



PRESS RELEASE

The 2nd Niwano Peace Prize Visionary Award

The NPPVA aspires to honor and encourage individuals and promote the further development of organizations that, based on the spirit of religious principles, excel in creating initiatives for building peaceful and harmonious societies. We seek to foster the as-yet-unrecognized future promise of such activities for peace that are pioneering, experimental, rooted in the community, and address specific issues that are relevant to the lives of community members.

We are pleased to announce that the 2nd Niwano Peace Prize Visionary Award will be presented to the following two individuals.



Mr. Myint Zaw (Myanmar)
Environmental Peace Activist

The proposed construction of the Myitsone Dam in the Irrawaddy River Delta in Myanmar risked destroying the natural environment and disrupting the livelihoods and culture of the people who depended on the river basin's environmental resources, thereby creating a serious conflict between policy and people. Born and raised in the Irrawaddy River delta, Mr. Myint Zaw photographed the lives of people living in the watershed and published articles regarding their concerns about the dam construction to raise public awareness. He also embraced art-oriented approaches by collaborating with multiple artists to create a series of exhibitions where people could visualize the dam's impact.



Rev. Thich Tam Tri (Vietnam / residing in Japan)
Priest, Daionji temple
President, General Incorporated Association of Vietnamese Buddhists in Japan※

※ Original organization name is Japanese and this English name is a provisional translation by NPF

Rev. Thích Tâm Trí was born in Vietnam and ordained as a Buddhist monk during her childhood. Later, she completed a doctoral course in Buddhist studies at a Japanese graduate school and underwent training at a Jodo sect temple. Deeply concerned with the hardships faced by many Vietnamese living in Japan, she has devoted herself to alleviating their plight both materially and spiritually. For the Vietnamese community in Japan, Rev. Tâm Trí and her activities are a beacon of hope and a source of physical and spiritual strength. The Daion Temple she established in Saitama Prefecture is now widely known as a refuge for Vietnamese migrant workers coping with adversity and has earned the moniker "Temple of sanctuary for the Vietnamese in Japan."

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Main prize:	Certificate of merit
Supplementary prize:	2,000,000 Japanese Yen
Presentation:	Presentations will be conducted at the locales where the recipients are engaged. Accounts of the presentations will be posted on the Foundation's official website around late March.
Official Announcement:	Announcements will be posted on the Foundation's official website.
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