



*The Ambassador of Greece*

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In view of the World Congress on Dance Research to be held in Tokyo on October 23-27, 2014, it was with great pleasure that I received at the Embassy a group of the UNESCO Dance Council (CID-UNESCO) led by Erika Akoh, principal choreographer, educator and dancer of the Global Dance Theatre bearing her name.

Ms. Akoh graciously explained that she got involved with the Organization as a representative of Japan in 1996, in view of broadening her country's international relations through art and dance in particular. She added that, as a result of her fervor and work, CID-UNESCO established the "Tokyo UNESCO Dance Council" asking her to assume its Presidency.

Understanding that UNESCO Dance Council Tokyo goes far beyond any genre of dance, enhancing the artistic viewpoint in order to inspire "Hope, love and Peace" in the World, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to Ms. Akoh and her collaborators.

I also wish that the organization of CID-UNESCO World Dance Congress 2014 in Tokyo will be a great success, myself believing that the cause of peace can be assisted through art and culture, especially when events in its name are organized in world-wide known cultural centers as Tokyo, under the auspices of zealous persons like the CID-UNESCO Tokyo President, Ms. Akoh and with the support of leaders like the CID-UNESCO Headquarters President, Dr. Alkis Raftis, who happens to be Greek and one of our most distinguished compatriots.

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