WORLD KINDNESS DAY

The World Kindness Movement (WKM)

WKM is a legally registered not-for-profit organization with no political, commercial or religious affiliations. The formation of the organisation crystallised at a conference in Tokyo on **20th September 1997** when Japan brought together like-minded kindness organisations from around the world for the first time.

WKM is now recognised as the peak global body for Kindness and whilst not a governing body it is a platform for collaboration and sharing. The mission of the WKM is to inspire individuals towards greater kindness by connecting nations to create a kinder world. Members of the movement include over 27 nations with representatives from Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, India, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Romania, Scotland, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, the USA and Zimbabwe.
Following the elections at the London 7th General Assembly in 2012 the kindness torch was passed from Singapore to Australia for the first time, Australia was appointed as the organisation's Secretariat.

The **8th General Assembly in 2014** saw China, France, Switzerland and Thailand appointed to the International Council for the fist time. Australia, India, Nigeria and South Korea were reelected to serve second terms with the expectation to implement the global strategies developed to bring about positive change whereby all nations of the world can be united under a Coalition of the Good-willing.

In 2017 at the 9th General Assembly in Seoul we welcome WKM's new International Council representing South Korea, Switzerland, India, Australia, Netherlands, Nigeria, China, Mexico who strive to inspire its members and our world leaders, that the vision of a kinder world can be realised in our lifetime.

In 2019 at the 10th General Assembly in Lugano we welcome WKM's new International Council representing Switzerland, India, Australia, Nigeria, Malaysia, South Korea.



DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR A KINDER WORLD

As Members of the International Delegation in attendance for the 20th Anniversary at the 9th General Assembly of The World Kindness Movement Convening in Seoul, South Korea on the 2th day of September 2017, we the undersigned, hereby declare our ongoing support for international collaboration of our nation's governments and its citizens to create kinder and peaceful societies for our children to ultimately inherit. We pledge our ongoing support to these ambitious endeavours set forth by the founders of the World Kindness Movement to encourage all of humanity, from our classrooms to our staffrooms and from our board rooms to those residing in the corridors of government, to seek the kinder option in all matters.

Rather than be daunted by the challenges ahead, the unshakable belief to see a kinder world realised in our lifetime, will inspire all nations to connect in the spirit of goodwill by finding the courage to be kind.

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