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Creator, open our hearts  
to peace and healing between all people.

Creator, open our hearts  
to provide and protect for all children of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts  
to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts  
to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.

Thank-you for the gifts of this day and every day.

Alycia Longriver - 1995  
(Native American)

## What's Going On in Asia?

### India

#### Program for Women and Recent Demolitions in Mumbai

The Federation of Centres for Community Organisation organised a commemoration program on 3 March for Women and the Impact of the Demolitions in Mumbai upon their lives.

Recognizing women's struggles to create a niche for her family, going an extra mile to make arrangements to feed, clothe and shelter her family, the program honoured every mother, wife, sister, daughter, and the unborn child girl, supporting her struggles in solidarity and appreciates her selfless giving. On the occasion of the International Women's Day (8 March) the program also honours those who have been battered in the face

of the inhuman demolitions, which were carried out in many parts of Mumbai since January 2005.

The commemoration program included sharing testimonies of pain and anguish as homes are flattened to the ground, sharing on Aapli Mumbai (platform of NGOs) interventions in the process of demolitions, and sharing of 2 recently arrested social activists, Medha Patkar and Vidhya Chauhan, on struggles against the government on the issue of demolition. The meeting concluded with a signature campaign on the demolition and collected more than 500 signatures.

Source: DRTC - Justice & Peace Commission Mumbai

### Pakistan

#### Human Rights Education and Activists Training Program

Under the Human Rights Education and Activists Training Program (HEAT), NCJP diocesan offices organize training workshops to impart concepts of human rights and working tools for human rights activists. Trainees are engaged in fact-finding and reporting of human rights violation in their respective localities during and after the training. During 1997-2004, HEAT has trained at least 813 volunteers.

Details of the HEAT workshops held in December 2004:

- In Rawalpindi: The workshop was held at the Christian Study Centre on 2-5 December 2004. There were 24 participants from Chakwal, Mianwali, Rawalpindi/ Islamabad, Peshawar, Abbotabad and Nowshera, facilitated by Mr. Peter Jacob, Mr. Mehboob Sada, Mr. Samson Joseph, Mr. Ashar Javed and Mr. Ajmal Hydat.
- In Baluchistan: A one day training program was held in Quetta on 19 December 2004. There were 12 participants from different sects and religions. Mr. Peter Jacob and Mr. Samson Joseph were the resource persons.

Source: National Commission for Justice and Peace (NCJP) Pakistan

#### NCJP Initiates Peace Education Program

NCJP has initiated the Peace Education Programme in three cities: Lahore, Rawalpindi and Gujranwala since January 2005. This pilot project aims to introduce tools of non-violence and to engage individuals to study the philosophy of non-violence. It is hoped that they can practise these tools and principles and initiate a wider debate in the society to explore the rational basis of non-violence, conflict resolution and peace building.

The following are details of the activities held recently:

- Training workshops on Peace-building were held at Gujranwala and Rawalpindi on 7-9 January and 25-27 February 2005, respectively. 47 peace volunteers participated in these workshops and a similar workshop has been scheduled for Lahore on 11-13 March 2005.
- Art Exhibitions for Peace were held in Gujranwala and Rawalpindi on 5 and 8 March 2005, respectively. Students of ten schools from each city have come up with their ideas of promoting Peace in the society. The winners of the Art Competition for Peace were awarded with shields and certificates.

Art Exhibition for Peace and a seminar on "Pak-India Relations; hurdles and solutions" have been scheduled on 22 March 2005

at Lahore. Participants of the Peace Building workshops from Lahore, Rawalpindi, and Gujranwala and civil society organizations have been invited to the seminar.

*Source: National Commission for Justice and Peace (NCJP) Pakistan*

### **Statement on Human Rights Issues in Pakistan**

During the 6<sup>th</sup> JPW meeting at Rawalpindi, which included exposure visits, discussions and meetings with government bodies, a press conference was organized on 10 February 2005 at Islamabad, to highlight issues and recommendations to improve human rights conditions in the country. The press conference was presided over by the Archbishop Lawrence John Saldanha. Representatives of print and electronic media of Islamabad attended the press conference and questions regarding the Hudood laws and terrorism were responded to by the panel of speakers.

