

The 1st Niwano Peace Prize Visionary Award



Jennifer Liang

Nationality	India
Date of birth	1972
Main organization	The Action Northeast Trust (The Ant) IDeA
Position	Founder Trustee (The Ant) Founder, Program Leader (IDeA)
Religion/Faith	Humanity

1. Reason

The Niwano Peace Prize Visionary Award Committee has decided to present the 1st Niwano Peace Prize Visionary Award to Ms. Jennifer Liang of India.

Ms. Liang founded The Action Northeast Trust (The Ant) in the Bodo region of western Assam in northeastern India, where political conflicts over ethnic independence have resulted in horrific and bloody armed conflicts. With a belief in Ahimsa (nonviolence), The Ant has created a foundation for peace in the region through rural development and vocational training to eradicate poverty, as well as the protection and advancement of women's rights, and the physical and mental health care of people in violent environments.

Ms. Liang has also promoted the development of local resident's peace-building capacities through training and organizing conflict resolution on the initiative of the local population. She initiated the IDeA, which has become a prominent networking organization contributing to peace in Assam. Her exceptional leadership has been recognized outside the country, including by the British Foreign office.

The Niwano Peace Foundation is honored to recognize Ms Liang's efforts in violent conflict to alleviate poverty through her conviction of nonviolence, wisdom, and strength of action, and her quiet humility to always make those around her the protagonist, encouraging and giving hope to others, and working with them to find solutions to various problems. The Niwano Peace Foundation is pleased to present the Niwano Peace Prize Visionary Award to Ms. Liang for her actions, which are in line with the fundamental principles of the Niwano Peace Prize Visionary Award for peace based on a religious spirit.

2. Photos



With weavers on the Ant's campus



With a colleague from the Ant



Speaker at a public function to urge action against domestic violence



With a community member in the village



Planning with colleagues at IDeA



With women in the community



Sensitizing Police personnel on gender equality & action to stop domestic violence



Jennifer with partner & co-founder of the Ant, Dr. Sunil Kaul

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