



**A H I M S A C E N T E R**  
NONVIOLENCE IN THOUGHT AND ACTION

**California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA 91768**

Ahimsa Center in the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences presents

**A DIALOGUE WITH**  
**A. T. ARIYARATNE**

**Sarvodaya: Building a Nonviolent and Cooperative World**

**Monday, October 10, 2005**

**6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**CLA BUILDING 98-P2-07**



**Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne** is the founder and president of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement in Sri Lanka, the world's largest spiritually-based people's development movement. Starting his professional life as a school teacher, he has become internationally renowned for his exemplary contributions to promoting social and political change through nonviolence.

Founded on Buddhist and Gandhian principles, the Sarvodaya Movement works in 15,000 villages for social and economic justice for the poorest of the poor in Sri Lanka. Started 47 years ago by Dr. Ariyaratne, Sarvodaya has mobilized tens of thousands of people to create housing, water projects, solar energy, food production, pre-school programs, legal services, women's projects, orphanages, child welfare agencies, village banks, and more.

*Sarvodaya* means "the awakening of all," and *Shramadana* means gift or sharing of labor. The essence of the movement is that "Everybody wakes up through sharing *labor, energy, resources, and love.*" Dr. Ariyaratne describes the goal of Sarvodaya as a *dual* awakening: the awakening of the individual and the awakening of society.

Dr. Ariyaratne has also led some of the world's largest peace marches and meditations to address the conflict in his country, with 650,000 people gathering in Sri Lanka in 2004. For his development work and his peace activities, he has received numerous international awards, including: the Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership from the Philippines (1969), the King Boudouin Award for International Development from Belgium (1982), the Niwano Peace Prize from Japan (1992), and the Mahatma Gandhi Peace Prize from the Government of India (1996).

Guided by Dr. Ariyaratne's vision, Sarvodaya seeks to unite all people to work together in building a nonviolent and cooperative society.

For more information, visit: <http://www.sarvodaya.org/>

**Visitor Parking \$5.00. Lots C & D are the closest to the event venue**

For more details and directions visit [www.csupomona.edu/ahimsacenter](http://www.csupomona.edu/ahimsacenter) or contact Center Director, Dr. Tara Sethia at (909) 869-3868 :: [tsethia@csupomona.edu](mailto:tsethia@csupomona.edu)