Among the issues highlighted in the statement were: violence and discrimination against women, conditions for labour and political participation of the masses, and peaceful resolution of on-going conflicts in Baluchistan province. The following recommendations presented:

- restoration of joint electorate for local bodies' elections
- implementation of all recommendations made by the National Commission on the Status of Women in 2003
- repeal of Blasphemy Laws
- establishment of Permanent and Independent Commission for Minorities
- concrete program for the elimination of bonded labour and implementation of broad-based agricultural reforms
- appropriate legislation to protect rights of women domestic workers who are often exploited and harassed

For a copy of the press conference statement, please go to: [www.acpp.org](http://www.acpp.org) or contact [hotline@acpp.org](mailto:hotline@acpp.org)

## **Philippines**

### **Logging Ban Statement**

The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission of the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines (JPICC-AMRSP) issued an Official Public Statement, advocating its strong opposition to all activities and projects that are harmful to both the environment and creation, and which are causing imbalances and destruction of the forests. They call upon the legislators for immediate enactment of a statute that will provide for a "Total Log Ban" in the country, as opposed to the current "Selective Ban on Logging." They also call on Congress to pass a law repealing the provisions of the Mining Act of 1995, which are anti-environment and unprotective of the rights of Filipinos over their own patrimony.

JPICC-AMRSP also supports the Statements of the Religious of the Assumption (RA), Assumption College and the signature campaign launched by the Haribon Foundation calling, for the immediate enactment and implementation of a "Total Log Ban and Mining Ban" in the country. Haribon aims to collect ONE MILLION signatures by Earth Day, 22 April 2005. To support, please contact [jpicc\\_amrsp@yahoo.com](mailto:jpicc_amrsp@yahoo.com)

An Anti-Logging and Anti-Mining Conference has been scheduled to discuss responses to the typhoon disaster affecting Quezon and Aurora last November 2004 that killed more than 1,000 people.

Although a total logging ban was imposed across the country after floods and landslides blamed on illegal deforestation, Philippine President Gloria Arroyo has been forced to lift the ban in certain areas "to help families dependent on logging earn a living."

In December, the Supreme Court allowed 100% foreign ownership of major mining projects in the country, after many years of moratorium on foreign participation.

*Source: Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission of the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines*

## **Singapore**

### **International Human Rights Day Forum**

The Annual International Human Rights Day Forum, organized by the Think Centre, was held on 11 December 2004. The theme of the Forum is: "Constitutional Rights and Citizenship Education" and it was attended by 50 socially concerned students, academics, professionals, civil society activists and political party members.

During the Forum, Think Centre President, Mr. Sinapan Samyodorai, called for Human Rights Education programmes in Singapore Schools, to understand human rights beyond anti-violence and anti-discrimination values, and the need for closer examination of civil liberties in relation to the wide-reaching anti-terror laws worldwide.

Key points of the discussion include: concept of human rights not limited to the freedoms of speech, association and assembly; the role of the state in recognizing and advancing constitutional rights; and the government's role to promote non-discriminatory practices in employment opportunities. Concerns were also raised by the floor on how to overcome resistance towards human rights education and lack of opposition in the Parliament. The panel urged them to lobby and pressure Members of Parliaments (MP) to raise the issue for parliamentary debates, to overcome fear of identifying themselves with campaigns driven by opposition political associations, and to vote in more opposition.

The panel of speakers is comprised of panel chair Dr. Tan Chong Kee; non-constituency MP, Mr. Steve Chia; Think Centre Human Rights Defender Awardee, Venerable JB Jeyaratnam; and President of the Disabled People' s Association (DPA) - also a Human Rights Defender Award winner - Mr. Ron Chandran Dudley.

Think Centre believes that citizenship education is the way towards a Singapore that is respectful of human rights, rule of law and democracy. Looking ahead, it is hoped that the ASEAN Framework for Human Rights practices and education would be set up by the targeted date of 2020 and that Singapore would play a role equivalent to its economic status.

