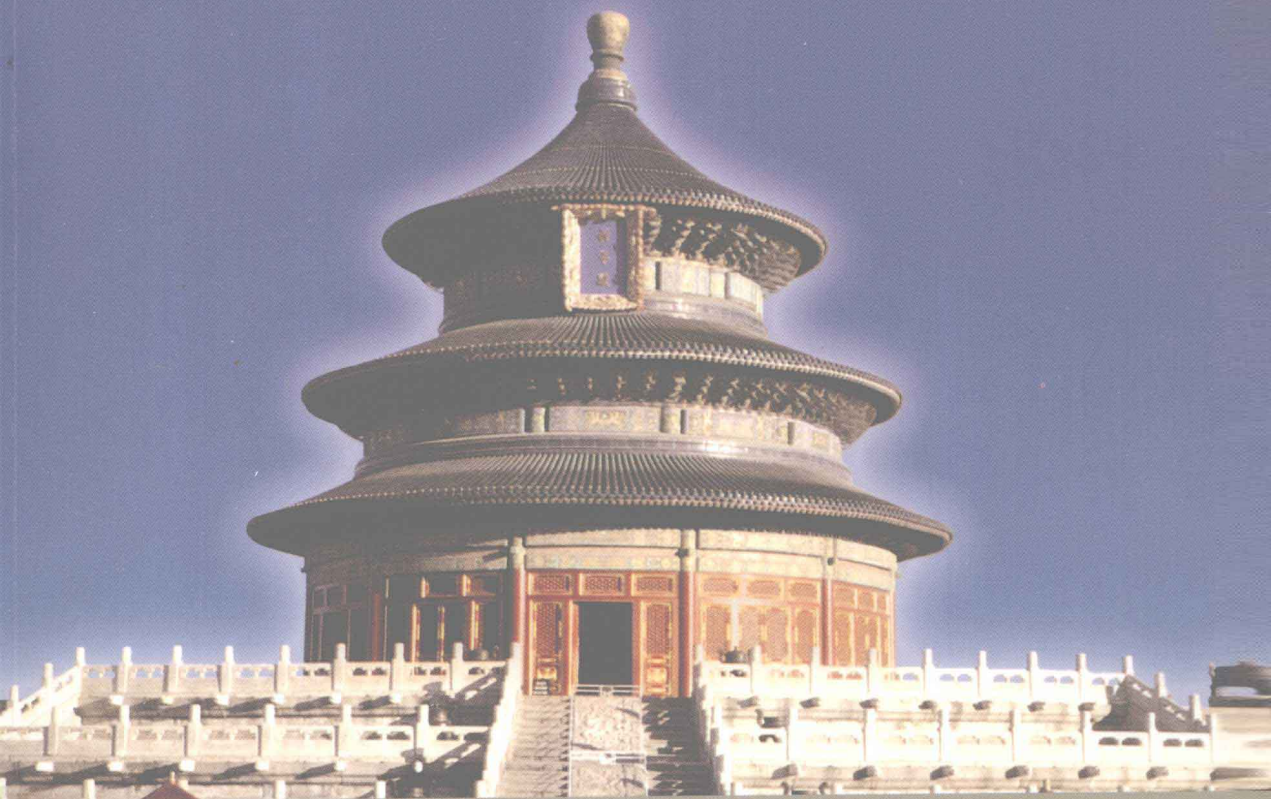


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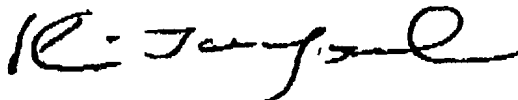
On behalf of the Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Peking University on the publication of *The Harmony and Prosperity of Civilizations—Beijing Forum* (2004).

I believe that this compilation of selected papers presented on August 23 to 25, 2004 at the First Beijing Forum represents the quintessential spirit of this important academic event, which was to share knowledge and grow together. As a region, the countries in Asia need to listen to one another and strive to narrow the gap that exists in the areas of philosophy, economics, science and technology, education, and knowledge basis. This is to achieve peace and development as a region that will in turn benefit the growth of each country.

Approximately 600 renowned scholars gathered at the Beijing Forum 2004 and contributed by sharing their knowledge and research findings under the theme “The Harmony and Prosperity of Civilizations”. Their active participation and enthusiasm for learning was vital in making the forum a successful gathering of great minds. Now, their collective academic spirit is reflected in this publication for even more people around the world to share and benefit from.

For organizing the Beijing Forum 2004 and allowing *The Harmony and Prosperity of Civilizations—Beijing Forum* (2004) to be published, I wish to thank the Beijing Forum Organizing Committee and leaders of Peking University. I hope the Beijing Forum 2005 will be just as successful, if not more.

Sincerely,



Kim Jae-youl, Ph D  
Secretary General

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# **Message to the 2004 Beijing Forum On the Harmony and Prosperity of Civilizations**

**Kofi Annan**

*Beijing, 23 August, 2004*

I send my warmest wishes to all who have gathered in Beijing to discuss the importance of building harmony among civilizations. Your theme goes to the heart of the mission of the United Nations, which was created in the belief that dialogue can triumph over discord, that diversity is a universal virtue, and that the peoples of the world are far more united by their common fate than they are divided by their separate identities.

The idea that there is one people in possession of the truth, one answer to the world's ills, or one solution to humanity's needs, has done untold harm throughout history. That idea continues to endanger us today. It divides group from group. It fuels conflict and hatred both within countries and across international borders. It thrives on ignorance, fear and mistrust.

All peace-loving peoples must stand squarely against this idea, and most people do. More and more people recognize that we share one planet, and that we cannot build true peace without building true harmony among all human beings. Each one of us can take pride in their heritage and culture, while understanding and welcoming the fact that others do too. We can rejoice in our diversity, while never losing sight of the fact that our common humanity binds us together. We can build bridges of understanding among peoples of different faiths and cultures, and teach our young people the virtues of tolerance.

By coming together in Beijing to discuss this critically important subject, you have shown your determination to strengthen our sense of global community. I thank you for that, and I send you all my best wishes for a successful event.