

Message

by

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at

The 60th Anniversary of Myochikai

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May I take the opportunity, ladies and gentlemen, of presenting my respectful congratulations on the 60th Anniversary of Myochikai. I would like to emphasise the importance of universal consciousness as we look at the scenes of the abject misery of people caused by the floods in Pakistan and other recent disasters all over the world. It seems that the concept of giving and altruism has unfortunately overwhelmed us all to the point where apathy has taken root. I recall the contributions of Myochikai during the earthquake in Bam as one selfless expression of giving to destitute civilians, women and children.

I wonder whether on this occasion an Inter-Asian network of conversation leading to the building of a concept of an Inter-Asian network for peace or an Inter-Asian non-denominational peace corps could not be discussed with the lead possibly being taken by those in East Asia. We, in Jordan, live in West Asia and I feel that the time has come to recognize that we are not just opening up markets towards Asia; we are not just – as Arabs – exporting oil to Asia or building networks from East Asia across land and sea towards Europe, but we are building a route of ideas. We have silk routes and many pilgrimage routes. The time has come to build a route of ideas which bridges the gap between talking, thinking and doing. It is in this regard that I would like to congratulate you on your achievements at your sixtieth anniversary, but at the same time let me remind you of the importance of the

teachings of the cultures of the Orient. Far be it for me to express my admiration for the teachings of Nin Zen, which as I understand it, teaches one to be willing to endure great difficulties for the sake of achieving any great good.

Let us focus on the global good and the regional good of a partnership in the happiness of man, not only a partnership of humanity, but one of unity of man.

Thank you, congratulations and my prayers are with you for a successful 60th.