

DECLARATION OF PARTNERSHIP AND THE SUPPORT TO THE KEO PROJECT

(Group of Inter-Religious Dialogue at the Reunion Island)

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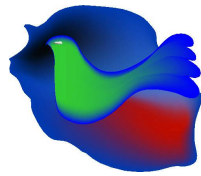
We, the members of the Group of Inter-Religious Dialogue at the Reunion Island, we believe that all men and women live under the light of the Creator. Through our different spiritual ways, we are called to meet, understand and love each other and to create a society and a world that is more fraternal. This is why we wholeheartedly support the KEO project as it evokes the values of humanism and universality.

The KEO project expressively aims:

- to urge every man, woman and child to reflect on his existence and the meaning of his life,
- to invite each person to take a moment out to think and express all that he wishes to transmit about himself to his faraway descendants,
- to collect all the messages from around the world and put them aboard a satellite called KEO, that shall return safe and sound to Earth after some thousands of years to tell the people of tomorrow who were the people of today. The messages will not undergo any censorship.
- to share amongst ourselves, all the messages, thoughts and views collected from across the globe (a copy of the same, once made anonymous, shall be preserved on Earth). This will enable us to build a world that is more humane, thanks to a mutual recognition and a better understanding of one another.

Through this equal space provided to each person to express himself, we declare our support to the KEO project:

- fundamentally affirming the greatness, the uniqueness and the respect due to each person because he belongs to the human community,
- offering each person with the same space of equality to express his dreams, his aspirations or his revolts by asking his future descendants to bear witness,
- recognizing in each person, small, powerful, weak or rich the same capacity and liberty to express his existence irrespective of its clemency, its harshness, its opulence or its destitution, and to share the same in the grand Fresco of People,
- according an equal value to each message during the sociological studies, where each person is considered alike as a member of the human species, irrespective of his individual characteristics.



We, the members of the Group of Inter-Religious Dialogue of the Reunion Island belong to different religions (Christianity, Bahai Faith, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Oriental Wisdom) and we invite our followers to contribute to KEO by writing their personal message. .

At the dawn of this new millennium (2000-3000), thanks to our religious wealth and our cultural differences, embedded in the loyalty towards our respective traditions and beliefs, we shall be able to share our cultural diversity with a blend of harmonious equality. All this through the research and the sharing of our common values.

We turn for support to the path trodden by each of us in this history of over three hundred years and to our “manifestation for spiritual dialogue”. We have already demonstrated that the men and women originating from all horizons and diverse cultures and religions, have developed a plural culture that evokes the desire to live together in mutual respect and harmony. For all of us this is a promise to live as artists of peace, day after day, month after month, year after year.

In order to maintain the equilibrium in our daily life, we wish that our Reunion Island lives up to its name and brings words of hope to Planet Earth.

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