



Antonio Guterres 'super choice' for UN secretary-general, Ban Ki-moon says

1) United Nations (UN) Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has welcomed the nomination of former

Portuguese prime minister Antonio Guterres as his successor.

2) "I know Guterres very well and consider it a super choice," Mr Ban told reporters in Rome after a meeting with the Italian president. "His experience as Portuguese prime minister, his wide knowledge of world affairs, and his lively intellect will serve him well in leading the United Nations in a crucial period."

3) The UN Security Council formally nominated Mr Guterres early on Friday (AEDT), recommending that the 193-member General Assembly appoint him for five years from January 1, 2017.

4) The General Assembly is likely to meet next week to approve the appointment of Mr Guterres, 67, who would replace Mr Ban, 72, of South Korea. Mr Ban will step down at the end of 2016 after serving two terms.

Two words: humility and gratitude': Guterres

5) On Wednesday, the Security Council unanimously agreed in a 'closed door' vote that Mr Guterres, who served as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees until December last year, should succeed Mr Ban as the UN's chief.

6) By tradition, the job of secretary-general has rotated among regions — Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe have all held the post.

7) Eastern European nations, including Russia, argue they have never had a secretary-general and it was their turn.

8) There has also never been a female secretary-general and more than 50 nations and many others campaigned to elect the first female UN chief.

9) But Mr Guterres topped all six 'behind closed door' Security Council votes over the past year, despite being a man from Western Europe.

10) Speaking without notes in Portuguese, English, French and Spanish, Mr Guterres praised the Security Council for its swiftness and unity in approving him by acclamation.

11) "I have just two words to express my feelings at this moment: humility and gratitude," he said.

12) He praised the "intelligence and dedication and commitment" of his rivals for the secretary-general post as well as the Portuguese diplomats who campaigned for him.

13) Mr Guterres was prime minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002 and served as UN High Commissioner for Refugees from 2005 to 2015. 【Oct 7, 2016/ABC】

- 1) United Nations Secretary General 国連事務総長
nomination 使命、推薦
successor 後任者
 - 2) world affairs 世界情勢
intellect 知性 (intelligence よりも意味範囲が狭い)
crucial period 重要な時期
 - 3) UN Security Council 国連安全保障理事会
 - 4) UN General Assembly 国連総会
approve 承認する
 - 5) unanimously 満場一致で
closed door 非公式の、秘密の
UN High Commissioner for Refugee 国連難民高等弁務官事務所
 - 6) rotate 交替する、ローテーションで役職を任命する
 - 9) top 一番になる
 - 10) praise 称賛する
swiftness 迅速さ
unity 一致、まとまり
acclamation 大喝采、(喝采で賛意を表す) 発声投票
 - 11) humility 謙遜
gratitude 感謝
 - 12) intelligence 知性
dedication 献身、専念
commitment 係り合い、身を縛る事、連座
diplomat 外交官
- *Ice breaker for active discussion**
1. What roles does the United Nations play in the society?
 2. What abilities should a person have in order to become a good UN secretary general?
 3. What can you say about no female has ever served as UN chief?
 4. Can you name some global problems that the world is facing today? Which of them would you like the new UN secretary to focus on?
 5. Make sentences using the following words; successor, rotate, intelligence, diplomat and crucial.