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Forging a Lasting World Peace with the Universal Peace Federation (UPF)

Thomas Walsh, Co-Chair of the PEACE SUMMIT 2023 Organizing Committee



Thank you. What a pleasure. Respected Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, thank you for your vision and commitment to building a world of universal and lasting peace. Congratulations on the occasion of your 80th birthday.

Distinguished leaders from across the world, welcome and thank you for participating in Peace Summit 2023. UPF was founded by Reverend and Dr. Moon in 1999. At that time, it was called the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and in 2005 became known as Universal Peace

Federation.

I recall the time in 2000, the year of the Millennium General Assembly at the United Nations. Both Reverend and Dr. Moon spoke at the UN in August of that year to share their vision about a renewed United Nations, one that would have political leaders and religious leaders working together collaboratively within the UN system as a kind of bicameral institution consisting of both government officials and religious leaders. This was a bold vision and proved to be prescient, for it has become increasingly clear over the past decades that interreligious peace is a critical and necessary aspect of any effort to achieve the goal of lasting world peace.

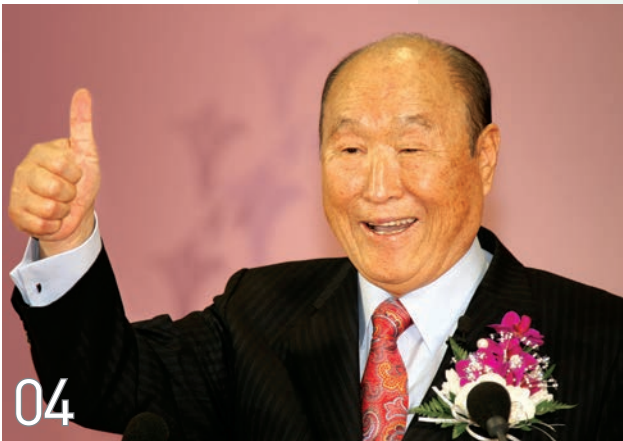
After all, we are not merely political and economic beings. We are also deeply moral and spiritual beings. Over the years, UPF has emerged as a highly respected international and interreligious NGO. It has developed partnerships and MOUs with not only the UN Economic and Social Council but also the African Union, ECOSOC, the Asian Vision Institute, the Alliance of Civilizations, the Coalition of Faith-Based Organizations. UPF works across all sectors of society, working to build effective networks among not only leaders in government, including current and former heads of state and parliamentarians, but also among religious leaders as well as leaders in the business sector, the private sector, civil society, the media, academia, and the spheres of the arts and culture.

Underlying this work is a recognition that peace has to be approached comprehensively and holistically. UPF work is rooted in a moral and spiritual vision. At its core, this vision affirms the existence of God as a Divine Creator, our common origin, the Heavenly Parent with the will and the intention to create a world of goodness. With this in mind, UPF strives to create one worldwide family under God, a holy community where all people live together in harmony and cooperation.

Such a world does not come about by magic. It requires human effort. As we all know, there are obstacles to overcome. Human beings are not entirely good, and there are, in fact, forces of evil. As such, I hope that we all do our best during this Peace Summit to contribute to building a world of peace. Our program that lies ahead seeks to bring out the wisdom, insight, and recommendations of the leaders gathered here.

In closing, I want to thank you for being here and for contributing to this most noble effort. Our present world appears, most regrettably, to be moving increasingly toward conflict and division. It is no easy task to try to reverse this trend. Let us, therefore, do our very best and work together for the sake of each other, for the sake of our children, and future generations. Thank you. God bless you. 

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World Unity and the Reunification of South and North Korea Will Be Accomplished by True Love

*World Peace Sports Festival 2000 Opening Ceremony and True Parents' Eightieth Birthday Celebration
February 10, 2000, Olympic Park Gymnastics Stadium, Seoul, Korea*



Distinguished guests whose fervent desire is for North-South re-unification, ladies and gentlemen:

I would like to begin by thanking you for congratulating me on my eightieth birthday. Most of all, I would like to ascribe to God all the honor and glory given to me, for it is He who has protected me until this day.

I have spoken publicly on more than ten thousand occasions around the world. In these speeches I set forth a true view of humanity, a true view of the world, and a true view of history based on Godism.

These speeches have been translated into twelve languages and published in three hundred volumes. I did not arrive at the content of these speeches from a study of historical documents. My conclusions are not the result of scholarly research. Rather, I arrived at these answers to our basic and fundamental questions through direct communication with both the visible and invisible worlds.

The reunification of the Korean Peninsula is the solemn desire of our people and the final act that will bring the global Cold War to a conclusion. So today, as I express my gratitude for your having prepared this meaningful forum, I would like to outline the basic solution for bringing about unification by

speaking on the topic, "World Unity and the Reunification of South and North Korea Will Be Accomplished by True Love."

Human history is the history of the providence of restoration

Human history is the history of the providence of restoration through indemnity, which is purposed to restore the original world that was lost due to the Fall of the first ancestors. Therefore, it is a history of the struggle between good and evil taking place between Satan's side and God's side.

In the background of history, good spirits have always supported the good side, and evil spirits have incited the evil side. The history of division that began through the human Fall has expanded in scope to the levels of family, tribe, people, nation and world. Now it is being manifested as the fight between materialism and theism.

