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National Unity and International Cooperation for Peaceful Reunification on the Korean Peninsula

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Today, the coronavirus pandemic has caused serious damage and loss across the world, leaving its mark on all sectors of society including politics, the economy, health and welfare. We have also seen how national self-interest has resulted in more conflict and division rather than harmony and interdependence. In particular, we see today that diverse problems around the Korean Peninsula—as a result of competition between global powers for dominance in the Pacific Rim—have emerged as important issues that can affect not only Northeast Asia but the world at large.

True Mother, co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation, has emphasized that the fundamental answer to heal the conflicts and divisions that have prevailed not only on the Korean Peninsula but also across the world is to recognize God, the original parent of humankind, to live with him as our Heavenly Parent and to realize the ideal of one large human family under God, while advocating for the vision of a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world.

A heavenly unified Korea is a prerequisite for a heavenly unified world. Yet, even though seventy years have passed, the Korean Peninsula has been unable to progress beyond its divided state. This calls for a new and innovative approach to unification that transcends the limitations of existing human-centric unification efforts on the Korean Peninsula.

This heavenly unified Korea vision is rooted in the peace philosophy of love God, love humanity and love your nation. Realization of the vision will bring interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values to humankind.

“Until the day Mt. Baekdu is worn away and the waters of the East Sea run dry, may God protect and preserve our country.” Just as these lyrics suggest, only when reunification centered on God is achieved can a unified Korea become a model for a unified world of lasting peace. Thus, I believe Korea will be able to receive the support and cooperation of all generations all around the world.

Last year marked thirty years since True Parents visited North Korea to open the door for the reunification of the two Koreas, which divided after World War II. In that historic year, True Mother launched Think Tank 2022, a network of 2,022 wise experts from the International Summit Council for Peace, the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace, the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development, the International Association of Peace and Economic Development, etc.

Many prominent leaders across the world, such as Donald Trump, US president (2017–2021), Shinzo Abe, Japanese prime minister (2006–2007; 2012–2020) Samdech Hun Sen, Cambodian prime minister (1984–present) José Barroso, Portuguese prime minister (2002–2004) and president of the European Commission (2004–2014) among others, participated in the Rallies of Hope centered on Think Tank 2022. Additional figures have participated in the more recent Think Tank 2022 Forum series, which has focused on politics, diplomacy, security and economics.

Just as drops of water gather to form a mighty ocean, through the Summits for Peace on the Korean Peninsula, a great accumulation of top-level leaders interconnected during their common journey toward peace and unification. In particular, the Global Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula has been an occasion for our nation’s citizens to unify and for international cooperation to be directed at peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula. This peace summit was held with the support and participation of the 157 countries having diplomatic relations with both North and South Korea.

Through True Mother’s new North Korea project, we are working with these nations to establish a new foundation for peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula. *Y*

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The True Land for a King

True Father delivered this address on February 17, 2002 at the Olympic Fencing Gymnasium in Seoul, Korea, in commemoration of True Parents' birthday.

Distinguished leaders from around the world and honored guests from Korea:

So many have come here to congratulate my wife and I on our birthday, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for coming. On this meaningful day, I shall speak on the topic, "The True King." I will convey to you an image of how God originally intended that we live our lives, based on the ideal by which God created all beings in the universe and from the standpoint of God's will.

"Living for the sake of others" is

the root of how all beings in the universe are organized. God, who is the king of wisdom, created all beings to exist by the principle of living for the sake of a partner. God established this as the basis of the heavenly principle and the key to creation. The world of true ideals, true love, true happiness and true peace is not just God's ideal for his creation. It is also the fervent desire of humankind.

The path that leads to the realization of this ideal is none other than living for the sake of others. True love emanates from people who live their lives for the sake of others, and

it is only among such people that true happiness, true ideals and true peace are brought to reality. So the source of ideals, the source of peace and the source of happiness and love can be found only in the place where life is lived for the sake of others. People cannot become one with each other when they say, "I exist for my own sake." Without achieving oneness with others, there can be no peace, happiness, ideals or love. When members of a family each live with an attitude that they exist for the sake of the other family members, peace and happiness will live within that family.

Spouses

Let us examine first the relationship between husband and wife. What characterizes a true husband? If there is a husband who was born for the sake of his wife, lives for the sake of his wife, and dies for the sake of his wife, that husband would be a true husband. A true wife, likewise, would be a wife who lives for the sake of her husband according to the same principle. If a true man and true woman who seek to live for the sake of the other come together as husband and wife, that couple would be an ideal husband and wife. Such a husband and wife would be the first truly happy couple. Such a couple would be capable of becoming the subject partners of eternal and unchanging true love. In addition, such a couple would be able to receive God's love directly, to live with each other as partners in the peace of God, and to be God's ideal substantial object partner.

What about the life of parents? The heavenly principle is that

parents rear and educate their children with a spirit of sacrifice and service. They live for the sake of their children and die for the sake of their children. It is only natural that such parents would become true parents. The children, then, would take after such parents and follow the path of true children, that is, the path of truly dutiful children. What kind of a child is the truly dutiful child? He or she is the child who is born for the sake of their parents, lives for their sake of the parents, and is ready to sacrifice his or her life for the sake of their parents.

When people live their lives believing in and practicing the principle of living for the sake of others, families will become families of peace, families of freedom, families of happiness and families of love. Societies will become societies of peace, freedom, happiness and love—societies that accord with the original ideal. The same is true with the nation and world. It is God's principle that freedom, peace, happi-

ness and love will come to us naturally and spontaneously if we are unwavering in our practice of this standard all the time, everywhere, and in every action.

Even in the context of a life lived for the sake of others we need to consider the priority in the relationship between subject and object partners. If we examine God's creation, we see that God stood in the position of the first subject partner and invested everything. In order to carry out the creation, God took the position where he lived for the sake of others. God, who is the king of wisdom, applied this great principle even from the beginning in order to establish the original standards of peace, happiness, ideal and love, which are based on investing and existing for the sake of others. When the subject partner gives everything to the object partner and presents the model of a life lived for others, the object partner will automatically be willing to offer even his or her life for the sake of the subject partner.



A view of the stage from which True Father delivered this speech and of the audience that had come to share in the celebration of True Parents' birthday



True Father would sometimes echo True Mother as she sang or interject emphatic sounds, which always caused her to smile.

Love comes from the object partner. Without an object partner, there can be no happiness or peace. These categorically come to us through our object partner. The love and the ideal that a person receives from his or her object partner is more precious than their own life. He or she prepares in humility in order to receive this precious love. In other words, when living for the sake of others we need to be humble. Then there will be eternal life and prosperity. By thus living for the sake of others, the heavenly principle will be operating in their lives.

It does not matter how many

religious scriptures are extant today. The single phrase, "live for the sake of others," stands tall above the teachings of all scriptures. The sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, too, are ultimately crystallized into this one phrase, "live for the sake of others." That is the reason Jesus said, "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted" (Matt. 23:12), "Many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first" (Matt. 19:30) and "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

In these words, Jesus was

explaining the value of living for the sake of others. He was saying that through such a life, the kingdom of heaven is manifested, God is manifested, God's love is manifested, and God's peace, happiness and ideal are manifested. If we consider the relationship between a man and a woman, we see that neither man nor woman was born for their own sake. Each was born for the sake of the other. Each was born so as to exist for the sake of the other, live for the sake of the other, and if necessary, die for the sake of the other. Look at this world, in which men and women live only for their own selves! How can we say that a world where men mistreat and look down upon women is a world of freedom or a world of peace? How can we say that a world where women shun men and say they will not bear children is a world of happiness? A husband and wife are meant to share in a life of true love, living for each other's sake and loving each other no matter the circumstances. This is the ideal and purpose for which God created men and women.

A dictator who imposes on others can never bring about freedom and peace. Think of how many people were sacrificed so that one person could establish himself as a dictator. The life of a dictator is that of sacrificing others for his or her own sake. In other words, it is the direct opposite of a life of true love, of living for the sake of others. That is the reason that all dictators throughout history begin in unhappiness and ultimately end in unhappiness. This is a fundamental truth of the universe.

Respected ladies and gentlemen, we all need to follow the heavenly principle of living for the sake of others. Please consider this when you look at what is going on around you. In a family, the person who lives for the sake of all the family members and dedicates his or her life for the family to a greater extent than anyone else will naturally become the center of the family, even if he or she is the youngest member or most distant relative of the patriarch. If a difficult situation arises, everyone in the family will want to discuss it with that person and gain his or her support. This

teaches us the heavenly principle that the person who lives for the sake of others to the greatest extent becomes the central figure. He or she becomes the responsible person. This is also true for a society or a country. If there is one person dedicated to the organization or the country, who serves its members or citizens more than anyone else does, the other members need to show a certain humility that enables them to attend that person as they would attend the Lord and as they would attend God. When you go to the spirit world, you will see that because God, as the central existence, lives for all beings in heaven and on earth, you will willingly submit to him. Even after tens of millions of years, you will still want to remain under God's dominion. In fact, the state of submitting to God will be the state of your greatest happiness. You don't need to take my word for it; when you die you will see for yourself.

Humankind today is ignorant of this. People live without knowing that when they submit to the one who truly looks after them, they enter the realm where they enjoy true happiness and peace. Let yourself feel, "The all-knowing and almighty God is my parent. He exists or me." Let yourself believe that the true love of God, the highest form of love, exists for my sake. Then you will find a serenity that you have never experienced before. When we expand this principled formula beyond locality and nation to the standard of the entire world, without a doubt we will find ourselves in a realm of heavenly love, an ideal world of peace, the world of happiness that humankind has desired. Such a world can be called the kingdom of heaven on earth.


Ladies and gentlemen, I have said that those who live for the sake of others will be under Heaven's protection and will become central figures. My life is a good testimony to this fact. People around the world refer to my wife and me as the True Parents. The path that led us to this point was not an easy one. I completely dedicated my life to Heaven and humankind. Even though I was opposed by my parents, my rela-



True Mother and True Father are so close in heart; audience members could feel their love, like electricity passing between them.

tives, the church, the state and the world, I never lost hope. I never stopped living Heaven's teachings, living for the sake of others. The path that my wife and I have led as the True Parents has been a lonely path that went from one extreme to the other. Yet, as a result, the "true love movement," reflecting the image of how I have lived, is spreading like wildfire across the world. Millions of families, by living for the sake of others, are being reborn as true families of peace and happiness. Families that live in attendance to the True Parents are increasing in number around the world.

It is my hope that everyone gath-

ered on this precious occasion will also practice the true love of "a life lived for others," which is the heavenly principle revealed to this age. In that way, Heaven will bless you as central figures and responsible persons, and you will experience eternal peace, freedom and happiness. Thank you very much. 

This text is from Pyeong Hwa Gyeong, Book 2, Speech 5.

HISTORIC TURNING POINTS, THE DAY OF TRUE PARENTS' BIRTHS

On February 6, a Cheon Il Guk Bowing Ceremony, celebrating the day of True Parents' holy births, took place in the HJ Garden Hall, formerly known as the Cheongpyeong Training Center. Strict compliance with COVID-19 prevention measures was mandatory. Either in person or online via Peacelink, people from many nations attended.

As a prelude to the ceremony, Secretary-General Yun of the FFWPU International Headquarters, presented a report on the preparations for the then upcoming Korean Peninsula Peace Summit. He told the audience how efforts were ongoing despite the crisis arising from the rapid spread of the Omicron variant, which has been with us since late 2021. He stated, "We must move forward. For Heaven to manifest and for True Mother to move forward with firm conviction, we must create the necessary conditions on earth. How can God manifest himself without conditions of any kind? Therefore, True Mother is determined to preserve gains achieved and persevere until we realize a heavenly unified Korea."

Gyeongbae

The bowing ceremony began with True Family members lighting holy candles. Reverend Sang-il Bang, president of FFWPU Japan, then offered a representative prayer in which he extended his congratulations to True Parents and expressed everyone's determination for the success of the peace summit.

True Mother then appeared onstage glowing and looking fit. She was greeted with a warm response from the audience and from blessed family members around the world who have such deep respect for her. Afterward, baskets of flowers were offered to True Parents. The flowers expressed the love of everyone participating in the event. A cake for what would have been True Father's 102nd birthday and was True Mother's 79th birthday was then cut. That was the moment for everyone to reaffirm his or her determination to achieve victory at the upcoming peace summit.

Continental leaders, representing their members, then presented gifts to True Mother, expressive of their devotion to True Parents, which all members, all blessed families around the world, feel. The presentations of gifts began with True Family members, followed by representative couples and then by members of the Cheon Jeong Gung International Headquarters, followed by the headquarters in Korea,

Japan, North America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and the Asia Pacific.

True Mother then partook of the holy meal, which for many audience members was a time of sincere prayers for True Mother's health. Prominent leaders from around the world congratulated True Parents on their joint birthday and expressed their admiration for the works they have done. True Mother then spoke and encouraged members worldwide to take stock of their faith at the beginning of the new year of the black tiger. The audience thanked True Mother for her hope-inspiring message. Her speech in full begins on the following page.

Music filled the air

Beautiful performances followed. True Parents' grandsons Shin-chul Moon and Shin-heung Moon, and their wives, were the first to perform, the first to touch the hearts of the audience members, by singing a song expressing their filial hearts.

This was followed by an artistic performance by the Korean traditional band "Queen" and singer Jo Hang-jo, who sang "Komapso," which he composed. The title is a casual way of saying "Thank you" in Korean. Each performer congratulated True Parents on their birthday. The following special performance was by Top Gun 2022 youth, who at the time were tirelessly working for the success of the peace summit. Afterward, the whole audience, guided by Shin-chul Moon and Shin-heung Moon sang "Saranghae Dangshin-eul (I Love You.)" Representatives of three central providential nations led three shouts of Eog Mansei to end this Bowing Ceremony Celebrating True Parents' Birthday.

