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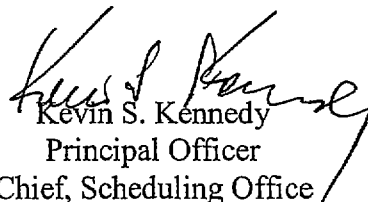
Dear Dr. Levine,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter of 20 February 2006, inviting him to receive the Sri Chinmoy Centres International *U Thant Peace Award* and the *Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart Award*.

The Secretary-General is honoured by your offer to bestow him with these special awards for his service to humanity. However, I trust you will understand that he is unable to accept due to his extremely heavy schedule this year.

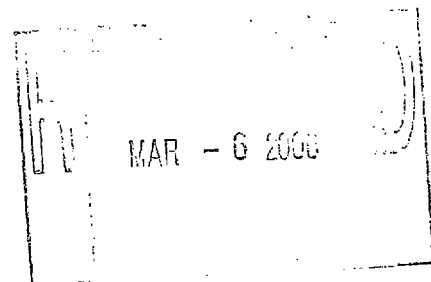
Please accept our sincere gratitude for your continued support of the Secretary-General's work.

Yours sincerely,


Kevin S. Kennedy
Principal Officer
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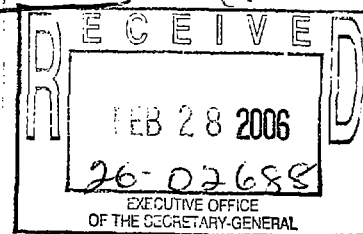


February 20th, 2006

H.E. Kofi Annan
Secretary-General of the United Nations
Office of the Secretary-General
United Nations Headquarters
New York, NY

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(w.m.c.s.)



Dear Highly Esteemed Secretary-General Kofi Annan,

I am writing on behalf of the students of Sri Chinmoy. Sri Chinmoy and all of us have been very grateful for your kind encouragement over the years. He will be honoured to present you with the U Thant Peace Award for your decades of peerless service to the entire humanity, as well as the Lifting Up the World With a Oneness-Heart Award.

The U Thant Peace Award perpetuates the memory of U Thant and his most exemplary devotion to fostering world peace. Previous recipients of the award include President Nelson Mandela, President Mikhail Gorbachev, Mother Teresa, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. As well, several of your predecessors, including Javier Perez de Cuellar and Kurt Waldheim, have received this award. Dr. Boutros Boutros Gali will be presented the award in Paris on March 28th. The honour is offered in the form of a beautiful large engraved crystal piece and a polished brass medallion.

As you know, U Thant was a very good friend of Sri Chinmoy. He invited Sri Chinmoy to lead the Peace Meditation at the United Nations thirty-five years ago. Your own very kind messages of encouragement to Sri Chinmoy and appreciation for all his peace activities and specially for the Peace Meditation at the United Nations he greatly treasures.

A second award which Sri Chinmoy will be honoured to present to you as well, Sir, the Lifting Up the World With a Oneness-Heart Award. It recognises great luminaries from all walks of life who are inspiring and uplifting humanity. Previous recipients include several of the above-mentioned leaders, as well as other Presidents, Prime Ministers, Nobel laureates, great

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researchers, cultural luminaries and legendary athletes. I enclose summary materials about both awards for you.

Sri Chinmoy has been extremely happy to offer the invocation for many years at the Solemn Interfaith Service of Commitment to the Work of the United Nations in which you so graciously participate. He was also deeply touched to learn that you liked the book he wrote about you entitled *Kofi Annan: Cynosure-Eyes*.

If I may add, after President Mandela received the U Thant Peace Award, he was deeply moved and exclaimed, "This U Thant Peace Award from you is one that I am going to respect a great deal and which encourages me in the difficult work that we are doing. To be appreciated by an organisation like yours is a real shot in the arm. I cannot express in words my joy. What you are doing is in the interest of the entire humanity and the world."

I pray you may also find a few minutes to receive one or both of these awards for your historic and, indeed, immortal contributions. Thank you once again!

With deepest admiration,

Yours sincerely,

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The U Thant Peace Award

The U Thant Peace Award is presented to most distinguished individuals and organisations for their exceptional service towards world peace and for the betterment of humanity. The award, which is presented by Sri Chinmoy on behalf of The Peace Meditation at the United Nations, is named for the late Secretary-General of the United Nations. At the invitation in 1970 of U Thant, a close personal friend, Sri Chinmoy has offered the twice-weekly Peace Meditation at the United Nations since that time.

The award perpetuates the memory of U Thant and his exemplary devotion to peace in both his personal and his political life. Recipients reflect U Thant's lofty spiritual ideals which are put into practice daily in the tireless service for world peace.