If two thousand years ago the people had accepted Jesus, he would have brought together Judaism and the people of that tradition, and then worked with them to unite the parts of the Levant inhabited by the descendants of Jacob's twelve tribes. They would have then propagated Jesus' teachings throughout the Middle East region and to the Indian sub-continent all the way to the Far

East. At the same time, Jesus' teachings would have won the heart of the Roman Empire and Europe. In this way, Jesus would have realized one united world during his lifetime. As the center of this new religious and cultural realm, Jesus would have become the King of kings.

Tragically, he died on the cross. Rome had already developed its central culture based on Hellenism, an externally oriented humanistic culture centered on the physical body. Christianity, in contrast, was a theistic culture grounded in Hebraism, an internally oriented culture that centered on the mind. It suffered persecution from Rome and its Hellenistic culture for four hundred years.

God's strategy for Satan's natural surrender

God is eternal, unchanging, absolute and unique, and the standard of the ideal that He has held to since the beginning of creation must also have these qualities. If you ask God directly, I think He will confirm what I am saying.

From this perspective, there is amazing truth in God's teaching, "Love your enemy." In fact, this is one of God's strategies in His battle against evil. These words sound simple. Yet few realize that they mark the boundary line between victory





to want to be with others regardless of whether they are higher or lower, front or back, left or right.

What is the common denominator among those who say, "I want to live in harmony with others?" It is not power. Power cannot transcend history. Whatever power one has is for a limited period of time.

The same is true of knowledge. The world of knowledge is always changing. Does knowledge give us the desire to say, "I want to live with this particular piece of knowledge forever"? Clearly, we cannot keep either knowledge or wealth with us forever. What, then, is the common denominator that transcends above and below, front and back, left and right, and the changes of history across past, present and future? It is nothing else than true love centering on God.

North-South reunification through true love

Even communist ideology will be easily absorbed and disappear when it is placed in the midst of God's love. The problem until now was that we did not know this. Once we develop our hearts of love, North-South unification will be no problem at all.

That is not all. Problems between East and West, and the worldwide North-South problem created by the inequality between rich and poor nations, can also be completely resolved through the true love of God.

We must fulfill the ideal for the world centering on God's ideal that I have described, if we are to realize the ideal for our nation. Then we have to move on to the boundless realm of peace, the ideal world that links the ideal of the nation to the ideals of clan, family, and individual. This is, without a doubt, the way that the ideal world of true love that God has long desired can be built on this earth.

I conclude this speech hoping once again that my words today will develop into an international movement that can advance the day when North and South Korea can meet and harmonize together in true love.

I pray for God's blessing to be with you and your families.

Thank you. 

and defeat in the battle between God and Satan.

It is under these conditions that God has pursued the providence, centering on the Christian cultural sphere. Whether we have to sacrifice our possessions or even become martyrs, in the midst of the bloody battle we must build a movement that loves God and loves our enemies. We have to build this movement in our families, in our societies, and in our nations.

The Roman Empire persecuted Christianity severely; nevertheless, it ended up surrendering in the face of the power of Christians' love for the country that was their enemy. This is how Christianity became a worldwide religion. Christians found the starting point of the path to heaven within the country that was their enemy. These days, Christians think about loving individual people who are their enemies, but that is not enough. We have to love the country that is our enemy, and even the world that is our enemy.

The starting point on the path to heaven is within the country of our enemy.

The plan for North-South reunification

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, all the people in North Korea have

armed themselves with Juche ideology. We must arm ourselves with the philosophy of true love that is capable of encompassing them. The Korean people of both North and South fervently desire to see their country reunited. How can this be accomplished? Their reunification can only be accomplished when a sophisticated method is put forward that will allow both sides to live together on terms that both can agree on. When the South goes to the North, or the North to the South, and says, "Let's do it our way," unification will not come about. Thus, we must find a love that will benefit both sides.

Where and how will North-South reunification come about?

Thus, the only way to unite North and South is to become a people who can die for both the North and the South, with the heart of truly wanting to live together in harmony with the other side. There is no other path to achieve unity.

When a person considers how to lead his life, the fundamentals can be expressed as: the path of a filial child, the path of a loyal patriot, the path of a saint, and the path of a son or daughter of God. Each of these stages expresses the heart of wanting to live in harmony with others eternally. Logically, the summit of this path is

Dedicating the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum: Charting the Path for Humanity

*PEACE SUMMIT 2023 Opening Ceremony and Special Plenary
May 3, 2023, Jamsil Lotte Hotel, Crystal Ball Room*



Respected leaders from Korea and overseas, I warmly welcome you.

Today we are speaking about peace—peace in our world. Throughout human history people have sought to realize a world of peace, yet we have always experienced war and conflict. How and when will peace come to humankind?

Attaining the Fulfillment of Human History and Divine Providence

Originally, the Creator's intention was to be our parent. The invisible Creator created a man and a woman in the image of God as our first ancestors. God gave them time to mature and waited for the day when they would perfect their characters. Nevertheless, the man and woman who were to have been our first ancestors failed to uphold God's divine commandment, and their descendants are the fallen human race of the present day.

Over the course of history, the pursuit of goodness has led to the birth of religions that reflect the region in which they originated. Righteous individuals who were committed to goodness emerged from every corner of the globe and pursued their mission. Despite this, when we observe the problems of the world today, we find that conflicts and disputes between religions, wars based on ideological differences, and numerous countries pursuing their own interests, make the word "peace" feel distant, though it is close. Is there really any hope for us in the present time? The issue is that we cannot rely on a human-centric approach. Although all religions move in the direction of goodness, they have not been able to find the right answer.