Full article and Think Centre' s message on Human Rights Education can be found at:

*Citizenship Education the way to go!*

<http://www.thinkcentre.org/article.cfm?ArticleID=2506>

*Think Centre: International Human Rights Day Message 2004*

<http://www.thinkcentre.org/article.cfm?ArticleID=2502>

*International Human Rights Day UN Sec Gen Message*

<http://www.thinkcentre.org/article.cfm?ArticleID=2503>

## **Events**

The following are excerpts from various sources and information channeled to ACPP-Hotline Asia.

### **NCJP Celebrates its 20th Anniversary**

National Commission for Justice and Peace – Pakistan (NCJP) completes its 20<sup>th</sup> year in 2005. A ceremony was held on 11 February 2005 to mark the anniversary and was joined by JP Workers from Asia, Oceania and the Netherlands. NCJP Chairperson Archbishop Lawrence J. Saldanha, the Apostolic Nuncio Most Rev. Alesandro D'Errico, Bishop Anthony Lobo,

Bishop Joseph Coutts and the German Ambassador were present at this occasion.

Executive Secretary, Mr. Peter Jacob, presented an overview of NCJP's contribution for the protection and promotion of Human Rights during past 20 years in Pakistan. He expressed gratitude on behalf of Pakistan Catholic Bishops' Conference for the support of its partner NGOs and other national and international network organizations. He said that the human rights movement in Pakistan needs much more cadre of activists than what it has now.

Sr. Filo Hirota (Japan), Mr. Victor Scheffers (JP Netherlands), Ms. Linda Noche (ACPP, Hong Kong), Mr. Cecil Chaudhary, Most Rev. Bishop Anthony Lobo, and Fr. Bonnie Mendes (former Executive Secretary of NCJP) presented their views and encouragement on the services of NCJP.

Most Rev. Alesandro D'Errico the Apostolic Nuncio read out the message of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II. National Director of NCJP, Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Yousuf, paid a tribute to the efforts of Bishop John Joseph (late) the founder Chairperson of NCJP. He said that in his life, the late bishop continued to raise his voice against the discriminatory laws and all forms of discrimination in Pakistan.

His Grace Lawrence John Saldanha, appreciated the efforts of the Commission for the promotion and protection of human rights in Pakistan and assured the Commission of every possible support of Pakistan Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Plaques were given to NCJP partner organizations (national and international), activists and the staff.

*Source: National Commission for Justice and Peace (NCJP) Pakistan*

### **6th JPW Meeting, 6-11 February 2005**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Justice and Peace Workers (JPW) Meeting of Asia was held at the Christian Study Centre, Rawalpindi, Pakistan on 6-11 February 2005. There were 26 participants from 11 countries, including the Asian Center for the Progress of Peoples, Conference of European Justice and Peace Commissions and Pax Christi International. Archbishop Lawrence J. Saldanha, of Lahore and Chairperson of the National Commission for Justice and Peace (NCJP) Pakistan, was also present. The meeting was hosted by the NCJP and co-organized by the team appointed during the 4<sup>th</sup> JPW meeting in 2003, Colombo.

The theme for this year is 'Pakistan in the Changing Global Scenario' and the program included: input on the Pakistani human rights situation and characteristics, meeting with the civil society as well as Minister and Commission Chairperson, exposure to village communities, slums and the nationalization of Education in Pakistan, discussion on action plan, a press conference at Islamabad, and concluded with the NCJP's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration program on 11 February.

The JPW participants also reviewed the aims, structure, and future course of action, concluding with the following understanding:

*"The Justice and Peace Workers Asia-Pacific Forum is a proactive network of solidarity among women and men working with Catholic Justice and Peace organizations and affiliated groups and organizations in the region. The forum meets periodically to reflect on Justice and Peace work to share experiences and information and to organize a common action plan to meet the needs of the time. Those organizations working for Justice and Peace outside the region can be invited to the forum for the meeting and solidarity action."*

The action plan, based on the identified actions requiring solidarity by the group are: Peace initiatives and activities (South Asia); fact-finding mission on military bases in Japan and South Korea (East Asia); and Pastoral letter and message on migrants' situation (South East Asia). They also agreed to contribute to a JPW Calendar on events in each country.

