

**UNESCO-MADANJEET SINGH PRIZE FOR THE PROMOTION OF
TOLERANCE AND NON-VIOLENCE 2011**

**Nomination Form
to be completed in English or French only**

This form must be completed in full. Nominations should reach UNESCO by **9 September 2011**.

1. Information about the nominator:

Note for the nominators:	
1.	A self-nomination cannot be considered.
2.	Each government of a Member State may present a maximum of two nominations if it considers them eligible for the Prize.
3.	If the nominator and the nominee are nationals of different Member States, it is recommended that the Permanent Delegation to UNESCO and the National Commission for UNESCO of the nominee's Member State be informed of the nomination.
4.	It is necessary to sign or initial every page of the nomination form.
5.	Nominators are invited to submit two letters of support, at least, duly signed, from an institution/personality, not related to the nominee, emphasizing the relevance of the nomination vis-à-vis the requirements of the Prize, to accompany the nomination.

1.1 Nomination submitted by Member State:

Country	Sri Lanka
Nominator (Please indicate the name and title of the officials and organizations, qualified to submit nominations for the Prize on behalf of their Government)	Mr. K. B. Hettiarachchi, Additional District Secretary, District Secretariat, Anuradhapura For Government Agent, Anuradhapura. Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs

(The nominators are kindly invited to forward the original nomination form directly to the Secretary of the Prize via the Permanent Delegation to UNESCO of their country, whenever possible. To optimize the handling of nominations, advanced copies of the nomination documents can be sent by electronic mail or fax as indicated in item 3.6 below.)

In consultation with the National Commission for UNESCO of:

(Please indicate the National Commission(s) of which UNESCO Member States have been consulted on the nomination.)

or

1.2 Nomination submitted by non-governmental organization (NGO):

NGO maintaining official	Foundation maintaining official	Other civil society organization
relations with UNESCO <input type="checkbox"/>	relations with UNESCO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Name and acronym:		
Country:		
Responsible person: (Please indicate the name and title of the official qualified to submit nomination on behalf of the NGO.)		

or

1.3 Nomination submitted by qualified personalities:

Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	• or	Mr • <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Surname: Hettiarachchi	First name: K. B.
Nationality: Sri Lankan				

1.4 Contact details (both for institutional and individual nominators)

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Country: Sri Lanka				
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District Administration				
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2. Information about the nominee**2.1 For institutional candidates**

Name and acronym:	
Date and place of creation (please provide a copy of the General Rules/Statutes):	
City and country of the headquarters:	
Field of activity:	
Financial sources:	

or

2.2 For individual candidates

Ms • or	Mr • <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Surname: Bandara	First name: Chandrarathne
Date and place of birth: 10. 11. 1951 Kahatagasdigiliya Govt. Hospital, Sri Lanka			
Nationality: Sri Lankan			
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3. Recommendation

3.1 A description of the candidate's background and achievements extending over several years (1/2-1 page).

Dr Chandra Bandara is the founder of Samadeepa which he initiated when he was very young in early 1970s. At the time, 1972, he was working as the Hony. Secretary of the Jaffna Secretariat Buddhist Association. At present he is the National Adviser, Global University for Lifelong Learning and an Ambassador for Peace appointed by the Inter Religious and International Federation for World Peace – IIFWP.

Chandra secured a government scholarship to study at the university but later had to withdraw from academia due to economic hardship and for political reasons. He was subsequently able to complete his LLB degree at the Open University of Sri Lanka. In 1980, Chandra founded a voluntary organization called 'Samadeepa Samaja Kendraya ' and since then, it has supported and/or facilitated the creation of more than 600 community-based and non-governmental organizations throughout Sri Lanka. Among them are Action Group for Social Development (AGSOD), Institute of Social Developers (INSOD) and Community Development Research and Training Institute (CDRTI), all operating from Anuradhapura, his home town. In 1994 he was elected President of the Central Council of Social Services in Sri Lanka and in 2004-2008 he was the Regional President, Central and South Asia, International Council of Social Welfare (ICSW). He is the National Representative for Sri Lanka, World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO) and he has held this position for the past six years.

