



World Interfaith Harmony Week

Sri Lanka

2019 Mobilizations & Action Report



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Back Ground:

Dr.W.A.Deshapriya S. Wijetunge is a social leader in Sri Lanka. He has been involved in Peace Initiatives, Peace Missions and Social services for more than 20 years. He is a Founder Member of SUNFO which was inaugurated on 22 May 1999 under the patronage of Hon. Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka & blessings of United Nations Resident Coordinator. He serves as Director General of SUNFO.

In year 2000 at the convocation of World Leaders held at the United Nations ,NewYork . Dr.Wijetunge was appointed as an Ambassador of Peace by IIFWP. He was a member of the delegation of Building an Eastern Alliance for World Peace in 2000 travelled in many Asian nations .Dr.Wijetunge was involved in addressing peace conferences across Sri Lanka and the world for the “UN Decade of Building a Culture of Peace & Non-Violence for the Children of the World”.(2001-2010).In year 2002 he organized a thousand member delegation of Children and society leaders to go from South to war effected North in Sri Lanka a special mission named as “Journey of Friendship from South to North”. He has involved in Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) campaigns , mobilizations and advocacy. He has trained thousands of Peace Leaders .He has travelled more than 50 countries and addressed many peace conferences, summits and gatherings. He has won many awards, honorary titles. He has mobilized over one million people in MDG-SDG campaigns. He pioneered to build “Peace Dagaba”(Anguruwathota), “Symbol of Peace”(Sri jayawardenapura) Sri Lanka’s one and only Inter-religious Peace & Harmony Monument with Mahatma Gandhi Non-Violence Statue symbolizing 11 World Major Religions.(Lunawa)

Creating awareness:

In the year 2019 Dr.Wijetunge led a special initiative of introducing “World Interfaith Harmony Week” UN Declaration in wider Way. Firstly he introduced it to SUNFO Global Federation and its Sustainable Development Goals Networks of Youth, Children, Women & Citizens. Then he got the blessings from the His Excellency Maithreepala Sirisena President of Sri Lanka, Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe Prime Minister of Sri Lanka and Hon. Karu Jayasuriya Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka.

Then initiatives were taken to introduce the WIFH Week UN Resolution to

- (a) Four ministers incharge of 4 main Religious Affairs in Sri Lanka
 - Hon.Gamini Jayawickrama Perera-Buddhist Affairs(Buddha Sasana)
 - Hon.John Amaratunga-Christian Religious Affairs
 - Hon.Mano Ganeshan-Hindu Religious Affairs
 - Hon. Abdul HaleemMohamad Hasheem Muslim Religious Affairs
- (b) to Key Religious Leaders of All Religions in Sri Lanka
- (c) to Society Leaders in Sri Lanka
- (d) to social, electronic, printed Media in Sri Lanka
- (e) to public, students and youth in Sri Lanka
- (f) to other nationalities through goodwill missions (India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar)

Details of Actions for WIFHW between 19 January to 3 March, 2019:

- (a) Public Awareness & Mobilizations in Sri Lanka
- (b) Inter-religious dialogues in Sri Lanka
- (c) Inter-religious Social and community activities in Sri Lanka
- (d) Inter-religious Harmony Peace Missions out of Sri Lanka

Following Events have been submitted to website and Photos are uploaded in relevant activity.

A-Public Awareness & Mobilizations in Sri Lanka

1. Full Report

Messages in Media and Report

2. Messages from Leaders

Messages from HE President, Hon. Prime Minister & Hon. Speaker of the Parliament .

We received Goodwill Messages from all of them and have uploaded in the WIFH Web Site.

4. Interfaith Harmony Mobile Phone Torch Meditation-Prayer island wide

This is the biggest mobilization held island-wide in Sri Lanka. We planned a campaign of island-wide by an open request to all from SUNFO to join for a 2 minutes meditation/prayer/wish for Interfaith Harmony and Peace in Sri Lanka on 28 February, 2019 at 7.00PM.

