



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

19 October 2010

Dear Sister Kirby,

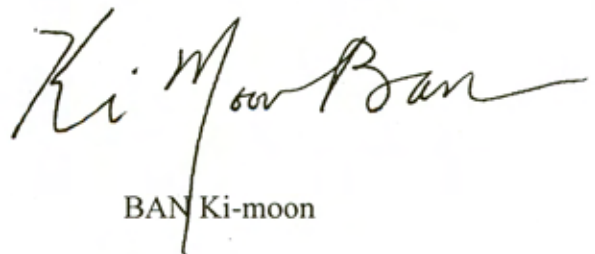
Congratulations! I am very pleased that you are receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award for your work at the United Nations on behalf of the Temple of Understanding. You have provided just the kind of leadership we need from civil society if we are to address the pressing problems of the world today.

We are especially mindful of the special role you have played in advancing the Millennium Development Goals and interfaith and intercultural dialogue, as well as confronting climate change. I am also thankful that you have taken the time to nurture young global citizens from all parts of the world.

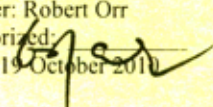
Your leadership has been exemplary. Your influence profound.

I thank you.

Yours sincerely,


BAN Ki-moon

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