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FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS FOUNDATION'S ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, YIN-CHU JOU, INVITED TO DOHA, QATAR BY THE UNAOC (UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS), MAY 3 – 4, 2011

HIGH LEVEL UN COMMISSION SEEKS TO LEARN FROM NGOs; MS. JOU AND FAF SELECTED TO APPEAR FROM AMONG HUNDREDS OF APPLICANTS

GREENWICH, CT, APRIL 18, 2011 - MS. YIN-CHU JOU, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF THE GREENWICH-BASED FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS FOUNDATION (FAF; WWW.FAF.ORG) HAS BEEN SELECTED FROM HUNDREDS OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS TO APPEAR AT THE UN'S DOHA FORUM. MS. JOU WILL HIGHLIGHT FAF'S SUCCESS IN ADVANCING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND GLOBAL COOPERATION THROUGH CULTURAL EXCHANGE.

The official UN event is part of its UNAOC Doha Fourth Forum and is titled: *Connecting the UNAOC's mission and the MDGs: An Agenda for Collaborative Action*. Ms. Jou will be flown to the conference and accommodated by the United Nations during her stay. She will travel from Fez, Morocco to Doha for the Forum on May 3 and 4. Just prior to the UN event, Ms. Jou will be a guest of King Mohammad VI of Morocco at the Fez Conference of Nobel Laureates. Her husband was invited to this event prior to her own UN invitation, so they will travel together to Fez on April 30; then she will continue on to Doha late on May 2 for the UNAOC Forum events the next day.

"It is an honour to be selected," states Ms. Jou of her appointment by the UN to the NGO delegation in Doha. "The foundation is grateful to have two opportunities to weigh in on pressing issues at two major conferences. I will focus my comments on the foundation's Annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations™ and the 2012 *Rhythms of One World* choir festival, also taking place at the United Nations and other prestigious venues throughout Manhattan."

Ms. Jou will also demonstrate how FAF's long recognized, arts based programming promotes peace through the most positive form of global, cultural diplomacy – across cultures and throughout the world.

FAF's *Youth Assembly at the UN* brings together hundreds of youth leaders from over 40 countries to the UN to discuss the future of the 8 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). *The Rhythms of One World* choir festival will draw hundreds of choral voices from around the world to celebrate the signing of the original UN ("We The Peoples") charter, on June 26 with a grand concert in the UN General Assembly Hall, just prior to its closing for renovation, and elsewhere in Manhattan throughout the week. *Rhythms* is a tribute to an 'alliance of civilizations.'

For an interview with Ms. Jou before her April 26 departure to the MENA Region, please contact FAF, above.

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