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Thousands worldwide call for positive Beijing Olympics legacy in human aerial art events

On the eve of the anniversary of Beijing being granted the 2008 Olympics, Thousands of Amnesty International supporters in over 25 locations across the globe teamed up today with Circle Up Now to create visual representations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), as a reminder to the Chinese authorities of their human rights promises.

From New Delhi to London, the coast of the Netherlands and Istanbul, artists and activists joined to create aerial images of words such as “Freedom”, “Dignity” and “Justice” to represent the principles of the UDHR.

“In order for the Beijing Olympics to have a long-lasting positive legacy, the Chinese authorities must deliver on their human rights promises now. Today’s events show that there is global support for human rights improvements throughout China,” said Amnesty International.

“This global day of action has united, inspired and motivated individuals on every continent to celebrate basic human rights for all, as well as commit themselves to stand up in solidarity with those in China and elsewhere whose rights are consistently being denied,” said Circle Up Now.

High resolution photos of the aerial art images created across the world are now available on:
http://circleupnow.smugmug.com/gallery/5344545_ENFZm/1/326785690_pjbHE (password: dayofaction)

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Note to editors

The UDHR was adopted by UN member states on 10 December 1948. This aerial art event is one of a series of activities that Amnesty International is organizing in the run-up to the 60th anniversary to celebrate the UDHR and focus on what must be done to make human rights a reality.