On the same day, in the afternoon, an international singing competition took place to celebrate True Parents' birthday. Before the contest had started, leaders who were seeing True Mother again after a long time, due to the coronavirus pandemic, took part in a toast led by UPF-Korea president Yeon-ah Moon.

With the same feeling of love for True Parents, leaders of the seven continental regions participated in a singing contest with great enthusiasm. The first prize went to Reverend Damien Dunkley, president of Asia Pacific-1 for his performance of the song, "O Sole Mio." Responding with a radiant smile to her children's songs, True Mother spoke to them of the essence of true love at that meaningful gathering in celebration of True Parents' holy births. 7

True Parents Are the Magnet that Unites Us

This was True Mother's Message at the Cheon Il Guk Bowing Ceremony to Celebrate True Parents' Holy Birthday on February 6, 2022 at HJ Garden Hall.



I am so happy to see you. As we welcome this hope-filled and vibrant year of the black tiger, I sincerely wish that you raise songs of victory that Heaven will always remember.

What if, in 1962, the last year of the black tiger, True Parents' Holy Wedding had been held on the worldwide foundation of Christianity that Heaven had prepared? Wouldn't that have been amazing! The Christian realm had been awaiting the coming of the Messiah so passionately and so earnestly since Jesus' crucifixion.

Finally, the time had come that Jesus spoke of in his final words,

when he said he would come again and hold the marriage supper of the Lamb. The one person that humanity, that Christianity, was waiting for, the one they had to meet, who had to be born. Who was that? What would entering the year of the black tiger be if Christianity had known of the birth of the only begotten daughter and had welcomed her?

Heaven has worked so hard and waited so impatiently for this time for sixty years. Now the only begotten daughter, True Mother, the Mother of Peace, the Mother of the Universe, has declared Cheon Il Guk's opening and its secure settle-

ment. So, on that foundation, it is time to reveal the conclusion of the providence to the Korean people and to the world. You must become magnets for them!

If you are completely united with True Parents, whatever you do and wherever you go, like a magnet, you will find the righteous people that Heaven has worked so hard to prepare are attracted to you. Boldly tell everyone who you are! Do you understand? [Yes] When you are united with True Parents and people meet you, you will draw them to you like a magnet. I wish that that kind of magnetic courage fills all of you. 7P

Peace on the Korean Peninsula

This was True Mother's February 13 speech at World Summit 2022.



Despite the current difficult situation caused by the coronavirus pandemic, thank you for coming. I believe that you world leaders yearning for peace and unification on the Korean Peninsula will find your heartfelt hope fulfilled.

Today, the world is facing many difficulties. Though more than two hundred nations exist on our planet, they all pursue a common hope—a united and peaceful world. Yet, despite this hope, human history has been increasing riddled with wars and conflicts.

At the outset, God, the Creator, the owner of the universe, created all things in the world as well as the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, who were to become humankind's ancestors. He waited for them to pass

through their time of growth to perfect themselves. They failed to do this, however, and instead humanity was cut off from God, the Creator, as we see today. Nonetheless, our omniscient and omnipotent Creator has been the same from beginning to end.

The necessity of True Parents

God must usher in the day of victory at all costs. To that end, True Parents must triumph among all humankind and become the human ancestors, only then can the one family of humanity live in the kingdom of heaven on earth as desired by the Creator. For six thousand years, God has been the parent searching for his lost children. That is why God permitted religions to sprout in each region, to best lead the local people and teach them to make their way

toward goodness. Amidst this, Heaven had to select his chosen people and carry out his providence of salvation to restore, through indemnity, the mistake made by the first human beings, who were destined to become humanity's ancestors.

God's history has been one of indescribable and laborious patience and perseverance. After toiling for four thousand years, God was finally able to bring about the birth of his only begotten son whom he could claim as his own. However, according to the principle of creation, the only begotten son alone is not enough. That is why not only the family that gave birth to the only begotten son but also all the people of Israel had to create an environment in which he could uphold Heaven's providence.

This, however, did not come to pass. Instead, Jesus died on the cross and promised to come again to hold the marriage feast of the Lamb. Christianity has continued through his disciples and has continued to spread for two thousand years. Yet, I would like to ask you this: Is today's Christian environment ready to receive the messiah who promised to come again? The environment in which fallen humanity can be embraced by Heaven was created through the birth of True Parents.

You must be resurrected

In other words, fallen humanity can become children of God, the Creator, our Heavenly Parent, only when they are reborn and resurrected through True Parents. These central figures who can unravel the tangled threads of wrongful history were born on the Korean Peninsula after six thousand years.

True Parents came to be in 1960. And the providence by which True Parents can give rebirth and resurrection to humanity as Heavenly Parent's children is the true family movement and the marriage blessing. Everyone among fallen humanity, regardless of who they may be, can become Heavenly Parent's child through True Parents. They all must become his children. God, the Creator dreamed of living together with True Parents and his children in the kingdom of heaven on earth. The first step toward that dream was taken in 1960.

Simply put, the owner of the universe and this planet is God, the Creator, our Heavenly Parent. Though there are many nations and strong powers in the world, they can attain their rights as such only when they are in the position of attending our Heavenly Parent. They do not have ownership. Countries can be established only when Heaven says, "Yes, since you have done your best to make your part of the world beautiful, you can govern this nation."

In other words, all religions in the world have reached their last stop. Everyone must get off at the last stop. All that is left is for them to get off and become one with True Parents as a means to attend our Heavenly Parent, the owner of the universe. The same is also true for the Korean people. What made the Korean

people, who share the same culture, lineage and traditions, divide into North Korea and South Korea? Korea is the one and only divided nation on the globe. Only when Korea is unified can there be peace in Eastern Europe and Northeast Asia. Do you understand? You should know that we, the people living in the world today, need to become children attending Heavenly Parent through True Parents, for we are connected to God by heavenly law.

I have already said that a world of true peace, freedom, equality, unity and happiness with humanity living in it as one family centering on Heavenly Parent, can only be realized when the Korean people and people of all other nations attend Heaven as their parent. In this regard, as the True Parent, I have a request for South Korea and North Korea citizens. I hope for South Korea and North Korea to unite completely with me, become one brethren and achieve true unification on the Korean Peninsula. Only then can all human beings in the world become the sons or daughters of our Heavenly Parent and achieve world peace and unity in this age and generation.

Until now, humanity has been ignorant of the fact that all of us and all nations are connected to Heaven by heavenly law; because of this ignorance, our beautiful earth has become dilapidated. It is continually worsening, with climate change, the rise in sea levels and especially natural disasters. Last year, horrendous wildfires, tornadoes and heavy rain on the North American continent alone abounded, causing much loss of both life and property. What about China and Asia? Every continent suffered incalculable damage in life and property. Moreover, many lives have been lost during the past two years due to the coronavirus pandemic. The truth is that we have no idea what other changes will take place and cause even more problems. All of that was brought about by human failure.

We are now in the position of children who should attend Heavenly Parent. As children who have been unfilial until now, our duty is to make God's dream come true on earth. Should we then just sit


back and watch? All of humanity in the world needs to unite as one and fulfill our responsibilities, which are to return this world to its original state. That is what we, the people living in the world today, are required to do.

Despite what we accomplish, are we God's children?

People who are attending today's event from all parts of the world have made some good comments. Everyone is praying for our hopes to come true, with the firm belief that they will. Yes, they will come true. The question is whether we can qualify ourselves as children attending God as our parent.

I am passing on our dreams to future generations, our grandchildren, who will take charge of the earth and its inhabitants in the future. If we had united and made earth into the kingdom of heaven on earth, with us living in attendance to our Heavenly Parent, what would our lives on earth have been like? After creating all things in the world, our Creator finally created our human ancestors and told them to have dominion over everything. The unfallen world is continuing to maintain itself in accordance with the circuital law of the principle of creation. The problem is that much of the world has been destroyed by humankind.

My favorite flower is the daffodil, which is the first to blossom from frozen soil when spring comes. It makes me think about how I can comfort Heavenly Parent's heart. He is looking upon humanity's history and how wretched and agonizing it has become through the Fall.

The daffodil is the first to tell the world that spring has come. Looking at it, I am reminded of how I am still weak and how much I have been restricted by my environment in carrying out my responsibilities as the True Parent during the past sixty years. Yet, I have not stopped, and as a result, there are many allies like you on my side today. Thank you. Let us all endeavor to become the true children of our Heavenly Parent through True Parents, who work together as filial sons and daughters to make God's dream and wish come true on earth. Thank you. 

WE WILL NOT REST

On February 15, in the Garden Hall, the Joint Victory Celebration of True Parents' Anniversary, the Ninth Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk and the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula took place in the presence of key leaders.

After appearing onstage, radiant and in top form, True Mother received flowers and gifts from True Family members and regional leaders who expressed their congratulations to her on the success of the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula. In particular, Prime Minister Hun Sen personally sent a bouquet of flowers for the victory celebration while the Cambodian Embassy sent a painting as a gift.

This was followed by the cutting of a cake. From beginning to end, the victory celebration took place in a joyous atmosphere. Reverend Ki-hoon Kim offered a representative prayer, in which he thanked Heavenly Parent for his grace and for the success of the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula.


Mrs. Wonju Jeong McDevitt then read aloud True Mother's Peace Summit address, in which True Mother said, "In 1962, a year of the black tiger, if the truth had actually been revealed, there would have been no Christian opposition. However, this did not happen. Sixty years have passed, and now this year of the black tiger in 2022 is the year when true families and Cheonbo families should step forward and tell the world boldly about the existence of our Heavenly Parent, who has been patiently waiting for all this time."

Dr. Young-ho Yun then reported about the success of the summit, which was truly a miracle. He said "This Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula is the result of our continuous efforts made in unity with True Mother over the last two years, a time when the world has been marked by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as by divisions and conflicts. I have faith that this will be the starting point for creating a basis for the realization of a heavenly unified Korea.

"As True Mother said, peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula is being realized. We will continue to move forward until the peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula is achieved. Inspired by True Mother, we will invest ourselves, body and soul, until peaceful reunification is achieved. With a broken heart and swollen legs, True Mother sacrificed nights of sleep, traveling around the entire world, in order to embrace all nations. Until True Mother embraces the 157 nations, we will not rest. And she will do it. If we are united, we will have victory and we will see miracles happen.

Today, for the liberation of Heavenly Parent's homeland, we must each raise the Korean flag, or rather the Cheon Il Guk flag, which we carry in our hearts. Just like Won-mo Cho, True Mother's maternal grandmother, who waved the Korean flag and loudly shouted, "Long live Korean independence!" We must also shout out loud before all nations, "Long live Heavenly Parent's homeland, Cheon Il Guk."

True Parents' hard-working leaders encouraged True Mother, who spoke gracefully [see the following page]. The victory celebration entertainment started with Cheon Il Guk leaders and then continued with singers Jin Kang and Insooni. In addition, young YSP members who had offered sincere devotions and conditions for the success of the summit, and then tirelessly invested themselves in their various mission places, testified with hearts of filial piety toward True Parents through a magnificent artistic song and dance performance.

Then everyone sang together "Komapso," [Thank you] to convey their hearts of gratitude to God and True Parents and reaffirmed their determination to move forward in unity with True Parents until the realization of a heavenly unified Korea. The victory celebration concluded with three shouts of Eog Mansei, led by leaders of the main three providential nations, Sang-il Bang, Chung-sik Yong and Bo-guk Hwang, who each expressed their determination to invest body and soul into peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula. 



Now is the Time to Create the Right Environment

True Mother delivered this speech on February 15, the anniversary of the True Parents' Holy Births and the ninth anniversary of Foundation Day during the Victory Celebration for the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula.




I am grateful for your hard work so far, all over the world in preparing for this day, it has borne fruit and led to victory.

In 1962, the year of the black tiger, if the truth [about the advent True Parents] had actually been revealed, there would have been no Christian opposition.

However, this did not happen. Sixty years have passed, and now this year, 2022 is the year of the black tiger when true families and Cheonbo families should step

forward and tell the world boldly about the existence of our Heavenly Parent, who has been patiently waiting for all this time. They should shout loudly about him, and thus make beautiful flowers bloom in every part of the world. The only way to become Heavenly Parent's children is to accept True Parents, and be embraced as brothers and sisters in Heavenly Parent's arms. However, ultimately on the path as one family of humanity attending the Heavenly Parent... In light of

the problems that Eastern Europe and Northeast Asia and that the European continent is now facing, we must be completely united with True Parents!

Become the first—as Heavenly Parent's true children—that can stand in the position of the elder brother, embracing the two nations that do not know about God. You need to be aware that now is the opportune time to create the environment wherein you educate and embrace your younger brothers. 

OPENING CEREMONY OF WORLD SUMMIT 2022

The World Summit 2022 Opening Ceremony took place on February 11 via a three-way relay connecting Seoul's Jamsil Lotte Hotel, the Republic of Korea's National Assembly and the Japanese Diet. Top leaders from 161 countries, including 157 countries that have established joint diplomatic relations with both Koreas and top experts from academia took part in it. It included a Peace Water Ceremony with representatives of six religions. Representatives of eighty religions from 157 countries were on hand as Paula White, a Christian pastor, and Kisovanarata, a Buddhist monk gave a speech and prayed, respectively. Among her remarks, Pastor White said, "By the love of Jesus and the healing power of God, we believe all faiths and political leaders, together with Mother Moon, will unite for reconciliation. Because she has shared agape love, Chairman Kim has invited her to come to the North. Mother Moon, I want to go with you to help North Korea begin a new path of prosperity and peace."

Summit co-chairman, Yun Young-ho, welcomed everyone and gave opening remarks. Summit co-chairman Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen gave the welcoming address, mentioning that the Peace Summit attracted world leaders who shared meaningful dialogue and expressed a vision for the future of the Korean Peninsula. He stressed the need for collaboration. After which, the broadcast connected to the South Korean National Assembly Hall, where National Assembly member, Jeong-seong Lim, greeted everyone with gratitude. Newt Gingrich, who had spent twenty years in the US Congress, then gave a welcoming address.

