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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN CONTRIBUTES EQUIVALENT

OF ABOUT \$11,000 FOR RESTORATION OF PEACE BELL

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim was presented today with a contribution of 2,528,522 yen (equivalent \$11,493.28) for the restoration of the Peace Bell at United Nations Headquarters. The presentation was made by Masahiro Nisibori, Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations, on behalf of the United Nations Association of Japan.

The bell, hung in a pagoda constructed in the style of a Japanese Buddhist temple, was donated by the United Nations Association of Japan in 1954. A symbol of world peace, it is located just west of the Conference building between the Secretariat and Assembly buildings. The bell is made of medals and coins of some 60 nations.

A large portion of the copper sheeting on the roof of the pagoda was blown off during a storm in January 1979. Recognizing the need to repair the damage, the United Nations Association of Japan collected voluntary contributions in Japan to cover the cost of the restoration. The President of the United Nations Association of Japan is Zentaro Kosaka, former Foreign Minister.

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