

1. Secretary General **U Thant**:

supported UN SDGs before they were called “**sustainable development goals**” (especially **goal 4 Quality Education**)

He **demonstrated** his commitment to all aspects of **universal peace before** it was called “**culture of peace**”

2. The work of **Aye Aye** and the U Thant Institute **have kept this vision alive.**

With the **unique understanding** of her father’s expanding **vision** she has **encouraged all.**

Her wonderful **dedication and personal example** admire by so many is **highlighted by this award.**

These **continuing efforts** are **invoking** more culture and more **light --- so needed** in this world.

3. This **beautiful Aspiration Ground** is a **most appropriate** setting.

Here: **Light is valued** and **culture is valued. ..**

Here: **Artists share** soul stirring compositions

Here: We observe great **attention to detail** that **create and maintain a beautiful sacred space** atmosphere.

On entering one feels culture, **light**, peace and **Oneness.**

Obviously: **U Thant, Sri Chinmoy, and Aye Aye Thant** all share a profound love of **oneness** and **spirituality** as a natural part of **peace-building**