Would the Creator of the universe, as our Parent, simply watch quietly as the children suffer? I cannot describe the entirety of Heaven's providence in the short time I have to speak, but what God waited and waited so long to see was for central people to emerge from among fallen humanity, a man and a woman who could attend God as their Parent. In other words, God has been waiting for the birth of the True Parents who can save everyone in the fallen world.

The result of Heaven's work was that these True Parents were born to the Korean people. Our Heavenly Parent's dream is to share life in the kingdom of heaven on earth together with good sons and daughters who have received True Parents' Blessing. However, the path to achieve this has not been easy. Yet, through the Korean people and the Korean Peninsula, something like a miracle occurred, and we could see the completion of the heavenly providence and the culmination of human history.

To put it another way, through the True Parents, the dream of our Heavenly Parent who has waited 6,000 years and the desire of all humankind can finally be actualized.

This is that, through the dedication of Cheon Won

Gung and the Cheon Il Sanctum, Heavenly Parent can reside directly with us.

Revealing the Path for Humanity: The Dedication of Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum

Many faiths have created temples where they can attend God. However, they have not understood the fundamental nature of the Creator. Heaven's circumstances in relation to the Korean Peninsula after six thousand years... I know there are many religious leaders present today. To save humankind, God carried out the providence of salvation, and this is clearly in evidence in the Old Testament. Through the people of Israel, Heaven sent the Savior Whom God could call "My Son," who would atone for the wrongs committed by fallen humankind.

However, the Son alone is not enough. In accordance with the principles of creation, God created a man and a woman. The only begotten Son was unable to complete that task. The people of Israel, the Jewish leaders, and Mary who gave birth to him, did not recognize the Messiah. In the end he went to the cross. Before he died, Jesus promised to return. Two thousand years have passed since Christian history began with the disciples of Jesus anticipating his return. However, does Christianity understand the essence of Heaven's providence?

Yet a miraculous event has occurred on the Korean Peninsula through the True Parents, as they are dedicating a temple from which the Heavenly Parent can directly govern the earthly world.

Today, our planet suffers immensely due to ignorance. Due the lack of rainfall resulting from climate change, one-third of the population of the nation of Somalia, located southeast of the Sahara Desert, have been displaced as migrant refugees and are hoping for aid from the rest of the world. How is it that this beautiful Earth, which God created for humankind, has suffered such changes? All of you gathered here today are righteous people that Heaven has blessed. We cannot merely stand quietly on the side-lines. The sole path to our resolving these issues and safeguarding our future is attending Heavenly Parent as our center and working together.

I gratefully receive the kind hearts of the distinguished participants here who have congratulated me on my 80th birthday. With a heart full of gratitude, I would like to make a donation that can contribute to the betterment of the world. We all need to celebrate that we are living in this miraculous time, attending our Heavenly Parent. This is something to take pride in. I pray that we will all join hands together in this historic and providential flow of blessing, and that we will realize the dream of peace for all people and one family of humankind under our Heavenly Parent. 





PEACE SUMMIT 2023

Pease Summit 2023, a momentous gathering of global leaders, convened in Seoul, Korea, from May 2 to 6 at the esteemed Lotte Hotel in Jamsil. The conference, themed “Contemporary Challenges to Global Order: Toward a World Culture of Peace,” beckoned over 700 international attendees from nearly 70 nations to explore innovative approaches to leadership and action, grounded in the principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values. The event aimed to foster a renewed sense of hope for national unity, international cooperation, and the pursuit of lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula, transcending borders and creating a harmonious world.

Distinguished figures from diverse fields, including over 50 current and former heads of state, graced the gathering. Among them were notable leaders such as Albin Kurti, the Prime Minister of Kosovo; Hon. Mike Pompeo, the former U.S. Secretary of State; Hon. Newt Gingrich, the former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and Jim Rogers, the Chairman of Rogers Holdings. The participants emphasized the imperative need for collective action to address global crises stemming from conflicts such as the Ukraine War, power dynamics between the United States and China, and ideological battles witnessed worldwide.

Opening Plenary

The opening plenary of the Summit unfolded with an enchanting performance by the Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet of Korea. Esteemed religious leaders from across the globe made a captivating entrance, engaging in a water ceremony that included prominent figures like Kalidas Dahal from India, Father Dr. Emerick Bissila Mbila representing the African Union, and Ven. Won Young Jin from Korea.

Dr. Thomas Walsh, Chair of UPF International and Co-Chair of the Organizing Committee of Peace Summit 2023, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all participants for their unwavering commitment to collaboration and their shared mission for global peace. He underscored the indispensable role of interreligious harmony in achieving a lasting world peace, acknowledging the growing recognition of this truth over the past decades.



Dr. Yun Young-ho, the Co-Chair of the Organizing Committee, underscored the significance of continental unity as a strategic approach to nurturing global peace. He called for bold collective efforts that transcend national and continental boundaries, aiming to manifest a unified world characterized by interdependence, shared prosperity, and universal values, all working towards the betterment of humanity.

Congratulatory remarks resonated through video messages from esteemed figures such as H.E. Donald Trump (USA), H.E. Hun Sen (Cambodia), and H.E. Macky Sall (Senegal). Honorable Newt Gingrich, the former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Hon. Ajith Nishantha Rajapakse, Deputy Speaker of the Sri Lankan Parliament, delivered their congratulatory speeches in person.

A spirit of peace and harmony enveloped the ceremony as keynote speeches were delivered by notable personalities, including H.E. Brigi Rafini, Secretary-General of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD); Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena, former President of Sri Lanka; and Mr. Jim Rogers, an advisor to UPF.

