chief Minister
Govt. of NCT of Delhi



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MESSAGE

I am immensely glad to know that **Educational Endowment Trust** stood out to organize an **International Festival of Language and Culture (IFLC)** in New Delhi in May, 2016 by attracting the youths from across the globe together under the very idea of underpinning dialogue, peace and security.

It is a great insight to conduct such a huge event with the idea of espousing the principles of tolerance, pluralism, and the coexistence of different groups, The Educational Endowment Trust believes that a community that has not educated its people in a shared tradition eventually splits into different groups based on their diverging knowledge and upbringing. Thus, I appreciate the striking contribution of the Educational Endowment Trust and its ability to turn secular education and its social benefits into a positive goal.

I convey my best wishes for their endeavourer to be a great success.


(MANISH SISODIA)



Manohar Lal
Chief Minister Haryana
Chandigarh



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मुख्य मन्त्री, हरियाणा,
चण्डीगढ़।
CHIEF MINISTER, HARYANA,
CHANDIGARH.

Dated .. 15/3/2014

Message

It is a matter of immense pleasure to know that Educational Endowment Trust in association with Ministry of Culture Government of India is organizing an International Festival of Language and Culture (IFLC) at New Delhi with the motto of "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*"-The World is one Family.

IFLC has been doing a yeoman service for the promotion of the language and culture all over the world. It has played a commendable role in cementing the fabric of national integration, communal harmony and universal brotherhood right among the students from early on.

The festival will not only apprise the people about various aspects of art and culture, but would also prove a step forward in promotion of the country's rich cultural heritage in the world.

I convey my good wishes for the success of the event.

(Manohar Lal)



Ram Bilas Sharma
Education & Languages,
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Message

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We, on behalf of Haryana Educational Ministry believing that education has always been a critical component of bringing change in a society and a nation, would like to take this opportunity to extend sincere congratulation for organizing such a meaningful event by espousing the ideas of plurality, coexistence, and social harmony. We would also appreciate the efforts of Educational Endowment Trust to provide the platforms where individuals engage in the interdisciplinary study of secular education, like science, music and related arts, while declaring it an integral part of their educational policies.

I address IFLC team my sincerest congratulations and best wishes for their future success.

(Ram Bilas Sharma)

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"I saw a luminous future in my dream one night
Lights were silently pouring down everywhere
It was like a harmoniously working clock
Dark nights had gone away
A new world! A new world!
They were building a new world
Everywhere sparkled like the skies
They were building a new world."

मैंने एक रात सपने में प्रकाशमान भविष्य को देखा
हर ओर खामोशी से रौशनियों की बारिश हो रही थी
ऐसा लग रहा था कि सुसंगत तरीके से कोई घड़ी कार्य कर रही है
अंधेरी रातें जा चुकी थीं
एक नई दुनिया का उदय हो चुका था। एक नई दुनिया का उदय हो चुका था
वे एक नई दुनिया निर्मित कर रहे थे
हर दिशा आसमान की तरह प्रकाशमान हो उठी थी
एक नई दुनिया का निर्माण कर रहे थे



Mrs. Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman

Director, UN Information Centre for India and Bhutan



UN Information Centre
for India & Bhutan

The 2016 International Festival on Language and Culture is undoubtedly the largest and one of the most significant organisations dedicated to promoting world languages and cultures. This is an enormous endeavour, in a world where the preservation of cultural and linguistic diversity has been threatened by years of colonisation and loss of Indigenous languages. It is also the reason why the existence of the IFLC is so vital – symbolising a beacon of hope for a peaceful world, undivided by barriers of culture, language and tradition.

As Director of the United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan, I am proud to see the strong collaboration between IFLC and UNIC grow. Through this collaboration, our two organisations have partnered towards a future rich in cultural and linguistic diversity, where peaceful, meaningful communication can bring about positive global change and enhance our relationships with one another.

Languages open doors to employment and opportunities across the world. It is also crucial that cultures of the world come together, to promote peace, gain friendships and increase understanding. I believe in the culture of languages and have made the effort of learning several myself. This has added great richness to my own life, and I believe the gains to the world from linguistic diversity cannot be measured.