What we have promoted is everybody wish to join to light their mobile phone torch to sky on 28-02-2019 @7.00PM from their place of stay and do the meditation/prayer/wish to join this interfaith Harmony campaign. Over 60,000 people across the country have joined this action to commemorate the WIFHW. We invited the public to join through many Radio Channels/Media and Social Media campaign .

10. INTERFAITH HARMONY WALK & YOUTH ASSEMBLY



INTERFAITH HARMONY WALK & YOUTH ASSEMBLY at Chavakachcheri for WIFHW on 16- 17 February, 2019. These were organized by “Sustainable Development Goals Youth Council of Chavakachcheri” affiliated to the “SDG Youth Network of Sri Lanka -SUNFO. The invited Chief Guest is Thirasarashuree Sewashuree Eranda

Pieris (SDGYNSL National Advisory Coordinator) The Guest of Honour is Action2015 Youth Ambassador Subramaniam Rameshkumar (NAC of SDGYNSL) & Mr.Prakatheeshwaran (Jaffna District Coordinator)of SDGYNSL

11. Interfaith Harmony Walk & Assembly” -Kinya



“Interfaith Harmony Walk & Assembly” on 16 Feb , 2019 in Eastern Province-Trincomalee District: KINNIYA . SUNFO Messenger of Peace B.M.Mujaheer (Chairman-CESDA) together with “SDG Youth Network of Sri Lanka -Trincomalee District Coordinator Ahamed Kiyas. SDG Youth Council officials in Trincomalee, peace loving youth,students and Society Leaders in the area joined by extending the Message of Peace from Kinniya to people of Sri Lanka by commemorating “World Interfaith Harmony Week” declared by the United Nations General Assembly and promoting in Sri Lanka by SUNFO-SDG Youth,Children,Citizen & Women Forums in Sri Lanka.

12. Interfaith Harmony Theme Song of Sri Lanka



SUNFO initiated to take the message of Interfaith Harmony by a Song . This was created by prominent Youth Singer Mario Ananda and firstly launched at WIFHW Ceremony of SUNFO held at Independence Hall, Colombo 7 , Sri Lanka on 10 February, 2019. Practices, recordings of the song was done for 3 weeks before launching.

14. World Interfaith Harmony Walk in Colombo, Sri Lanka



SUNFO organized a Walk started from Independence Square Colombo on Feb 10, 2019 morning. and this was the biggest and significant mobilization action for WIFHW in Sri Lanka

16. World Interfaith Harmony Week Drama



World Interfaith Harmony week dram was produced by SDG Youth Club of CINEC hosted by SUNFO. They started training since January 25, 2019 and firstly showed the Drama Publicly on Feb 10, 2019 at WIFHW Assembly

30. Interfaith Meditation & the Mobile Torch for Interfaith Harmony & Peace @ Sri Jayawardenapura



Commemoration of World Interfaith Harmony Declaration of United Nations General Assembly by lighting the Mobile phone Torch and Meditation/Prayer for “Interfaith Harmony & Peace of Sri Lanka” as directed by SUNFO Director General Ambassador of Peace Dr.Sir Deshapriya S. Wijetunge. on March 1 evening at Sri Jayawardenapura-Kotte. Attended Hon.Isura Devapriya,Former First Lady Madam shiranthi Rajapaksha ,The Chief Minister of Western Province, Former Naval Commander/High Commissioner for Australia HE Thisara Samarasinghe, Chairman of OIUCM Prof.Lakshman Madurasigne, Goodwill Ambassador Thilak de Silva, UNIDO Ju. Consultant /SDGWFSL Chairperson Ms.Shanika Warnakulasooriya, SDGYNSL National Advisory Coordinator Sewashuree Eranda Piries and many other dignitaries /Society Leaders hosted by Ms. Chamalie Caldera (Nominated SDD Governor)

32. Interfaith Harmony Walk & Hindu-Christian Assembly



Inter-religious Peace & Harmony Walk fro Kaithadi West Saraswathi Community Center to Mesalai Scion Church followed by Religious Harmony Meeting

B-Inter-religious dialogues in Sri Lanka

2.: WIFHW Campaign Inauguration at Inter-religious Harmony Monument at SUNFO, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

On the call of Dr.W.A.Deshapriya S. Wijetunge Volunteers, friends and officials of SUNFO met at Mahatma Gandhi Non-violence statue and Inter-religious Harmony Monument at SUNFO Center, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka firstly on 13 January, 2019 and thereafter in several locations to plan the campaign, activities and events during the month of January-February.