Former U.S. Secretary of State, Hon. Mike Pompeo, expressed his viewpoint by stating that throughout his time as America's leading diplomat, he had firsthand experience of the importance of organizations such as UPF and the profound impact of Mother Moon's work. He urged everyone to remain steadfast in their hope and perseverance, assuring that with the guidance of the divine presence, they would ultimately attain great heights and reach their desired summit.

Former Prime Minister of Belgium, H.E. Yves Leterme, shines a spotlight on the crucial significance of interconnectedness among nations and the pivotal role of economic and interfaith openness in fostering harmony and preventing conflicts.

During her poignant Founder's Address, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon bestows her heartfelt blessings upon the righteous individuals gathered, envisioning a world united as one human family under the loving embrace of the Heavenly Parent.

Marking a historic milestone, the inauguration of the Elders' Roundtable was commemorated with utmost reverence. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon bestowed appointment certificates upon 12 distinguished council members, each representing a continent. These esteemed individuals hold the highest positions within the esteemed Elders' Council, guiding with wisdom and experience.

The resplendent opening plenary culminated in a joyous finale, graced with the presentation of appreciation plaques, resonant melodies that filled the air, and a delightful cake-cutting ceremony, joyfully celebrating the 80th birthday of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, a cherished beacon of inspiration.

Dr. Yun Young-ho, the Co-Chair of the Organizing Committee for the Peace Summit, eloquently underscored the visionary leadership of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the esteemed co-founder and Mother of Peace, in his poignant opening statement. He emphasized her unwavering dedication to the concept of



God as our Heavenly Parent and her profound vision of a harmonious and unified world known as “One Family of Humanity.” Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has been at the forefront of groundbreaking initiatives, including the World Summit on the national level and the thought-provoking ‘THINK TANK 2022’ series, uniting intellectual minds from across the globe in the pursuit of peace. Dr. Yun also highlighted the previous Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula, which involved 157 countries that established diplomatic relations between North and South Korea, and laid the ideological groundwork for a sustainable and peaceful world.

In his congratulatory address, Hon. Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the U.S. House, humbly acknowledged the profound significance of endeavors centered around God and world peace. He lauded the awe-inspiring dream and vision of both Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, recognizing the substantial evidence that attests to the feasibility of this extraordinary dream. Hon. Gingrich expressed his unyielding optimism that by engaging North Korea in meaningful dialogue and working towards the reunification of the Korean Peninsula while ensuring the freedom and well-being of the North Korean people, they will be able to witness the transformative presence of God.

H.E. Brigi Rafini, the Secretary-General of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) and former Prime Minister of Niger, passionately shared the fruitful collaboration between his esteemed organization and the Universal Peace Federation in implementing character education projects targeted at the youth. Their joint efforts aim to safeguard vulnerable young minds from the influence of terrorist groups while instilling hope and nurturing dreams for African youth who face challenges in accessing employment opportunities. H.E. Rafini emphasized that investing in the education of the youth is of paramount importance for Africa’s future, as it holds the potential to become a fertile ground for lasting peace and the prosperity of future generations.

Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena, the esteemed former President of Sri Lanka, eloquently highlighted the profound significance of pursuing peace as the cornerstone of economic development, particularly in countries facing economic challenges. He emphasized that such nations often grapple with instability, and internal conflicts arise as individuals confront economic hardships.

Jim Rogers, the esteemed Chairman of Rogers Holdings, expressed his steadfast belief that the 38th parallel will soon dissolve, and the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) will cease to exist within his lifetime. Also he credited the Universal Peace Federation for its unwavering efforts in the pursuit of genuine and lasting peace.’

A multitude of world leaders in attendance at the event passionately voiced their commitment to engaging in the Continental Unity Project, one after another, showcasing their unwavering dedication to the cause.

During the Continental Peace Launch Ceremony, H.E. Brigi Rafini, the distinguished Secretary-General of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD), representing the African continent, together with



Hon. Ajith Nishantha Rajapakse, the Deputy Speaker of the Sri Lankan Parliament, and Hon. Suos Yara, the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Cambodian Parliament, representing the Asia-Pacific Union, unveiled continental peace projects that presented a visionary outlook of a unified world and enduring peace.

In a heartfelt congratulatory video message, H.E. Samdech Hun Sen, the esteemed Prime Minister of Cambodia, pledged full support from the Cambodian Royal Family and the Cambodian people to True Parents and their tireless efforts in realizing global peace. H.E. Macky Sall, the esteemed President of Senegal, expressed heartfelt gratitude for Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's unwavering dedication in upholding universal values and promoting the well-being of humanity.

The 'PEACE SUMMIT 2023,' based on the 'Seoul Declaration' and the 'Universal Peace Charter,' both adopted by world leaders during the 'WORLD SUMMIT 2022,' encompassed a wide array of sessions. These included thought-provoking discussions in the 'THINK TANK 2022,' where policies for a unified Korea and a unified world rooted in universal human rights were explored across various fields, such as religion, politics, media, and ideology. The summit also featured the 'THINK TANK 2022 FORUM,' 'The Sunhak Peace Price Conference,' 'International Association Youth and Student for Peace Conference,' 'International Association for Academicians for Peace Symposium' and 'The Elders' Roundtable Conference.' It served as a dynamic platform for presenting visionary outlooks and practical initiatives for the 'Asia-Pacific Union,' an alliance aimed at addressing the pressing issues of the Asian region as we usher in the era of the 'Asia-Pacific Civilization.'

