

UNITY IN DIVERSITY- 10.10.10, Inaugural Global Dialogue Forum

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Speech by KK Bose:

A very good morning to all of you ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I wish to acknowledge the traditional land owners, the Wurundjeri people, on which we stand today. I pay my respects to Elders past and present

Wurundjeri Council Elder

H.E. Jorge Sampaio, High Representative of the UN Alliance of Civilizations,

The Hon. Telmo Languiller, MP

The Hon. John Pandazopoulos, MP

The Rt Hon, The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Robert Doyle

Mr. Sam Afra, Chairman Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria

Dr. Vasko M. Najdovski, the founder of GDF,

Mr. Jean-Christophe Bas, Senior Representative of the UN Alliance of Civilizations

Mr. Peter Gorgievski, Director General and CEO of GDF

GDF board members

Representatives from the United Nations

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen.

In my capacity as the Hon. Chairperson of the Global Dialogue Foundation, let me place on record my deepest appreciation and admiration to the vision of its founder Dr. Vasko Najdovski for bringing humanity together through dialogue.

Let me also place on record my deepest appreciation and admiration to the relentless work of our Director General and CEO Mr. Peter Gorgievski for his continued endeavor to bring GDF to this level of global recognition and acceptance.

At a time when global tension seems overwhelming, we at GDF promote “dialogue” as a means to understand each other and settle any dispute.

I consider it a great honour to address this Forum held in Melbourne under the auspices of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations.

GDF is a unique, peculiar and noble organization.

It was established as a charitable structure in 2009 and is the result of over 20 years of work. Its basic aim is to help people of various cultural background and of the same communities - large or small:

- * to learn about one another on a local, regional and at a later time, on a global level,
- * to become friends and good neighbors and collaborate towards building an improved and safer future for all.
- * to share knowledge learned from the experiences of their own and other cultures
- * to successfully integrate into mainstream society - in their new world, for them.

GDF's commitment is to improve levels of sustainability, progress and integration in new environments by focussing on:

- * protecting and maintaining the identity and heritage of each culture, faith and civilization,
- * creating prosperity in the community of the new homeland in which people live for each of their future generations.
- * develop care and provision for the needs of members of each cultures; men, women, children, elderly, youth
- * build capacity for self-sustaining progress and a coexistence among cultures, civilizations, religions/faiths, governments and the people in general of various backgrounds at a local, regional and global level

Different cultural histories, faiths, and civilization characteristics mean a new world for many people who move to and from meridians and countries all over the world, regardless of whether it is due to tourism or enjoyment, or work and business, or to study or further study.

People and cultures, faiths, civilizations... will be increasingly intermixed.

Therefore, it is our goal to support people and cultures in their communities, to create NGO structures for their needs and a better life for themselves, and in their new world, to help the citizens - the descendants of the various cultures, integrate and find their way quicker in the new environment, to enter mainstream society and prosper.

Without interfering in any state, or religious/faith matters, this process will create order in the civil sector. Self-instilling unrest, isolation, paranoia and fear will begin to diminish and capacity in the citizen sector will develop.

Protecting the cultural identify and heritage of all people, and working to meet their needs from a human, cultural, faith and civilization aspect, the members of their communities will create a web of collaboration on all levels, to promote the development of “Unity in Diversity” and humankind towards brother and sisterhood.

For a process such as this to work continuously, it is necessary to understand it. Also, to recruit noble people, with great potential for understanding, with experience, contacts and influence, respect from the other and for oneself, and an overall appreciation of the others’ needs and their identity.

With one’s own respect and noble characteristics for self and for others on the planet, and with vast experience, influence and contacts, including faith for a brighter future for all, all developed and more, a person can feel it and may not have the words to describe the outcome of such a spiritual, intellectual and material energetic freedom for humankind.

In a creative sense, to contribute greatly in building an improved, more secure and more humane world and a positive development for all on the planet, to bring beauty of freedom and creativity of mind, body and soul, will provide progress and development and a more secure life for all - an entry into a more humane society as universal brother and sisterhood.

As a result of considerable effort and commitment, GDF has succeeded in forming a nucleus with talented and noble people who on their own merits, with dialogue, will move us closer towards a brighter tomorrow for all on the planet. By coming together as in this dialogue and increasing the levels of understanding and cooperation among people and cultures at the community level and working in the frame of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, along with expanding this process, the world will arrive to where we are aimed- in a more humane global society, much faster and much safer for the common good.

It is therefore, our greatest pleasure to welcome you to this inaugural Unity in Diversity Forum. We invite each person to work collaboratively in this direction.

As His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has rightly said in a message marking October 02, the birth day of Mahatma Gandhiji as the International Day of Non-Violence that:

“The work of creating and sustaining a culture of peace and non-violence begins in the hearts of committed men and women”.

“Communities, families, and individuals all have a critical role to play in defeating violence and creating a culture of peace. This work cannot be left to governments or international organizations alone.”

This is where the role of GDF comes in. This is where the vision of GDF lies.

GDF is geared and well equipped in all respects to complement the UN to establish a peaceful world society. And this can be achieved only through dialogue, dialogue among citizens of different cultures and faiths, dialogue among leaders, politicians, and states.

May you have an outstanding Forum.