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Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Former Under-Secretary General and High Representative of the United Nations

One Earth | One Dream

“Autumnal Green Festival” & “Life on the Edge” Symposium

October 2-5, 2008

LAGUNA BEACH, CA — The Endangered Planet Foundation of Laguna Beach, California has received an official acceptance by Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations to chair a major component of its **One Earth | One Dream** “Autumnal Green Festival” and “Life on the Edge” Symposium.

Founding Director and CEO of the Foundation, Charles Michael Murray announced today that Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations will continue his efforts to promote Environment, Peace and Goodwill when he chairs the October 2008 Symposium “Life on the Edge” Symposium at the Festival of Arts grounds Laguna Beach, CA.

Ambassador Chowdhury recently retired as the Under Secretary and High Commissioner for Least Developed Countries, Land Locked Developing Countries and Small Island States that comprises twenty five percent of the UN Member States. His efforts to combat eroding environmental impacts on these countries have garnered him numerous awards.

More importantly, Ambassador Chowdhury remains highly active as an advocate and distinguished lecturer in world affairs and is regarded as one of this century’s most distinguished diplomats. Ambassador Chowdhury has served as **President of the UN Security Council**, is an **Honorary Board Member of the International Coalition for the Decade for a Culture of Peace**, along with four Nobel Laureates, and is one of the founders of a United Nations resolution proclaiming the year 2000 as International Year for the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World. Chowdhury is recipient of the **U Thant Peace Award** and the **UNESCO Gandhi Gold Medal**, among a host of others.

The “Life on the Edge” Symposium will be a key feature of the EPF Autumnal Festival. The Foundation is committed to attracting some of the top local, national and international environmental experts to participate and lead in an interactive discussion that will be open to the public. Ambassador Chowdhury’s networking and expertise will enhance and expand the Foundation’s efforts to make this a premiere and meaningful event. ###



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