A co-organizing team was formed, to be main contact persons to follow up the action plan per sub region and input for the JPW Bulletin, and to co-organize the next meeting which was proposed to be held in 2006. The new co-organizing team is composed of Mr. Samson Salamat (Pakistan/South Asia), Mr. Sinapan Samydorai (Singapore/South East Asia), Ms. Lina Chan (Hong Kong/East Asia), Mr. David Tutty (New Zealand/Pacific) and Ms. Linda Noche (ACPP-HL/Regional).

For the 'Memorandum' issued at the conclusion of the meeting, please go to [www.acpp.org](http://www.acpp.org) or contact [hotline@acpp.org](mailto:hotline@acpp.org)

### **Obituary: Founder of Amnesty International**

Peter Benenson, founder of Amnesty International (AI), was born on 31 July 1921. He died on February 25, 2005, aged 83.

AI is the largest and most influential independent human-rights organisation, and a nagging thorn of conscience in the side of dictators — and dictatorial governments — all over the world.

The idea of AI came from Benenson's outrage at the jailing and sentencing of 2 Portuguese students in 1960. Their crime was to have toasted for freedom in the military dictatorship of Antonio Salazar in Portugal. He sat in the church of St Martin-in-the-Fields for nearly an hour and thought hard how to mobilise public opinion. "It was necessary," he later wrote, "to think of a larger group which would harness the enthusiasm of people all over the world who were anxious to see a wider respect for human rights."

This was the beginning of encouraging individuals to bombard governments with letters on behalf of individual victims of torture or prisoners of conscience, demanding they be freed.

He began amnesty as a one-year campaign for the release of six prisoners of conscience before it grew into a worldwide movement for human rights. The approach was simple – local amnesty groups adopted prisoners of conscience and pestered governments to release them while also writing letters of support to the prisoners themselves. This mechanism, described as parochial, low-key, frugal, committed to working across ideological, religious and racial boundaries – is amazingly effective...

According to long-time friend and foundation member of Amnesty, Hugh O' Shaughnessy, Benenson was a converted Catholic and "... in his life, he was living Catholicism in action." He also gave each one an opportunity to make a difference, with letters flooding prison cells, giving the 'prisoners of conscience' confidence and courage.

*Source: South China Morning Post,*

*The Times, London*

*Sunday Examiner*

<http://sundayex.catholic.org.hk/fe/050313.html>

## **Human Rights Education / Resources**

### **Asian Training and Study Session on Human Rights**

The 9th Annual Asian Training and Study Session on Human Rights, organized by the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) and the Center for Social Development Studies (CSDS), Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, will take place on 9-29 October 2005 at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. The

purpose of the study session is to provide a comprehensive human rights course for activists in the region.

It is open to applicants from all countries in the Asia region, especially persons working in the field of human rights, social justice, development and peace. The program will accept 25-30 participants.

**Deadline** of application is **15 April 2005**.

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Or go to:

<http://www.forumasia.org/Training/HRT2005.html>  
<http://www.forumasia.org/ExecutiveCommittee.html#Cap>

### **John Humphrey Freedom Award 2005**

Rights & Democracy is accepting nominations for the John Humphrey Freedom Award, presented annually to an organization/person who has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of human rights and democratic development. The award consists of a grant of CAD\$25,000 and a speaking tour of Canadian cities to help increase awareness of the recipient's human rights work. The **deadline for nominations** is **15 April 2005**. For information, eligibility criteria or copy of the pamphlet, please contact Anyle Coté at [acote@dd-rd.ca](mailto:acote@dd-rd.ca) or go to website: [www.dd-rd.ca](http://www.dd-rd.ca)

*Source: Rights and Democracy*

### **Dignity Counts: A Guide to Budget Analysis**

*"Dignity Counts: A guide to using budget analysis to advance human rights,"* an 84-page publication, uses a real-life case study to explore how budget analysis can be used to assess a government's compliance with its human rights obligation and to arrive at specific, concrete recommendations related to the government's budgeting and expenditures that, if implemented, would improve the human rights situation.

