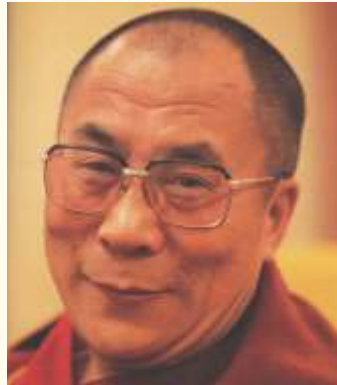




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## MESSAGE

Greetings to the Foundation for Peace, Harmony & Good Governance on giving ten years of service to the Indian people. I am pleased to note that the Foundation's activities include the promotion of inner values and cultivating a sense of concern for the well-being of all human beings.

An important element of democracy is that leaders and members of the government should be accountable to the people who elect them. Your focus on good governance should encourage not only the setting of better standards but also that they are met.

I am a great admirer of India's longstanding traditions of ahimsa and respect for others' rights and views. I believe that keeping your own faith, while respecting those of others has provided a living example that inter-religious harmony is possible. Consequently, I sometimes describe myself as a modern-day messenger of ancient Indian thought, because these values, as part of the fabric of secular ethics, are among the things I talk about wherever I go.

I wish your Foundation every success.

**NOBEL PEACE LAUREATE**

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