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Time to Strengthen Peace Processes

- Udupi Seer in Japan Peace Summit

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"Since Terrorism is now taking new shape with the advent of modern technology, there is a need to strengthen peace process and come out with the novel approach of peace initiatives along with prayers" said His Holiness Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji of Jagadguru Sri Madhvaachaarya Moola Mahaa Samsthaanam, Sri Puthige Matha, Udupi, Karnataka, India International president of WCRP (World Conference of Religious leaders for Peace) while addressing the public ceremony organized by Japan Council of Religious Leaders, marking its 20th anniversary of World Peace Prayers, in Mount Hiei, Kyoto, Japan.

His Holiness also stressed the importance of network of rulers, religious leaders and peace agencies to achieve this challenging task.

Earlier in the day, delivering the key note speech during the panel discussion on "Harmony and Sustainable Living with Nature", His Holiness pointed out that the seed of aggravating terrorism and the seed of deteriorating ecosystem is nothing but the diminishing of human heart and vanishing of the human value system.

His Holiness highlighted the message of the Vedas that "live like a guest in this world, use minimum and give maximum". He further recalled the famous non-violence message from India through Bhagavan Buddha to the whole world. The Pontiff called on the worldwide delegates to preserve global environment by promoting green revolution. He also appreciated Japan, being the country to receive the sunlight first, has all credentials to stand first for achieving this task and protecting the mother earth.

The 2 days event of the Religious Leaders Summit was held in Kyoto International Conference Hall and attended by large number of religious leaders from nooks and corners of the world representing all religions and several countries. The several dignitaries who participated in the summit included, Hon. Joseph Verner Reed, Under Secretary general of United Nations, Mr. Nichio Niwano, president of Japanese Chapter of WCRP, Kojun Handa, Honorary President of the Japan Conference of Religious Representatives, Dr. Abdallah Al-Lihadan, Asst Vice Minister for Islamic Affairs of Saudi Arabia, Dr. A. T. Ariyaratne, the Founder President of Sarvodaya movement, Sri Lanka, Rev. Monsignor Felix Machado, Under Secretary, Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Vatican City, Mr. Davolin Bradanovic, the Director of Community Garden in Bosnia, and Mr. Tamijiro Yoshida, President of World Peace Bell Association.

To mark this historical event, the World Peace Bell was rang in presence of all religious leaders and to show the global involvement for this holy purpose thousands of young peace workers filled the magnificiant glass globe with white and blue bird replicas after big marathon to the Hiei Hills.

His Holiness Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji was received by Mr. Om Prakash, The Indian Councilor General in Japan.