

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence – 2009

Applications are invited for the **UNESCO - Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence – 2009** which aims at encouraging efforts in UNESCO Member States to spread the spirit of tolerance and non-violence.

2. The prize amounting to US \$ 150,000 is meant for institutions, individuals and other entities or non-governmental organisations having taken one or more particulars remarkable initiatives to promote the development of tolerance and non-violence through any one of the following activities.

- (i) by directly carrying out an educational activity;
- (ii) by implementing international, national, regional or local programmes aimed at the promotion of tolerance and non-violence;
- (iii) by mobilizing initiatives and/or means likely to contribute to the implementation of such programmes;
- (iv) by producing teaching materials or other special aids designed for the development of programmes to teach tolerance and non-violence;
- (v) by undertaking, coordinating or encouraging research in those fields or fields related to specific aspects of tolerance;
- (vi) by conducting special surveys or launching original undertakings that have made for significant development in the promotion of tolerance and non-violence.

3. The following criteria should be respected:

- (i) the activity must have lasted long enough for its results to be evaluated and its effectiveness verified;
- (ii) it must represent an outstanding contribution to the fundamental objectives of UNESCO and the United Nations in the fields of tolerance and non-violence;
- (iii) the work accomplished must be exemplary and likely to instigate similar initiatives;
- (iv) it must have shown itself to be effective in mobilizing new intellectual and material resources;
- (v) it must represent a contribution to the understanding and solution of international or national problems in a spirit of tolerance and non-violence.

4. Prospective candidates to the above prize should submit their application on the prescribed form available at the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO (Ministry of Education, Culture and Human Resources, 2nd level, IVTB House, Phoenix, Tel 601 5200 (Ext 5414), Fax 686 2532) supported by a recommendation of not more than five standard pages comprising the following:

- (a) a description of the work accomplished;
- (b) an account of the results obtained; and
- (c) an evaluation in accordance with the criteria set out above.

5. All applications should reach the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO by **01 July 2009**

6. Further information may be obtained at the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO.

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