He initiated Peoples Assembly of Sri Lanka - PASL in year 2000 which is working as a network of CSOs promoting peace, social justice, democracy and good governance through voluntary pledge and code of ethics and conduct for NGOs / CBOs. Around 100 organizations have already joined the programme and message has passed to around 15000 people throughout the country. Awareness has been created among the people on the Principles of Good Governance leading to peace, tolerance and inter religious understanding.

Understanding the necessity for catering to the changing needs of the society he initiated action for the establishment of South Asian academy for Good Governance (SAAGG) in 2007. A world where democracy will flourish with good governance, transparency, accountability, social responsibility, human rights and rule of law is the vision of the academy.

Centre for Inter - Religious Peace Culture - CIRPC which he initiated in 1990 is successfully working at present with religious institutions of different faiths promoting peace and good governance based on age old traditional customs, rituals and beliefs. Vision of the CIRPC is “ A world which will look like a garden of different trees, leaves and flowers with people belonging to different faiths, cultures and nations.’

- 3.2** A summary of the nominee’s activities or results of activities, publications and other relevant documents of major importance, including audio and video materials, pedagogical tools, etc. (1/2-1 page).

Dr. Chandra Bandara has authored the following books and Booklets.

- i. Peace Songs. (Sinhala language)
- ii. New Path (10 stage plays - Sinhala language)
- iii. Kande Kumaru (Life of God Skanda with new interpretations as a stage play -Sinhala language)
- iv. NGO Culture (Sinhala language)
- v. Notes on Community Management (Sinhala language)
- vi. Development Communication (Sinhala language)
- vii. Our Approaches in Community Development (English)
- viii. Way to Peace (Sinhala language)
- ix. English for Social Development (A course leading to a Diploma (English and Sinhala)
- x. Sing and Learn your Spoken English (English and Sinhala)
- xi. Cricket and Politics (Sinhala language)
- xii. Alms and Meals (Sinhala language)
- xiii. Principles of Good Governance (English and Sinhala)
- xiv. Love is sacred (Poetry in Sinhala language)
- xv. Notes on Community Development (Sinhala language)

He has also authored the following Research Papers.

- i. Effects of War on the Communities in 4 selected Districts.
- ii. Effects of War and Cease - Fire on the Activities and Life Patterns of Community Leaders in the selected area of Anuradhapura District.
- iii. Views of different stake holders on 23 resolutions passed by the People’s Assembly of Sri Lanka. (Opinion Pool)
- iv. Effects of War on Children in the selected villages in the North Central Province.
- v. Effects of War and Cease – Fire on NGOs, CBOs and NGO/CBO Networks in 20 selected Districts.

All these books, booklets and research papers are tools for educational programmes aimed at promoting peace and mutual understanding. For example; Peace songs have been sung by thousands of people and subsequently appeared in print and then is electronic media. Stage plays were performed by young people and research papers were discussed in many workshops. Most of his works are being utilized by civil society activities continuously promoting peace and mutual understanding.

- 3.3** Activity/project undertaken to contribute to the promotion of a spirit of tolerance and non-violence for which the candidate is nominated for the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence, 2011 (1/2-1 page), and the impact it has produced, in accordance with Article 3 (a) of the Statutes of the Prize.

For the purpose of promoting spirit of tolerance and non-violence Dr. Chandra Bandara carried out a massive community development programme. He was able to harness the support of the international community for this purpose. The following table shows some of the main activities carried out by him during the past two and a half decades.