In bridging the barriers between languages and cultures and individuals and communities, we become ever closer to fulfilling the Indian philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – The World is One Family. This ethos mirrors that of the United Nations since its beginnings, embodying values of unity, collective strength and wisdom, and peace. The UN has long recognised that our human experiences are deeply interwoven with language and culture, that they are the tools through which we perceive the world and communicate within it. We have adopted various Declarations on cultural and linguistic rights, including the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity (2001) and the Universal Declaration on Linguistic Rights (1996), in which we have asserted that the right to continue and practice one's own language and cultural tradition is a human right – one that must be safeguarded for the peace and prosperity of humanity.

Today, in the 70th year of the United Nations, it remains apparent that understanding of language and culture leads to a better, more peaceful world. This is imperative as we advance towards a new Global Agenda – the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – which require strong global partnerships and cooperation to translate into reality. The SDGs rest on the bedrock of peace, and without tolerance and understanding cannot be achieved.

My very best wishes,

Kiran M-Kerpelman

Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman

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colours of the world





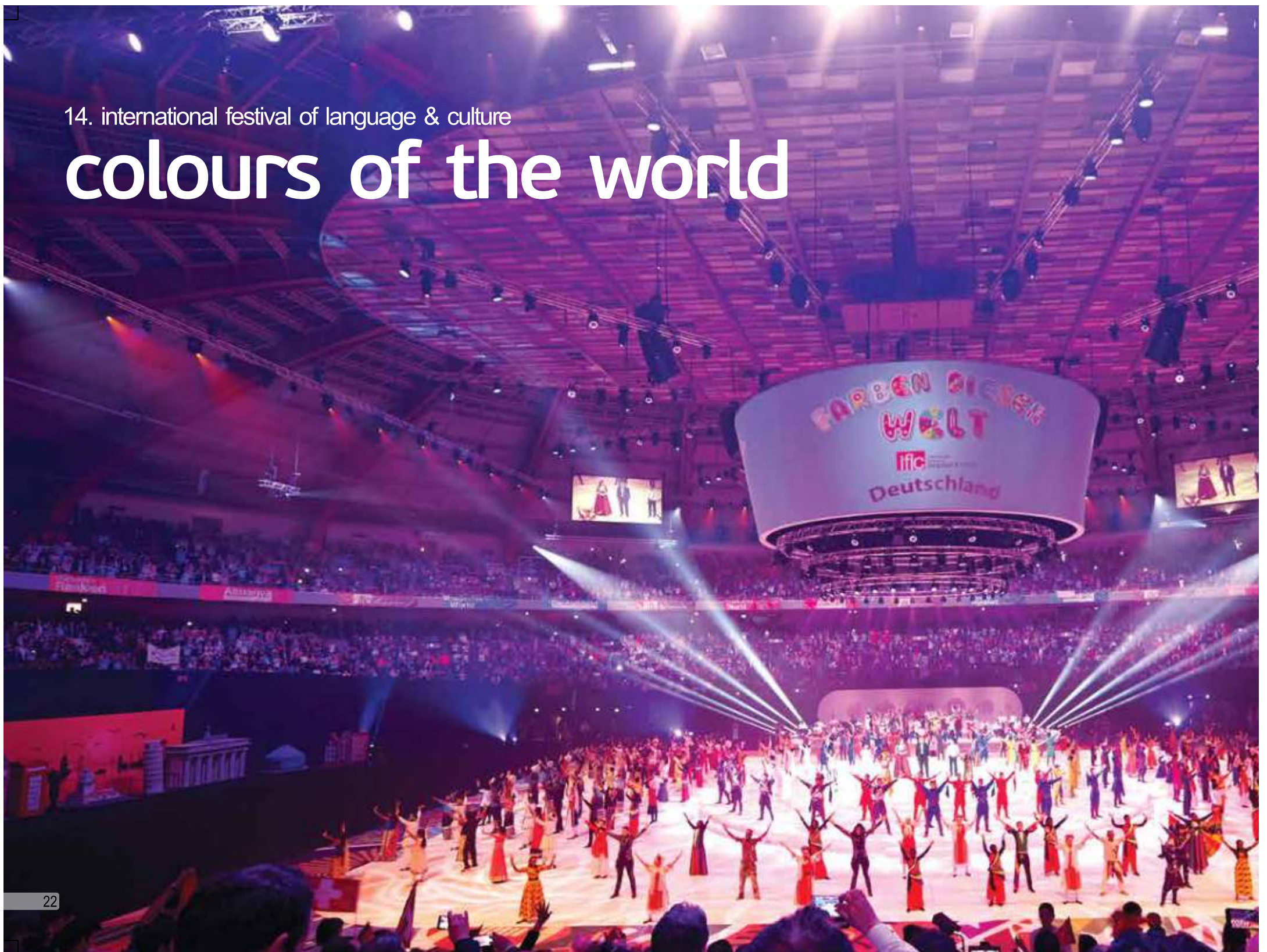
BELGIUM 2015

Uniting nations of the world with
universal human values

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language & culture

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GERMANY 2015

It is our mission to rise on the wings of art and music and promote

peace, love, and
cultural encounters

through out the world.



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ROMANIA 2015

Both a resource and an advocate for the value of
diversity and inclusion

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USA 2015

Friendship & Fraternity between the youth of
5 continents

TOTAL
43 million



Thailand	: 3 million
Philippines	: 3 million
South Africa	: 2 million
Kyrgyzstan	: 0.3 million
