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IIMSAM Congratulates An Old Friend Martti Ahtisaari in winning the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize



Picture on Left: IIMSAM DG-AMB. R. MARADONA AND AMB. S. RAHIMI WITH MARTTI AHTISAARI IN 2007.

Picture on Right: THEN PRESIDENT AHTISAARI OF FINLAND WITH FORMER WAFUNIF STAFF R. MARADONA AND S. RAHIMI. AT THE WAFUNIF OFFICIAL EVENT HONORING PRESIDENT AHTISAARI. CIRCA 1995.

(IIMSAM New York United Nations Headquarters, 10th October) - Finland's ex-president *Martti Ahtisaari* won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for his efforts to build a lasting peace from Africa and Asia to Europe and the Middle East. *Finland's ex-president Martti Ahtisaari said he was "very pleased" to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. He hoped it would help facilitate future work, but said at the age of 71, he now hoped to travel less and spend more time with his wife.*

The Norwegian Nobel Committee said it honored Ahtisaari for important efforts over more than three decades to resolve international conflicts.

"These efforts have contributed to a more peaceful world and to 'fraternity between nations' in Alfred Nobel's spirit," the committee said in announcing the prize.

By selecting Ahtisaari, 71, for the prize, the Nobel committee returned its focus to traditional peace work after tapping climate campaigner Al Gore and the U.N. panel on climate change last year.

"He is a world champion when it comes to peace and he never gives up," said Ole Danbolt Mjoes, the chairman of the Norwegian Nobel awards committee.

The award, he said, was in line with recent Nobels to other peace mediators, notably Jimmy Carter in 2002 and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 2001.

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