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Gandhi Jayanti in Jakarta

A special program was organized by the Embassy in association with the Gandhi Memorial Intercontinental School, Jakarta, on 3.10.2016. The Ambassador of India to Indonesia and Timor-Leste Ms. Nengcha Lhouvum was the chief guest on the occasion. The program began with Ambassador and other guests paying floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi. A choir rendering of favorite bhajans of Mahatma Gandhi was followed by a commemorative address by the Ambassador of India.

Speaking on the occasion Ambassador Nengcha Lhouvum said that the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi is also celebrated as International Day of Non-Violence since 2007. She said Mahatma Gandhi introduced new tools of political mobilization such as ‘*Satyagraha*’ and ‘*Swaraj*’ which confounded the colonial rulers. He wore only loin cloth to identify himself with the Indian masses and in short span of time his leadership changed the national movement into a mass movement with large participation of peasants, workers and farmers. Ambassador said Mahatma Gandhi was liked by poor and rich in India and even renowned thinkers such as Albert Einstein, Romain Rolland, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela and many more were inspired by him. In Mahatma Gandhi we found coming together of thoughts, words and deeds which made him an inspiring personality. It was his political genius that he could use simple things like loin cloth, charkha and salt for political mobilization of masses. She said that Mahatma lead a simple life and was against excessive consumerism which puts pressure on earth’s resources. Referring to the various conflicts in the world today, Ambassador noted that Mahatma Gandhi’s message of ‘tolerance, accommodation and compromise’ is more relevant now than ever.

The audience included former Education Minister of Indonesia H.E. Mr. Prof. Dr. Ing. Wardiman Djojonegoro; Ambassadors of Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Vietnam and Belarus; several diplomats and teachers and students of Gandhi Memorial Intercontinental School.

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