

**Birth 2012 World Peace Flag Ceremony
Fuji Sanctuary, Japan, December 22, 2012**

Greeting by Masami Saionji

Greetings to all of you from the foot of Mount Fuji in Japan! I am Masami Saionji, Chairperson of Byakko Shinko Kai. I am so happy to connect with our friends around the world through the Birth 2012 broadcast.

Right now, I am here at Fuji Sanctuary joined by more than one thousand people from all over Japan. As you see, it is an open field with no shelter. All we have is a beautiful view of the majestic Mount Fuji.

For the past 50 years, we have been gathering every month to pray for the peace and happiness of each country of the world. We pray in rain or snow, in heat or cold, and sometimes even in storms.

Dear friends, prayer is not about fulfilling a personal wish or desire. True prayer is about giving oneself to serve the world, so that there will be no more wars, conflicts, discrimination, poverty, diseases or natural disasters. The ultimate purpose of our prayer is to create peace on earth.



True prayer is love, energy, light, and power. It is healing, joy, and the source of life itself. True prayer resonates across time and space. It can bring about positive changes around the world, and build a bright future for humanity.

Our existence is connected to all life on earth. We are part of Oneness, exchanging energy with each other and all living beings. When our earth is hurt, each one of us is hurt.

As we celebrate the birth of a new era, let us all begin a way of life that is responsible toward our planet and all life. Let us unite our hearts in prayer to bring about a shift in the consciousness of humanity.

May peace prevail on Earth. Thank you very much.