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Message from Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO

Sydney Peace Foundation

As Governor of New South Wales and as former Chancellor of the University of Sydney, I am immensely proud of the wonderful work undertaken by The Sydney Peace Foundation. The Foundation and its many members advocate for peace with justice; educating and inspiring all of us to think more deeply about the world in which we live.

Under the leadership of Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees, Chair of the Foundation, the Foundation has been a forceful and well recognized promoter of peace, honouring champions of human rights from around the world including Professor Muhammad Yunnus, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Xanana Gusmao, Sir William Deane, Mary Robinson, Dr Hanan Ashrawi, Arundathi Roy, Olara Otunnu, Irene Khan, Dr Hans Blix, Patrick Dodson, John Pilger, Dr Vandana Shiva, Professor Noam Chomsky and Senator Sekai Holland.

Unfortunately, commitments prohibited me from attending the 2013 awarding of the Peace Prize to Dr Cynthia Maung for her inspirational work on the Thai Burma border where she runs a hospital for Burmese refugees, migrant workers and orphans. She and her work embody the idea of peace with justice and I congratulate the Foundation for recognizing her invaluable work with some of the world's most needy.

I look forward to learning who the 2014 Peace Prize recipient will be and to being able to be part of the Foundation's important, continuing work.

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Governor of New South Wales