



# Amma 2011

## Embracing the World - Tour in Japan

Mata Amritanandamayi Devi

Admission is free for all

**TOKYO July 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Garden City Shinagawa, Ballroom**

Shinagawa Goos 1F 3-13-3 Takanawa Minato-ku

3 minutes walk from the Takanawa exit of Shinagawa Station on the Keihin Line and JR Yamanote Line

**22<sup>nd</sup> (Fri) 10:00open 11:00start (tolen will be stopped at 17:00)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> (Sat) 09:00open 10:00start / 17:30open 18:30start**

**24<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 09:00open 10:00start / 17:30open 18:30start**

**OSAKA July 26<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Umeda Sky Building, Stella Hall**

Tower West 3F, Stella Hall 1-1 Oyodonaka Kita-ku Osaka

9 minutes walk from the JR Osaka Station, Umeda Subway Station, and Hankyu Umeda Station, 13 minutes walk from the Hanshin Umeda Station

**26<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) 09:00open 10:00start / 17:30open 18:30start**

**27<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 09:00open 10:00start / 17:30open 18:30start**

### About Amma

The Holy Mother Mata Amritanandamayi, affectionately known as Amma (Mother), has endeared herself to tens of millions all over the world through her extraordinary acts of love and self-sacrifice in the midst of these troubled times. She dedicates virtually every day of her life to consoling suffering people all over the world, in the form of a motherly hug. Her charitable organizations are actively conducting vast humanitarian efforts throughout India and abroad, ranging from orphanages, educational institutions, charitable hospitals and hospices, to services for the physically challenged, and 100,000 free homes for the needy. Amma also responded immediately to the 2004 Asian tsunami and 2011 East Japan earthquake and tsunami by providing generous relief aid.



(ETW) Haiti earthquake relief. With orphans at the newly constructed orphanage.



(ETW) Philippines 'Typhoon Ondoy' relief. Delivering food and other aid.



(ETW) 2011 East Japan earthquake and tsunami emergency relief effort.



(ETW) Reforestation and environmental protection in Hokkaido, Japan, together with Amrita Heart Global Charity Association.

Amma has come to be recognized as an influential figure in global society and culture. In 2005, Amma was the subject of a documentary film *Darshan* and was a guest at the Cannes Film Festival. In 2007, Amma was featured as one of the 12 most influential spiritual leaders of our time, along with His Holiness the Pope and His Holiness the Dalai Lama, in an American documentary by the CBS network entitled *In God's Name*. In 2007 Amma was awarded the Prix Cinema Verite by a French film organization for her role as a force for world peace and harmony.

During the last 40 years Amma has embraced more than 31 million people worldwide, at times hugging over 40,000 people continuously in a span of 24 hours. Regardless of religion and background, Amma feels compassion for every person and shares in their joy and sorrow.

Amma's charitable organization, **Embracing the World** ([www.embracingtheworld.org](http://www.embracingtheworld.org)), is active in 25 countries and provides food, shelter, education, healthcare, and healthy living conditions to those in need. Amma hopes that one day, every person in the world will live in peace, harmony, and security. In India, Embracing the World's (ETW) activities are carried out by MA Math, a non-governmental organization that was given Special Consultative Status by the United Nations in 2005. In Japan, ETW's activities are carried out by Amrita Heart Global Charity Association.

### Awards and Recognitions

2002: Gandhi-King Award

A Non-Violence award presented to Amma at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva. Former recipients include Nobel Laureate Nelson Mandela and Dr. Jane Goodall.

2005: MA Math conferred Special Consultative Status by the United Nations.

2006: Interfaith Award from ICNY in New York  
Former recipients include His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Former US President Bill Clinton and Dr. Jane Goodall.

2007: Prix Cinema Verite

For *Darshan*, a documentary on Amma produced in recognition of her role as a force for world peace and harmony.

2010: Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, The State University of New York.

### International Speeches

1995: United Nations 50th Anniversary Summit

2000: United Nations Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders

2008: Keynote Speaker at the Global Peace Initiative of Women, Jaipur



Keynote Speaker in Barcelona, 2004



Bangalore Program, 2009



With the Vice President of Kenya at the inauguration of Amrita Watoto Boma Children's Care Home, 2011

