

CULTURE OF PEACE

Distinguished Speaker Series

Action on a Culture of Peace

2:30 pm, Saturday

March 1st, 2008

Ambassador

Anwarul K. Chowdhury

Former Under-Secretary-General
and High Representative at the U.N.

**SGI-USA Culture of Peace
Resource Center**

606 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica

Ambassador Chowdhury has personally met with SGI President Ikeda on two occasions in 2003 and 2006. In 2003, he received an Honorary Doctorate from Soka University of Japan for his work on United Nations issues.

Among his many accomplishments before and during his decade long tenure at the U.N. Ambassador Chowdhury is most proud of his work that led to the UN General Assembly adoption in 1999 of the *Declaration and Program of Action on a Culture of Peace* and the following year, declaring 2001-2010 to be the *International Decade for Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World*.

This Culture of Peace initiative by the United Nations embodies the values and practice of SGI-USA Buddhists. Come hear this good friend of SGI President Ikeda describe how we can create a culture of peace throughout America and the World.



Ambassador Chowdhury encountered the SGI in 1990 while he was the Director of UNICEF for Japan, Australia and New Zealand in Tokyo and later in New York during his various associations with the United Nations. He has perused all of President Ikeda's annual Peace Proposals that have been submitted to the UN for the last 25 years, and he wholeheartedly agrees with and supports the SGI's movement to create a culture of peace.

Highlights of Ambassador Chowdhury's career include:

- Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, United Nations, New York
- Served as Ambassador & Permanent Representative for Bangladesh to the United Nations
- United Nations Security Council President
- Headed Security Council missions to Kosovo & Belgrade
- President of the Executive Board, UNICEF



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