Dignity Counts, produced by Fundar-Centro de Análisis e Investigación, the International Budget Project (IBP) and the International Human Rights Internship Program (IHRIP), focuses on the right to health in Mexico, but the analysis used is applicable to other human rights, such as education and housing, and to other national contexts. The publication describes the case study (which focuses on health care services available to the informally employed and unemployed in Mexico), and includes a section on human rights and budget analysis to a specific situation, a detailed discussion of how this thinking process is applied to the case study, and a section on using budget analysis for human rights advocacy.

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To access online copy please go to IHRIP Publications page:  
<http://www.iie.org/Website/WPreview.cfm?CWID=336&WID=171>

### **Resources on Migrants Issue**

International Migrants Day is celebrated on 18 December. On this day in 1990, the United Nations adopted the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Their Families In.

The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs recently published its annual survey, of which the second part addresses

trends and policies regarding international migration. The report can be found at:

<http://www.un.org/esa/policy/wess/index.html>

*Source: Pax Christi International – Newsletter, 1 January 2005*

## **Issues of Concern**

### **Global Call to Action against Poverty**

Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) is a worldwide alliance committed to making world leaders keep their promises, and to making a breakthrough against poverty in 2005. It is a gathering of hundreds of organisations from diverse backgrounds all over the globe, from trade unions to religious groups and from the biggest international coalitions to the smallest civil society organizations.

The alliance calls for a shift in national and international policies to eliminate poverty and to achieve and exceed the Millennium Development Goals. Demands include:

- Trade justice
- Debt cancellation
- A major increase in the quantity and quality of aid
- National efforts to eliminate poverty and to reach the Millennium Goals that are developed and implemented in a way that is democratic, transparent, and accountable to citizens

GCAP believes that, to overcome poverty, people need to sustain themselves with productive work, not to be hampered by unfair money lending practices. Aid must reach those who really need it. Poor countries need their debt to be cancelled and be free from unfair trade rules. Therefore, national and local policies and practices must be set by citizens themselves; their governments must be accountable to them; and international systems must be supportive, not obstructive.

If all of those around the world who want world leaders to do more to end poverty speak together at the same time, world leaders will have to act.

Nelson Mandela recently told a crowd of 22,000 people in London: "The Global Call to Action against Poverty can take its place alongside the movement to abolish slavery and the international solidarity against apartheid. I am proud to wear the white band, the symbol of this global call to action."

All are invited to join in to end poverty - wear a white band - get involved, spread the word! For more information, please visit: [www.whiteband.org](http://www.whiteband.org)

### **Response to Asian Tsunami**

Since the Asian Tsunami of 26 December 2004, the following efforts were undertaken by different JP Commissions: (information as of January 2005)

#### ***In India (Tamil Nadu)***

As human rights violation related to the Tsunami was not the priority of organizations undertaking the much needed relief work, rehabilitation and reconstruction, the National Commission for Justice and Peace and Development (NCJPD) is setting up a team of Tsunami Human Rights Watch Cell, working mainly in Tamil Nadu, especially victims in the coastal areas. It will focus on monitoring incidents and how far the funds are reaching the poor and needy. Attention will be made on the human rights violations against the on the basis of Caste and creed.

The proposed team members include personnel of NCJPD, Tamil Nadu Directors, media and human rights persons and from the Franciscan International India Cell.

The need to look into the procurement of identity documents, ration cards, school certificates, and baptismal documents, was also identified and the team will concentrate on these.

The Hotline India-Delhi office will collaborate with the team and prepare for Urgent Appeals, if necessary.

The NCJPD foresees this as a beginning of the Human Rights Watch Cell in every state, collaborating with the Lawyers Forum.