Three leaders each gave a plenary address. Mike Pence, the former US vice president, spoke on interdependence. At one point, he said, "We know that nothing is impossible with God. When nations work together openly and in good faith to achieve the common good, we can achieve great strides for peace."

Former European Commission chairman José Manuel Barroso spoke about mutual prosperity. Jim Rogers, the investor, spoke about shared values. Part one finished with a musical actor singing "You Raise Me Up."

In part two, Stephen Harper, the former Canadian prime minister gave a speech. Through a virtual connection with Japan, the second speaker was Yoshiaki Harada, a former Japanese minister of the Environment, and the third was Chuichi Date, a former Speaker of the Japanese Diet, who said, "I truly hope that this summit will provide an opportunity to find answers to the various problems on the Korean Peninsula through the messages of heads of state from nations across the world and from Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon." The final speaker was Ehud Olmert, the prime minister of Israel, who spoke powerfully and at length. To conclude part two, a Korean traditional musician, Sang-il Nam sang two songs.

In part three, Senegalese President Macky Sall spoke first and said that Korea is the only divided country and that we should build peace and achieve reunification on the Korean Peninsula based on interdependence, mutual prosperity, mutually shared values.

Romano Prodi, former president of the European Commission and former prime minister of Italy, gave a speech, in which he opined, "You are doing a great job, making any effort to unify Korea, while respecting human rights. Having a sense of history drives you to this effort for reunification. Clearly, we must understand that the Korean case is absolutely absurd. It is the only divided country in the world after almost seventy years."

The last speaker was Michel Temer, former president of Brazil. The Korean Peninsula Peace Summit was broadcast on 3,517 government-run and private outlets around the world including North America, Europe, Asia, Middle East and Africa.

Meanwhile, from 1:30 PM, the Think Tank 2022 Forum, a component of the Korean Peninsula Peace Summit, took place at the Lotte Hotel in Jamsil, Seoul. It included presentations by experts from various fields around the world such as the chairman of the Sunhak Peace Prize and Chairman Thomas McDavitt of *the Washington Times*.





The Weapons of Truth and Love

By Paula White

Distinguished leaders from all faiths, nations and backgrounds:

We are grateful for those of you who could make it to this imperative World Summit 2022 and saw through all the challenges. How vital your presence and participation is for the reunification of North Korea and South Korea. We thank all the millions who are watching online from 157 countries. I want to thank the Universal Peace Federation and the Washington Times Foundation for sponsoring this historic event. I sincerely thank Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen of the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia for understanding and supporting Mother Moon's work for peace. Also, I want to thank former secretary general, Ban Ki-moon, who has an extraordinary record leading the United Nations, standing strong against terrorism and truly being a peacemaker for all nations.

I was just here in Korea last December to join Mother Moon and prestigious leaders from all over the world at the Interfaith Prayer Rally for the Reunification of Korea. She had summoned faith leaders to come to pray for North Korea, China, Russia, South Korea, Japan, America, Cambodia and all the nations of the world. She set up a profound spiritual foundation of prayer to bring peace between North Korea and South Korea. Through the Second Interfaith Rally of Hope with the former vice president Mike Pence, a great impact was felt all over Korea and the world. We continue to pray and stand in complete hope for and belief in seeing the realization of North and South Korea reunifying.

Former vice president Pence, we are inspired to see you at the Rallies of Hope, Think Tank 2022 and now at World Summit 2022 affirming that only by honoring God can we end this sad division of the beautiful Korean people. Only with God can we bring this divided world together as one family.

As the Scripture says, (in Ephesians 6:12), "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Our battle is spiritual and spiritual battles can only be won with the spiritual weapons of truth and love. Second




Corinthians 10:4 reminds us, "For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds."

That is why we are here with faith leaders who come now to pray that the walls will come down. However, spiritual leaders alone cannot complete the task of making a peaceful world. We must go forward together with political leaders as they are called by God to restore and reconstitute this nation and all nations into the ideal that God has always sought.

We are fighting for our future generations. We must bring our children to understand that we reap what we sow. If we sow with our service, the love and truth of God, I believe that we along with our generations will reap blessed families, marriages, communities and nations. This is how the young people of our nations will see and discover the key to bringing unity and peace.

I had the blessing of meeting Mother Moon and I want to thank her for the courageous path that she and her husband Rev. Moon began when they, as Christian leaders, escaped the communist persecution of Christians in North Korea. Rev. Moon suffered in a death camp for two years and eight months and yet came out of that suffering with a heart of love to heal North Korea and the world.

Mother Moon came to the South as a five-year-old girl, with her devout mother and grandmother, to follow Jesus' call. She has kept the dream and call of bringing her homeland back together again. Mother Moon, we all came here because we want you to know that you are succeeding, and the peaceful reunification of Korea is sure to come.

We believe in your assignment and see your fruit for peace and family. By the love of Jesus and the healing power of God, we believe all faiths and political leaders, together with Mother Moon, will unite in reconciliation. Because she has shared agape love, Chairman Kim has invited her to come to the North. Mother Moon, I want to go with you to help North Korea begin a new path of prosperity and peace. 

The writer delivered this address at World Summit 2022 in South Korea on February 11.



South Korea's Great Achievements

By Stephen Harper


Because the themes of reconciliation and peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula are not only important for Northeast Asia but are also important for the entire world I welcomed the opportunity to speak to the previous World Summits here in 2019 and 2020. In fact, my speech here comes almost exactly two years later and stands against the backdrop of then growing reports of a very serious pandemic emanating from the People's Republic of China. Soon after, I would not have the opportunity to speak in public again for almost a year and a half. But, while much of the world shut down or stood still, the work of the Universal Peace Federation continued full throttle. In the depths of the pandemic, UPF held Rallies of Hope in August 2020 and again in November 2020 on the seventieth anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War. UPF also held a number of global webcasts to discuss pressing geo-political issues. One in particular focused on the Middle East Peace Initiative and the impact of the Abraham Accords, brought about through the efforts of man including the then American Administration. And we are honored to have former vice president Pence and former secretary of state Pompeo here today. We congratulate them for their roles in this historic achievement. And so, the Universal Peace Federation has continued its work without pause or fatigue.

I salute the organizers of this important world summit for forging ahead and for bringing us together, despite the tremendous logistical challenges you have faced. These UPF online events and conferences are notable not only for their relentless pursuit of humanity's most important missions, but also for their uniqueness in assembling, together with world political leaders, spiritual leaders, business leaders, women's leaders, media leaders, leading academics, and leading artists, all dedicated to continuously exploring the routes to peace and reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula and elsewhere. This gathering is no exception, with confirmed participation- in person and online—from various countries, including forty-five current and former heads of state, government and national legislatures, along with accomplished experts from every field of human endeavor. Together they co-founded numerous organizations, including UPF and *the Washington Times*, to strengthen the family, to promote faith and to encourage



interreligious cooperation, as well as, of course, to support the greatest of causes, freedom and peace.

Dr. Moon, we all thank you! We thank you, among other things for inviting us to be here, in the Republic of Korea. I've been here many, many times, but I can never come here often enough. Whenever we have cause to despair at the state of the world, we must take a moment to reflect on what South Korea has achieved. It was only during the shared sacrifices of the Korean War that most Canadians became broadly knowledgeable about this country. It was then a poor and desperate place, with its hopes for freedom and prosperity on the verge of being extinguished. From that time, it has risen to become one of the most prosperous, most peaceful, and most progressive countries in the world.

As I've said many times, this country is one of humanity's greatest success stories. Few nations have ever achieved so much in so short a period of time. I hold out a similar hope for the North. In Canada, the Korean community has likewise grown and prospered, and is now some 200,000 strong. A critical part of our relationship is continuously broadened by the exchanges of teachers, students, tourists and businesspeople. And, of course, I will forever be proud of the enormous step forward my government took in relations with the Republic of Korea when we concluded the Canada-Korea free trade agreement in 2014. Under it, we've witnessed the continual growth of our commercial relationship, making South Korea today Canada's seventh largest trade partner. None of this is to deny the enormity and persistence of the problem that the D.P.R.K., in the north, continues to present, and for which, in the days to come, I and many others will explore the options. I wish to say, that, for good reason, we have hope, we have faith, and we have a great love for this country. All of which will keep us, and your many other friends and allies, by your side through the challenges and opportunities that await the Korean nation. Thank you again for this chance to be here, to speak to the Universal Peace Federation, and to once again be part of your efforts to reconcile the peoples of the world, and to bring about peace between the nations. *Merçi beaucoup.* 

Stephen Harper was prime minister of Canada 2006-2015.

Great Dedication is Needed to Achieve Peace

By Mladen Ivanic

Excellencies, dear friends, it is a great honor to have the opportunity to address you at this important summit. The Korean Peninsula has long been a symbol of conflict. The main causes were the relations of the great powers, which led to war and the division of the nation, a process in which ordinary people paid the highest price.

I am convinced that the time has come for the Korean Peninsula to become a positive example for the rest of the world. In this context, it is extremely significant that this event is dedicated to examine ways to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula. It shows a significant shift and deserves every support.

It is important to appreciate the significant commitment of the founders of the Universal Peace Federation, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who established many initiatives aimed at promoting peace on the Korean Peninsula. By establishing Universal Peace Foundation, I believe they made a good platform to solve not only the questions of Korean Peninsula, but also in a broader context. This kind of thinking and values should get support from all of the people.



Also, it is important to highlight the role of Hun Sen—who deserves significant appreciation because of the effort that he made in stabilizing Cambodia and bringing it into the circle of peaceful and stable democracies.

Last, but not least, I want to point out the role of Ban Ki-moon, a leader that enormously contributed to world peace and mutual understanding between people, not only during his role as a secretary general of UN, but also throughout his rich diplomatic career. I had the pleasure to personally meet Mr. Ban, and I know how committed he is to peacebuilding and promotion of understanding among people.

All three leaders I mentioned bring a great importance to this summit, and thanks to them I am sure that a large number of current and former national leaders will make a significant contribution to the positive outcome of the summit.

We live in a time when the world is full of conflicts, in a time when nations isolate and distance themselves from one another. In the modern world, the selfish approach dominates, nations separate themselves from one another



especially in the time of Covid. The difference between the rich and the poor is growing, while empathy for the other and the different is diminishing.


Coming from a country that has been in conflict on its own, I know that it is difficult to reach a compromise, but once that compromise is reached, it has positive effects not only on a particular country but also on other areas of conflict. In order to achieve peace and reconciliation, we need people who are completely dedicated to it, and that is why this event and the organizers deserve our full support and all possible help.

Our own experience from Bosnia and Herzegovina shows that an important precondition for peace is the consensus of the great powers. And the greatest effort of all of us who care about peace should be directed at putting pressure on the great powers to think not only of their own interests, but also of the interests of the peoples in those conflict areas. The interest of the people on the Korean Peninsula is peace, unity and prosperity.

Political leaders play an important role in this process, but religious leaders are also of great importance, as they should unite the world, not divide it. Furthermore, the civil sector has had a huge role in the process of peace-building and reconciliation.

Any sustainable progress has to be closely linked to

citizens. They need to feel the positive effects of efforts to improve relations in the region. That is why it is important to open borders and enable tourism. Contact between people is necessary to remove prejudices and to build a sustainable and prosperous region. Economic prosperity is very important, and that means easier exchange of goods, easier trade, but also the exchange of cultures. This contributes significantly to the relaxation of overall relationships.

I hope that the summit will be a success and that the Korean nation will be united in the end. Even though that path will not be easy, the people of the Korean Peninsula deserve it, and everyone who contributes to that positive goal deserves tremendous support. Positive developments in this direction would be of great importance for the entire world, and I hope that reunification will be the end result. The Universal Peace Federation deserves our full support in order to achieve a united, safe and prosperous Korean Peninsula. 

The writer was the minister of Foreign Affairs, 2003–2007 in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



A Wish for the Korean Peninsula

By Macky Sall

Honorable Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation, dear brother Goodluck Jonathan, chairman of the International Summit Council for Peace, Dr. Thomas Walsh, chairman of UPF International, ladies and gentlemen, dear friends, dear guests.

I am delighted to join you again on the occasion of a Universal Peace Federation Summit. I thank you once again, honorable Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and all the members of your federation, for the time and considerable efforts that you continue to devote to the safeguarding of our common humanity.

You do this by helping to cultivate the values of tolerance and respect for our differences, to discipline suspicions and appease resentments, to foster mutual trust and to establish peaceful co-existence between peoples, cultures and civilizations. This is why the theme of your summit, "Toward Peace on the Korean Peninsula" sounds like a wish and an optimistic bet on the future.

This future is conditioned by our choices, from the most obscure to the most enlightened. There is the



obscure choice of war that consecrates the triumph of violence over peace, of death over life. There is the enlightened choice of peace, which germinates in wisdom, and guides action toward progress and human fraternity. As a laureate of the Sun Hak Peace Prize, I join you in the enlightened choice of peace.

According to the ethical and moral values we share, the cost of war is always higher than the price of peace. But peace is not always a given. It does not offer itself as an obvious choice; peace is cultivated in the Garden of Courage, Trust and Dialogue. This is where it flourishes to bear the fruit of mutual understanding.

If the dark hours of the war may have divided the Korean people, I want to make the optimistic bet that by their courage and legendary genius, they can overcome the mistrust inherited from old fears and return to the Garden of Trust and Dialogue to realize the desire for peace. This is my fervent wish with you for those on the Korean Peninsula. *TS*

The writer is the president of Senegal and chairman of the African Union.



