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## UN Secretary-General to visit India, Myanmar

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will be visiting India and Myanmar in late April.

In New Delhi, the Secretary-General will meet with top government officials and other political leaders and will also confer with the UN Country Team. He will also receive an honorary doctorate at the Jamia Millia Islamia University.

The Secretary-General will then travel to Mumbai, where he will see first-hand the tremendous progress India has made on women and child health.



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In Myanmar, he will meet with senior government officials, civil society representatives, and others, in both the capital, Naypyidaw, and in Yangon.



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UNIC ALBUM

# UNIC marks World Health Day in Mumbai



**B**uilding further on our links with the Indian Federation of UN Associations (IFUNA), member of the World Federation of UN Associations (WFUNA), UNIC New Delhi collaborated in Mumbai with the Maharashtra United Nations Association (MUNA) to celebrate World Health Day on the theme “Ageing and Health”.

UNIC Director **Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman** delivered the United Nations Secretary-General's message and lauded MUNA for its diverse activities in promoting the issues and values of the United Nations. “Here in Mumbai, we probably have the most active and live UN Association in India”, she said, “and we cannot spread the message without your collaboration and help”.

The UNIC Director remarked that the Spanish language had actually got it right. The word for retirement in Spanish is *jubilación*, meaning celebration and happiness. And as the UN Secretary-General says in his message, “Increased longevity is a cause for celebration and something to which we all aspire”.

Mrs. Mehra-Kerpelman commended

MUNA for a very eminent group of speakers who shed light on different aspects of ageing. These included the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Mumbai, **H.E. Mr. Niu Qingbao**, **Dr. Ravi Bapat**, Prof Emeritus, KEM Hospital, **Mohini Mathur**, Senior Advisor, MUNA and **Suresh Srivastava**, Secretary-General of IFUNA. Mr. Qingbao pointed out the similarities between the two giants, India and China, which between them have the largest population of elderly persons, and he reflected Mr. Ban Ki-moon's statement that “Soon, for the first time in history, the world will have more adults aged 65 or older than children under five”.

The evening also comprised an excellent skit on the relationship between the elderly and their families, put together by students of the Department of Human Development, SNDT University. A youth band played music with special lyrics for the elderly. Awards were presented to MUNA's “most elderly but still very active” members. Several people from the diplomatic community in Mumbai also attended, as did those from academia, the business world, and youth supporters, the latter having organized the evening under the leadership of the dynamic Secretary of MUNA, **Ashraf Ahmad Shaikh**.



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