6.National & Religious Harmony Towards Sustainability of Sri Lanka -Galle Symposium



Interfaith Harmony for a Sustainable Sri Lanka- Summit at Light House Hotel, Galle, Sri Lanka headed by Hon.Karu Jayasuriya (The Speaker of the Parliament /SUNFO Patron) which was attended Hon. Rajith Keerthi Thennakoon (Governor-Southern Province), Ministers Hon.Wajira Abeywardena, Hon. Mano Ganeshan, Hon.Gayantha Karunathilaka Parliamentarians A.H.M.Fowzi, Religious & Social Leaders on 1 March, 2019.

15. World Interfaith Harmony week Assembly in Colombo



SUNFO Organized World Interfaith Harmony Week Assembly at Independence Hall, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka on Feb 10, 2019

29. National Inter-religious Symposium



This was held at Kadiragarmar Institute Auditorium, Colombo 7 on 8 Feb 2019 with over 250 delegates coordinated by Mr.Saman of National peace Council of Sri Lanka.

report of National Inter Religious Symposium held at Laxman Kadhigamar institute of International Studies on 8 February 2019.

Dr. Jayampathi Wickramaratne (MP) well explained about the report published by the steering committee to the experts committee to make proposals to the new constitution. He said that document is not a draft for the new constitution and it is only a report and it carried a set of proposals under the different components to include in the constitution. Political parties and academic people also are expressing their point of views on the report of steering committee of parliament constitutional committee. A report prepared by the panel of experts for the steering committee based on the Interim report, six subcommittee reports, the report of the ad hoc subcommittee set up by the steering committee to look into the relationship between the parliament and the provincial councils. The chapters on fundamental rights and freedom, language rights and directive principles of state policy contained in the report are those proposed by the subcommittee on fundamental rights.

He pointed out that some people try to raise their concerns only focusing on certain words without looking at the content of the report and the report clearly explained that it proposed only for Sri Lanka to be a Unitary Country but not for a federal state.

National Peace Council of Sri Lanka, in collaboration with **Civil Society and Trade Union's Collective** organized this National Symposium to discuss on current political situation in the country especially on proposed new constitution. It was held on 8 February 2019 at Laxman Kadhigamar institute of International Studies from 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

Over 250 people representing civil society and trade unions attended the symposium. Forty eight (48) inter religious leaders including 23 Buddhist monks, 9 Maulavies, 8 Kurukkals and 8 Christian clergy were among the participants. Altogether 92 representatives came from District Inter Religious Committees established by NPC. Other participants represented different sectors such as trade unions and civil society organizations that not working with NPC. We arranged transport facility only for our DIRC member and other participants came on their own expenses.

We expected only 130 participants for this event as seating facility at the hall is only available for 130 people and so that arranged quite a number of extra plastic chairs and other participants more than 50 remained standing until the end of the event because of their interest on the topic discussed.

The speakers of the symposium were;

- Ven. Dambara Amila Thero, Senior Lecture, University of Jayawardhanapura,
- Dr. Jayampathi Wickramaratne, (Member of Parliament)
- Professor Sarath Wejesuriya,
- Dr. Joe William, Chairmen, National Peace Council of Sri Lanka
- J.C. Weliamuna, Attorney At Law
- Saman Ratnappriya, National Larder of Trade Unions Collective
- Saman Seneviratne, Project Manager, NPC

31. The Conference for Social Justice



This event was organized by Who is Hussain and held at Lighthouse at the Lakshman Kadiragamar Institute Colombo 7 on 29 January 2019. Key note Speaker was Dr.P,Saravanamuttu (Executive Director-Center for Policy Alternatives. Dr.Deshapriya S.Wijetunge attended the event dialogue.

