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Welcome Message

by Kofi Annan

It is a great pleasure to convey my best wishes to the new *Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations* at Seton Hall University.

The dawn of the new millennium is an auspicious time to found a journal dedicated to promoting greater international understanding. Our world needs leaders, and Seton Hall now stands in perfect position to contribute even more than it does already. The knowledge you will provide will prepare your readers to become leaders not only in the traditional realms of diplomacy and political science, but also in many other professions and fields which, in an interdependent world of common risks and common opportunities, must work together if we are to achieve the progress we hope for and need.

I am especially pleased to note the collaboration between Seton Hall and the United Nations Association of the United States. UN Associations around the world are among our most valuable allies in the vital mission of spreading timely and accurate information and analysis about the international system. Let us hope that many more universities take up the idea.

We are about to open a new chapter in human history, a chapter in which, more than ever before, we shall all share the same destiny. Nations, cultures, and individuals interact on a daily and even hourly basis. We face both the new challenges of globalization and the age-old scourges of conflict, poverty, and intolerance. Without your support, our shared goal of a peaceful, prosperous world will remain out of reach. But with your involvement and engagement, and with the research to be disseminated by your new journal, the United Nations can make a real difference.

In that spirit, please accept my congratulations on your new beginning. I look forward to the positive contribution which I am sure the *Seton Hall Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations* will make to the international community.

