

Report on Memorial Activity for Victims of Road Accidents - Mauritius

The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University in collaboration with the Road Safety Department of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure & Land Transport and the Municipal Council of Curepipe has organized a major event as part of the 4th World Road Safety Week established by the United Nations. It was held at Sir Winston Churchill Stadium in Curepipe on Thursday 11 May 2017.



The main objective was to raise awareness on road traffic dangers and the need to slow down for road safety. About 600 Students from secondary schools, accompanied by their teachers and members of NGOs of Curepipe were gathered.

The first part of the activity was in the form of a solemn photo and video of the participants lying one next to the other, on the grass in the middle of the stadium, each respectfully fully covered by a white sheet... visually representing the 1,500 Mauritian lives lost over the last 10 years on Mauritian roads.



The official function started at 11 00. Sis Lata, Assistant Coordinator, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University of Curepipe warmly welcomed everyone. Mr Pradeep Jagutpal, Coordinator, Brahma Kumaris Road Safety Project gave a brief talk on the project and the event. Students read a pledge on road safety. The keynote addressees of the day were:

1. Mrs S. Lolochou, the Mayor of Curepipe
2. Mr Simon Springett, UN Resident Coordinator

3. Hon Stephan Toussaint, Minister of Youth and Sports
4. Hon Nandcoomar Bodha, GCSK, Minister of Public Infrastructure & Land Transport



Mrs Sybille Lolochou, Mayor of Curepipe



Students of Mauritius College, reading a pledge



The audience comprised of Ministers, Advisors in the Ministry, Mayor & Councilors of Municipality of Curepipe, CEOs of Insurance companies, Senior officers of the Police force, Members of NGOs,



The Hon Nandcoomar Bodha, Minister of Public Infrastructure & Land Transport said that accident is the 1st killer in the world. He also added that awareness on Road Safety should be an immense task always and at every moment for everyone. He mentioned about the visit of Mr Jean Todt, Ambassador of Road Safety from the UN to work with the Government, Stakeholders and the Insurance Agents. He made an appeal of the responsibility of everyone to make the road safer for everyone.



The Hon Stephan Toussaint, Minister of Youth and Sports addressed directly to students of how cautious and responsible students should be on the



Mr Simon Springett, UN Resident Coordinator underlined that around 1.2 million people are killed by road accident every year in the world and that the main objective of the UN is to reduce that to half in 15 years. All the addressees expressed their appreciation for this laudable initiatives of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University for organising this event.



The students and adults acted as ambassadors for road safety. They received message of the day in the form of pamphlets, which they would share with 10 families in their localities. These pamphlets were also distributed to representatives of various organisations.



Members of Mauritius Red Cross Society were also present to provide first aid assistance.



The programme ended with one minute of Silence followed by launching of balloons in memory of victims of road accidents. The whole function was covered by media, namely the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation and a few written press.



