

## **Message for the 2017 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth**

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year of celebration of the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth. FIFA would like to welcome all of you to this wonderful event – and especially congratulate all of you who have taken part each year since the Games began in 2001.

We hope that you will continue to use the Games, not only as a day of fun and community solidarity, but as a special opportunity to focus on all that football can teach us – the life skills of winning and losing with grace and dignity, of showing respect for others, practising fair play, tolerance and understanding, learning teamwork and how to make your bodies healthy and strong.

Each of us can think about what we can do to make the world a better place. Boys and girls, children and youth, playing together in friendship throughout the world are a powerful force for this purpose and our future. This is what Football for Hope can accomplish.

We should all spread the messages of respect, solidarity and tolerance – and take action to improve health and education. As you take part in the 2017 Global Peace Games, remember that you are joining many others in this common effort.



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