**Preamble**

I am here to deliver the UN Peace Message to commemorate World Peace Day which occurred on 21 September. However, before I do that let me first say something about Rotary and its involvement in this project.

**This Peace Pole is a gift to……………………………..Primary School from the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay.**

One of the areas of service recognised by Rotary International, is Peace and conflict resolution and since Rotary International was a signatory to both the League of Nations and United Nations Charters, this project fits very well into that area of service.

**Peace Day Message**

As an organisation that is committed to multiculturalism, the UN applauds the efforts made by Rotary International and the Peace Pole Foundation to ensure that the Peace Pole’s message , “May Peace Prevail on Earth” is inscribed and broadcast not only in English but also in indigenous and the many languages of immigrants to this country.

**As we continue to strive for a better and more equitable and sustainable world, the UN believes that young people everywhere have a crucial role to play.**

Each of you from Kindergarten through to Year 6 and beyond have a voice; a powerful one at that. We urge you to use it in the name of peace.

**Today it is the young people around the world who are coming together to create change to shape our common future. Your voices will be listened to, respected and understood.**

While we continue to build a world based on Inclusivity, Fairness and Sustainable Development for all, we encourage you to continue to speak your minds and work in collaboration with others.

**The Peace Pole in your school will remind you of the importance of working together as one school, one state, one nation and one world as we are all in this together to ensure that Peace Prevails on Earth.**