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Date : 18.12.2008

To

Dr. Thomas Mathew  
International President IARF  
& Chairman SACC.

Dear Sir,

Sub : International Human Rights Day (UDHR) organized  
on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2008 at Mysore.

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With reference to the above we wish to report that International Day of Human Rights (UDHR) was organized at Sahukar Channaiah Auditorium, Vidhyavardhaka College of Engineering Campus, III Stage, Gokulum, Mysore on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2008 by Forum *for Harmony and Peace, Mysore* ( A member group of IARF, UK) In Association with Vidhyavardhaka college of Engineering. The below mentioned Dignitaries were invited:

Presided by                      :                      Dr. THOMAS MATHEW  
International President, IARF & Chairman SACC

Inauguration                      :                      Dr. B.K CHANDRASHEKAR  
Former Minister & Chairman, Legislative Council,  
Govt. of Karnataka.

Guest of Honour                      :                      Sri. D. KRISHNAPPA  
Hon'ble President, District Consumers' Forum, Mysore.

Chief Guests                      :                      Sri. . SWAMY GNANAJYOTHI  
Anajali Ashram, Mysore

Prof. P.M CHIKKABORAI AH  
Former MLA & Hon. President,  
Vidhyavardhaka Sanga, Mysore

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Prof. C.M MUNIRAMAPPA  
Hon. Vice President,  
Vidhyavardhaka Sangha, Mysore

Speakers : Dr. C. K.N RAJA  
Prof. & Former HOD, DOS in Law,  
University of Mysore, Mysore

Dr. R. INDIRA  
Director, International Centre &  
Professor of Sociology, Manasagangothri, Mysore

Before the programme was started a minute silence was observed in the memory of the people who died in the recent Mumbai massacre and for the speedy recovery of those injured in the Terror Attack before the programme. During one minute silence Placards Mentioning “May Peace Prevail on Earth” were resin up by the dignitaries and one and all who were present in the programme. The students of Higher Primary School were made to sit with the lighted candle designing as **UDHR**.

The programme started at 10 a.m and Mrs. M.A Hemalatha, Secretary of the Forum welcome the dignitaries. The dignitaries offered with Fruits Bowls, Shawls, Mementos (2), Sandal Wood Garlands. Immediately after the welcome, Non-Government Organizations and Educational Institutions of Mysore together presented an Award to Dr. Thomas Mathew for his excellent service in the field of Interfaith Movement.

Since Dr. B.K Chandrashekar expressed his inability to attend the programme due to urgent meeting at New Delhi. He conveyed this message to Mrs. M.A Hemalatha, Secretary, and Forum for Harmony and Peace, Mysore over Phone and he also wished for the success of the programme and he conveyed his greetings to one and all who are present in the program.

In the absence of Dr. B.K Chandrashekar, Justice D. Krishnappa , President, District Consumers Forum, Mysore inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp. In his speech he said rights of every one should be protected and respected. Respectable life does not mean merely food and shelter; humans should have the Independent rights. We should have freedom to live happily and to respect others rights and freedoms, this only amount to respectable life he said. He also mentioned about the articles 14,19,20 & 21 which as been granted the rights to citizens of India. He also said that we are living in the tension life and in the present day of life there is no value to human rights. Human rights will have meaning if all the people in the society will not undergo the violation of human rights. The society can be turned as civilized society if there is no human rights violation. He expressed there should be respect to individuals, security to life, equality and opportunity to lead peaceful, happy and safe life. In case if there is any violation in human rights the state should intervene and suitable action is initiated.

Mr. Mohammed Shabeer Ahmed, Chairman, Forum for Harmony and Peace read the statement of purpose of IARF.

Dr. C.K.N Raja, Legal Expert, Prof. & Former HOD, DOS in Law, University of Mysore, Mysore in his address said that every child has the right to question to the teachers regarding its doubts. He opined that Right to Information Act of India is in infant stage and it would grow to Mammoth proportions in the years to come. He also said that human right act is an established act throughout the globe.

SWAMY GNANAJYOTHI, Anajali Ashram, Mysore in his speech said freedom, equality, respect to individuals, security for life, opportunity to lead peaceful life have been the prerogative for all the people in honorable society. If every citizen cannot be bestowed with human rights, the administrative machinery should initiated suitable action to insist the values of human rights in the human society. He also said human rights should be protected in every walk of life. Every human being should enjoy his rights without any interference. He further said that Dharma (Duty) also teaches us that the values of human rights should be protected and implemented. Every religion should respected both by people and Governments.

Prof. P.M CHIKKABORAI AH, Former MLA & Hon. President, Vidhyavardhaka Sanga, Mysore in his short and sweet lecturer lauded the efforts of the organizers in coming out with a purposeful function. He has made a detailed analysis of human rights, violation of human rights and consequences of such violation. He is of the opinion that every one should to try to protect human rights and in that way protect human dignity. Every one should learn about other religion and respect it.

