

Symposium
The 40th Anniversary of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library
Legacy of a Secretary-General

Introductory Remarks

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I would like to welcome you to today's Symposium, "The 40th Anniversary of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library: Legacy of a Secretary-General". My name is Shashi Tharoor, and I head the Department of Public Information at the United Nations.

This Symposium was originally scheduled for 16 November 2001, the exact day of the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the Library building, a gift from the Ford Foundation. However, it was re-scheduled as a result of the tragic events of September 11th. It is now the first event to be held in the refurbished Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium, which has been so magnificently restored to its original elegance. We have been anticipating today's re-opening since last November, and it certainly lives up to our highest expectations. I understand that one of the architects who worked on this project is with us today, and I wish to congratulate the entire team.

Before beginning what I am certain will be an extremely stimulating and thought-provoking programme, I would like to extend the Department of Public Information's sincere appreciation to the Government of Japan for its generosity in sponsoring this symposium. We are delighted to have with us today Ambassador Yoshiyuki Motomura of Japan, currently Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations. Ambassador Motomura will be addressing you shortly.

Our symposium consists of two panels: a morning panel with the theme "Dag Hammarskjöld and the United Nations Library as a library promoting peace" and an afternoon panel entitled "The changing role of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library –act day T

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