True Mother's 80th Birthday Celebration

A magnificent celebration took place to honor the 80th Anniversary of the Holy Birth of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind. The event was filled with special cultural performances, a ceremonial cake cutting, and the presentation of exquisite flower bouquets. Notable personalities such as Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia, represented by the esteemed Honorable Suos Yara, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Cambodian Parliament, joined in the presentation of these beautiful bouquets. Additionally, heartfelt tributes were offered by distinguished individuals including Honorable Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; Honorable Dan Burton, former member of the United States House of Representatives; and Dr. Yun Young-ho, Co-Chairman of the Peace Summit. The occasion was further graced by the presentation of plaques of appreciation by Salvador Nasralla, Vice President of Honduras, and his wife, as well as Petros Mavimbela from Eswatini, Speaker of the House for the Eswatini Parliament, and his wife.

On this momentous occasion, True Mother expressed profound gratitude for the heartfelt congratulations she received from esteemed guests on her 80th birthday. She also shared her intention to make a humble donation as a meaningful contribution towards the betterment of the world.

In addition to this, True Mother had previously extended her support to Gangneung City in the wake of a devastating mountain fire. Through this act of compassion, she aimed to provide solace and strength to the affected residents. The donation was made to Mayor Kim Hong-gyu of Gangneung City through Chairman Moon Yeon-ah of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification has consistently upheld the practice of sharing to overcome economic challenges, support those affected by disasters, and promote inclusive growth in marginalized communities within the local area. 

The Elder's Roundtable Conference

The Elders' Roundtable Conference took place at the Lotte Hotel in Jamsil on May 3rd 2023. Around 100 esteemed individuals from various fields, including politics, economy, religion, academia, and media, attended the conference. True Parents, the co-founders of the Universal Peace Federation, delivered a special speech to the elders present, including top-level leaders appointed to the Elders' Roundtable. They urged the attendees to utilize their experiences and wisdom gained from their prominent positions in their respective countries and fields to actively contribute to the realization of a peaceful world. The inaugural ceremony of the Elders' Roundtable World Council, launched in February, witnessed the participation of renowned council members, such as Alfred Moisiu, former President of Albania; Jimmy Morales, former President of Guatemala; Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and Secretary General of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD). 



Speeches:

Kim Ho-il, President of the Korea Elderly Association Central Council, expressed his thoughts: Leaders from around the world attended the Peace Summit with a shared desire to pursue global peace. They hope for a world where conflicts and disputes can be overcome, and where peace prevails, fostering a spirit of mutual love and appreciation.

Alfred Moisiu, former President of Albania, emphasized the importance of passing down wisdom from one generation to the next. He stated that the wisdom of elders, rooted in their experiences and achievements, plays a crucial role in shaping the future. It is essential to guide the next generation in addressing challenges based on the guidance of esteemed elders.

Peace Testimonies:

Maithripala Sirisena, former President of Sri Lanka, highlighted the potential of the elders' teachings in resolving global challenges. He stressed the significance of building peace through mutual respect.

Newt Gingrich, the 50th Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, shared his perspective on the wisdom of elders. He believes that their wisdom is the result of a lifetime of accumulated experiences. Even organizing important events like The Elders' Roundtable can pass on valuable wisdom to the younger generation.

Thomas Yayi Boni, former President of Benin, emphasized the importance of unity among world leaders and elders. He stated that governing the world should be guided by the will of Heaven, with each successive generation joining hands to move forward.

Lee Sang-hoon, Standing Chairman of the National Elders Council and a veteran of the Korean War who served as the former Minister of Defense, expressed his personal understanding of the destructive nature of war and made a heartfelt request for The Elders' Roundtable to contribute to ending wars and fostering global peace.

Anote Tong, former President of Kiribati, spoke about the significance of respect. Without respect, collaboration is impossible, and without reverence, we cause harm to one another. By respecting and valuing one another, we can bring greater peace to our world. 

PEACE SUMMIT 2023: Sunhak Peace Prize Conference

The Sunhak Peace Prize Conference was held on May 3rd, with the participation of esteemed members of the Sunhak Peace Prize Selection Committee, laureates, and international figures. The Sunhak Peace Prize Conference was held on May 3rd as a time to explore the progressive future of world peace, with the participation of Sunhak Peace Prize selection committee members, laureates, and international figures. The attendees expressed deep concerns about the current global situation, in which their countries prioritize nationalism due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the aftermath of the Russia-Ukraine war. They gathered in appreciation of the founder's vision of peace and the significance of the Sunhak Peace Prize as a valuable presence amid the bleak times, in embracing "all humanity as one family".

Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, a laureate of the Sunhak Peace Prize, expressed her sincere belief that the Sunhak Peace Prize has made a positive impact on the world. She emphasized that all humanity is one family under God, as stated by Mother Moon, and that millions of people in Afghanistan have benefited from the Sunhak Peace Prize. Dr. Yacoobi further shared her belief that Mother Moon's compassionate heart, which embraces those who are suffering, represents the love of a mother for all humanity. She expressed her conviction that such love can change the world, and that Mother Moon is a role model for world peace. Following her speech, interviews were conducted to introduce the laureates' peace activities and messages to the world. The laureates' activity introduction video will be delivered to approximately 250,000 young people worldwide who subscribe to the Sunhak Peace Prize online channel.

On that same day, Dr. Yacoobi gave a special lecture on "The Reality of Afghan Refugees and the Importance of Refugee Education" at Cheongshim International Academy, the birthplace of many of the world's most outstanding global talents in South Korea. The students of Cheongshim International Academy, who will grow up to be global leaders, considered meeting the prestigious Sunhak Peace Prize laureates a great honor and expressed their aspirations to receive the Sunhak Peace Prize in the future.

