The Eight-year Peace Movement of the UN-affiliated Peace Organization, HWPL



Georgia, Atlanta, Jul 20, 2021 (Issuewire.com**)** - In many different parts of the world, Palestine, Myanmar, China, Mali, Cuba, and more, the world continues to experience conflicts about statehood, land, borders, and even religion. To help resolve this, the world needs a long-term plan that reflects our commitment to human rights and democratic values.

One case example we can take a look at is on 24 January 2014, Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL) offered local representatives including political and religious leaders to sign a peace agreement for the 40-year conflict in Mindanao. Currently, the civilian group-led peace agreement is at implementation and has contributed to creating an atmosphere of peace for a peace agreement between the government of the Philippines and the Moro people.

HWPL has held various events and activities in the Philippines since June 2013, including bringing relief for the slums, holding conversations with religious leaders for interfaith harmony, and establishing a youth network for peace.

The peace group founded in 2014, hosted the first peace walk festival on 24 January 2014 in Mindanao, General Santos, Philippines. Over 1,000 people, including believers from both religions, students from

the Mindanao State University, and members of the International Peace Youth Group, participated.

On the same day, representatives including Esmael G. Mangudadatu, Governor of Maguindanao, and Catholic archbishops, signed an agreement for the creation of peace and the cessation of war. According to HWPL, the Mindanao peace agreement proposed a “civilian-centered awareness improvement and action-based approach to peace.

In line with this approach, the organization is cooperating with local groups to carry out peace initiatives centered around civil society, including education, religion, youth, and women, in order to eliminate the factors that are sources of conflict and also to strengthen the core values for peaceful development.

At the age of 84 when he held hands with the leaders who signed the agreement, Chairman Man Hee Lee of HWPL recalls, “While the signing of the agreement for peace was shown to the participants, the moderator explained the peace agreement, which was photographed and videotaped. The crowd erupted in cheers and applause of joy and delight.”

(HWPL Chairman Lee Man-hee (center), H.E. Fernado Robles Capalla, D.D, Archbishop Emeritus of Archdiocese of Davao (left), and Esmael G. Mangudadatu, Governor of Maguindanao (right), sign the civilian peace agreement on 24 January 2014.)





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