What I Learned from Korea's Development

By Michel Temer

First, I would like to thank UPF, the Universal Peace Federation, for inviting me to the World Peace Summit 2022. In fact, everything that concerns peace, whether local or worldwide, deserves our applause. For that very reason I also want to thank the co-chairmen of the International Organizing Committee, Samdech Hun Sen, prime minister of Cambodia and Ban Ki-moon former secretary general of the United Nations, with whom I became friends over my period as a public figure here in Brazil, as president of the Chamber of Deputies, as vice president and as president of the Republic, I had the opportunity to be with his excellency at the United Nations, and I had the opportunity to meet him in several other countries where we held meetings of a universal nature.

I also especially want to thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, whose vision and work for peace has extended beyond her country, the Republic of Korea, and has spread throughout the world. I am a witness to this fact.

Therefore, the theme of World Summit 2022, "Towards Peace on the Korean Peninsula," ought to be for all of Asia and the world. This is a global meeting because the world deserves peace. Through World Summit 2022, therefore, it is possible to promote the ideals of interdependence, mutual prosperity and shared universal values that have



been the slogan of UPF and its global network of ambassadors for peace.

By the way, I have to say that whenever you talk about peace, you naturally bring up the theme of development, the theme of harmony, the theme of the greatness of countries. That's why I confess to you, at a given moment, while still holding a public post, I was in the Republic of Korea and there I got to know the extraordinary full-time teaching that is done in South Korea. That's what made me, after assuming the presidency of the Federative Republic of Brazil, produce a reform of secondary education with the creation of thousands and thousands of full-time teaching positions.

There is also a social aspect because the student is fed at school. This was an example that I brought back from my trip to the Republic of Korea. That's why I want once again to thank Dr. Moon for the invitation, and in fact you should even allow me to show you the certificate of Ambassador for Peace that was granted to me and that ennoble me and naturally enhances my office where it hangs on the wall. In addition, I wish you the customary success, extraordinary success to the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and in the world. Thank you very much! Kansahamnida! 🇵🇷

The writer was the president of Brazil 2016-2019.





Searching for a Way Forward with North Korea

By Hyung-seok Kim

Congratulations on hosting the 2022 Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula. I am honored to be able to explain my opinions on peace on the Korean Peninsula. As the attendees know through the media, etc., the current situation on the Korean Peninsula is complex and worrisome. In 2018, three inter-Korean summits and two U.S.-North Korea summits took place. I had high expectations that spring would come to the Korean Peninsula after a long wait.

However, in February 2019, the US-DPRK summit in Hanoi, Vietnam, ended without results. Afterward, North Korea turned to a hard-line stance as it protested against the breakdown of the talks. And in 2020, with the outbreak of COVID-19 around the world, there was a huge barrier to communication between the countries. North Korea blocked their border with China and their border with Russia.

It has entered the world's strongest self-containment posture. These breakdowns in the US-DPRK negotiations, North Korea's backlash, and the Corona situation all came together. The situation on the Korean Peninsula is by no means optimistic as you can see today. In the new year, 2022, the first month of January in North Korea, there were seven missile launches, including medium- and long-range ballistic missiles. North Korea said that its successive armed protests were for the safety of their sovereign state. It is argued that it is a legitimate act in accordance with the five-year plan for strengthening and developing national defense capabilities.

In addition, North Korea insists that the international community, which takes issue with North Korea's defense strengthening activities, should abolish its double standards and hostile policy toward North Korea, threatening that if not, they will resume the nuclear activities that the international community is concerned about, such as nuclear tests and intercontinental ballistic missiles, which were suspended during inter-Korean and US-DPRK dialogues in 2018.

Under the circumstances, the United States is showing that it is keeping the door open for diplomacy



and dialogue with North Korea without preconditions for the denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula, saying that the international community should come together to impose sanctions on North Korea's violations of UN Security Council resolutions. China and Russia, which play an important role in resolving the Korean Peninsula issue, have not responded to the United Nations' Security-Council-level discussion on the issue of North Korea's successive missile launches. Rather, the conflict between the United States and China, such as a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Olympics, and conflict between the US and Russia over the Ukraine crisis show no sign of resolution. It is regrettable that the North Korean issue is not a priority in the interests of the leaders of the United States, China and Russia.

What, realistically, can be done?

What we all have in common today at the 2022 Korean Peninsula Peace Summit, I believe, is a desire for peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula and ultimate peaceful reunification. The question is how to realistically achieve these common goals.

Since the division of the Korean Peninsula in August 1945, efforts have been made for peace, stability and peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula, both at the level of inter-Korean relations and at the international level, including with the United Nations. There are no voices arguing that war should break out on the Korean Peninsula or that we should live forever divided into North Korea and South Korea. In resolving these issues on the Korean Peninsula, I have an idea that we must all work together.

First of all, we are going to solve the Korean Peninsula problem through active involvement and diplomatic means, not through the military force of war. Of course, diplomatic measures should include deterrence by force in preparation for North Korea's reckless provocation.

The second point is that the core of the Korean Peninsula problem is North Korea. The change of the South Korean government and the position of the US,




China and Russia may slow the resolution of the Korean Peninsula problem, but since they are not the main factors causing the Korean Peninsula problem, we should focus on North Korea and move forward; that is, to look at North Korea from the North's point of view, not ours, and pursue a consistent North Korea policy that is not affected by changes in the situation, such as internal regime change, so that North Korea can move in the direction we want. Just as West Germany had a consistent East German policy that led to a form of German unification, South Korea and the international community should have a consistent policy to bring about change in North Korea.

The third point is to strengthen the role of the private sector in changing North Korea. It is said that commercial transactions and humanitarian aid are carried out at the private level even during inter-state wars conducted by government authorities. When the role of the authorities in the diplomatic and military security dimension is added along with the role of the private sector to communicate with and have exchanges with North Korea through various materials at various levels, it will be possible to effectively bring about change in North Korea while stably managing the situation on the Korean Peninsula.

The people themselves have modernized

The center of North Korean society is shifting from the generation of anti-Japanese partisans before 1950 to the younger generation who prefer economic prosperity and convenience in life such as regarding information and communication. With over five hundred market stalls across North Korea, the distribution of more than five million cell phones, and the spread of *Hallyu* culture [Korean Wave], it is difficult for the North Korean authorities to recklessly suppress the desires of the civilian population. North Korea tried to weaken the power of *donju* [entrepreneurs, masters of money] in the market through currency reform in 2009, but when it did not work in the market, it changed to a relationship of coexistence with the market. North Korea's leadership is highly likely to accept the current trend that brings economic prosperity as long as it does not harm their position. Even Chairman Kim will not be able to let go

of his economic prosperity enjoyed from his youthful experience studying abroad in Bern, Switzerland. In the early days of his administration, he promised to solve the problems of food and clothing for the North Korean people, and while firing missiles one after another, he hoped to build an economic powerhouse to improve people's living standards, such as the construction of a modernized socialist rural area and the construction of a modern general hospital in Pyongyang. An economic and social approach is worth trying. Some role of Southeast Asian countries in putting these three ideas into practice is expected.

North Korea will open its ears and listen to the voices of the ASEAN countries, which have strong solidarity with North Korea. As ASEAN countries can communicate with North Korea, it can make North Korea realize that the international community will not harm them and that their economic growth and system maintenance are possible through cooperation with the international community. If the changes in North Korea bring stability and prosperity to the Korean Peninsula, it will be beneficial to Southeast Asian countries as well. In this respect, Cambodia and the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), which are establishing diplomatic ties with the two Koreas at the same time, plan to actively engage North Korea regarding peace on the Korean Peninsula. This is very meaningful and is expected to bear full fruit. Once again, I am honored to be able to participate in the meaningful 2022 Korean Peninsula Peace Summit and to give my opinions on the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula based on my experiences at the Ministry of Unification, in the government of the Republic of Korea. 

The writer is a former deputy minister of Unification in the Republic of Korea.

2022 SUNHAK PEACE PRIZE

On January 9, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced the existence of a mysterious coronavirus-related pneumonia in Wuhan, China. At this point, the WHO could not yet foresee what would become the COVID-19 pandemic, but noted that the outbreak of pneumonia-like cases could have stemmed from a new coronavirus. At that point there were fifty-nine cases. The first person to contract this disease had been a merchant in a fish market that also sold wild animals.

Coronaviruses are not new. The first coronaviruses were discovered in the 1960s. Some strands of the disease just cause the common cold. But this was vastly more contagious and lethal. The first coronavirus death occurred on January 11. Soon after, three additional cases of the disease were reported in Japan and Thailand. The US Center for Disease Control (CDC) began screening incoming passengers arriving from Wuhan. A passenger on one of those flights, a resident of Washington State, who arrived on January 15, was confirmed on January 21 to be the first US resident to test positive. On the same day, a Chinese medical doctor, Zhong Nanshan, found conclusively that the disease can be passed from human to human.

By then, four people had died of COVID-19 and more than two hundred had contracted the disease. It is fitting that the Sunhak Peace Prize honored the brave sacrificial people who are on the front line, saving lives and working to end this ghastly pandemic. According to the World Health Organization, the world has suffered through 428,511,601 confirmed cases of COVID-19, causing 5,911,081 deaths. On the bright side, as of February 20, 10,407, 359,589 vaccine doses have been administered.

The fifth Award Ceremony of the Sunhak Peace Prize, established by True Mother, was held beginning at 10 AM on February 12 at the HJ Global Art Center in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea. Current and former national government officials and other top leaders from all over the world attended the event. Jose Manuel Barroso, chairman of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee and a 2012 Nobel Prize laureate, gave welcoming remarks.


The Sunhak Peace Prize was awarded to Dr. Sarah Gilbert, a professor of Vaccinology at the University of Oxford and co-founder of Vaccitech, a biotechnology company developing vaccines and immunotherapies for infectious diseases and cancer, such as hepatitis B, HPV, which is the most common sexually transmitted disease; and prostate cancer. They rapidly developed a vaccine in the midst of the global pandemic.

Dr. Gilbert developed the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine to fight the coronavirus and to protect the world's most vulnerable people from the disease.

Chairman Barroso presented Dr. Gilbert with the Sunhak Peace Prize plaque and gold medal. She then gave an acceptance speech, in which she stated, "At the very beginning of 2020, I began to respond to reports of a new virus that was causing disease and spreading rapidly. As the virus spread, our team grew; our vaccine was produced, tested and eventually licensed for emergency use. I had the great privilege to work with many experts, all using their knowledge and experience, along with an incredible amount of hard work, to make the vaccine widely available as fast as we could."

"Our partners, AstraZeneca, agreed to produce the vaccine without profit during the pandemic, and to continue with that pricing strategy in low and middle income countries even after the pandemic ends. Now that large numbers of many different vaccines are available, there is still more to do to assist with the deployment of vaccines in all countries. But for many of us, we can now look forward to our lives returning to normal as the impact of the pandemic reduces." She added, "We must continue to work together to strengthen our defenses, not against each other, but against our common enemy; the pathogenic micro-organisms that can cause harm."

The second Sun Hak Peace Prize recipient is the world's largest international health organization, the Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunization (Gavi) which was founded in 2000. Gavi is supplying vaccines to protect the world's most vulnerable people from disease. Chief Executive Seth Berkeley expressed his appreciation for this wonderful award and his commitment to the fight against disease.

At his year's Sunhak Peace Award Ceremony, Ehud Olmert, former prime minister of Israel, gave congratulatory remarks. The Founder's Special Achievement Award went to Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen, as directed by True Mother. Prime Minister Hun Sen was grateful to be the recipient of this prestigious award. He also presented his autobiography to True Mother and others. Hun Sen has been working to promote peace in the Asia-Pacific region and supports the peace process on the Korean Peninsula. In his welcoming speech, José Manuel Barroso, chairman of the Sunhak Peace Prize and former European Commission president, emphasized that the Sunhak Peace Prize will continue to seek out courageous great individuals who are dedicated to world peace. The award ceremony was broadcast live through MBCNET and PEACE LINK. 



Welcoming Remarks Heroes in Time of Crisis

By Jose Manuel Barroso

Your excellencies and distinguished guests:

We are gathered today to congratulate and encourage the 2022 Sunhak Peace Prize laureates. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for joining us on this special occasion.

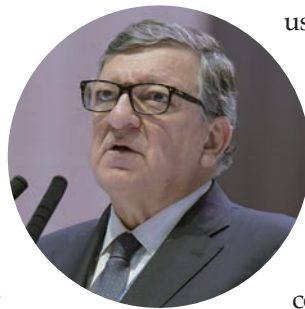
The Sunhak Peace Prize was founded at the behest of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the wife of the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, to honor and preserve his ideals, legacy and achievements.

In selecting this year's laureates, the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee focused on the "Response to Global Infectious Diseases." History remembers the heroes who work for peace. During this time of the pandemic, we need health for peace and peace for health.

The two laureates, Professor Dame Sarah Catherine Gilbert and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance are heroes who have devoted themselves to health for peace and peace for health, out of their love for humanity.

The pandemic has highlighted the centrality of science. In this fight against a virus that jeopardized the lives of everyone in the world, science delivered hope in the form of vaccines, which have saved many lives. Without scientists like Professor Dame Sarah Gilbert, the pandemic would have left wounds much deeper and more fatal than it has now.

Also the pandemic has highlighted the centrality of solidarity and cooperation. Science gave us the tool to control the pandemic; however, we can only do it if we



use the tools equitably, regardless of economic status. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance emerged at the forefront of Covid-19 as the Avengers, the heroes who led the collaboration to overcome nationalism and make vaccine equity possible.


Distinguished guests and leaders!

Viruses thrive by division, but we can defeat it through solidarity. In the words of co-founders of the Sunhak Peace Prize, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, "Peace can only be achieved when we cooperate across borders and love each other like one family."

Our commitment to stronger collaboration for a better world is more important than ever during this pandemic. Virus is not the only challenge. When we work in solidarity, with a multilateral approach, we can achieve miracles and find answers to the fundamental inequalities that lie at the root of so many of the world's problems.

Laureates of today's Sunhak Peace Prize, Professor Dame Sarah Catherine Gilbert and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance are the driving force in creating these miracles.