Tanzania	: 0.5 million
Mozambique	: 0.5 million
Albania	: 1 million
Indonesia	: 3 million
France	: 3 million
Mongolia	: 0.2 million
Morocco	: 0.5 million
Senegal	: 0.5 million
U.S.A.	: 6 million
Ethiopia	: 0.5 million
Romania	: 2 million
Germany	: 5 million
Brussels	: 2 million
Australia	: 2 million
Turkey	: 8 million

GLOBAL
35 million



Total Tweets
7 million

Hashtags:

#IFLC

#IFLC2015

#ColorsoftheWorld

#HiçDurmadañYürüyoruz

#DünyanınRenkleri

THAILAND



Dignitaries and leaders





ML Panadda DISKUL

The Permanent Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office

This evening young people from all over the world from so many countries will have a unique opportunity to come together and to share their own cultures histories. This will be a most enjoyable experience not only to have a chance to learn each other but also new to have experience. This is also because you have opportunity to build friendship that can last life long. The IFLC has a vision of world peace that will always remain important because it focuses on friendship, our youth and their future .

On this extraordinary occasion of the opening ceremony of the 13th IFLC, I would like to wish you all every success and of course an enjoyable experience with us here in The Kingdom of Thailand.



PHILIPPINES



A festival of colors





Br. Armin LUISTRO

Department of Education / Secretary Bro. Armin Luistro

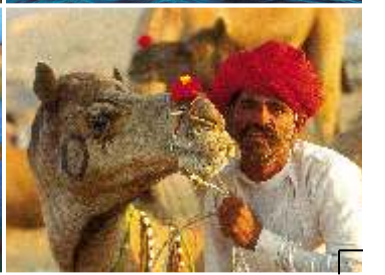
I hope that as we pen futures and perform values, we use the wealth of our own individual cultures to shape a world that is mindful of diversity but grounded in tolerance and peace. It is a harrowing reality to confront yet we must do so--hopefully with the help of you, our artists and cultural advocates.



INDIA
WELCOMES
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Unity in Diversity



SOUTH AFRICA



Lifting hands
and spirits





David M. MAKHURA

Premier of Gauteng

We welcome you to South Africa to Gauteng province to Johannesburg.

We are very pleased to host this 13th International Festival of Language and Culture, which takes place in our beautiful country in our beautiful province in our beautiful city of Johannesburg. This is the province, which is the cradle of humankind. We hope you will enjoy over the next few days of your stay here and your participation in this magnificent festival.

