



Week of December 11-17, 2023

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

UPEACE CELEBRATED THE GRADUATION OF ITS LAST BATCH OF STUDENTS FROM THE APS PROGRAMME



Last week, we celebrated the graduation of the latest cohort of students from the Asia Peacebuilders Fellowship Program in the Philippines, an initiative shared by The Nippon Foundation, the University for Peace and Ateneo de Manila University for 16 years, which has graduated 431 of Asia's professionals over the years. Graduates earn a master's degree from both the University for Peace and Ateneo de Manila University. The APS Program will continue through its Alumni Association, thanks to the continued support of The Nippon Foundation.

Do you want to see the photos? See them [here](#).

Also, read our Rector's speech [here](#).

UPEACE PRESENT AT THE DONATION OF THE PORTRAIT OF JAVIER PÉREZ DE CUÉLLAR TO THE UN IN GENEVA



UPEACE Representative in Geneva, David Fernandez-Puyana, was present at the donation made by the Peruvian Mission to the United Nations in Geneva of the portrait of distinguished Peruvian diplomat, Javier Perez de Cuellar, who was Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1982-1991. Amb. Fernandez-Puyana highlighted the crucial role played by Javier Pérez de Cuellar as a mediator in various wars and conflicts throughout history, among many other important achievements.

UPEACE COMMUNITY MEMBERS KICKED OFF THE NATIONAL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN IN OUR COMMUNITY OF EL RODEO



On December 5th, in honour of International Volunteer Day, UPEACE students and staff joined together to kick off the National Clean-up Campaign in the community of El Rodeo de Mora, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Costa Rica and the Transition to a Green Urban Economy Project, with the aim of having a cleaner and more sustainable future. This event also served to revive the work of the UPEACE Green Office.

See pictures of this exciting event [here](#)

UPEACER AND RECENT GRADUATE ALEXA SILVA WAS PART OF COP28



Alexa Silva (Costa Rica), a recent graduate of our M.A. in Gender and Peacebuilding, took part in COP28 as one of the youth delegates in the main climate mobility pavilion. Alexa was one of the 37 chosen among 6000 people in a programme implemented by the Global Center for Climate Mobility and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). She was also the only one from Costa Rica and Central America.

Read the full story about her participation [here](#) (available in Spanish only).