

Civilization for Peace

Far East Six Nations' Joint Buddhist Initiative for Korean peninsula's Peace and Reconciliation

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Dear friends.

Please find in the attachment the general proposal of the Far East Six Nations Joint Buddhist Peace Initiative, which is now being prepared to launch during February this year. This Initiative is aimed to formulate the international inter-religious civil society's intervention to resolve peacefully one of the most serious global crises of the Korean peninsula nuclear standoff.

I am humbly requesting you and your organization to be one of the international NGO endorsers, working in the fields of peace and security, nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation, conflict prevention and transformation, and inter-civilizational dialogue. Your moral, political and spiritual support will surely contribute to broaden the dimension of the Initiative's effectiveness and impact.

In the early months of this year 2004, the 1st Inter-religious Peace Mission of the Initiative will begin their peace journey across the Eurasian continent towards the Far East, carrying the legendary sacred relics of the Buddha, which was brought by the Great Chinese Buddhist Master to Japan in the earliest stage of the Buddhist history.

There will be the symbolic public events of the good-will for this 1st Peace Mission's journey in Geneva, London and Brussels during first half of February 2004.

12-members' Inter-religious Peace Mission will begin their journey from Moscow and Kiev, visiting on their way, the Buddhist republics of Kalmik, Altai, Buriat, as well as Central Asian Republics of Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan during February-March.

The 1st Mission then will visit Mongolia, China and DPRK in March-April. It will further continue its journey to South Korea and Japan.

This Initiative will be the open ended movement, whose effectiveness will depend upon the dynamics of simultaneous international and local supports, changing attitude of state relationships, which are affected by this crisis.

I sincerely hope this Initiative may transform the critical stalemate on the Korean peninsula nuclear standoff into the precious opportunity of the collective peacemaking and peacebuilding by the awakened international public, sharing the spiritual heritage of Buddhism as a common bound of Civilization for Peace.

With deep appreciation,

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