They are strengthening the bonds of friendship and solidarity amongst peoples of the world, amongst particularly the youth who I see here tonight; very glad to see that the future belongs to them and they represent a much better future, and let's say to the youth in particular, "the future belongs to you".

We are here this evening to come and witness talent, showcasing of talent. So one of the important things that this festival helps us to understand is that firstly it helps us to unite the humanity to show that our diversity and areas of difference will not outweigh areas of unity and as we say in South Africa, "United in our diversity and unity in diversity is our greatest source of strength". Cultural and linguistic diversity is one of those important landmarks of humanity. We are different but we are all human beings.

I would like to say in conclusion that, during your stay here in our country, during the performances that we are going to witness here, the most important thing is to show what each nation can give, what its human being can give and it is in the gift, in those gifts, in those talents going at length to show how diverse and how united in our diversity we are, that we shall be contributing to building a better world, a more equal world, a just world, a more tolerant world, a world which is more caring, a world where human beings are central to everything we do.

Thank you very much! You are welcome!



KYRGYZSTAN



Cultural heritage





Altınbek Maksutov ASKAROVİÇ

CULTURAL & TOURISM MINISTER

There is a great variety of nations living all around the world today, each having its own culture and language. And nowadays, we enrich our souls and admire the beauty of having such a great variety of all those nations while listening to their languages as we all come together. The main idea of this festival is to call the nations of the world to meet on a common platform for peace, friendship and mutual understanding.



TANZANIA



...and vibrant performances





Dr. Fenella MUKANGARA

Minister of Information, Culture and Sports

Honorable Speaker,

In the efforts of our government to strengthen the international cultural relations, The government took part in preparation and conduction of The international Festival of language and culture in which 18 countries participated. The festival was organized by Tanzanian Kilimanjaro Dialogue institute. The festival was successfully held in Daressalaam and was broadcasted live by the National Television TBC. The festival aims to promote Swahili language and culture in the world and advocate the value of diversity and inclusion of tradition and cultures of 18 countries participated. The festival gave students the opportunity to demonstrate their talents in presenting the culture and traditions of their respective countries.



MOZAMBIQUE



The local
meets the global





Luis Antonio FERRAO

Minister of Education of Mozambique

The Minister of Education of Mozambique Luis Antonio Ferrao, offered the festival to be organised in support of Mozambican Government in a larger field. And he repeatedly said: “Congragulations, Congragulations, Congragulations, Congragulations...” to the microphone.



ALBANIA



Diverse
dresses





Ilir Meta

Speaker of Parliament of Albania

Honorable representatives of the Turgut Ozal educational institutions! Honorable representatives of the Ministry of Education and Sport! Thank you for the delightful moments you brought through these beautiful colors from all over the world. I had the pleasure to receive some of these children, dressed in their national costumes. They were from Bangladesh, Azerbaijan, France, Kirgizstan, etc. Looking at them, it was clear how small the world has become, and these children come together with a dream for a better world. The message we give today is to support and sustain these children with all our energies, so that their dreams could come true, and this is why we politicians, when taking decisions, should never lose sight of their dreams and should never forget that this world is not ours, but theirs.



INDONESIA



Dazzling dancers





Anis Rasyid BASWEDAN, Ph.D.

Minister of Education and Culture of Indonesia

These Tari Saman and also the Angklung both require long practice, endurance, harmony and at the end we reach the objective and again this is a message of Indonesia for all of us who are participating in this very important occasion. And let's do it as a team and let's do it together and yes we will create peace and we will create the change.

Thank you very much.



FRANCE



A parade of
cultures
sharing one
stage



H el ene CONWAY-MOURET

Senator and former Minister of the French from abroad

This event has taken place in Paris which is very important, that's why I'm here to give my support to such meetings. There are political meetings where we work together to ensure peace in the world and there are those events that are incredibly important because they bring people together. These young people will have to represent the future, to vote, to become leaders who will represent this desire of peace of living together.



