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PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAM

PEP in Education

There are many Peace Education Programs in colleges, universities, and adult education programs. In North America, the first PEP program in a college began in September 2013 in Parkland College in Saskatchewan, Canada. On September 21, there were Peace Day activities at California State University Northridge (CSUN) by a newly formed Peace Club headed by a PEP contact. In October, PEP began at Cozumel University in Mexico.

Here are the reports...

PEP at Cal State University Northridge

California State University Northridge (CSUN), a school of 36,000 located in the heart of LA's San Fernando Valley, is the venue of the first university PEP in the U.S. The first Peace Education Program started October 19 at the University Village Apartments on campus. Though not an accredited course offering, facilitator Victor Kamont (a CSUN student) is in the process of establishing the Peace Club as a recognized club in the University system that is presenting PEP.

This exciting development started the first week of the fall semester when Victor and volunteer Michelle Cameron set up a booth at "Club Days," a student get together that occurs before the school administration approves new clubs. By the end of the day, 64 students had signed up for the club. "Almost everyone who stopped listened carefully, looked through our materials, and then added their name to our sign-up sheet," says Michelle.

Mr. Kamont is now proceeding through some procedural requirements to gain official university "club status" and is very optimistic about that happening. With official acceptance, Peace Club will be eligible for supplemental funding and discounts for venue and materials costs. "I have an endless passion to spread Prem Rawat's message of peace," says Victor. "I also want to use what I have learned to help other students form Peace Clubs on their campuses."

PEP at University of Quintana Roo Cozumel

There was so much excitement as the PEP team in Mexico were preparing for the first Peace Education Program workshop held on October 16 at the University of Quintana Roo at the Cozumel campus (UCROO). The University publicized the course by an information sheet on campus, and people registered for the course at the entrance to the hall.

Patricia Pardo, the PEP contact, reported for the team, which included Alejandra Castro, as manager and facilitators Beatriz Cornejo and Lourdes Linas: "It was a beautiful start for the PEP course," she said. "Twenty-seven people attended, and the first session was natural and fluid. The team was very professional with their corresponding roles. I'm very proud of their work.

"At the beginning, upon introducing our team, the MC said that they were very grateful that we had chosen their University for the first PEP course. It was so exciting for us. What is most important is that the people left content and motivated to return for the program next week. It is really great!"