During the summit, the first laureate of the Sunhak Peace Prize, H.E. Anote Tong, former President of the Republic of Kiribati, and Dr. Sakena Yacoobi were key speakers at major programs, such as the Think Tank 2022 Forum, IAYSP Conference, and the International Association of Academicians for Peace Symposium, where they introduced practical activities for peace. 



THINK TANK 2022 FORUM

THINK TANK 2022 Forum Explores Path of Coexistence Amid Power Struggles

The 6th THINK TANK 2022 Forum, held on May 4th, brought together over 800 global leaders and experts to discuss the theme of “The Era of Power Struggles: Seeking the Path of Coexistence.” The forum provided a significant platform for addressing global challenges and finding solutions that go beyond the reunification of Korea, aiming to foster a unified global community based on coexistence rather than confrontation.

The event focused on addressing security risks in Northeast Asia and developing strategies for establishing a peaceful global order. Esteemed participants included Prime Minister Albin Kurti of Kosovo, former President Thomas Boni Yayi of Benin, former Minister of Defense Werner Fasslabend of Austria, Representative Lee Jeong-mun of the Democratic Party, and Chairman Kim Geun-sik of the Korea National Unification Advisory Council.

Dr. Yun Young-Ho, Chairman of the THINK TANK 2022 Forum Organizing Committee, highlighted the global situation in his welcome address, referring to the War in Ukraine and the rise of China as factors contributing to an imbalance in global politics and an increased potential for conflict. The Korean Peninsula, situated at the intersection of major powers, faces such imbalances, making peaceful reunification unlikely under the current circumstances. However, achieving reunification is crucial in resolving the struggle for hegemony between China and the US, which extends beyond a mere politico-economic dispute to a battle between Communism and Democracy.

During his keynote speech, Michael Pillsbury, Senior Fellow, China Strategy, Heritage Foundation, USA, cautioned against accepting China’s outwardly friendly image without careful examination. He emphasized the need to be vigilant about China’s ambitions and highlighted China’s historical reliance on force and deception behind a façade of mysticism. Understanding China accurately,



including its economic growth through various means, is of utmost importance. Pillsbury stressed the significance of providing solutions rather than solely identifying problems.

Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo delivered a speech emphasizing the pursuit of peace aligned with Mother Moon's objectives. He discussed the three summits with Chairman Kim Jong Un, acknowledging the totalitarian nature of North Korea and its threat to global peace, alongside the Chinese Communist Party. Pompeo advocated for upholding property rights, decency, and human rights, firmly asserting Taiwan's separate country status. He emphasized the importance of embracing truth and factual understanding to prevent conflict and achieve peace. Pompeo expressed goodwill towards the Chinese people while criticizing the heartless regime's pursuit of a model that leads to poverty and war. He encouraged conference participants to foster peace and hope through prayer.

Kim Geun Sik, Chair of the Unification Committee of the People Power Party, shared his personal observations on the evolving relationship with China, noting a shift towards closer ties with Japan. Reflecting on past progress made through the Six-Party Talks and the separation of economic and security concerns, he called for a paradigm shift in diplomatic and security matters in the current new Cold War era. Geun Sik advocated for a strong alliance with Japan and the US, emphasizing that the collapse of the North Korean regime is necessary for a resolution. He highlighted the importance of democracy and human rights in countering China's hegemony and upholding international agreements. Geun Sik stressed the preservation of democratic values and the implementation of cooperative and peaceful solutions.

Participants at the event also recognized the interconnectedness between the Korean Peninsula issue and China, engaging in robust discussions on the contentious cross-strait conflict, which has become the central battleground of the US-China rivalry in the Asian region. 



The International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP) Session: Global Symposium on Academics

The grand Lotte Hotel in Jamsil served as the elegant venue for the International Academic Symposium on May 4, 2023. Orchestrated by the Hyojeong Academic Foundation and the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), the symposium revolved around the compelling theme “Vision of Peace Ideology and Peace Movement.” The esteemed event garnered the attendance of over 150 global leaders and scholars.

Moderated by Thomas Selover, the erstwhile president of the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA), the symposium unfolded with warm welcome remarks. These were delivered by Thomas Walsh, the chairman of UPF International, and Jin Seong Bae, the chairman of the Hyojeong Academic Foundation. The event was further adorned by a congratulatory speech from Sakena Yacoobi, hailed as the mother of education in Afghanistan and a laureate of the Sunhak Peace Prize. Insightful presentations filled Sessions 1 and 2, followed by an interactive question-and-answer segment.

Session 1, themed “Vision of Peace Ideology and Peace Movements Across Continents: The Role of Religion in Each Continent,” featured profound presentations. Nevers Mumba, the former Vice President of Zambia, spoke eloquently about the urgent tasks for a global order and fostering a culture of peace. Dr. Mohammad Habash delved into the Middle East perspective of peace ideology and the influential role of religions in shaping peace movements. Lastly, Frank Kaufmann, the president of the Professors World Peace Academy, expressed spiritual and political concerns regarding Western civilization post the iconic image of a crucifix.

Session 2 embraced the theme “Vision and Peace Ideology for Peace Movements: The Role of UN and UPF on Each Continent.” Here, Mahendra Lama, a senior professor of international studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi, offered an Asian perspective on soft power, public diplomacy, and alternative paradigms for constructing world peace. Dr. Rojas Aravena, the 8th Rector of the University for Peace (UPEACE), stressed the necessity for dialogue and consensus. Finally, Keisuke, the chairman of UPF, presented a vision and peace ideology specifically focusing on Europe and the Middle East and the role of UN and UPF in these regions.

