CONCEPT NOTE
MAHATMA GANDHI ~
THE MAN OF MILLENNIUM

“In a Gentle Way, You Can Shake the World”

The Light Millennium, Consulate General of India in New York, Shanti Fund and Anuvrat Global Organization (Anuvibha) take immense pleasure to invite you on the eve of Mahatma Gandhi’s 150 birth anniversary.

In today’s unstable political, social, discriminatory as well as violent and turbulent environment, this immortal words of wisdom by the Man of the Millennium-Mahatma Gandhi, rings truer than ever before. Gandhi, is synonymous with peace and nonviolence, his messages resonate throughout the world. United Nations proudly and most fittingly dedicated Gandhi’s birthday, October 2, as an “International Day of Nonviolence” (#UNGA Res. A/RES/61/271-2007).

The US, the first nation after India, issued two postal stamps in 1961 with the inscription, “Mahatma Gandhi- Apostle of Nonviolence”.

“In a Gentle Way You Can Shake the World” was deliberately chosen as a sub-title. It refers to his historical backdrop along with Gandhi’s belief in humanity at large, which applies even very much in present and future times to achieve global sustainable culture of peace in a “Gentle Way” yet “can shake the world” and change in a positive direction. 150 years have passed since his birth and 61 years since his assassination, yet world’s conditions, conflicts and wars are much harsher and tragic now than Gandhi’s lifetime or 20th century at large. Gandhi believed in inner peace, global peace and unity for all. This paramount level of consciousness and self determination has resulted in magnificent historical changes in India and in history of humanity. Gandhi’s inspiration and impact have been ever growing and have become beacon of hope to billions worldwide and influence to many governments, institutions, civil societies and academia at present and will be for future generations.

The core organizers of this special event are dedicated to Nonviolence and Gandhi’s vision in different forms and capacities. Gandhi’s most needed philosophy and vision in today’s world led this unique collaboration which aims to present it via participations of the interested Member States of the United Nations, both UN associated and non-associated NGOs, Civil Societies, Academia, Students and general public at large. The outcome of this special celebration will be posted & shared through all collaborating organizations online and social media platforms.

The event details are as follow: Program may be photographed and/or video recorded by Light Millennium.

Day & Date:  Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Time:  12:00pm to 3:30pm (vegetarian lunch will be provided from 12:00pm to 1:00pm)

Program:  1:30pm to 3:30pm (details will follow)

Venue:  The Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission (with 290 sitting capacity),
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