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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **University for Peace and the UPEACE AP Foundation in Korea sign an agreement to create UPEACE Asia-Pacific Centre**

*Seoul, Republic of Korea and San José, Costa Rica. 18 December 2009.* Today the University for Peace (UPEACE) and the UPEACE AP Foundation in Korea signed an agreement to create **The UPEACE Asia-Pacific Centre in Korea.**

The Centre will host a variety of studies, conferences, seminars, short-courses, training and degree programmes at the post-graduate level. It can also host other types of events, such as exhibits, concerts and presentations, consistent with its mission.

“The creation of this new Center is a very important step for UPEACE and reflects the interest of Korea in our institution, as well as the concept of education for peace. We look forward to working with our korean partners to develop the Center and its activities”, said John J. Maresca, Rector of the University for Peace.

Currently UPEACE offers a dual degree programme with Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) in three different subject areas.

This initiative will strengthen the activities of the University for Peace in the Republic of Korea, the establishment of this center is also of particular interest to The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

According to president Dae Won Park of The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA),

“This joint effort will help to strengthen sustainability and responsibility in education for the world, and will also combine the Peace mission with Korean spirit in close cooperation with the KOICA”, indicated Mr. Park.

Deputy Minister Oh Joon of the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade welcomed this joint effort, saying that:

“The establishment of the UPEACE Asia-Pacific Center in Korea will be mutually beneficial both for the UPEACE and Korea”.



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The headquarters of the UPEACE system is in Costa Rica, the country which initiated the process for the establishment of the University. In recent years UPEACE has expanded its programmes and operation in other world regions.

UPEACE's activities include: teaching, research, distance learning, and outreach. The University for Peace system also includes offices in Addis Ababa, Geneva, Manila and New York and partnership agreements with numerous other institutions worldwide. The Costa Rica campus serves as a laboratory for the UPEACE system in curriculum development and face-to-face-teaching programmes.

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