After the riveting presentations, the speakers engaged in thoughtful exploration of various facets, especially the roles of religions and the UN in actualizing the peace ideology and vision of the True Parents. This symposium provided a robust platform for exchanging academic ideas, encouraging lively discussions, and inviting questions. This unique combination of activities was aimed at fostering the academic foundation required to realize world peace, achieved through relentless research and understanding myriad perspectives and prospects. 



International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) Session: Charting the Path to Global Peace

On May 4, 2023, the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) brought together an esteemed gathering of past and present lawmakers from across the globe. Hosted at the Jamsil Lotte Hotel as part of the Think Tank 2022 breakout sessions, this meeting addressed contemporary challenges to global well-being and ways to advance toward a “world culture of peace,” (Europe · Middle East)."

Under the chairmanship of Michael Jenkins, President of UPF USA, the attendees included IAPP Co-Chair Dan Burton, Senior Pastor Paula White Cain of the Church of Destiny in the United States, Bolivian House of Representatives member Betty Beatriz Yañiquez Lozano, Petrobusi Mabimbela, Speaker of the Kingdom of Eswatini, Chairman Charanjit Singh of Chairman, Hayer Group of Companies; International Trustee of Religions for Peace, and Malte Kaufmann Member of the German National Assembly, among others.

Unified in their resolve, these legislators affirmed that “The unification of the Korean Peninsula and world peace, must be achieved.” Established in South Korea’s National Assembly in February 2016, the IAPP aims to solve complex global issues and foster peace, engaging over 150 parliamentarians from 41 countries. 



Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) Session

On May 3, 2023, the IAPD session took place at the same venue, during another Think Tank 2022 breakout session. This event welcomed representatives of various religious traditions, including Christianity, Buddhism, Confucianism, Judaism, Islam, Dharmic religions, and Cheondoism. Distinguished attendees included Tageldin Hamad, Director, Office of United Nations Relations, and Hajji Dede Edmond Brahimaj, World Leader of the The Bektashi Order of Albania.

Guided by Chair Tageldin Hamad, the discourse concentrated on the peace-making role of religious leaders, particularly on the Korean Peninsula, and underlined the necessity of religious freedom to cultivate sustainable peace worldwide. The IAPD was founded to explore paths towards peace and unification of the Korean Peninsula, engaging religious leaders and heads of religious organizations from over 70 countries. 



International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) Session

Later that day, the IAFLP session was successfully held, attracting an audience of former and current first ladies and female leaders from across the world. Overseen by Mrs. Kaeleigh Moffitt, President, WFPW-USA & International Vice President of North America, the session featured inspiring keynote speeches from a range of influential women.

Opening Remarks: Mrs. Moriko Hori, President of WFPW International, highlighted the pivotal role mothers play in educating children about local community, national, and global issues, and advocated for fostering hope for the future through education and parental support. The participants concurred on the necessity to build bridges of peace across communities and nations through love, understanding, and consideration, thereby addressing the underlying causes of conflict and violence.

Launched in South Korea on February 5, 2020, the International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) aspires to disseminate the women's peace movement and realize a harmonious world of peace by networking with global female leaders. 



PEACE SUMMIT 2023: IAYSP Conference

On May 4, the International Association of Youth Students for Peace (IAYSP) held an illuminating conference as part of PEACE SUMMIT 2023 at the Lotte Hotel World, Jamsil, Songpa-gu, Seoul. Themed “The Role of Future Generations in Solving the Climate Crisis and Reducing Educational Disparities,” the conference drew a diverse and dynamic group of participants.

This congregation of forward-thinking minds included the former President of the Republic of Kiribati, H.E. Anote Tong, esteemed Afghan refugee education activist Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, domestic activists, and over 100 young leaders from various fields, including the Minister for Youth.

During his welcoming speech, IAYSP President Matsuda Koji expressed his hope that the conference would ignite earnest contemplation on practical solutions to the climate crisis and the promotion of equitable education.

Highlighting the stark realities of climate change, H.E. Anote Tong described the distressing disappearance of multiple islands underwater, leading to mass migration to neighboring countries such as Fiji. He drove home the point that failing to address the current climate crisis could result in a world populated by climate refugees.

Echoing this sentiment, Kim Hyun-tae, a young environmental activist and CEO of ECO, suggested that IAYSP host an international climate youth conference. Sharing his experience of meeting H.E. Anote Tong at the Paris Climate Agreement where he represented Korea, Kim urged immediate action to safeguard our planet.

Dr. Sakena Yacoobi spoke passionately about the alarming illiteracy rate among Afghan women, currently at 87%. She highlighted her unwavering dedication to advancing education within refugee camps, serving over 13 million refugees and reinforcing the understanding that education is an inherent human right.

Choi Jeong-eun, who heads the Borderless Study Room, a project aimed at reducing educational disparity in Korea, expressed her deep admiration for Dr. Yacoobi's efforts in Afghanistan. She committed to persist in her quest to ensure equal educational opportunities for multicultural families and individuals.

Expressing his support, Kim Dong-yeon, the Korean IAYSP President, pledged donations to the Afghan Institute of Learning, founded by Dr. Yacoobi. He also voiced his support for H.E. Anote Tong, demonstrating the organization's ongoing interest and cooperation in these global causes. 