33. UN SDG 16-Inter-religious Dialogue, Don Bosco Ahungalla,Southern Province



Interfaith Harmony Week Commemoration-SUNFO Director General Dr. Deshapriya S. Wijetunge and Media Coordination Representative Malin Jayakody participated for awareness session of Interfaith Harmony at Don.Bosco University at Ahungalla. This will be followed by major service Programms of Inter-religious Harmony on Feb 10-17 & 24 in Balapitiya.Galle District. Also Setting up the “SDG Youth Club” . Youth undergraduates from India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka joined the dialogue.

34. Plantation Worker Dialogue of Hill Country-Colombo



Discussion focused Religious and social problems and issues faced by Hill Country people and how to solve those. Coordinated by Rimas Riyas. A well balanced resource panel lead the discussion with their valuable inputs, namely Mr. Mayuran Muralitharan (Mass Movement for Social Justice), Mr. Najah Muhammad (National Organizer- National Front for Good Governance), Mr. Shan Prabakaran (General Secretary- Democratic Workers Congress) and Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah (Member of Parliament). The event was presided by H.A Umair Naseef (National President of Sri Lanka Islamic Students’ Movement). And The event was concluded successfully with the participation of 32 dynamic personalities from various fields of Studies.

38-Children Donate Hair for Cancer Patents



Action of Kindness : Over 1000 Children & teachers, Parents, Villages etc of all religions donate their hair to Mahargama Indira Jayasuriya Memorial Cancer Patients Helping Center – INDIRA TRUST” Indira is the late Daughter of Hon.Deshbandu Karu Jayasuriya-SUNFO Patron/Hon.Speaker organized by St.Agnes College Balangoda, Sabaragamuwa Province in Sri Lanka. Coordinated by Scouts Teacher Ms.A.P.Ogasta with the guidance of Principal Rev.Sr. W.L.Y.T.Fernando .

37. Collective Meditation and Prayer for All Religions

Religions for Responsible Governance (RRG) was a group prayer-meditation gathered on the 2nd February Saturday at 7.00 – 8.30 am at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo 7. The occasion was marked the 71st Independence Anniversary celebrations of our Island Nation, falling on 4th February.

At the gathering on Saturday, encouraged an inner reflection on the role of religion in responsible governance, and whether our religions have united people and facilitated coexistence rather than being a divisive & destructive force during our 71-year history. As responsible citizens, we could collectively and spiritually ask our selves where and how we have failed.

All believed that jointly, through meditative prayer, transmit positive energies with sincerity, for harmony & respectful coexistence.

Full Video:

<https://www.facebook.com/walpolarahulainstitute/videos/370808350411262/>

C-Inter-religious Social and community activities in Sri Lanka

3. Interfaith songs, speeches and dances of Children

SUNFO Child Development Center, Anuradagama, Yatagala, Uragasmanhandiya, Sri Lanka planned as a part of SUNFO Campaign to Commemorate Interfaith Harmony week in Sri Lanka .In our event we conduct Interfaith songs, speech and dances at the Center on the day of 4 February, 2019.

Dr.Deshapriya S. Wijetunge delivered the Main Speech. Mrs. Indrani Alwis, Mrs .Prema Dissanayaka and Religious Representatives also spoke. Children shared their thoughts about Inter-religious harmony.

5. Interfaith Gathering to Felicitate Service of Minister of Christian Affairs at BMICH, Colombo

A gathering of 2000 participants including the Cardinal, Apostolic Nuncio from Vatican, Arch Bishops, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islam Religious Leaders, HE President, Hon.Prime Minister, Hon.Speaker, Hon.Leader of Opposition, Ambassadors , Ministers, Parliamentarians , Society leaders gathered at BMICH Main Convention Center, Colombo Sri Lanka on 27 Feb, 2019 .

