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ATHGO International Provides A Voice For Future Leaders Global Forum At UN Headquarters Turns Discussions Into Practical Solutions

New York City, NY (June 11, 2007) – Fourteen ambassadors from around the globe joined nearly 400 students from 250 academic institutions to discuss alternative strategies to solve global warming and the climate crisis during a three-day conference in New York City on June 6-8.

“I am very impressed by the zeal of the young people trying to get involved with these issues,” stated Japanese Ambassador, Takashiro Shinyo. “These are the people who will continue our efforts and I want to thank ATHGO International for engaging young people at the right time, right place and with the energy needed to solve these issues.”

The three-day event focused on global warming and climate control commencing with Vice President Al Gore’s Climate Project presentation. The forum consisted of individual speaker series and panel discussions, including ambassadors, leading scientists, diplomats and dignitaries as well as representatives from UN permanent missions and the private sector.

Panel discussions focused on how to create moral imperative and incentives in solving complex global issues and the role of the international community in the causes, consequences and long-term ramifications of global warming. Group breakout sessions focused on the young professionals actively participating in the ‘policy process’ and the communications and negotiations necessary to solve issues on an international level.

“What is notably striking about the forum is the energy in the room,” stated ATHGO founder, Dr. Armen Orujyan. “The participants’ motivation is why we spend time and resources putting these programs together. We want to give these incredibly energetic, emerging leaders the needed platform to exercise their minds.”

Michael Oppenheimer, chief author of the third and fourth assessment report on Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was the keynote speaker and spoke to the role of international institutions. “It’s been an exhilarating experience engaging with the students who learn so much, so fast,” stated Oppenheimer.

The conference concluded with a panel of participants made up of representatives from each breakout group and a presentation of their Summary Resolution. This resolution was a result of the numerous interactions between the members of the Summary Resolution panel and their respective groups. Participants provided alternative solutions in dealing with the climate crisis. The resolutions were then forwarded to the UN permanent missions.

“This is the solution,” stated Sri Lanka Ambassador, Prasad Kariyawasam. “The key to handling these issues is educating the public and people across the world and *ATHGO International* is taking the lead in offering quality education to our future leaders.”

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