Again, I would like to express my deep respect and congratulate the two laureates of the 2022 Sunhak Peace Prize, the heroes of today.

The Sunhak Peace Prize will continue to discover courageous and righteous people who are dedicating their lives for the sake of peace and humanity. Let us all work together toward a noble culture of peace full of grace. Thank you. 



On the Front Line in the War Against the Pandemic

By Sarah Gilbert

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Chairman Barroso, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a very great honor to be selected to receive the SunHak Peace Prize and to follow on from the prestigious laureates who have received the award in previous years.

Two years ago, it would have never had occurred to me that I might be considered for such an award. I am a scientist working at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, and for some years my research has been on the development of vaccines against viruses that are known to cause outbreaks.

I had been part of a team that worked on the rapid clinical development of a vaccine against Ebola in 2014, when the largest outbreak of that disease that is known to us occurred in West Africa. Vaccine development moved quickly at first, but then paused whilst decisions were made on the next steps to be taken. Opportunities to test more than one vaccine for protective efficacy were lost. From my place on the team, I was able to observe what had gone well, and where delays had crept in. I took note of the importance of planning many steps ahead, should we ever find ourselves in a similar situation.

At the very beginning of 2020, I began to respond to reports of a new virus that was causing disease and spreading rapidly. As the virus spread, our team grew; our vaccine was produced, tested and eventually licensed for emergency use. I had the great privilege to work with many experts, all using their knowledge and experience, along with an incredible amount of hard work, to make the vaccine widely available as fast as we could.

Our partners AstraZeneca agreed to produce the vaccine without profit during the pandemic, and to continue with that pricing strategy in low and middle income countries even after the pandemic ends. Vaccine production has taken place in many countries around the world with the aim of maximizing the supply, and the benefit that the vaccine can bring. It is now in use in at least 170 countries, and over 2.5 billion doses have been produced. By now, more than sixty percent of the world's population has received at least one dose of a COVID vaccine.




Now that large numbers of many different vaccines are available, there is still more to do to assist with the deployment of vaccines in all countries. But for many of us, we can now look forward to our lives returning to normal as the impact of the pandemic reduces. Except we cannot simply go back to normal as if the last two years did not take place.

Again, we must learn from what worked, and what did not. We must increase the number of manufacturing facilities across the world as part of ensuring a more equitable supply of vaccines in the future. We must continue to develop technologies in disease surveillance and diagnostics as well as vaccines.

During the pandemic there have been examples of highly beneficial international collaborations, not least in the phase III trials of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine, which took place in many countries around the world. Wherever we live, whatever our income and whatever our political views, we must understand that viruses do not recognize these differences, and that no-one is safe until we are all safe.

We must continue to work together to strengthen our defenses, not against each other, but against our common enemy; the pathogenic micro-organisms that can cause harm. We can achieve so much when we work together, each bringing our different strengths. The work we did to produce the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine was exhausting and overwhelming at times, but ultimately vital and rewarding.

I hope that many young people will be inspired in their career choice by knowing about what we achieved, and that governments and international organizations will work together to ensure that next time we need to respond to a disease threat, we will be better prepared than we were in 2020. 

This Sun Hak Prize laureate is a professor of Vaccinology at the University of Oxford and the founder of Vaccitech, a spin-off company from the University of Oxford's Jenner Institute.

Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (Gavi)

By Seth Berkley

To receive this prize on behalf of the Gavi Alliance is a great honor. Making the world better for future generations is a shared goal. I'd like to commend Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for your tireless work, turning this ambition into a reality. Your creation of this prestigious award has done so much to shine a light on those working to improve the world we live in.

Of course, for us at the Vaccine Alliance, making the world better means improving the health of hundreds of millions of the world's children, protecting them, and more recently, their parents, against deadly diseases, through vaccination.

It means helping to ensure everybody, no matter where they are born, has an equal chance at a healthy future. By improving health equitably across the world, we can help foster stable, prosperous and peaceful societies. Good health is the bedrock on which prosperity can be built. A healthier society is a wealthier society, and from this prosperity comes stability and peace. Time and time again, history shows us that broken economies lead to nationalism, to crisis and to conflict. Of course, right now we are seeing this interplay between health, economics



and stability play out in real time around the world, and the COVID-19 pandemic has cost the global economy trillions of dollars on top of the millions of lives lost. The global political landscape has never look more fragile.

We can defeat this global pandemic and end its economic toll but only by working together. The spirit of partnership and multilateralism embodied by the Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation and the distinguished laureates up until now has also been embodied by Gavi since its creation in 2000.

We are an alliance, a partnership encompassing international organizations like the WHO and UNICEF, civil society, vaccine manufacturers, donor-governments and the governments of the countries we exist to serve. This partnership has achieved incredible results. Our alliance now helps to immunize nearly half the world's children against diseases from measles to diphtheria, pneumonia to polio.

Over the past two decades, we've immunized more than 900 million additional children, reducing vaccine preventable diseases by seventy percent, contributing to a more than fifty percent reduction in child mortality in the






lower-income countries we serve.

However, COVID-19 has put this progress at risk. 2020 saw vaccine rates drop in lower-income countries for the first time in decades, due to fear and lockdowns as well as the fact that health systems were forced to turn their focus and attention to the pandemic. Our alliance is working hard with countries to get routine immunizations back on track, but of course the best way to reduce the impact of the pandemic is to bring it to an end.

To help do this, we've brought decades of experience to bear on the creation of a multi-lateral solution to this pandemic. Alongside CEPI (Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations) and UNICEF, we have produced a true world's first in COVAX. For the first time we have a platform through which the world can come together to ensure fair, equitable access to vaccines for every country and every population during a pandemic.

As a multilateral solution for a global crisis, COVAX works. In the twelve months since our first doses were administered, we have delivered more than a billion doses of WHO-approved COVID-19 vaccines around the world. Ninety percent of these doses went to lower-income countries at no cost to them. Thanks to an incredible effort from our COVAX partners, governments and an

army of vaccinators and health workers around the world, COVAX vaccines are now reaching people in every corner of the world, from the Sahara to the peaks of the Himalayas.

Of course, the pandemic is far from over. 2022 will be another challenging year. But we've proved that a multi-lateral solution to this pandemic can work. With further support, we can fulfill COVAX's mission to end vaccine inequality and end the pain and suffering that COVID has brought to so many of us. I'd like to also take this opportunity to thank the Republic of Korea, who has been so supportive of Gavi's core missions since 2010 and last year made an historic \$200,000,000 contribution to COVAX, helping us to procure vaccines for countries most in need. We are deeply grateful for this support. I accept this prize as just one representative of an alliance that encompasses, not just the Gavi Secretariat in Geneva, but also hundreds of thousands of partners. Immunization managers and health workers across the world working day and night to ensure vaccines reach the vulnerable and helping to forge a better, healthier more prosperous future for all of us. On behalf of all of us at the Vaccine Alliance, I thank you. 

The writer is the Chief Executive Officer of Gavi.



Overcoming the Burden of a Tragic Past

By Samdech Techo Hun Sen

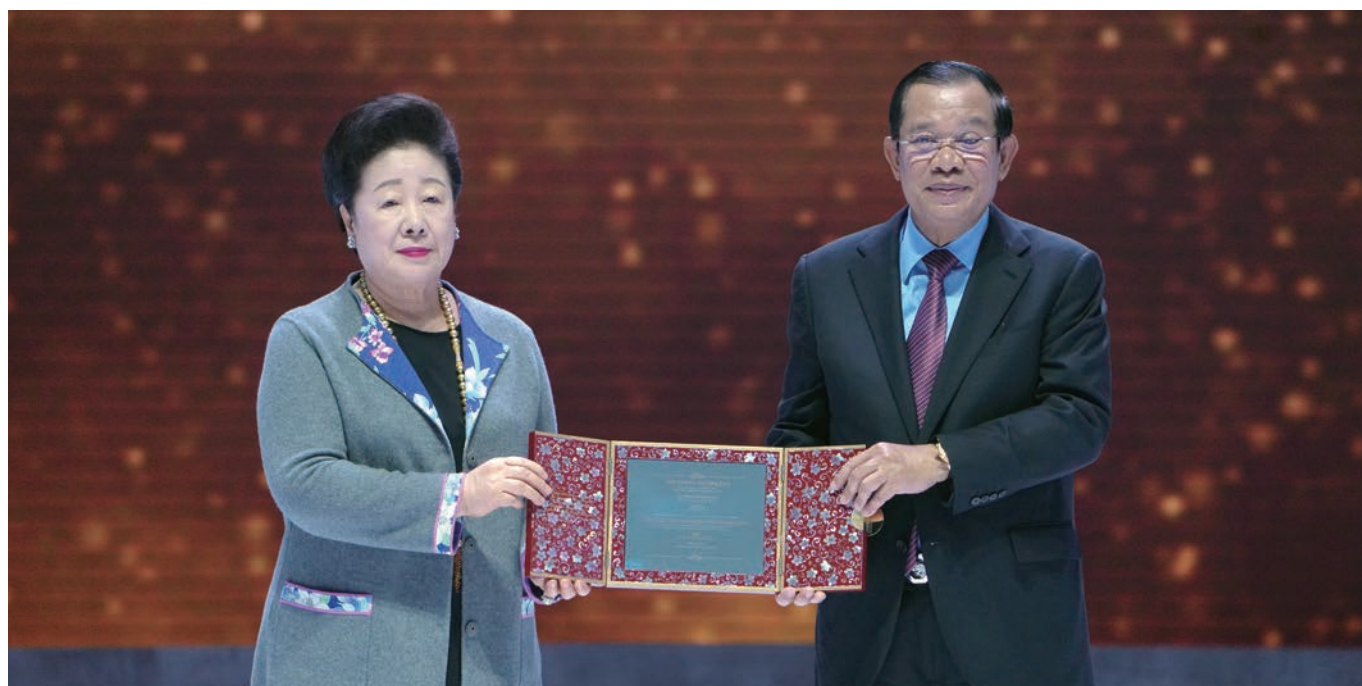
I am profoundly moved and touched to have been selected as the laureate of the 2022 Sunhak Peace Prize. I am so honored and would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee for recognizing my work in ending the long civil war and building long-lasting peace in Cambodia.

On this auspicious occasion as well, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Professor Dame Sarah Catherine Gillbert, co-developer of the AstraZeneca vaccine, for having also been selected as a laureate of the 2022 Sunhak Peace Prize. Your work has greatly contributed to the fight against COVID-19 pandemic and saved millions of lives around the world.

For me, this 2022 Sunhak Peace Prize is not something that I did alone. Many other people also deserve to share this prize for their support of my effort to build




peace in Cambodia. First, the late King Father, Norodom Sihanouk, the Queen Mother, and our current monarch deserve our deep gratitude for their roles in promoting the spirit of national unity among all Cambodians as a big family. Second, I must thank my family for their love and support throughout my adventure searching for peace for my country. Third, the other leaders and members of the Cambodian government and the armed forces from all factions have played crucial roles in our collective endeavor to build and promote peace. Fourth, friendly countries and the international community aided Cambodia's peace process and post-conflict national reconstruction. Last, I must thank my countrymen for their enthusiastic support of the government's Little Angels policy that has created a conducive environment for a robust peace ecosystem in Cambodia.



For me, peace is more precious than anything. It is the most beautiful thing. It gives people hope and puts a smile on people's faces. People who have not experienced hardship and suffering created by wars may take peace for granted. Those who have lived through periods of violent conflicts or wars know how precious peace is. I wish to share my own experience of growing up and living through decades of the civil war in Cambodia. I was forced to quit my studies in 1970 when my country became deeply divided, and war was looming. My childhood and teenage self, which should have experienced great joy if the country had been peaceful, went through only hardship and suffering. I was in great despair about my future and the future of my country.

From that moment, I devoted my life to searching for peace for Cambodia. It took almost three decades to realize my dream, and I had to endure hardship and take life risks along the way. I was wounded and lost one eye. I had to escape on foot to Vietnam through minefields and the heavily militarized border at night while leaving my pregnant wife behind in Cambodia. In 1996, I took a life risk again by negotiating with the Khmer Rouge at their stronghold to persuade them to put down their arms and join the government under the Little Angels Policy that guarantees their lives, right to property ownership, rank and profession. The policy allowed Cambodia to achieve full peace in 1998. It has enabled the government to focus its full attention on national development, and the Cambodian people enjoy the benefits and opportunities that peace and development offer. Cambodia has maintained peace for more than twenty years, and we are committed to protecting and promoting it.

From Cambodia's experiences with wars and peace, I wish to emphasize "No peace, No hope. No peace, No development. No peace, No respect for human rights and democracy." And I share the same belief as Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon that "peace is concrete action, not a vague dream." That is why my government has made it a priority to send thousands of Cambodian soldiers to participate in UN peacekeeping and mine-clearance operations in Africa and the Middle East, hoping to help restore peace in those regions. Moreover, although our country is small, we assist the peace process in the region and the world with goodwill, responsibility and honesty.

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen: Peace in our region and the world remains fragile and under stress due to compounding factors, including great power rivalries, rising nationalism, terrorism as well as poverty and food insecurity, due to climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic. These have the potential to damage human progress at best and wipe out the whole human race at worst if left unaddressed. Therefore, we need to increase and diversify our collaborations and partnerships to minimize the impacts of those threats while enhancing a robust peace ecosystem. Promoting peace is essential for our present, but, more importantly, as the Sunhak Peace Prize's slogan succinctly expresses will "Make the World Better for Future Generations." 

The writer is the prime minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.



