SMU's International Day of Peace Celebrations 2005 to 2015 – A Decade of Peace

Year	Brief History of SMU Peace Celebration	Celebration Photo
2005	At the very first commemoration of the International Day of Peace (IDP) at SMU, students from 16 nations carried their national flags and made wishes for peace in their native languages. SMU's third president, Professor Howard Hunter, read out a Poem on Peace written by Rohan Narula, a student from the School of Information Systems.	
2006	SMU's inaugural Peace Forum was titled 'In the name of religion – a forum on conflict, peace and faith'. Six panellists from different faiths including Islam, Hinduism, Christianity, and Buddhism discussed the role of religion in the context of current and historic world affairs.	
2007	The 'Paint a Pillar for Peace' exhibition was officially launched at the Peace Ceremony, showcasing the work of 60 students who designed and painted the pillars around campus, to depict what peace means to them. 'Feet Unbound', a documentary on the untold story of teenage female soldiers of China's Long March was screened. Students also participated in a 24-hour 'Fast for Peace', as a pledge to uphold the peace cause.	
2008	Art Peace(s) was a labour of love by 19 SMU undergraduates who produced a Peace Wall art installation comprising 300 photos of the SMU community's interpretation of 'Peace and Freedom across cultures' and nine unique art pieces.	
2009	A Peace Run was organised in collaboration with SMU Run Team. The event saw 250 participants carrying country flags as they ran around campus. The 4th Peace Forum on the topic 'Singaporeans or Foreigners: who comes first in tough times?" was held with panellists, Dr Tan Ern Ser, Mr Kenneth Jeyaretnam, and Mrs Josephine Teo.	

2010	SMU commissioned 'Home, Nearly', written by local playwright Jonathan Lim. The play was conceptualised after extensive workshops with SMU students from different countries. 'Home, Nearly' tells the tales of students who came to Singapore in search of a good education and the challenges they faced in settling into a new country.	
2011	International Cultural Night was held at the School of the Arts Theatre to a sold-out audience. The 3-hour event showcased 11 cultural performances.	
2012	Then the largest group of student country representatives at the Peace Ceremony! SMU students also debated on the topic, 'This House believes that the onus of integration lies entirely with the international student', in a forum organised in collaboration with the SMU Debating Society.	
2013	SMU organised its first TEDxSingaporeManagementUniversity conference. Aptly themed 'Defying Logic', the Conference showcased ideas from remarkable individuals who have defied all odds to achieve success in life, or have embarked on paths less travelled.	
2014	International Festival featured delicacies from 11 different countries, as well as performances from various cultural groups and student bands.	

2015	SMU commemorates IDP 2015 with its largest and most diverse celebrations in a decade, with students from about 40 nationalities and a global festival themed 'Celebrating our Global Family'. Singapore's first Peace Pole in educational institutions is unveiled, inscribed with United Nations' Peace Pledge in Singapore's four official languages, and subsequently will be installed permanently at the SMU GROW plot. The global festival offered a taste of the 'world classroom', through an international food, cultural, arts and studies showcase. Food from 14 cultures, a poster exhibition on student project work from SMU's Diversity Leadership Development Programme, an overseas studies showcase by global partners and SMU students, and an exclusive photography exhibition in collaboration with the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission, provided slices of bite-sized international experiences for guests and participants. Ahead of Peace Day, a Model-UN@SMU event to promote active global citizenship was also held by United Nations Students' Association (UNSA-SMU) and the Office of Global Learning (OGL).	*Photos to come after celebrations!*