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PRESS RELEASE

The 3rd Niwano Peace Prize Visionary Award

The Niwano Peace Prize Visionary Award (NPPVA) of the Niwano Peace Foundation (NPF) 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 3rd Niwano Peace Prize Visionary Award will be presented to the following one individual and one organization.



Ms. Elizabeth Moreno Barco (Columbia)

Human rights defender,
Coordinator, Foro Interétnico Solidaridad Chocó-FISCH (Inter-ethnic Forum Solidarity Chocó)

Ms. Elizabeth Moreno Barco, known as 'Chava,' is one of the Colombians displaced by the country's long-term internal conflict and has been acting for peace and human rights in Choco, where she lives. Despite the Peace Accord of 2016 in Colombia, the Choco region is still a conflict zone where multiple armed groups are active. In this situation, Ms. Moreno is working to bring peace to the people in the region. She leads civil society organizations such as ACADESAN and FISCH, which contribute to negotiating with armed groups and protecting the rights of displaced persons and people in the region. Her receipt of the UNHCR's "Nansen Refugee Award" and her speech at the UN Security Council are worthy of special mention. She is currently participating in the Colombian government's peace implementation agency, where her courageous practices and leadership are highly regarded nationally and internationally.



Muslim Attorney Center -MAC (Thailand)

Organization by lawyers for protect human rights

Muslim Attorney Center (MAC) was established in 2004 to provide legal support to Muslims and others who were being unjustly treated and facing security challenges, especially in the three southernmost provinces in Thailand, namely Yala, Narathiwat, and Patani, and engages in protecting human rights.

As the Thai government's assimilation policy has heightened ethnic tensions, MAC has focused on

providing legal assistance and promoting interfaith dialogue to raise the self-esteem of the local population. MAC participates in national and international human rights advocacy networks, trains pro bono human rights lawyers, and trains citizens in nonviolent solutions as the secretariat of the Civil Society Assembly for Peace (CAP).

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Main prize:	Certificate of merit
Supplementary prize:	2,000,000 Japanese Yen
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Details of the NPPVA	https://www.npf.or.jp/english/award_programs