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Press Release

**The 2023 Hiroshima Prize
awarded to
Burma News International (BNI) in Myanmar/Burma**

The Edita and Ira Morris Hiroshima Foundation for Peace and Culture has decided to award its 2023 prize to Burma News International (BNI) of Myanmar/Burma. BNI is an umbrella organization comprised of 15 news/media outlets that are bravely spreading news across ethnic groups inside and outside the country and reporting about atrocities and crimes against humanity, as well as translating the news into English for an international audience.

The prize is awarded to BNI for their peace building efforts over the years, and their unfailing commitment to human rights and democracy, especially since the military coup of February 2021. The BNI was founded by four ethnic/local independent media organisations known as *Mizzima News*, *Khonumthung Media Group*, *Kaladan Press Network* and *Narinjara News*. BNI's Managing Director is Ms. Tin Tin Nyo, a human and women's rights advocate who, along with her colleagues, has worked for over a decade to promote peace and justice in Myanmar/Burma.

The 2023 Prize amounts to an estimated USD 50.000. An award ceremony is foreseen to take place in Stockholm, Sweden in September of 2023.

The Edita and Ira Morris Hiroshima Foundation for Peace and Culture was created in 1989 following a bequest by the Swedish author Edita Morris (1902-1988) who was married to the American author Ira Morris (1903-1972). It is named after Edita Morris' most famous novel *The Flowers of Hiroshima* which describes the suffering caused by the atomic bomb.

The Foundation presents awards to women and men who contribute, in a cultural field, to fostering dialogue, understanding and peace in conflict areas. The prize is usually awarded every second year, but intervals vary. The 2020 prize was awarded to the Bi-Communal Choir for Peace in Cyprus. The 2018 prize was awarded to Mike van Graan, a South-African born playwright and cultural activist, for his contribution to the fight against apartheid.

Further information on the Foundation, including a biography of Edita Morris and a full list of recipients of previous awards, can be found on the Foundation's website
<http://www.hiroshimafoundation.net>

The Board of the Hiroshima Foundation is composed of Hans Christopher Toll (Chairman), Suzanne Osten, Chandrasiri Rajakaruna, Sara Gidlund, Philippe Pasquier, Elisabeth Toll, Hedda Krausz Sjögren, Louise Belfrage, and Paola Hjelt.

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