MONGOLIA



Unbelievable
Audiences





Jugnee AMARSANAA

Chairman of The Constitutional Court of Mongolia

Greetings to all of you in this beautiful hall where education and rich culture knowledge are given to our Mongolian people! My grandchildren Arigun, Arichun, and Anand go to Elite school. I am honored and thankful to the school administration and the company for giving me a chance to give my humble speech representing every student's parents who are currently here in this hall with us.

IFLC is announcing its 13th annual festival "Colors of the World" which is going to be held in Mongolia this year. "Empathy" LLC., is chiefly organizing the festival, and for that we appreciate everyone who is involved in this great big festival. Children of 16 countries are visiting our country to participate. I ask you kids from different countries to share your culture, and custom with Mongolian kids. And also I want you Mongolian kids to do the same with our privileged guests.



MOROCCO



Huge Crowds
Celebrating
Love and
Respect



Hon. Minister El Habib CHOUBANI

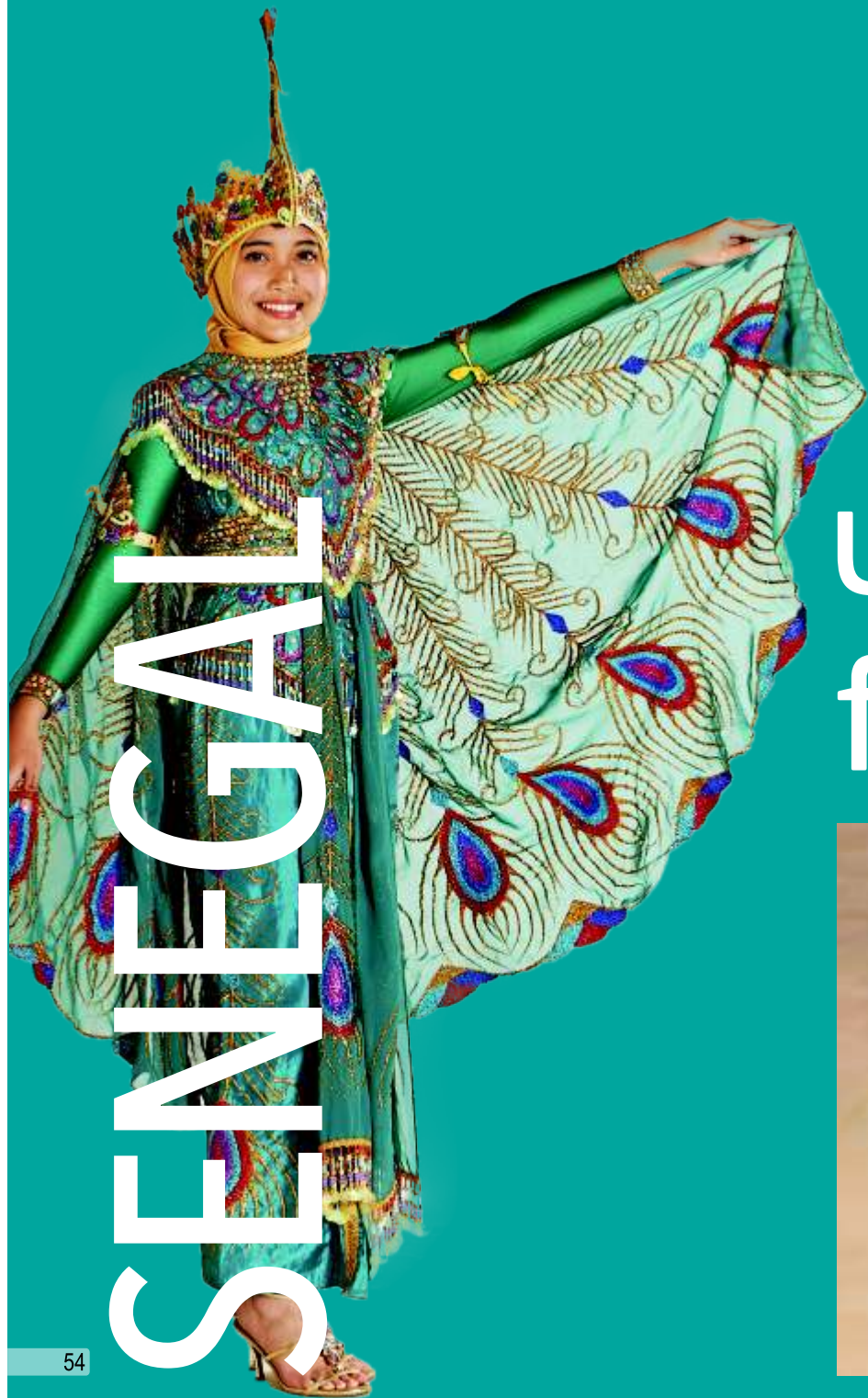
Minister of Relations with the Parliament & Civil Society