### ***In Thailand***

While the Catholic Church in Thailand has mobilized and set up a relief mission right after Tsunami hit the six coastal provinces along Andaman Sea, such as setting up temporary camps, disseminating necessary goods, and collecting data on short and long-term needs of the affected people, the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP-Thailand) decided to focus on two special aspects: the affected migrant workers in the area, and the land and housing dispute raised after the tragedy.

CCJP-Thailand observed that within government's plan on reviving tourism industry and boosting investment in the affected area, the migrant workers, with or without proper document, were not granted any assistance, especially the Burmese. They were also caught as robbers when searching food at the devastating areas. CCJP monitors such information, and seeks collaboration with organizations working directly on the issue.

After leaving the area where Tsunami hit, the villagers at Layan village, Phuket Province, were not allowed to return to their land, and even threatened by the landowner or investors, who accused them of encroaching the land. CCJP-Thailand is following up closely with the land and housing dispute case, and collaborating with the lawyer to assist the villagers.

*Source: Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP) Thailand*

### ***In Sri Lanka***

The Social and Economic Development Centre (SEDEC-Caritas Sri Lanka) responded immediately to the Tsunami by reaching out to support as many affected people as possible, through its Diocesan Centres at Galle, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Jaffna and Vanni. Refugee camps and immediate relief interventions were organized at the coastal areas. The greatest need was to provide basic shelter for those displaced, like tents to house people on a short-term basis.

In the medium and long term plan, SEDEC has identified 4 areas: permanent shelter for the victims; income generating activities for those who lost their livelihood; training and capacity building; and support for women and children.

Another special need identified was trauma counselling, for which they also have immediate, mid-term and long-term plans: starting from programmes in trauma counselling at national level to all affected, to establishing group leaders from the clergy, youth and animators in the mid-term, and to a follow up program, with monitoring and evaluation in the long term.

It is expected to take at least three months until displaced people are able to return to their homes, while long term recovery will take at least two years.

*Source: Asia Partnership for Human Development (APHD) interview with SEDEC Director*

## **JPW Exchange Corner**

### **Fr. Ben of Philippines: busy in 2004**

In June 2004, Fr. Ben finished his apprenticeship program at the Center for Family Ministries (CEFAM) and was invited to be a

full time staff at the Centre. This is in addition to his responsibilities in justice and peace work with the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission (JPICC), Kaalagad Katipunang Kristyano, Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP), and other counselling duties.

In the later part of the year, he was invited to the 20th Anniversary celebrations of the Philippine-German Ecumenical Conference, where he shared on "Economic Globalization: Boon or Bane for the Poor in the Philippines." He also attended a five-day conference with the families of involuntary disappeared from ten Asian, European and Latin American countries, organized by the Federation against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD). He assisted in counselling the families in hope that they can echo their experiences in their respective countries and help other families to go into the same process. For more information of these meetings, you may address your questions through [hotline@acpp.org](mailto:hotline@acpp.org) or contact Fr Ben directly.

Fr. Ben Moraleda was a participant of the JPW networking meetings in 2001 (Manila) and 2003 (Colombo). The information is from his Christmas Message of 2004.

### **Solidarity: Theme for 2005**

The Ursuline JPIC Commission met in Rome on 13-19 December 2004 to share experiences and analyze reports from each province and to articulate their goal for 2005. After consideration of many ideas, they came up with nine issues on which to focus on, in hope of strengthening their unity as a worldwide institute striving to bring peace to the world.

At the Millennium Summit in September 2000, United Nations Member States agreed to the following eight goals to reduce poverty and improve people's lives. Therefore all sisters were reminded to keep the following goals in focus:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/Aids, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

*Source: Ursuline Commission of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation newsletter, Issue 1, January 1, 2005*

### **JPW Calendar 2005**

July 1	Mass Demonstration (HK)
August 6 and 9	Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day (Japan)
August 15	Exchange Program for 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Liberation of Korea (Korea)
September 23-25	National Conception on Justice and Peace (Japan)
December 9-10	Pre-WTO Conferences (HK)
December 13-18	WTO Ministerial Meeting (HK)

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