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## UNRCPD's Annual Art Competition culminates in an Award Ceremony

Every year the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) hosts an art competition for children in the Kathmandu Valley. Coinciding with the 2014 International Day of Peace, this year's art competition supports this theme with the title of 'The Right to Peace'.

This year, students form 6 schools from grades 6-8 participated in the art competition. Through participating in the competition, children were able to reflect on peace and what it means to them, their family and their country. The results were over 400 colourful and creative expressions of ideas through artwork.

The overall winner is the 14 year-old Srijana Nagarkoti from Vidyarathi Niketan Higher Secondary School, Kathmandu. She received a certificate, as did the runners up, a school bag, various art stationery goods, and a laminated copy of her drawing. In the Award Ceremony, some of the children presented their thoughts and experiences about participating in the competition.

This art competition itself contributes to UNRCPD's peace and disarmament education project in Nepal. With this project, UNRCPD is supporting the Ministry of Education in implementing peace and disarmament education through existing structures, targeting secondary students from grades 8 – 10. UNRCPD is planning to offer this model peace and disarmament education project to other countries in Asia and the Pacific.

Please also visit our website and Twitter feed for more information:

#### Website:

http://unrcpd.org/event/art-for-peace-competition-2014/

### Gallery:

http://unrcpd.org/gallery/2014-art-peace-competition/

#### Flickr:

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