I congratulate M.E.F Schools with realizing such a nice and practical experience, cohering of different ideas, and meeting world nations in Morocco.

This festival certainly will remain positive impression on young generation and parents. Of course, this experience is an example for innovation and development in area of education and art for us.

In my opinion, this kind of organization will provide coalescence and friendship among youths of the world. And this will provide a basis for world peace.





SENEGAL

unforgettable
faces





Professor Amsato Sow SIDIBE

Human Rights Minister

Excellent effect, I want to congratulate them for their outstanding efforts made by the Yavuz Selim Group. This group of young people engaged in cultural performances of 22 countries was instrumental in bringing fusion of cultures together.



ETHIOPIA



Camaraderie spirit





H.E. Dr. Aisha L. ABDULLAHI

Commissioner for Political Affairs, African Union

Good afternoon everybody

I am very glad to be in World's Color festival from African Union Commission.

Amazing organization. Songs, dances, colours and people are happily together.

Let's provide peace and tolerance all together.

Thank you.



AUSTRALIA



Breaking down
barriers of hate
and enmity





His Excellency the Honourable Sir Peter COSGROVE

The Governor-General of Australia

Your program is very impressive. As we all know, the world is unsettled and is facing some serious challenges which can cause great division between communities. Lots of the world's leaders are now collaborating to announce to describe what we aspire to a unified world where people not only respect one another but embrace and display instincts of goodwill to each other. It is great to see that those who share that sort of vision have put the ideal that you represent in practice. Through efforts like your organisation, we are seeing peace bloom in lands where the programs can unfold and it is through education that we harvest the talents of those individuals who aspire to the vision. What you are actually doing here is helping with that, you are inspiring peace through understanding, equity and tolerance. If we could get all nations of the world with goodwill, particularly the youth to express themselves through performing arts, we will be a much better world.



USA



Buds of Tolerance Flowers





Mr. Bill PASCRELL

Member of the U. S. House of Representatives

We are honored to be here, we congratulate you, I know the show is on road not by choice. In the United States we recognize intercultural and multicultural values. God Bless you



ROMANIA



Fleeting joys





Andrei GEREA

Minister of Energy

The performances were amazing. My young daughter was also on stage. I was excited to see her. It was a special event. Seeing Turkish students singing in Romanian and Romanian students singing in Turkish, this is the best way to find out about Lumina Educational Institutions in which many students from different cultures are together collaborating and living in friendship. Seeing these students from different cultures is just like different colours shining all together. You feel like you are in a jewellery shop.



GERMANY



Phenomenal
performances



Svenja SCHULZE

Minister of Innovation, Science and Research in North Rhine-Westphalia

I was extremely impressed with what the children and young people presented on stage in Westfalenhalle. It takes a great deal of courage and skill to perform in front of around 10,000 people and inspire them with songs and dances from around the world. Events that encourage young people from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds to share their experiences are very important. Because each generation has to rediscover and get to know itself, so that peaceful co-existence remains a matter of course. That's why it's never too early to start encouraging our children and young people to do this.



BELGIUM



Planetary Values





Charles MICHEL

Prime Minister of Belgium

It's an extraordinary night. Full of energy... Very good organization and very nice symbol, symbol of togetherness, diversity and tolerance...

Symbol of open mindedness it was phenomenal to experience such a night reflecting these values.



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