

Ban Ki-moon Quotes

*People, Country, Climate, Leader, Children, Issues, Needs, World, Challenges,
Opportunity, Rights, Girl, Community, Water, Poverty, Effort, Growth, Thinking,
Suffering, Mean*

Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth - these are one and the same fight.

~Ban Ki-moon

Migration is an expression of the human aspiration for dignity, safety and a better future. It is part of the social fabric, part of our very make-up as a human family

~Ban Ki-moon

We hold the future in our hands, together, we must ensure that our grandchildren will not have to ask why we failed to do the right thing, and let them suffer the consequences.

~Ban Ki-moon

You have to take ownership and leadership of tomorrow. For that to be possible, you have to strengthen your capacity and widen your vision as a global citizen.

~Ban Ki-moon

The longer we delay, the more we will pay.

~Ban Ki-moon

Climate change does not respect border; it does not respect who you are - rich and poor, small and big. Therefore, this is what we call global challenges, which require global solidarity.

~Ban Ki-moon

Planet Earth is our shared island, let us join forces to protect it

~Ban Ki-moon

The world is over-armed and peace is under-funded.

~Ban Ki-moon

Nothing is more shameful than attacking sleeping children.

~Ban Ki-moon

We must unite. Violence against women cannot be tolerated, in any form, in any context, in any circumstance, by any political leader or by any government.

~Ban Ki-moon

Every literate woman is a victory over poverty

~Ban Ki-moon

We must turn the greatest collective challenge facing humankind today - climate change - into the greatest opportunity for common progress towards a sustainable future.

~Ban Ki-moon

In a world of plenty, no one, not a single person, should go hungry. But almost 1 billion still do not have enough to eat. I want to see an end to hunger everywhere within my lifetime.

~Ban Ki-moon

There is one universal truth, applicable to all countries, cultures and communities: violence against women is never acceptable, never excusable, never tolerable.

~Ban Ki-moon

With her courage and determination, Malala has shown what terrorists fear most: a girl with a book.

~Ban Ki-moon

Millions of people in nearly 80 countries still live in fear of landmines and explosive remnants of war, which take an unacceptable toll on lives and limbs, and people's livelihoods

~Ban Ki-moon

On this International Day, let us promise to make peace not just a priority, but a passion. Let us pledge to do more, wherever we are in whatever way we can, to make every day a day of peace.

~Ban Ki-moon

Climate change is destroying our path to sustainability. Ours is a world of looming challenges and increasingly limited resources. Sustainable development offers the best chance to adjust our course.

~Ban Ki-moon

National boundaries these days are not that important because of transformative technological development. Now we are talking about the fourth industrial revolution.

~Ban Ki-moon

I call on men and boys everywhere to join us. Violence against women and girls will not be eradicated until all of us - men and boys - refuse to tolerate it.

~Ban Ki-moon

The power of the leader is given to him by the people, so he has a duty to engage and listen more attentively and carefully to the aspirations of the people.

~Ban Ki-moon

Now, more than ever, we need to connect the dots between climate, poverty, energy, food and water. These issues cannot be addressed in isolation.

~Ban Ki-moon

Only through women's full and equal participation in all areas of public and private life can we hope to achieve the sustainable, peaceful and just society promised in the United Nations Charter.

~Ban Ki-moon

The current model is global suicide. We need a revolution. Revolutionary thinking. Revolutionary action. Natural resources are becoming more and more scarce.

~Ban Ki-moon

Climate change has happened because of human behaviour, therefore it's only natural it should be us, human beings, to address this issue. It may not be too late if we take decisive actions today.

~Ban Ki-moon

Terrorism is a significant threat to peace and security, prosperity and people.

~Ban Ki-moon

A deal must include an equitable global governance structure. All countries must have a voice in how resources are deployed and managed.

~Ban Ki-moon

Achieving gender equality requires the engagement of women and men, girls and boys. It is everyones responsibility.

