

# EARTH CHARTER INITIATIVE

## NEWSFLASH

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### 1. "A QUIET REVOLUTION" WILL BE BROADCASTED IN MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

"A Quiet Revolution" video, featuring Wangari Maathai, Earth Charter Commissioner, and narrated by Meryl Streep, will soon be broadcast on the National Geographic satellite channel in many countries on March 16. The time for Asia is 10am. Europe, Africa and the Middle East 11am. (Another showing in Europe in April will be scheduled for 5pm). National Geographic will be translating the script and dubbing it in the following languages: English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Polish, Hungarian, Danish, Swedish, Turkish, Polish, Dutch, Norwegian, Hebrew, Greek, Romanian, Czech, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Malay, Hindi, Tamil and Mandarin. More information on the complete list of countries at the NEWS section of [www.earthcharter.org](http://www.earthcharter.org)



### 2. EARTH CHARTER DISCUSSION FORUMS AND EXHIBITION BY SOKA GAKKAI ITALY



**Istituto Buddhista Italiano Soka Gakkai**

On the occasion of Exhibitions on Human Rights, the Italian Buddhist Institute Soka Gakkai is carrying out Forum discussions on the Earth Charter with High school students throughout Italy. More than 1000 schoolchildren participated. Many remarkable touching outcomes came out from the Forums.

In an exhibition entitled 'The City of Human Rights', which is traveling through Italy for the next 4 to 5 years, the Earth Charter is playing an important role. In the last section, were 'New Challenges' are discussed, a lot of attention is given to the document. Furthermore, each visitor to the exhibition receives at the end a 'Passport of the City of Human Rights'. In this passport the full text of the Earth Charter is reported. More information at [ashoka@mostradirittiumani.it](mailto:ashoka@mostradirittiumani.it)

### 3. COMMUNITY ART PROJECT TO RAISE CONSCIOUSNESS ABOUT THE EARTH CHARTER

A small group of artists have been meeting with the intention to create a public, participatory community art piece to educate the public, especially children, about the Earth Charter's principles through art. Their proposal is to create a mosaic mural at Confluence Park at Washington Street. The theme for the mosaic will be based on images drawn from the principles contained in the document "The Earth Charter: Values and Principles for a Sustainable Future." Working with local schools, with the assistance of teachers and principals, they are planning to solicit drawings, words, ideas, etc. from children, which will then be incorporated into an overall design for the mural by the four artists overseeing the project. For further information on this activity please write to [LMBAECHTLE@aol.com](mailto:LMBAECHTLE@aol.com). The whole proposal can be found at the NEWS section of [www.earthcharter.org](http://www.earthcharter.org)

### 4. THE ITALIAN VERSION OF AN EARTH CHARTER MANUAL TO BE PUBLISHED



Pax Romana, Catholic Movement for Intellectual & Cultural Affairs USA announced the publication of the Italian version of "The Earth Charter: A Study of Reflection for Action". Their authors Elisabeth Ferrero and Joe Holland are pleased to inform that presentations will be made at Milan, Rome and Castel del Monte and a Press Conference will be held on March 11, 2003 in Milano. The electronic edition of the English language original is available for free downloading at: [www.Ecreflection4action.org](http://www.Ecreflection4action.org)

At the same time they are announcing a Study Conference in Rome and the Official Presentation at Castel del Monte of the *Federico II Award for Peace* on March 16, 2003. Rick Clugston, Director of CRLE and Chair of the Earth Charter Finance Committee will be awarded with the "Targa d'Argento dei Saggi del XXI Secolo" (Silver plate for the Tests of the XXI Century). More information on this at the NEWS section of [www.earthcharter.org](http://www.earthcharter.org)

### 5. THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME ENDORSE AND REFLECT ON THE CHARTER

The School Sisters of Notre Dame has formally endorsed the Earth Charter and are looking into ways to reflect upon, study and use the Earth Charter. A proposal was passed at their 21<sup>st</sup> General Chapter meeting to carry out a process of study and theological reflect on the values And principles of the Charter. The purpose of the process is to assist the congregation to respond with renewed action for the sake of justice for the integrity of creation in our time.

### 6. THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE FEATURES THE EARTH CHARTER ON THEIR NEW SITE

The Municipality of San José, Costa Rica trained their personnel with the Earth Charter in 2001. The Municipality has now included this information in their newly launched website: <http://www.msj.co.cr/>, in which the sustainable development has administration, aimed at guaranteeing that this will prevail in the course of time and future generations. Such laudable and concretion of an Earth Charter for meeting the institutional and ecological obligation to restore and protect Earth: the only home humanity has for its own development and of its societies as well".