Rev Hingoda Saddathissa Thero (Buddhist Monk), Archbishop Malcom Cardinal Ranjith Former President Ms. Chandrika Bandaranayake Kumaratunge, Minister Dr. Rajitha Senarathne, Prime Minister Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe. Speaker Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, President His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena and finally Minister John Amaratunge also spoke in this felicitation event

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8.Children's Arts for Interfaith Harmony & Peace



These even planned for WIFHW at Minimuthu Preschool in Kindergarden, Kelaniya, included awareness meeting with parents, drawing arts as groups of children

17. Gandhi Peace Camp Preparation Meeting and Clearing Programme for WIFHEW



Gandhi Peace Youth Camp Preparations: Prospective delegates for Youth Peace Camp- Rajasthan in India in early February had a dialogue and a Sramadana at "Mahatma Gandhi Non- violence Statue-Inter-religious Peace Monument", Lunawa, Moratuwa on 20 January, 2019 and discuss about 'UN World Inter-religious Harmony Week' and participation of parallel Preparation meetings started on 19-01-2019 for Peace Youth Camp in Rajasthan India on 4-8 Feb. 2019. Event was facilitated by the SDG Children Parliament of SL National Advisory Coordination Committee Chairman Mr. Jerome De Silva and participated SUNFO Director General Dr. Deshapriya S. Wijetunge. Participants of the day were Lakshan Wijayathilake, Buddhika Nuwan, Arshath Khan, ARM Rifnas, Hasitha Yasarathna, PDC Dabare & BM Mujaheer

18. Hold on pains end" (Interfaith harmony & peace activity)



This event was held at Thibalawa Sri Sugathabimbaramaya. SUNFO SDG Women Platform Official Miss W.M.S. Warnakulasooriya coordinated activities. They collected necessary resources and This program conducted to improve the inter-religious harmony and future development through religious activities. The special fact is that we hope to continue this program in each year for different religions. We have built new temple facility with a statue and conducted a religious program to mind empowerment of the participants. Create no barriers among all religions. Key supporting partners were Hope Organization and World Biz Agriculture Pvt. Ltd.

20. **Kite Festival** - Promote of Message of Unity through Social Integration



Promote of Message of Unity through Social Integration: Kite Festival Organized by the Revolutionary Conquerors Youth Club for the Students' Of Ukuwela. Revolutionary Conquerors Youth Club Organized kite Festival Day for the schools in Ukuwela with the slogan "Let Your Dreams fly like a kite and see where it'll take you" The event was inaugurated by the G.S Mr. Pathirana. And Al-Haj Muhthar (J P- All Island) hosted as a main guest. In order to promote the message of unity through Social Integration and Catering the teens to be a creative mind, The event played a pivotal role. So many Students' Shows their colors and creativity where plenty of kites in different shapes, designs, sizes and Colours. Flew high up in the sky in unison symbolizing equality, diversity and unity. The event was successfully concluded with the participation of 30 People. Place of the held:... MT/Ajmeer National School, Ukuwela.

21. **Independence-Hope to Everyone programme**

Held at Dharul Hasanath Children Home & Orphanage Cordinated by M.Riyas SUNFO. Revolutionary Conquerors Youth Club Organized this event to celebrate the Independence Day with the children's of future citizen to ensure them utmost safety and care. Had the awesome time with the young minds. Singing, Soccer match and playfulness. Providing them snacks. Sheikh Faleel Naleemi and Sir. Agar hosted the event as a guest and speakers. The event was concluded successfully with the participation of 60 people .