Regarding the religious harmony it is necessary that such harmony is absolute necessity in a situation of diversity of living, lifestyles in individuals and group behalf.

Prof. C.M MUNIRAMAPPA, Hon. Vice President, Vidhyavardhaka Sangha, Mysore in his speech acknowledged the efforts of organizers in coming out with a grand function and congratulated them for there work.

While talking about religious harmony he emphasized that religious harmony is essential for a society to progress. About human rights he was of the opinion that the rights and responsibilities should go together for the rights to get recognized for maintenance of human dignity.

Dr. R. INDIRA, Director, International Centre & Professor of Sociology, Manasagangothri, Mysore said that it was very much essential to enjoy rights without harming another person rights. She called upon the students to build a good society. She stated about the gender equality, even though we are having a best constitution whereas we are hearing that the female child will be killed before birth and curbing the rights of female even though equality of law as been provided to all. Therefore this type of attitude has to go in the society.

In the presidential address Mr. Thomas Mathew, International President, IARF & Chairman SACC said that IARF joins with UN to celebrate the diamond jubilee of International day of

human rights (UDHR) on December 10<sup>th</sup>. In India every branch and member groups of IARF are organizing international human rights day today (10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2008). He said one should understand the excellent meaning of Vasudeva Kutumbacum which means that “every human beings in the entire world is one family”. Hence the question of violation of human rights should not arise. He further said that protection of human rights is not only the duty of every human being but it is also the duty of the State (Government). The State(Government) should take care of human rights and if there is any violation, the law of land should be applied and see that the human rights are properly taken care of .

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He said that International Association for Religious Freedom has trained facilitators for conducting human rights education workshops on religious freedom in various countries. In India, human rights education workshops are being conducted for schools, colleges and NGO's.

He said that IARF is following Universal declaration of human rights proclaimed on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1948 by the General Assembly of the United Nations .

Further Declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief, proclaimed by general assembly resolution 36/55 of 25<sup>th</sup> November 1981 is also being followed by IARF.

In IARF human rights education workshop we are giving more importance to Article 18 of Universal declaration of human rights proclaimed in general assembly of United Nations. Everyone has a right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

He said that the Management of Vidhyavardhaka Educational Institution (Sangha) and Vidhyavardhaka college of Engineering extended full support for organizing International Human Rights Day Organized by IARF member group Forum for Harmony and Peace, Mysore in association with Vidhyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysore.

The Management of Vidhyavardhaka Educational Institutions had issued an official circular to the teaching staff, office staff and students of Vidhyavardhaka College of Engineering, Vidhyavardhaka College of Master Degree in Business Administration, Vidhyavardhaka Polytechnic, Vidhyavardhaka Composite Pre University College, K.Puttaswamy School affiliated to Vidhyavardhaka Institution and Vidhyavardhaka Industrial Training Institute to attend the International Day of Human Rights Programme without fail. An attendance of all the teaching, office staff and students was taken before the commencement of the programme. Vidhyavardhaka College of Engineering extended excellent cooperation for the success of the programme. The management and Vidhyavardhaka college of Engineering provided us free infrastructure such as Chairs, Dias, Electricity, Fans, etc., free of cost. The staff and the students of above mentioned Educational Institutions also extended whole hearted cooperation in every step. The dignitaries were received by the students of K.Puttaswamy School affiliated to Vidhyavardhaka Educational Institution with the band set crew to the venue.

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Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Vice Principal , Mrs. N. Manjula, Assistant Professor & Head of the Dept. of Physics and Mr. S.A Mohan Krishna, Lecturer, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, Vidhyavardhaka College of Engineering were present with us in every steps of the arrangements. The Management of Vidhyavardhaka Educational Institutions and Vidhyavardhaka College of Engineering extended full support for the programme was beyond expectations. The office Bearers, Executive Committee Members and the Members of Forum for Harmony and Peace expressed their gratitude to them. Sweets and snacks were distributed to one and all who were present in the programme. Lunch was arranged to the Dignitaries, Teaching and Non\_Teaching staffs of the above mentioned institutions.

Wide publicity was given in all the Newspapers both Local and State Level. The programme was relayed in important TV channels namely "C"-TV, TV-9 both on the 10<sup>th</sup> December evening and 11<sup>th</sup> December morning. Friends and well wishers of Forum for Harmony and Peace, Mysore called Chairman and secretary and congratulated them for there efforts in organizing the said programme.

Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Vice Principal proposed vote of thanks and the programme concluded at 12.15 p.m .

Photographs and News paper cuttings are enclosed herewith for your kind information and needful action at your end.

Thanking you,

Date : 18.12.2008

Place : Mysore.

Your's Sincerely

Mohammed Shabeer Ahmed  
Chairman

M.A Hemalatha  
Secretary