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UN team splash out in Peace Year drive

THREE United Nations staffers are splashing out at Horseshoe Bay tomorrow — to help the organisation mark the International Year of Peace.

The UN officers will hold a mile-long swim to draw attention to the world body's drive for international peace.

"They all belong to the UN Peace Meditation group which meets twice a week," said UN spokesman Dhruva Hein. "A very important part of the group's work is to reawaken the feelings of idealism which led to the creation of the League of Nations and the United Nations."

"Despite unfortunate world conditions we still have to be optimistic and do everything we can for world peace."

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Swimmers Adhiratha Keefe, Sunil Davidson and Shradda Howard have held 10 of these events so far this year.

"They began their peace journey on January 1 at Hiroshima," said Mr. Hein. "The Japanese people were very enthusiastic because peace is of central concern to them."

"On January 6 they held a second swim off Nagasaki."

The trio hope to hold 20 swims throughout the world before the end of the year including one across the English Channel this summer.

"There appears to be really genuine support for this kind of thing," said Mr. Hein. "It draws attention to the International Year of Peace."

"We thought Bermuda would be an appropriate place to hold one of these events."