22. **Human Resources Development Programme and Visit to Cancer Hospital**



This organized by students who completed the AL and as social minded action visited Cancer Hospital patients of all religions in Mahargama Cancer Hospital. Coordinated by M.Riyas-SUNFO The event fully based on leadership Training, Event Management and so many other Skills. HRDP Students Visited the Apekshaya Cancer Hospital Maharagama and had a great time with them knowing the blessings of Man. Devoted the precious time with them. Had a talk and sung songs, Hand over soap items and snack. The event was led by a well-balanced Guests Fight Cancer Team Leader Mr. M.S.H. Mohamed and Fight Cancer Team Motivational Speaker Sheikh Yasir. The event was concluded successfully with the participation of 46 People. To guide the future Students' Who will be there to support the fight Cancer team.

23. Beach Cleaning Program



A team of youth organized by SUNFO SDGYNSL Gampaha District Coordinator **P.B.Hasitha Sandaruwan**

24. Garbage Free Lanka programm



Organized at Kelaniya Temple premises by SUNFO-SDGYNSL Gampaha district Coordinator Hasith Sandaruwan

25. Hate Drug Campaign



For Students at MT/Ajmeer National School , Ukuwela coordinated by M.Riyas

26. Make Village Green Campaign



Held at Dispensary-Clinic Center Ukuwela coordinated by M.Riyas. Ramya Lanka organize shramadana campaign anticipating the Independence Day with the slogan

“Powerful Civil Society; Prosperous Nation” along with the 57 Participants. Dr. Aslam and the M.O.Hwas among the Guest Speakers. Grama Niladhari G. S. Mr. Pathirana, Mouvlavi, Firdaws (J.P) And Prolific Doctors hosted as the main Guests.

28.Celebrating Independence Day focused Inter-Religious Harmony

This programme held at Thumbulla Main School Ukuwela; National event in celebration of the 71st Independence Day Of Sri Lanka Under the theme “Responsible Youth Resplendent Nation” which aimed at co-existence and peace of our

Mother land by providing stationery items and other goods to the school students’ encouraging the

future generation in pursuit of

harmony..at Thumbulla Maha Vidyalaya -Ukuwela. A well balanced personalities led the Independence Day Celebrations along with the principal ,Staffs,

Senior Officers, O.I.C, Officials and various religious leaders were among the distinguished Guests and

Speakers. The National President Of SLISM Mr. H.A Umair Naseef presided the event. Flag hosting,

National Anthem, Release Dove Ceremony, Planting trees and speeches from the Guests were the

events at the start of the Agenda. Planting trees for the greener and prosperous sri lanka in order to

ensure the preservation of Natural Resources for the future generation. The event was successfully

concluded with the participation of dignitaries, Officials and other 72 Participants

.Hosted by Sri Lanka Islamic Students ‘ Movement In Collaboration with Ramya Lanka coordinated byMOHAMMED RIYAS MOHAMMED

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35.Youth Meeting of Interfaith Harmony and Peace, Hatton



This was held at Public Library, Fordyce Estate, Nuwaraeliya District, Central Province Organized by SUNFO SDGYNSL Media Coordinator Lasath and Fordyce Youth Club on 22 February, 2019

36. Independence Day for Harmony by All Races, Religions Together-Hatton



On Feb 2 -4; Artist Lasath (SUNFO-SDGYNSL Media Coordinator with Fordyce Youth Club organized Interfaith Harmony, Peace Art Exhibition at public Library Fordyce Estate Hatton and On Feb 4 Rally for Independence day with all races and religions people together with unity.

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39 Inter-religious peace Harmony lecture with follow up workshop

Event held at Sri shailaramaya, Halpitiya, Rambukkana

Speech by: Rev. Deliwala Buddharakkhitha Thero

2019. 02. 03 Time: From – 8.30 pm To- 11.00

Supported by SDG Youth Council of Rambukkana-SUNFO

40. Environmental Cleaning Programme by Interfaith Team



Name Of the Organizer/ Reporter : Rev. Nepale Assaji Thero, Goal coordinator – Sdg

Place: Halpitiya Temple, Sabaragamuwa Province

41. A Speech and follow up dialogue by a Buddhist team with a Christian Priest.



A special lecture and discussion with Christian Priests by visiting a Church
Name Of the Organizer/ Reporter : L. G Kavishka Madushan Somathilaka – Goal Coordinator, SDG Youth Council Of Rambukkana (SUNFO)

In the view of Inter-religious harmony a team of Buddhist Monks and Youth visited Hewadiwela Church in Kegalle District-Sabaragamuwa Province. In that occasion Christian Priest gave a lecture about religious harmony and requested to organize a common inter-religious programme to addressed the issues like drug addiction of are youth. Place held: Hevadivala Christian Church.

