

## **Mrs. Masami Saionji SOPP 2014 Welcoming Greetings**

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who have gathered here today not only from Japan but from around the world. As a result of your support, we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Symphony of Peace Prayers.

The aim of SOPP is to offer and experience prayers of peace offered by various faith traditions and religions with one united heart.

Still to this day, religious discord and conflict in the world have not dissipated. The interfaith peace prayers we offer here at Fuji Sanctuary will generate energies of love, peace and happiness to reach those regions of the world torn by poverty and conflict.

When people of pure heart and mind gather simultaneously under on common purpose of uplift humanity and create world peace we are able to manifest a tremendous global effect.

When people with similar intentions increase in number from one to two and from ten to one hundred, the power of prayer begins to expand allowing people the world over to catch the wave vibration of our prayers. The world is then embraced in the light of divine rebirth as those who awoken to their inner divinity increase in numbers synergistically.

We are grateful that since the launch of the very first SOPP in 2005, we have increased support around the world. Beginning 2008, SOPP started to enjoy worldwide participation. I have heard that there are hundreds of thousands of people engaged in ----- SOPP events in ---- countries who are celebrating with us today.

In February of 2013, we were fortunate enough to present the same SOPP as part of an event called " United for a Culture of Peace through Interfaith Harmony" which took place in the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations in New York.

I was told that it was truly unprecedented to have such a prayer event in the General Assembly Hall. A sense of joy and happiness touched and embraced the hearts of all participants as the beautiful symphony of prayers were offered by various faith traditions.

Next year, in collaboration with Dr. Ervin Laszlo, Chairman of the Club of Budapest of Hungary we are planning to launch the Fuji Declaration. We will invite world leaders to discuss visions of the world and social systems rooted in divine consciousness in the field of politics, science, economics, the arts and education. The outcome of these discussions will be shared at SOPP 2015.

In order for world peace to manifest, each member of humanity must experience a rebirth of inner divinity. There is no greater joy than to engage together in interfaith prayers today generating a huge movement forward.

I have learned that this event is being broadcasted LIVE on the internet at this very moment. In closing I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our friends the world over who are joining us in offering their prayers for peace.

May Peace Prevail On Earth