SUMMIT FOR PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

The Peace Summit on the Korean Peninsula for a heavenly unified Korea, which is based on co-existence and co-prosperity, began at 9 AM on February 13 at the HJ Global Art Center in Gapyeong County, Gyeonggi Province, with the active support of world-class leaders and peacemakers from all walks of life from 157 countries. The event was broadcast live via MBCNET in Korea and via 3,517 other broadcasters around the world. High-level leaders participated, such as Samdech Hun Sen, Cambodian prime minister; Ban Ki-moon, former UN secretary general; Mike Pence, former US vice-president; Jose Manuel Barroso, former president of the European Union; Stephen Harper, former prime minister of Canada; Maithripala Sirisena, former president of Sri Lanka; Ehud Olmert, former prime minister of Israel; Newt Gingrich, former US speaker of the House and Jim Rogers, chairman of Rogers Holdings. Fourteen religious leaders, representing 157 nations participated in a Water of Peace Ceremony. Paula White, a special religious adviser in the last US administration spoke and prayed for peace.

Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, co-chair of the event's organizing committee, said in his welcoming remarks that peace and security must be realized for the realization of sustainable development and human rights. He said he would like to thank President Hak Ja Han for giving him a helping hand. Korean mayors of Busan, Gwangju and provincial governors of South Cheolla, North Cheolla, South Chungcheong, North Chungcheong, North Gyeongsang; as well as the chairman of the Seoul City Council and Busan City Council, chairman of the Gyeonggi Provincial Assembly, and chairman of Gangwon Provincial Assembly gave congratulatory messages.

Keynote Speeches I

Former heads of state from the Americas, Asia, Europe and Africa gave prerecorded speeches. Donald Trump and seven other heads or former heads of state, representing various countries of North, Central and South America, spoke including, Michel Temer, a former president of Brazil. From Asia, Shinzo Abe, former prime minister of Japan spoke as well as leaders of seven other Asian countries. From Europe, Jose Manuel Barroso, of Portugal spoke, as well as leaders from five other European countries. From Africa, Goodluck Jonathan, from Nigeria and leaders from six other African countries spoke.

Keynote speeches II

Mike Pence, former US vice president, Mike Pompeo, former US secretary of state and Jim Rogers the famous investor, spoke on the topics of interdependence mutual prosperity and universal values.


Keynote speeches III

Hun Sen, prime minister of Cambodia, co-chairman of the summit, emphasized that the leaders attending the summit should work together for reunification of the Korean Peninsula.

In a special speech by the founder, True Mother, she pointed out that the Korean Peninsula is the last divided country on the planet and said that peace in Eastern Europe and Northeast Asia can only be achieved when the Koreas have reunified. She emphasized that the world of one human family can be achieved based on Heavenly Parent.

World Summit 2022 (Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula) reached a historic moment with the adoption of the Seoul Resolution. True Mother, as the founder, and co-chairs, Hun Sen and Ban Ki-moon were the first to add their signatures.

From among the 157 countries that established joint diplomatic relations with both North Korea and South Korea, eighty-five former and current heads of state from seventy countries gave speeches and offered support for a peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

The Executive Committee sent the adopted Seoul Resolution to the leaders of the 157 nations with inter-Korean diplomatic relations, expressing the committee's desire to maintain solidarity on the task of realization of peace on the Korean Peninsula. All top leaders and peace-loving people attended the Korean Peninsula Peace Summit, where the harmonious voices of the Little Angels and the exciting harmony of samulnori (music using percussion instruments) made for an energetic finale. 

Toward Sustainable Peace

By Ban Ki-moon

Cop26, which convened last year, in Glasgow, United Kingdom, provided some important and positive steps forward. It was a follow up on the Paris Climate Change Agreement that I had realized during my tenure as the secretary-general of the United Nations. The Glasgow Climate Compact takes meaningful actions to stop deforestation, to reduce methane emissions and dependence on fossil fuels as well as to design zero-emission vehicles. On the other hand, the Glasgow Conference left much to be desired. My successor as United Nations secretary-general, António Guterres, said, and I quote, “They approved text out of compromise. They take important steps but unfortunately the collective political will was not enough to overcome some deep contradictions.”

Ladies and gentlemen, indeed, elevated political and social will is simply essential if we wish to limit the rise of global temperature below 1.5 degrees Celsius. The critical importance of world leaders’ political will and determination cannot be overemphasized.

These are perilous times

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, dear global citizens of the world, in many respects, we are living in perilous times amidst global changes that human beings are now facing, including new and inherently created threats such as pandemics and the climate crisis. In addition, we are currently witnessing a serious deterioration in the global security environment as a result of rising tensions between the United States and China as well as the specter of potential conflict in and surrounding Ukraine, in Europe. Our focus today is on peace on the Korean Peninsula. This topic is so important, not only for all Koreans but also for our friends around the world and our allies.

The Korean Peninsula has been divided for more than seventy-five years now, and despite our ardent aspirations and various efforts to change, conciliation and cooperation between the two Koreas, the goal has evaded our best attempts. We have not been able to make a lasting breakthrough on the Korean Peninsula. The recent security situation on the Korean Peninsula keeps us seriously



concerned about how to ensure that our future is free from WMD, weapons of mass destruction threats and potential war. As you know, North Korea defied the international community and the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions by test firing different types of missiles seven times throughout January this year and continues to develop their nuclear weapons and missiles.

North Korea’s missiles could deliver a nuclear payload to targets in any location in the Republic of Korea and the Asia Pacific at any times without any notice.

Against this concerning backdrop, our sincere wish is to live within sustainable peace and security. The United Nations’ Security Council has played a pivotal role on this issue through the adoption of more than ten sanction resolutions since 2006 against North Korea, which has concluded six nuclear tests and launched multiple missiles. I urge, again, UN member states to implement the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions fully and faithfully, because censure and pressure are the tools that can lead North Korea to change their behavior and return to the dialog table.

Three areas the UN focuses on

As a former secretary-general of the United Nations, I still cherish the deep respect and appreciation for the United Nations. It is surely one of humanity’s greatest achievements after we suffered two world wars during the twentieth century. The United Nations has accomplished a lot since it’s founding in 1945. Yet, too often, its achievements tend to be dismissed or ignored.

The Republic of Korea owes much to the United Nations because it was the United Nations that saved our lives, freedom and democracy during the Korean War. While serving as the UN secretary-general for ten years, I was proud to make some substantive contributions to achieve its three key objectives which are peace and security, human rights and sustainable development. Among these three guiding objectives of the United Nations, I think the most fundamental and urgent one is to make the planet more peaceful and secure.

We simply cannot expect human rights to be respected

and sustained and for human development to be realized without peace and security. However, the reality tells us that the United Nations simply cannot do more than what its member states agree to carry out in the spirit of collaboration, mutual trust and consensus-building in accordance with the United Nations' charter.

In this context, UPF's work along with that of Think Tank 2022 and the World Summit is meaningful because with this platform we can make the initial groundwork that allows for a collective, multilateral and multidimensional search for solutions. We can then build on this and strive toward a small but significant breakthrough. The path to peace shall proceed in a step by step manner underpinned by patience and mutual respect.


Reuniting the Korean people

I take this opportunity to applaud the work of organizations such as the Universal Peace Federation, working with global leaders and NGOs from all sectors, including government, faith-based organizations, humanitarian groups, investors, academics, women and youth leaders and other key stakeholders. In this era of the multiplication of challenges, the world needs a broad-based multi-stakeholder partnership approach that is committed to constructive dialog and a strong will to take courageous steps towards sustainable peace. I sincerely hope and wish that one day in the near future, we can directly engage with our brothers and sisters in North Korea.

I yearn for that day, so do so many Korean citizens, especially those in the South who have family members and their roots in the North. If we work together with wisdom, sincerity and resolve, I do believe we can illuminate the path to peace on the Korean Peninsula and beyond.

With this in mind, I strongly encourage you all to promote peace, not only between the two Koreas but also among all the countries concerned within Asia and around the world.

In this regard, I hope that his excellency, Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia, who is the current chair of ASEAN, will support such efforts. My deepest appreciation also goes to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who has spared no effort to establish durable peace and to realize reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

Ladies and gentlemen, before concluding, I extend my sincere thanks to you all for your participation at World Summit 2022. Let us redouble our collective efforts to construct a brighter world that rests on the foundation of sustainable peace. Let us work together to make this world more sustainable, more peaceful. That is our goal and political responsibility within this generation. Thank you very much! 

The writer was the secretary-general of the United Nations from January 2007–December 2016.



Planting Seeds of Peace and Cooperation

By Donald Trump

It is my tremendous honor to address this World Summit and to speak to each of you as we continue our shared pursuit of a beautiful goal, a very, very beautiful goal, bringing peace, unity and harmony to the Korean Peninsula. Let me begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to the Universal Peace Federation. I especially want to thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for her outstanding commitment to the cause of peace. Her extraordinary story of escaping from North Korea as a young girl is an inspiration to countless people all around the world.

I also want to thank Dr. Moon for founding with her late husband, Reverend Moon, *the Washington Times* which has made a priceless contribution to the defense of truth, faith and freedom, both here in America and all over the globe. It is terrific the job they've done. In addition, I want to congratulate Dr. Moon on the work she is doing for peace. As I have been hearing, the new global initiative you have launched, Think Tank 2022, is bringing together the best and brightest to focus on challenges facing those on the Korean Peninsula.

Let me also share our thanks to co-chairmen of this event Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen of Cambodia and former UN secretary general, Ban Ki-Moon, as well as the hundreds of dignitaries, diplomats and distinguished leaders gathered today. It's a great privilege to speak with you all about a cause I care so very deeply about.

As president, I was proud to lead a historic effort to forge a more hopeful future for the peace of South Korea, North Korea and the entire world. When I took office, the so-called experts thought the situation on the Korean Peninsula was absolutely hopeless. Weakness, indecision and the old ways of thinking had only produced danger, conflict and hatred. I rejected those tired approaches of the past. I threw out the stale ideas that had failed repeatedly—again and again for decades. They just got nowhere. I pursued a bold new diplomacy. And above all, I pursued peace through strength.

Working with our allies, including my friends, Prime Minister Abe of Japan and President Moon of South Korea, we put in place the strongest ever measures to confront the situation on the Korean Peninsula. Our



tough approach was unprecedented, diplomatically, militarily and economically. Yet, even as we made clear the full measure of America's power and might, we never lost sight of America's true interest and ultimate goal, ensuring a better future for our people, and for the people of the world.

Risk or Opportunity?

To put it simply, I understood that strength was not the obstacle to peace, strength created the opening for peace. It's as simple as that. Working together with our allies, we made extraordinary progress. Four years ago, Chairman Kim and I became the first leaders of our two countries to sit down face to face, and we got along. In fact, we liked each other a lot. In historic meetings in Singapore, Hanoi, and the DMZ, Chairman Kim expressed his wish for better relations.

I made clear that the United States and our allies shared that same wonderful hope. And I told him very frankly, that to achieve that vision, North Korea had to denuclearize. Although North Korea was not yet ready to take that step at our last summit in 2019, Chairman Kim and I nonetheless succeeded in building trust, making history creating the foundation for a future breakthrough, and it can happen. Chairman Kim returned our hostages and sent home the remains of our fallen heroes to rest in American soil. And he pledged to me that he would cease all long-range missile and nuclear testing.

Over the past several months, we have seen a concerning return to escalation, including a number of missile tests. Chairman Kim does not respect or trust the leaders of the United States. Everyone knows that this would never have happened if I were president. I would urge North Korea not to make any decisions or take any actions that could endanger the unique opportunity that we worked so hard to create together over the past four years, and we did indeed work together.

We have planted seeds of peace and cooperation and now we must let them bloom and grow just like a giant tree. To waste that chance would be a profound tragedy. Like so many other nations, North Korea has had a challenging few years.

North Korea has also seen horrible food shortages that

are projected to last for years to come.

As president, I always pursued America's national interest, and I urge other leaders to pursue their own nation's righteous interests as well. As I have said many times, I strongly believe the best path for North Korea lies down the path of greater cooperation, integration and economic development. But for that to happen, there can be no threat of nuclear weapons. It just can't work.

Denuclearization is not the greatest risk for North Korea. Denuclearization is the greatest opportunity and an opportunity it will be. Meanwhile, not only on the Korean Peninsula but all around the world. We are seeing mounting dangers. China is threatening Taiwan, tensions are growing with Russia and Eastern Europe, Iran is rapidly advancing toward a nuclear bomb.

Core truths


In the face of these challenges, I want to reaffirm some important truths. Americans cherish our alliances, including with South Korea, Japan, Australia, India, and many others. We oppose expansion and aggression in all of its forms. We seek stability, commerce and cooperation with all nations on the basis of shared interests and shared goals.

In addition, in light of the events of the past year, let me make one message very, very clear to other nations, friends and foe alike: do not mistake the weakness of our current leaders in the United States for the weakness of the United States of America. They are not the same. That would be a terrible mistake. Career politicians come and go. But Americans are the same strong, proud and confident people we have always been. We are the fiercest and most loyal of all friends.

The incompetence we have witnessed in the Afghan withdrawal and the way it was handled, and other places may have weakened the poll numbers of certain current politicians. But it has only strengthened the spines of the American people. They could not stand what they watched. They are angry, they are upset, and they want to do something about it. It has only steeled the resolve of the tough and hard working citizens of our country. America will be back and we will be back stronger and greater than ever before.

Today, I ask every person who shares our hope of a brighter tomorrow, to be united in our mission, faithful in our vision, and above all, to be confident in our values. We believe that every life is sacred. And we believe that every person is blessed with rights, liberty and dignity, given to them not by government, but by the hand of Almighty God.

We believe in protecting freedom of speech, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly. We know that religious freedom is the foundation of all freedoms. And we remember that strong sovereign and independent nations are the greatest vehicles for peace, liberty, and justice in human history. These are the values, principles and convictions that can bring together people of all different cultures and backgrounds all over the world.

So to everyone reading this, to every person of goodwill, please join me in working, striving and praying for a Korea that is safe, prosperous, flourishing, united and finally at peace. Koreans are great people. They are brilliant people. They are loving people. We want to help. Thank you. And God bless you all. 

The writer was president of the United States 2017–2021.



