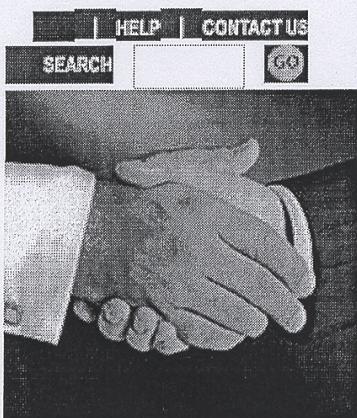




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Dubai, 19th September 2003: A Children's Art Exhibition has been officially opened at the lobby of the DICC Office Tower during the Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund. International Child Art Fund (ICAF), together with Dubai 2003, have organised this exhibition, titled 'Towards the Millennium Development Goals: Children's Perspectives'. HE Qassim Sultan, Head of Dubai 2003 Organising Committee and Director General, Dubai Municipality, inaugurated the exhibition.

There are 84 paintings by children between the ages of 8 and 12 from all over the world. The ICAF has taken this exhibition to over 30 countries to date, and works to mesh children's opinions with world-policy.

Ibrahim Belselah, General Coordinator, Dubai 2003, said, "This exhibition features some really good works. Along with the large mural that the ICAF has given us, this is a fabulous option to have so close to where the Annual Meetings are taking place. It is encouraging to see a body like the World Bank actually encouraging young people to make their views known so that the world they inherit will be one they envisioned. The global nature of this exhibition is also a good representation of international harmony, as seen by the many nationalities here for the Annual Meetings in Dubai, one of the most cosmopolitan cities of the world."

There is a special souvenir book that is placed near the exhibition in which visitors are encouraged to make their comments. This book will be released later as a commemoration of the event.

The Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund were first held in Washington DC in 1946. They are hosted by an international city one year in three. The UAE and Dubai were selected because of their highly developed transportation and logistics infrastructure, growing importance as a financial hub and its established position as an oasis of opportunity.

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