

AMBASSADOR ANWARUL K. CHOWDHURY

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Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury has been a career diplomat, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, President of the UN Security Council, President of UNICEF Executive Board, UN Under-Secretary-General, Senior Special Advisor to UN General Assembly President, and recipient of the U Thant Peace Award, UNESCO Gandhi Gold Medal for Culture of Peace, Spirit of the UN Award and University of Massachusetts Boston Chancellor's Medal for Global Leadership for Peace, Gandhi-King-Ikeda Community Builders Prize in 2015, 2018 Global Women's Peace Award, 2020 Robert Muller Global Peace Prize, recipient of the inaugural Global Citizen Award in 2021 and Visionary Leadership Award presented by civil society organizations also in 2021.

His legacy and leadership in the service of global community are boldly imprinted in his pioneering initiatives: in March 2000 as the President of the Security Council for the political and conceptual breakthrough leading to the groundbreaking UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women and peace and security, in September 1999 for adoption of the landmark declaration and programme of action on the Culture of Peace by the UN General Assembly, and in March 2003, the Soka University of Tokyo, Japan conferred to Ambassador Chowdhury an Honorary Doctorate for his work on women's issues, child rights and culture of peace as well as for the strengthening of the United Nations.

In May 2012, he received a Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa degree from the Saint Peter's University of New Jersey, United States. In May 2021, the University of La Verne, California, USA conferred on him an Honorary Doctorate for his work on global peace and development. Ambassador Chowdhury is the Founder of New York-based civil society coalition, The Global Movement for The Culture of Peace (GMCoP).