Let Us Build a Brighter Future

This address was given during the One Million Rally of Hope.

By Mike Pence

I am honored to address the Summit for Peace Assembly and One Million Rally of Hope sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation and the Washington Times Foundation. Today, we gather to promote the cause of freedom and peace on the Korean Peninsula.

I want to thank the prime minister of Cambodia, Samdech Hun Sen, and former UN secretary general, Ban Ki-moon for chairing this wonderful event that brings together leaders from 157 nations representing government, business, faith communities and civil society.

So much has changed since the last World Summit was held in February 2020. Over the past two years, the coronavirus pandemic has inflicted heartbreak and hardship across the globe. Every nation on earth has been put to the test. Now, with bold leadership, groundbreaking partnerships, and the courageous resolve of individual citizens, mankind's victory over the coronavirus is closer than ever before.

As we undertake the urgent work of healing our nations and restoring our economies, we remember that our task is not merely to rebuild the world of the past but to forge a brighter future for all of our citizens. Beginning here on this storied peninsula.

I want to express my appreciation to *the Washington Times*—a courageous voice for freedom in America and around the world, promoting faith, family and liberty for all. I want to thank the Universal Peace Foundation and especially Dr. Moon for faithfully devoting her life to the cause of peace, and for hosting us today.

On the mount overlooking the Sea of Galilee, Jesus said "Blessed are the peacemakers, they will be called children of God." Today, I commend you all for coming together at this global event to continue sowing the seeds of peace, knowing that in time we will reap a harvest of peace that will bless all the nations of the world.

During my four years as vice president, at home and abroad, I have seen firsthand that strong families, education, equal treatment under the law, and a recognition of the dignity and worth of every human life, born and unborn, is the foundation of true national greatness.

These are the values that have united the people of



Korea and the United States for nearly seventy years. They are the same values that my father, US Army Lieutenant Ed Pence—and freedom-loving Americans and Koreans just like him—fought to defend in the Korean War. They are the same values I worked to defend as vice president.

In the seventy years since the guns of the Korean War fell silent, two Koreas have lived side by side. One prospering in the warm light of freedom. The other struggling under the weight of dictatorship and oppression. Over those decades, the United States and the Republic of Korea proved how much could be accomplished by nations that share a common commitment to democracy, free enterprise, free speech, strong family values, human dignity, religious liberty, the right to life and equality under the law.

I know I speak on behalf of millions of Americans when I say how proud we are to stand with people in the Republic of Korea, Japan and others across the region in defense of religious liberty. We believe that every human being must have the freedom to live, to work, and to worship according to their own conscience. With one voice, we condemn the repression of Christians, Jews, Muslims and other religious minorities taking place at this very hour in China and North Korea. We pray for an end to the persecution, and we call on world leaders to work together to bring justice for all who are, at this very hour, being persecuted for their faith.

We know that nothing is impossible with God. When nations work together openly and in good faith to achieve the common good, we can achieve great strides for peace. That is exactly what we proved for four years under the Trump-Pence administration. Under our administration, the alliance between America, Korea and freedom loving nations across the Asia-Pacific grew stronger than ever before. Our commitment to our common defense remained unbreakable. We stood firm against common adversaries, even as we worked in good faith to turn adversaries into friends.

Together, we strengthened our historic alliance, improved our trading relationship, and reaffirmed America's commitment to support the Republic of Korea, Japan and our allies in the region. Lasting peace on the

Korean Peninsula has eluded all efforts for decades.

We proved peace follows strength, but weakness arouses evil. And the resurgence of missile tests and provocations from Pyongyang are a testament to this truth, as are the ongoing actions by the People's Republic of China and by Russia.

Freedom-loving nations across the Asia-Pacific must stand strong and united in our commitment to peace and security. For while Beijing is basking in the Olympic lime-light, China continues to tie international cooperation to demands that the world look the other way on their record on human rights, trade abuses, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and aggressive military maneuvers in the South China Sea.

Today with 100,000 Russian troops on the border of Ukraine, Beijing supports Moscow even as Russia supports China on Taiwan. Russia and China's deepening alliance should be cause for concern across the Free World. As the Chinese dragon and the Russian bear draw closer, peril looms for their freedom loving neighbors and the wider world.

Now more than ever, freedom loving nations must stand strong and call upon China and Russia to respect human rights, democratic principles, national sovereignty and to do their part to achieve the final and fully verified denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.


While I hope the current American Administration will stand strong and build on the progress we made in the face of renewed belligerence from North Korea, Russian tanks on the border of Ukraine and China's warplanes flying into the Taiwan Straits. Let me assure friend and foe alike, that the American people will always stand for freedom. America will always be freedom's

greatest champion. We will always stand with the Republic of Korea, Japan and all our allies for the peace and security of the Free World.

The dream of a united Korea is possible. We know the rich history of the Korean people, which stretches back to time immemorial, is the story of a proud people who have made immeasurable contributions to science, culture, art and commerce—and we know that story is far from over.

We also know that no oppressive regime can last forever. Inside every human heart is an unquenchable fire that burns to be free. Inside every human soul is an insatiable desire for freedom. Despite the many challenges we face, I remain supremely confident that a brighter future is on the horizon, for the United States, for the Korean people, for Asia, and for the world if we continue to have faith and stand with one another for freedom and security.

Times of crisis in our world have always been the times of greatest opportunity when we find ways to overcome our differences and cooperate together for a world of freedom, peace and equality for all.

To everyone participating in World Summit, thank you for the honor of addressing you today and thank you for your prayers. I urge you to keep working, keep striving, and never give up. As the Bible says, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Your labors on behalf of peace for the Korean people, the Asia-Pacific, and the world are not in vain. Thank you and may God bless you all. 

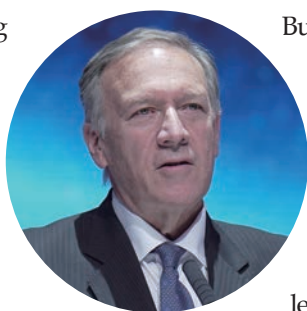
Mike Pence was vice-president of the United States 2017–2021.



Let's Bring Peace to the Korean Peninsula

By Mike Pompeo

Last October, I had the pleasure of joining you virtually during UPF's Special Forum on Security and Peace in Northeast Asia. I discussed the fundamental importance of religious freedom both to reunification efforts here on the peninsula and to confronting the authoritarian regimes—chief among them the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)—throughout the Indo-Pacific.



Confronting China

But today, I want to drill down further on the American project and, indeed, the project for every human being who desires peace and seeks the protection of the dignity of every human being. Hotels shut down to prevent contagion. Truckers shutting down traffic on the Canada U.S. border. Kids missing school and education. Businesses shuttered. The entire way we lived altered now, for over two years, and continuing.

Why? The Chinese Communist Party did not do the divinely right thing. It put its own ill citizens on planes traveling to Milan, Italy, and elsewhere to infect the world while denying the world access to important information. What conception of humanity finds this remotely decent or acceptable? What vision of a higher power justifies such wanton diminution of the value of each human life? This entity, and its leaders are the challenge for those of us who seek peace and harmony in the world.

The Chinese Communist Party today is possessed by the same lust for power that Mao embodied. At home, they have managed to channel this into sophisticated systems of repression which are designed to utterly crush freedom. This has been on full display during the Olympics. Though the CCP may use Olympic fanfare and celebration to obscure it, we cannot ignore the staggering, ongoing persecution of anyone the government can't easily control, especially religious believers across the country.

Every time the communist regime seeks to extol its accomplishments for the world to see, we should point to the concentration camps they have filled in Xinjiang with genocidal intent and acts. We should make plain their brutal treatment of Falun Gong practitioners and Tibetan

Buddhists. We should amplify reports of CCP officials recruiting children to become informants against their Christian, churchgoing parents.

The CCP cannot tolerate the idea that the Chinese people would find their identity or meaning in life through God, or that they could conceive of anything holding greater authority over their lives than the state. Party leaders believe the party alone should command the loyalties of the human heart.

But little do they know that their suppression of faith is bound to backfire. God calls out to every human heart, and we each hear his calling. Any person, any government which places itself in between that call is utterly doomed. The CCP has tried to erase any memory, teachings, and images of the Dalai Lama to manifest their atheist commitment. But seven decades later, the faith of the Tibetan people has become even stronger. The CCP has utterly failed to discredit and erase their peace-loving, truth-telling leader. Faith cannot be destroyed by tyrannical fiat or communist thuggery.

Try as they might to crush religious freedom, the communist overlords in Beijing forget that no scheme of man can hinder the work of the Divine. And North Korea takes its cue from the CCP and oppresses people of faith in its own prisons—I learned this first-hand when I was able to free three brave Americans held hostage in that totalitarian state.

Back in April 2018, President Trump asked me to go to North Korea. He wanted me to meet with Chairman Kim to work on arrangements for the upcoming summit in Singapore that June. In the course of my meetings with Chairman Kim, I repeated the President's request, his expectation, that he release three Korean-American men who had been wrongfully detained. Dong-chul Kim, Hak-song Kim and Tony Kim were held in part for being men of faith.

Now, thank God, I was able to return home with those men. And it was a joyful scene on the tarmac as they were reunited with their families. We should also consider the CCP's aggression outside of its borders, so much of which happens right here in Northeast Asia.

China continues to turn a blind eye to North Korea's

sanctions evasion. It has become more aggressive toward Taiwan and is constructing approximately 250 new nuclear missile silos. All of this is to say nothing of the CCP's cover-up of the outbreak in Wuhan, leading to a pandemic which has greatly damaged Asian economies in particular. Make no mistake, China is a destabilizing force for this region.

China's actions represent a broader trend we are seeing throughout the world; authoritarian actors are seeking to disrupt peace, violate sovereignty, and endanger civilians to achieve their whims. In Myanmar, a military coup has resulted in thousands of civilian deaths and arrests. The brutality of the military regime continues today. Russia continues to violate and threaten the sovereignty of its neighbors, most recently in Ukraine. Twenty Indian soldiers were killed in a violent incursion by the Chinese military on their border in the Himalayas, and Chinese aggression toward Pacific Island nations must not go unaddressed.

These efforts to disrupt peace are part of a broader, troubling trend indicating we are right now moving towards a world where, to quote Thucydides, "the strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must." That's why diplomacy and dialogue should always be our first tools to resolve crises. Indeed, I'm encouraged that UPF urges personal connections to try to make progress toward peace and reunification between North and South Korea. I know firsthand from my time as Secretary of State that a personal approach is an outstanding asset for diplomacy.

I spoke earlier of having been able to negotiate the release of three men who were wrongfully detained. If I hadn't personally asked Chairman Kim to free those men, hadn't sat across from him and made that connection, I'm not sure it would have happened. And the historic meetings between President Trump and Chairman Kim that followed in June showed the power of a personal connection as well. In the end, of course, we didn't get everything we wanted, but those meetings between an American president and a North Korean leader – the first in history – ultimately produced an agreement from North Korea to denuclearize.

It was the first-ever commitment to do so at that level of leadership. Those negotiations also resulted in a moratorium on nuclear and long-range missile tests. When North Korea cannot test its weapons, it limits their ability to gather data on what they have and how to improve it. It reduces the risk of accidents that could have collateral damage for the entire peninsula and other parts of north-east Asia. It also creates a necessary condition for the eventual reunification of the Korean people on the Peninsula, because any form of reunification must not come at the expense of the peace, security and liberty of the Korean people. And as a matter of human nature, it's probably a whole heck of a lot harder to fire a weapon of mass destruction at someone after you've shaken hands with them. My experience as secretary of state confirms that peace comes from strength.


Finally, unlike the Trump Administration, the Biden Administration gave Russia a clean, free extension of the New START Treaty – no concessions. Meanwhile, they made no effort to address Chinese nuclear weapons. China shouldn't be able to increase its nuclear arsenal in a secretive manner. Imagine the Chinese Communist Party with nuclear parity with the United States, and how Beijing could wield that power to coerce free nations. The good news is everyone here has the capacity to speak up and push leaders in both Beijing and Washington in the right direction.

I know one of those cities of power will be more respectful of what other countries have to say than the other. That's why the Trump Administration imposed the maximum pressure campaign on North Korea. We restored pressure and military deterrence on Iran for the same reason. It's the only way to stop the regime in Tehran from executing its violent revolutionary agenda against America, Israel, and the people of the Middle East.

CONCLUSION

I'll close on this note: we should never give up hope of peace and reunification. Indeed, those three men who came back with me from North Korea didn't. Even in the darkest night of gloom, they were hopeful they would one day be together with their families again. When we got off the plane at Andrews Air Force base in the middle of the night, it was an incredible scene. President Trump and the First Lady were there to greet them. Amid all the drama of the moment, one of them slipped me an index card which I put in my jacket pocket.


When I got home at a very late hour, my wife Susan and I read the card. It was Psalm 126: "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." I kept that card framed in my office for the rest of my tenure as secretary of state. You see, moments of reunification are some of the most joyful moments we have as human beings. As a Christian, I think that's because the idea of reconciliation and reunification is at the core of the Gospel, as God welcomes us to himself. There's a divine authorship of even the simplest emotions. That night on the tarmac was certainly a joyful one. But it was just a foretaste of the joy that two whole nations will experience when the Korean Peninsula peacefully comes together as one.

More broadly, we must continue to combine our diplomatic efforts with strength in order to pursue peace everywhere in the world. This is not something we can do alone – it is something we must do together. If we do that, we'll be closer to being "one family under God" than ever. Thank you all for having me today, and God bless you. 

The writer was head of the US CIA 2017–2018 and the US State Department 2018–2021.

European Leaders Lend Support


Ilir Meta

My deepest gratitude goes to the founder of the Universal Peace Federation, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the two co-chairs of the World Summit, Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Ban Ki-moon, former secretary general of the United Nations. Distinguished guests, peace on the Korean Peninsula is of great importance. A breakthrough to peace on the Korean Peninsula would reflect globally. If peace is the cornerstone of every nation and every generation, the 38th Parallel can become a symbol of peace rather than of division. Thanking you once again for this important summit, I wish that peace prevails on the Korean Peninsula and throughout the entire world. 