Amongst the previous recipients of the U Thant Peace Award are:

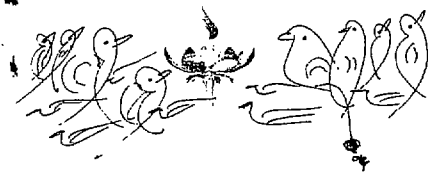
- President Nelson Mandela
- President Mikhail Gorbachev
- Pope John Paul II
- Mother Teresa
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- The Dalai Lama



President Nelson Mandela and First Lady Mama Graça with Sri Chinmoy during their meeting in New York on September 20th, 1998 (left). Sri Chinmoy presents the U Thant Peace Award to Pope John Paul II on May 17th, 1998 at the Vatican (right).

"EACH INDIVIDUAL COMES INTO THE WORLD TO DO SOMETHING GREAT AND GOOD FOR MANKIND." ~ SRI CHINMOY





LIFTING UP THE WORLD WITH A ONENESS-HEART AWARD

The award has
been received
by:

Spiritual Leaders

Pope
John Paul II
Mother Teresa
Archbishop
Desmond Tutu
Pir Vilayat Khan

Heads of State

Pres. Nelson
Mandela
Pres. Mary
Robinson
King Ja'afar Ibni
Al-Marhum of
Malaysia

Academia

Dr. Jane
Goodall
Dr. Dorothy
Hodgkin

Cultural Luminaries

Ravi Shankar
Sting
Susan
Sarandon
Roberta Flack

Legendary Athletes

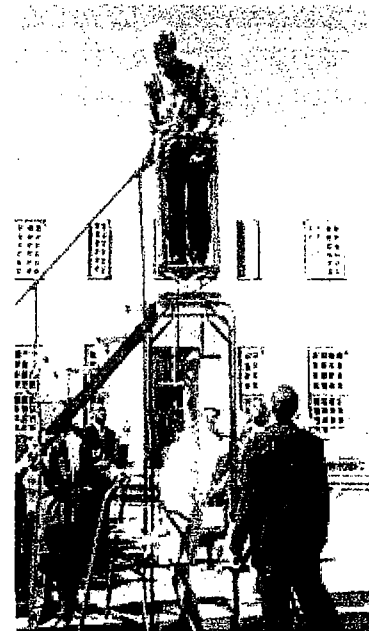
Muhammad Ali
Carl Lewis
Al Oerter
Steffi Graf

Lifting Up the World With a Oneness-Heart is a unique award programme that recognises individuals from all walks of life who, by excelling in their respective fields of endeavour, have inspired and uplifted humanity.

Inaugurated in 1988, the *Lifting Up the World With a Oneness-Heart* Award has been offered by Sri Chinmoy, a dedicated dreamer of world-oneness, to Heads of State, United Nations leaders, members of parliament, Nobel laureates, university professors, spiritual leaders from all faiths, legendary athletes, and citizens who are serving their communities at the grassroots level.



Sri Chinmoy meets with President Nelson Mandela and his wife Mrs. Graça Machel (left). He presents the *Lifting Up the World With a Oneness-Heart* Award to President Nelson Mandela on October 30th, 2004, Presidential Residence, Johannesburg, South Africa



The award ceremony is heart-to-heart and very simple, celebrating the best in humanity in a very unique fashion. In addition to being a humanitarian, author, poet, artist and musician, Sri Chinmoy is also an avid athlete. At the award presentation, Sri Chinmoy lifts the honourees overhead with one arm on a specially-made platform — symbolizing the way in which they have uplifted the world — and then offers a special *Lifting Up the World With a Oneness-Heart* medallion. It is extremely safe. The oldest person to be lifted so far was 126 years old!

The *Lifting Up the World With a Oneness-Heart* Award is Sri Chinmoy's way of gratefully sharing a moment of heartfelt inspiration with people of goodwill, and of humbly offering his heartfelt appreciation to them for their many contributions of the heart and spirit.

HONOURING MEN AND WOMEN OF INSPIRATION AND DEDICATION

Excerpts of Correspondence
From United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan
To Sri Chinmoy

"I wish to congratulate all present on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Peace Meditation at the United Nations. The practice spans three decades, crosses multiple frontiers and motivates many people. In this house dedicated to duty and debate in the service of peace, meditation serves the same cause in silence and in stillness. On this 30th anniversary, please accept my best wishes on behalf of the United Nations, along with the hope that the cause of peace will be come a reality in the new millennium."

April 18th, 2000

"...Let me also take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your 30 years of dedication to the United Nations. Through your prayers, meditations, concerts and global 'Peace Run', your work has linked peace-lovers in more than 100 countries and complemented that of the world Organization. I encourage you to continue in this creative and dynamic service."

September 22nd, 2000

"The Secretary-General has asked me to convey his most sincere thanks...for your good wishes and congratulations on his recent mission to Baghdad. Your support and prayers are deeply appreciated."

March 6th, 1998

"In its efforts to help promote global peace, the Peace Meditation Group is contributing to the fostering of the goals of the United Nations Charter, and in a notable way perpetuating the great spirit of the late Secretary-General U Thant...The Secretary-General has asked me to convey his best wishes to you and the Peace Meditation Group, along with his gratitude for your interest and support to the work of the United Nations."

March 25th, 1998