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SADAKO OGATA TO RECEIVE 2002 J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT PRIZE FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

Ogata Recognized as Giant in Field of Humanitarian Assistance;
Advances Policies and Programs Promoting "Human Security"

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 26, 2002) The Fulbright Association announced today that the 2002 J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding will be awarded to Sadako Ogata, special representative of the prime minister of Japan for Afghanistan assistance, co-chair of the Commission on Human Security, and Ford Foundation scholar-in-residence. Mrs. Ogata will be honored in a ceremony at the International Trade Center on October 11.

As United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 1991 to 2000, Mrs. Ogata protected and assisted millions of people forced by violence and deprivation to flee their homes. Since her appointment last year by Japanese Prime Minister Koizumi as special envoy on Afghan issues, Mrs. Ogata has raised \$4.5 billion in commitments from governments and international organizations for reconstruction in Afghanistan. In a report to the United Nations Security Council she said that while she had observed significant progress in Afghanistan this year, security and the rapid return of refugees still require the world community's urgent attention.

Former congressman Lee H. Hamilton, chairman of the international selection committee for the 2002 J. William Fulbright Prize, said, "Sadako Ogata is a giant of international humanitarian action and a truly remarkable woman. Her extraordinary work in a decade as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made the growing refugee problem an international priority and advanced the cause of disadvantaged and vulnerable peoples across the globe. For her lifetime of service to mankind and for her tireless efforts to promote greater international understanding, she is a very worthy recipient of the 2002 Fulbright Prize."

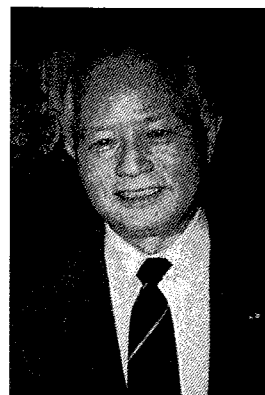
The J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding carries a \$50,000 award provided by The Coca-Cola Foundation. The Fulbright Association created the Fulbright Prize in 1993 with a grant from The Coca-Cola Foundation to recognize individuals who have made extraordinary contributions toward bringing peoples, cultures or nations to greater understanding of others. Previous recipients of the award are former South African President Nelson Mandela, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, former Austrian Federal Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, former Philippine President Corazon C. Aquino, Czech Republic President Vtoslav Havel, former Chilean President Patricio Aylwin Azgoar, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson, former president of Finland Martti Ahtisaari, and United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

The Commission on Human Security, which Mrs. Ogata helped organize and co-chairs with Professor Amartya Sen, Nobel Laureate in economics and Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, responds to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan's call at the Millennium Summit to broaden the world's view of peace and security to include the "freedom from want" and the "freedom from fear."

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