~Ban Ki-moon

Sustainable development and climate change are two sides of the same coin

~Ban Ki-moon

Saving our planet requires you to be ambitious in what you aim, and, equally, in how hard you work to reach your goal.

~Ban Ki-moon

This is the moral challenge of our generation. Not only are the eyes of the world upon us. More important, succeeding generations depend on us. We cannot rob our children of their future.

~Ban Ki-moon

To measure the success of our societies, we should examine how well those with different abilities, including persons with autism, are integrated as full and valued members.

~Ban Ki-moon

Let us take advantage of the opportunities presented by climate action and lay the foundations for a more prosperous and secure future for all

~Ban Ki-moon

Climate change...is, simply, the greatest collective challenge we face as a human family.

~Ban Ki-moon

Women must be full partners in development, so they can lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

~Ban Ki-moon

Reason doesn't mean very much in a country like North Korea.

~Ban Ki-moon

Energy is the golden thread that connects economic growth, increased social equity, and an environment that allows the world to thrive.

~Ban Ki-moon

Nuclear disarmament is the only sane path to a safer world.

~Ban Ki-moon

Men must teach each other that real men do not violate or oppress women - and that a woman's place is not just in the home or the field, but in schools and offices and boardrooms.

~Ban Ki-moon

Many say our world is at a tipping point. If we do not act together, if we do not act responsibly, if we do not act now, we risk slipping into a cycle of poverty, degradation, and despair.

~Ban Ki-moon

The unity in diversity of the United States is one of the country's greatest strengths.

~Ban Ki-moon

Society's dependence on fossil fuels is jeopardising social and economic progress.

~Ban Ki-moon

It is but a short step from hunger to starvation, from disease to death.

~Ban Ki-moon

SUSTAINABLE PEACE IS POSSIBLE ONLY WITH WOMEN'S FULL PARTICIPATION, their perspectives, their leadership, their daily, equal presence wherever we seek to make and keep the peace.

~Ban Ki-moon

As many micro-credit schemes across the world can testify, investment in women is the best investment for the future.

~Ban Ki-moon

People everywhere look to the United States to use its remarkable power to help lift humanity up and to work for the common good.

~Ban Ki-moon

I am not a national leader. If I am a national leader I can speak out all that I want.

~Ban Ki-moon

The future of any leader or political systems is to be determined by the

people of the country.

~Ban Ki-moon

Three decades into this crisis, let us set our sights on achieving the "three zeros" zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths.

~Ban Ki-moon

I am willing to take any measures when it comes to the fundamental principle of human rights.

~Ban Ki-moon

Our atmosphere can't tell the difference between emissions from an Asian factory, the exhaust from a North American SUV, or deforestation in South America or Africa.

~Ban Ki-moon

Gender equality and women's empowerment have been a top priority for me from day one as Secretary-General. And I am committed to making sure that the U.N. leads by example.

~Ban Ki-moon

I strongly reject threats by any member state to destroy another or outrageous attempts to deny historical facts such as the Holocaust.

~Ban Ki-moon

I call for the need of world leaders to address climate change and reduce the increasing risk of disasters- and world leaders must include mayors, townships and community leaders.

~Ban Ki-moon

Since problems spill across borders, security anywhere depends on sustainable development everywhere.

~Ban Ki-moon

To achieve a Green Revolution, African farmers, must have access to land and security of tenure. They also need access to markets, technology and improved infrastructure.

~Ban Ki-moon

We have all heard of the web of life. The way we live threatens to trap us in a web of death.

~Ban Ki-moon

My observation is China is thinking more as a global player than regionally, in both politics and economics.

~Ban Ki-moon

It has been said that knowledge is power. We need to strengthen education systems so that young people can benefit from cultural diversity, and not be victimized by those who exploit differences.

~Ban Ki-moon

We have seen in the past where leaders have not been open-minded or have not been flexible. That's why the people came out to the streets and shouted and chanted for more reforms and more freedoms.

~Ban Ki-moon

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