No	Supported by	Activity	Year(s)	Monetary Value (Roughly) LKR
01	Community Aid Abroad - Australia (CAA)	Training, Cattle rearing , Credit and savings	1984 / 88	800000/-
02	Save the Children Fund – UK	First aid	1985	1000/-
03	Swiss Inter- cooperation	Training	1987 / 1988	300,000/-
04	Oxfam – UK	Buffallow Credit Scheme	1988 / 1989	400000/-
05	AgriSwiss Rural Development Consultants	Training	1988 / 1989	15000/-
06	Oxfam – Qubec (through (Sri Lanka Canada Development Fund)	Training, Cattle rearing , Agriculture and Self Employment	1989 / 92	1700000/-
07	National Development Trust Fund (World Bank UNDP funded through treasury)	Nutrition/ Social Development / Credit / Community Projects	1992/ 1996	50000000/-
08	Action against Hunger - France	Relief and Rehabilitation	1997/ 1998	2500000/-
09	Save the Children - Norway	Pre School Development, Child Care & credit funds	1997/2000	20000000/-

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10	Hope for Children - UK	Child Development	1998/2002	2000000/-
11	National Integration programme Unit	Peace Education	1999/2000	67000/-
12	United Nations Development Programme	Peace Education	2005 / 2006	650000/-
13	Canadian International Development Agency	Peace Education - I	1988/1989	1000000/-
14	Canadian International Development Agency	Peace Education -II	2001/03	2600000/-
15	Canadian International Development Agency	Peace Education -III (KKDDC)	2003	700000/-
16	International Council on Social Welfare	Training / Awareness Building	2003/2004	30000/-
17	United States Development Agency (USAID)	Training / Education	2004 / 2005	1500000/-
18	World Association for Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO)	Training / Awareness Building Peoples Assembly of Sri Lanka	2006	50000/-
19	Oxfam – Hong - Kong	Rehabilitation and Credit (1)	2005	8000000/-
20	Oxfam – Hong - Kong	Rehabilitation and Credit (2)	2006	8000000/-
	Total			100313000/-

Through all these activities Dr. Bandara promoted a peace culture in which many down trodden communities could participate on equal footing. Today they are well organized and committed to work for a better world. One of the significant aspects of the programme is that it goes on on its own without much outside assistance.

3.4 Conclusion: (1/2-1 page).

As far back as 1996 Dr. Chadra Bandara joined International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW). Since then he was a very active member of ICSW.

As founder of Samadeepa he held the position of regional president for Central and South Asia since 2004 till June 2008. He is very much thankful to ICSW for the international exposure he received through the network.

He played the key role in establishing the Sri Lanka Chapter of World Association for Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO) in 2004. He was appointed by WANGO as its national representative in Sri Lanka. Most of the people holding high positions in WANGO – Sri Lanka chapter are civil society leaders came up through community based and Non-Governmental organizations initiated or supported by him.


He joined International Consortium for Social Development - ICSD quite recently (May 2010) New relationship will definitely create opportunities for new experience for the present and future generations. He has also joined International Association of Schools of Social Work quite recently.

Through global networks he has been exposed to international development community.

At present he is playing an active role in the fields of peace, social justice, social welfare, social development, democracy, human rights, inter religious understanding and Good governance.

Most significant feature in Dr. Chandra Bandara's all activities is that he is generously handing over the leadership to the younger generation with his whole hearted support and available resources. Another important characteristic in his life is that he does not like to call any of his achievements as his own but likes to identify them as results of collective efforts achieved by people themselves. At present he is chanting Dhamma Padaya, Lord Buddha's teachings concentrating more on spiritual development with a view to promote peace, tolerance, non-violence and inter communal understanding at different levels.

3.5 Signature and stamp of the nominator

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3.6 Nominations should be submitted by 9 September 2011 to: Ms Angela Melo,
Secretary

of the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence in the Division of Human Rights, Philosophy and Democracy (UNESCO, 1 rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, France, tel.: +33 (0)1 45 68 38 17, +33(0)1 45 68 38 31 or +33 (0)1 45 68 38 22; fax: +33(0)1 45 68 57 26; e-mail: a.melo@unesco.org, cc. a.schischlik@unesco.org, i.zoubenko-laplante@unesco.org).