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2004 International Essay Contest for Young People

Sponsored by The Goi Peace Foundation and The World Peace Prayer Society

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The United Nations has designated 2001-2010 as the "International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World." Not only should every child benefit from this global movement, but they should be encouraged to play a leading role in the creation of a culture of peace. The theme of this year's International Essay Contest is "Making the most of my qualities." Young people from around the world are invited to submit their creative ideas on this theme.

■ **Theme:** "Making the most of my qualities" -- Each person has their own unique qualities. What are your positive attributes? What do you like about yourself? How can you best make use of your qualities for the benefit of the society?

- **Guidelines:**
1. Essays may be submitted by anyone up to 25 years old in one of the following age categories:
 - a) Children (ages up to 15)
 - b) Youth (ages 16 - 25)
 2. Essays must be 800 words or less, typed or printed in English, Spanish, German or French.
 3. Essays must have a cover page indicating (1) category (Children or Youth) (2) essay title (3) your name (4) address (5) phone number (6) fax number (7) e-mail address (8) nationality (9) age (10) sex (11) school name and grade.
Teachers and youth directors may submit a collection of essays from their class or group. Please enclose a list of participants' names and the name and contact information of the submitting teacher or director.
(Entries missing any of the above information will not be considered.)
 4. Entries may be submitted by postal mail or e-mail.
 5. Essays must be original and unpublished.
 6. Essays must be written by one person. Co-authored essays are not accepted.
 7. Copyright of the essays entered will be assigned to the sponsor.

■ **Deadline:** Entries must be received by **June 30, 2004**.
Winners will be announced in November 2004 on the Goi Peace Foundation web site (<http://www.goipeace.or.jp>). Winners will also be notified.

■ **Awards:** The following awards will be given in the Children's category and Youth category respectively:

1st Prize: Certificate and prize of 100,000 Yen (approx. US\$900) ... 1 entrant
 2nd Prize: Certificate and prize of 50,000 Yen (approx. US\$450) ... 2 entrants
 3rd Prize: Certificate and gift ... 5 entrants
 Honorable Mention: Certificate and gift ... 25 entrants
 All entrants will receive a certificate.
 (Certificates, prizes and gifts will be mailed to the entrants by the end of the year.)

1st prize winners will be invited to the award ceremony to be held in Tokyo, Japan on November 21, 2004. (Travel expenses will be covered by the sponsor.)

■ **Please send your entries to:** International Essay Contest c/o The Goi Peace Foundation
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 E-mail: essay@goipeace.or.jp

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