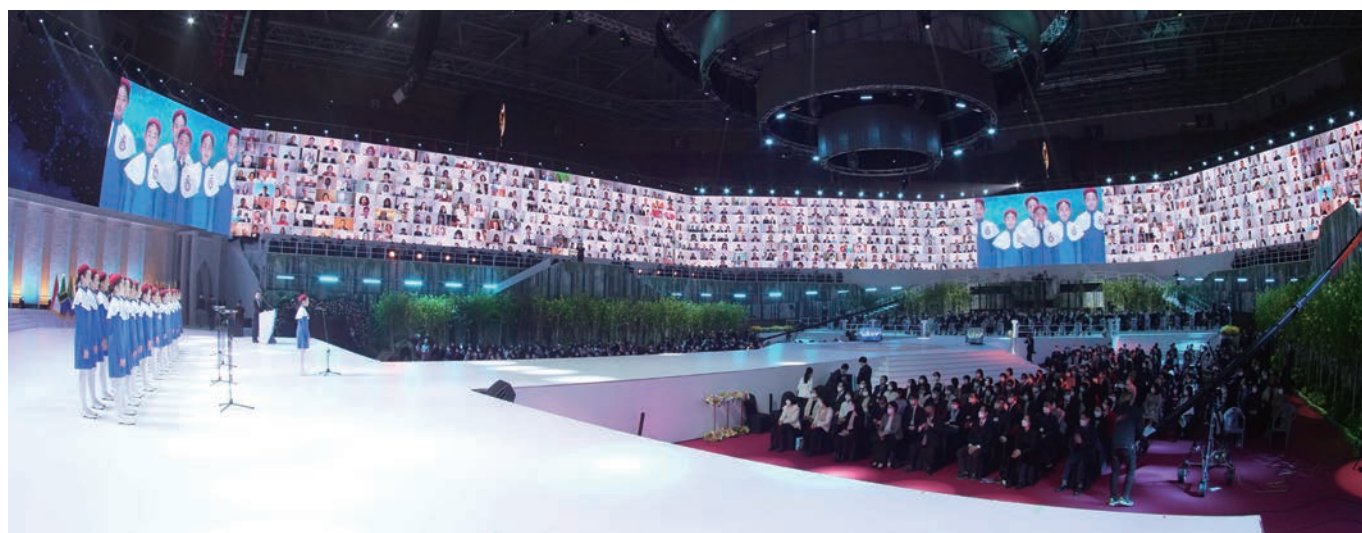
The writer has been the president of Albania since 2017.

Romano Proti

Iwant to start my conversation with you by giving a deep, deep, deep thanks to the founder of UPF, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and to the vice-chairman Dr. Samdech Hun Sen, and to Ban Ki-moon, the former secretary general of the United Nations, with whom I worked so happily for such a long time. You are doing a great job, making effort to unify Korea, but respecting human rights, having the sense of history that drives you to this effort for reunification. This is a Win-Win process. Nobody will be damaged by Korean reunification. We have only positive outcomes: trade, an increase of GDP, wealth and scientific progress. You are one country, with one language, with one common history. My wish is that this stronger link between people of the North and South will be a precondition for unification. The pandemic of division will end. Thank you so much for your patience. 



The writer was the prime minister of Italy 2006–2008.





Dominique de Villepin

Our world is facing huge uncertainties and tensions

because we are going through a massive transition, aggravated by the impact of the world pandemic.



What's a possible response? After the "strategic patience" of Obama and the "maximal pressure" of Donald Trump, followed by a spectacular policy of rapprochement in 2018, Joe Biden is looking for a new approach combining carrot and stick, sanctions and diplomacy. But while sanctions have not proved very effective in the past, Pyongyang can also count on the veto support of Russia and China in the UN Security Council. We are in a defining moment:

South Korea is due to have presidential elections next March. The US are preparing its midterm elections, and the decisive twentieth Chinese Party Congress will take place at the end of the year. In this context, the Korean Peninsula could be the ground of an exemplary pathway to peace. In order to have a fruitful dialogue the strategy should be based on political, cultural and social interactions responding to the aspirations of both people and regimes. *TP*

The writer was the prime minister of France 2005–2007.

José María Aznar

In this context of increasing geopolitical tensions in international relations, the work of an institution such as the Universal Peace Federation and its efforts to build peace and dialogue among nations, especially to contribute to a dialogue on peace on the Korean Peninsula, is more necessary than ever.



We must work toward building trust, mutual respect, reconciliation, and cooperation. In this process, the United States as well as China and Russia can contribute constructively. Cooperation between civil societies is one of the keys to gaining popular support for future negotiations.

I am sure that the Universal Peace Federation Summit will contribute to this important process of searching for constructive solutions to a conflict that has been going on for too long. *TP*

The writer was the prime minister of Spain 1996–2004

Albin Kurti

Reverend Moon teaches us that peace flourishes where there is justice, and justice requires repentance, which must be accompanied by restitution.



The people of Kosovo and of South Korea share a similar path of suffering under occupation and a struggle for freedom. We are among rare, peaceful people who were invaded, often fought continuously against invaders, but we've never invaded others. We survived the genocidal attempts at our extermination. Freedom beams and seeks peace and to attain lasting peace, all of us must do our part wherever we are. Thank you. *TP*

The writer was the president of Kosovo February–June 2020 March 2021–present.

Nigerian Voices for Peace and Development

Muhammadu Buhari

I am delighted to join you at this summit focusing on the theme "reconciliation and peace on the Korean Peninsula through multi-sectoral peacebuilding initiatives in Asia and in the world." Thanks for the invitation from Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and his excellency Ban Ki-Moon. I commend Dr Hak Ja Han Moon, the founder of UPF, and her team for their continuous advocacy for sustainable peace in the world. I also commend world leaders who have spared the time to be in the Summit at this challenging time. World Summit 2022 is a testament to the commitment and passion of world leaders to be part of the peaceful resolution of the challenges of the world and its development. The Korean Peninsula has been a flashpoint of conflict, which has lingered for many decades, and therefore deserving of the attention of world leaders for a peaceful resolution. The Korean situation, as defined by its history and geography, is unique in the sense that it is the only nation in the Asia-Pacific region that remains divided since the Cold War era. Peace on the Korean Peninsula has far-reaching implications for the region, if not for the world at large.



The Nigerian government encourages and supports every effort to promote understanding and a commitment to peace among the governments and people of both Koreas, and has, for a long time, maintained

relations with them at the ambassadorial level. We have enjoyed cordial relations with both Koreas in trade and commerce, education, cultural exchange and technology transfer. And so, when it comes to what needs to be done to ensure a lasting peace on the peninsula, we are happy to be part of it. All countries have one crisis or another that they are dealing with. What is important is the commitment to arrive at a true and lasting peace through the most peaceful process. Let me cite a few examples of the issues we are dealing with in Nigeria.

One, we have designed and are implementing a comprehensive peace plan for the northeast region of Nigeria which has been thrown into an insurgency in recent years.


Two, we are equipping the Nigerian Security Forces to enable them to effectively contain the contemporary security challenges facing Nigerian society in line with modern rules of engagement.

Three, we are establishing Army and Air Force universities as a platform and long-term plan for institutionalizing the practice of peacebuilding and conflict management among young Nigerians.

Four, we have initiated many entrepreneurial economic projects to address youth movement and unemployment.

At the regional level, our administration has shown and will continue to provide, strong support to peace initiatives and efforts in the West African subregion. We shall continue to pioneer and collaborate with all such efforts in resolving conflicts and bringing lasting peace

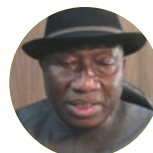
and security to the West African subregion. On the world stage, such an initiative as the establishment of an international think tank focused on the Korean Peninsula in conjunction with the Universal Peace Federation is a highly welcomed development. We are open to continuous partnerships with both local and international organizations, such as UPF to achieve lasting peace in the world.

I am optimistic that if we prioritize mutual cooperation and peaceful coexistence, the growth and prosperity of humanity is assured. Let us all join in the efforts and commit to achieving a just and peaceful world based on these principles. I wish the summit beautiful deliberations. 


The writer has been the president of Nigeria since 2015.

Goodluck Jonathan

Our Dear Mother Moon, the Mother of Peace:



It is a time to reflect on the vision of peace, reconciliation and harmonious co-existence, which Rev. Moon lived and pursued with vigor. I urge the leaders of Korea to be open to continuous partnerships with both local and international organizations in order to achieve lasting peace on the peninsula and throughout the world. Let the healing of the world begin with re-unification on the Korean Peninsula!

Once again, to all world leaders, let us reflect on Rev. Sun Myung Moon's vision and promote policies, programs and initiatives that will bring peace and harmony to our world. May the world stand with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon! 

The writer was president of Nigeria 2010–2015.

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Seoul Resolution

“Toward Sustainable Peace and Prosperity on the Korean Peninsula”

Recognizing that the Korean War, which started in 1950, was concluded with an armistice, not a peace treaty, leaving the once unified Korean Peninsula divided, despite being populated by a people with a common history, culture, and language;

Acknowledging that the tragic conflict resulted in approximately 3 million fatalities and leaving a legacy of bitter suffering and distrust between the people of the two Koreas;

Believing that the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula is imperative for peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond;

Appreciating the commitment of the Founders of the Universal Peace Federation, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for their dedication over the past several decades through many initiatives aiming at promoting peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula;

Commending the Universal Peace Federation, through its many programs, in particular the World Summit series, the Rally of Hope series, the International Leadership Conferences, and Think Tank 2022 Forum, for its contributions to peace, reconciliation and mutual prosperity on the Korean Peninsula;

Acknowledging the value of UPF's collaborative and multi-sectoral approach to peace through its primary associations, such as the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP), the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD), the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP), the International Association for Economic Development (IAED), the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP), the International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP), and the International Association of Art and Culture for Peace (IAACP);

Recognizing that the UPF's World Summit series contribute to the advancement of sustainable peace, stability and mutual prosperity on the Korean Peninsula;

Appreciating the outstanding work of the UPF's Co-Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and the Co-Chairs of the Organizing Committee, Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Laureate of the Sunhak Peace Prize 2022, and Ban Ki-moon, former secretary general of the United Nations;

Acknowledging the dedication and contribution of Samdech Techo Hun Sen to the peace, prosperity and progress in the Mekong region and the advancement of the ASEAN Community; and

Underlining the tremendous value of the World Summit 2022, the Interfaith Summit, the Global Assembly of the ISCP, the Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony, and the Million Rally for Peace.

We, current and former Heads of State/Government, Parliamentarians, high-level representatives, religious leaders, academicians, business and media leaders, First Ladies, women leaders, and artists participating in the World Summit 2022, resolved to work collaboratively to:

1. Urge the two Koreas and the international community to pursue bilateral and multilateral diplomatic approaches to avoiding military confrontations, maintaining and promoting peace, stability and predictability, and increasing mutual understanding and confidence towards a complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula;
2. Call upon parties concerned to pursue constructive dialogue with mutual respect and acknowledgment of each other's security interests and concern based on the shared cultural heritage of the two Koreas;
3. Promote confidence-building measures, trust-building programs, and preventive diplomacy involving major stakeholders working on the Korean Peninsula;

4. Offer proposals and platforms for constructive dialogue and consultation based on the spirit of friendship and brotherhood that serve the interests of the Korean people and build a pathway towards a peace treaty on the Korean Peninsula;
5. Explore ways to utilize the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) to advance peace on the Korean Peninsula through the development of cultural corridors and tourism infrastructure, and the deployment of non-military personnel at the DMZ as peace guardians;
6. Encourage concerning parties to develop cooperation projects in tourism, sports, culture, and education in the DPRK and beyond;
7. Promote multi-sectoral development frameworks to enhance food security and public health cooperation between the Korean Peninsula and the Mekong region and beyond through the Mekong Peace Park Project;
8. Work towards the normalization of the relations between the two Koreas so that the people will be able to reap the maximum benefits of the untapped potentials that both states have to offer, in particular in political, economic, cultural, humanitarian, healthcare, educational, social (youth and sports), and infrastructure areas;
9. Strengthen multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaboration on cultural connectivity and digital and creative industries to leverage the pivotal role of the international community in promoting peace, stability and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula;
10. Encourage the international community to support the principles of zero tolerance for war, mutual security assurance and joint prosperity and to make continued efforts to advance peaceful resolution and a new culture of reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula;
11. Promote track 1.5 diplomacy and track 2 dialogue and use a soft power approach to advancing peaceful reunification of the two Koreas under the framework of the “One Peninsula, One People, One Culture” by utilizing and promoting people-to-people ties, cultural resources and connectivity to serve as a bridge of trust connecting the two Koreas;
12. Support the construction of the “Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel” as a medium of regional integration, connectivity and peace;
13. Explore a possibility for joint business venture projects between the two Koreas and with other major economic stakeholders as well as collaboration with other international organizations and fora such as the G20, ASEAN and others;
14. Work towards the realization of the Asia Pacific Union (APU), which was adopted at the Asia Pacific Summit in Phnom Penh in 2019 through the Mekong Asia-Pacific Initiative (MAPI);
15. Reaffirm the principle of mutual respect, mutual understanding, mutual trust and mutual interest for peace and prosperity (M4P2) and the promotion of international order based on the UN Charter and international law; and
16. Establish a partnership committee consisting of members of the Think Tank 2022, UPF associations, and other stakeholders to carry out an action plan for the peace projects and other proposals to be adopted in contributing to the realization of sustainable peace, prosperity, and progress on the Korean Peninsula and beyond. 

This Resolution is adopted and signed on this day, February 13, 2022, in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, at World Summit 2022.



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