

Annual Report 2006
Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research

The year 2006 has marked the tenth anniversary of the Toda Institute. During the past ten years, we have successfully established a major, internationally well-respected, global peace and policy research institute.

Such an important mile stone calls for celebration and reflection: the Toda Institute enjoys the support and involvement of over 600 prominent peace scholars in its International Advisory Network; 20 volumes in Toda Institute's book series have been published; it has issued 11 journal volumes of *Peace & Policy*; the Toda Institute has held numerous international conferences in all five continents on issues that are critical to global peace and policy formulation; and it has succeeded in developing cooperative links among peace scholars as well as institutions in different parts of the world.

Book Series

Transaction, the publisher of Toda Institute's annual journal, prints each issue of *Peace & Policy* in book form as well. Following *America and the World: the Double Bind* (2005), Transaction also published *Globalization and Identity: Cultural Diversity, Religion, and Citizenship* (2006).

In addition, Mazda Publishing released *Crossing the Red Line*, by Mehranguiz Kar. Along with Professor Stuart Rees, Ms. Kar was one of the recipients of our peace fellowship. She is a lawyer who had fought for human rights in Iran.

As a part of Toda Institute's P.E.A.C.E. project, the Peace Journalism group published its research findings on the internet journal, *Conflict & Communication Online*. <http://www.cco.regener-online.de/>.

Journal: Peace & Policy

As in the past, in 2006, *Peace & Policy* was published from the papers of an international conference. Volume 11 (2006) focused on higher education and is titled, *Learning to Seek: Globalization, Governance, and the Future of Higher Education*. The issue also included the Institute's annual report, news and views, book notes, and peace poetry. This issue has received a warm reception from the higher education community.

International Conferences

In 2006, the Toda Institute held two major conferences. The February 2006 conference facilitated a dialogue and discussion on transforming the United Nations. Leading scholars from all over the world addressed the problems facing the UN with a focus on reform and reformation. A consequential book will be edited by Professors Kevin Clements. It includes chapters by Daisaku Ikeda, Richard Falk, Ralph Pettman, Ved Nanda, Hayward Alker, Bagher Asadi, Sovaida Ma'ani, and Kinhide Mushakoji.

Buddhism.” (3) The Center for Dialogue of La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia, invited the director to speak on dialogue of civilizations in an international conference and public forum, December 12-13, 2006.

Future

In its first ten years, Toda Institute has established itself as a well-respected peace research organization. The next ten years must be focused on consolidating its gains and expanding its influence -- This can be done through a variety of channels. First, Toda international conferences are indispensable channels for getting to know our collaborators, soliciting their support, and measuring their progress. Second, the book series must continue to focus on both current and long-term peace and policy problems. The books may be commissioned to different publishing houses as appropriate. Third, the journal is a major identity badge of the institute. It must be continued, but its distribution should be widened to reach the research and teaching institutions in the less developed countries. Fourth, although the International Advisory Network has never met as a group, its members have met at the annual meetings of international scholarly associations. This practice can be continued. It would be advisable to announce such meetings ahead of time with an attractive academic program.

Conclusions

Building an institute in the Digital Age has been a truly challenging task. The rapidly evolving telecommunication technologies have been of great help. Through its work, the Toda Institute has succeeded in attracting the attention of peace scholars throughout the world. It has not, however, been able to obtain as much feedback as it should have. The challenge in the next decade is to discover ways to remedy this situation.

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