

HWPL: Development of Peace in Mindanao, Philippines

SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA , July 14, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- 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 the 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 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.

HWPL 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 archbishop, 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.



HWPL Chairman Lee Man-hee (center), H.E. Fernando 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.

At his 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."

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Philippine soldiers take part in the Peace Walk held after the 2nd Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of World Peace in Maguindanao, Philippines on 25 May 2015.



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