44. **Interfaith Harmony Dialogue at Rambukkana**

This was held at Rambukkana SDG Youth Council Office and Senior Lecturer Mr. Jayathilake delivered the main speech. Event organized by the SDG Youth Council of SUNFO-Rambuk IFHW Cultural Walk held at Halpitiya Temple on 11-02-2019

45 **IFHW Cultural Walk**

held at Halpitiya Temple on 11-02-2019

46. **WIFHW Drama**

Produced by CINEC SDG Youth Club and staged on 10 Feb, 2019 at WIFH Assembly at Independence Hall, Colombo 7 organized by SUNFO.

47. **WIFHW Arts Programme of Children**

Coordinated by Ms. Kanchana Ariyaratna and Art Teachers to give a thought of small Kids about WIFHW mission. Done on Feb 1-3, 2019 in Colombo, 20 children participated for this

D-Inter-religious Harmony Peace Missions out of Sri Lanka



9. Interfaith Harmony Goodwill Peace Tour in Asia

SUNFO has established “Sustainable Development Goals Youth Network of Sri Lanka, named as SDGYNSL. During the Interfaith Harmony Whole period SUNFO-SDGYNSL National Convener for SDG goal No 16 (Peace & Justice) Samaptha Darshana Lakshan is conducting a Goodwill Peace Tour by meeting various religious teams and visiting religious places in Asia. selected countries are India, Nepal, Bhuthan, Bangladesh & Burma. during the whole months of January-March, 2019. He left Sri Lanka on Dec 27 to India and will back in end March.. This Mission Covers whole period of IFHW Campaign from January 19-March 3.

13. Gandhi Peace Mission to Nepal



SUNFO Global Federation sent Goodwill Ambassador Dhushantha Kiriela to go to Nepal with the message of Peace and share experiences with Peace Leaders from Bangladesh-India & Nepal from 22-25, Feb 2019 in Nepal (Kathmadu & Janakapur).

19. Peace & Harmony Religious Tour to India



SUNFO Sustainable Development Diplomacy Governor led a delegation of 32 members traveled from Colombo to Baranesa on Feb 4, and mediation at Baranesa. Then traveled to Buddagaya and mediation on Feb 6, On Feb 7 gift distribution to orphan /poor children at Durgeshware. on Feb 8 -Visited Kuseenara and meditation. Feb 10 -Went to Lumbini & Meditation. On Feb 11 visited Seweth Nuwara and mediation. Then visited New Delhi and returned on Feb 15 back to Sri Lanka by ending the Peace mission in Buddhist and other religious places in India

27. Intercultural Peace Programme



A Cultural Youth Team of 30 members from Sri Lanka facilitated by Feel Sri Lanka Cultural Express (FSLCEX) Award winning Cultural Partners of SUNFO went to India and hosted by Alvas Education Foundation. They conducted Intercultural peace harmony in religious cultural programmes in several parts of India during the period.

Key Peace & Harmony Events attended and performed Sri Lankan Team :

1. Independence Day of Sri Lanka on Feb 4 at Alvas College, Moodbidri, India
2. Cultural festival Parade with 2000 Cultural Students on Feb 13 Dharmasthala India.
3. Cultural festival at Hebri City on Feb 19
4. Cultural festival at Kalasa city –Feb 20

Conclusion:

We managed to make wide awareness, involvement in the Sri Lankan Society as well as some Asia regional countries about WIFHW.2019.