THINK TANK 2022 Session: The International Media Association for Peace(IMAP) International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED)

The International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) and the International Association for Economic Development (IAED) jointly conducted a remarkable session during the 6th Think Tank 2022. This year's stimulating theme was 'The Role and Function of Media and Economics for World Peace'. The event, held on May 4, was convened at the prestigious Lotte Hotel in Jamsil.

Initiated at the World Summit in 2020, IMAP has cultivated a global network of journalists dedicated to the pursuit of world peace and the exploration of the true role and mission of journalists. Complementing this, IAED was founded with the noble objective of shaping a world devoid of economic discrimination.

The focal point of this year's Think Tank 2022 IMAP IAED, orchestrated by Tom McDevitt, Chairman of The Washington Times, was how media and economics could surmount conflicts and foster a harmonious world.





Gyawali Shova, Director at Nepal Republic Media, contended, “Media should serve as a platform to nurture human dialogue and understanding.” Acknowledging the far-reaching influence of media in our interconnected world, she underlined its potential to incite peace, mitigate conflicts, and promote cooperation within local communities. She emphasized, “Transcending national borders, media has the power to underscore common human concerns and actively contribute to peace-building.”

Conversely, Leonie de Picciotto, expressed her concerns regarding the media’s propensity to perpetuate stereotypes, while also recognizing its potential to foster cultural understanding. She advocated for the media to evolve into a tool for peace, enhancing mutual understanding, rather than fuelling stereotypical portrayals.

Hermann Felix Severin, a journalist and producer from the Dominican Republic, called for a redefinition of the media’s role in peace-building. He stressed, “The media must uphold its inherent responsibility to disseminate accurate information, thereby playing a crucial role in the pursuit of peace.”

Turning to economics, the discourse emphasized the prosperity achieved through trade. Jim Rogers, Chairman of Rogers Holdings and a globally renowned investor, observed, “Historically, peaceful relations thrived among countries that embraced trade.” He envisaged a future where the 38th parallel dividing North and South Korea ceases to exist, giving way to interaction, trade, and shared experiences over tea and meals between the two Koreas. 



**EVENTS CELEBRATING
THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF
THE HOLY BIRTH OF
HAK JA HAN MOON, THE TRUE PARENT OF
HEAVEN, EARTH AND HUMANKIND**

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Cheon Il Guk Pledge Service to Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of The Holy Birth of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

The celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Holy Birth of Hak Ja Han Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, took place on May 7th. The event was held at the Cheon Jeong Gung Chapel and was attended by 1,200 individuals, including Continental Directors, regional directors, Cheon Il Guk leaders, and blessed families.

The ceremony commenced with a video presentation by Dr. Yun Young-ho, the Director-General of FFWPU International Headquarters, followed by the opening declaration. The program continued with the families participating in the lighting of the holy candles (Moon Hyo-jin's family and Moon Heung-jin's family), the singing of the Cheon Il Guk Anthem, the recitation of the Family Pledge, a prayer report by Lee Ki-seong, the President of Cheon Shim Won, the presentation of flower bouquets, the sharing of the Holy Meal, and a video message from True Parents.

During the Pledge service, the attending families and representatives from each continent (Cheon Jeong Gung Headquarters, Heavenly Korea, Heavenly Japan, Heavenly America, Heavenly Africa, Heavenly Europe, Heavenly Latin America, and Heavenly Asia-Pacific) offered their bows.

During his opening speech, Dr. Yun expressed his appreciation and conveyed gratitude, acknowledging the significance of the day. He mentioned that it marked multiple historic milestones, including the 56th Heavenly Parent's Day, the 63rd Holy Wedding Anniversary of True Parents, the 64th True Parents' Day, and the 10th Anniversary of Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day. He emphasized the sincere appreciation for commemorating True Mother's 80th birthday and the dedication of Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum. With unity of heart, they expressed their deep respect and devotion to the Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

The event concluded with a resounding cheer of "Eok Mansei" led by Eiji Tokuno, the chair of the Cheoneuiwon of Heavenly Japan, and Kim Ki-hoon of Heavenly America. 



Celebrating Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's 80th Birthday and the 2023 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival

Celebrating True Mother's 80th Birthday

A grand event, celebrating the 80th birthday of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, illuminated the HJ Global Art Center on May 7, 2023. Themed 'The Light of Filial Piety as Hope for the World,' the event was graced by approximately 30,000 attendees, including eminent leaders from various fields across the globe.

This festive commemoration of Dr. Moon's 80th birthday presented an array of activities, such as a special cultural performance embodying filial piety, presentation of flower baskets from former ASEAN Chairman and current Prime Minister of Cambodia Hun Sen, former African Union Chairman and President of Senegal Macky Sall. The ceremony also included cake cutting, delivery of gifts and plaques of appreciation, and congratulatory messages from Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia and Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena of Sri Lanka. The festival was further enhanced by the melodic voices of the 800-member Peace Choir United Chorus.

In his heartfelt opening speech, Dr. Yun Young-ho of IHQ paid tribute to "True Mother," Dr. Moon. He praised her lifelong dedication to manifesting the ideal world of peace envisioned by the Heavenly Parent alongside "True Father". He expressed gratitude and offered congratulations on the occasion of the 103rd anniversary of True Father's birth and the 80th birthday of True Mother, noting their vast influence and





their remarkable accomplishment in establishing a substantive and sustainable system.

Former Niger Prime Minister and Secretary-General of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD), Brigi Rafini, expressed his admiration for Dr. Moon's phenomenal achievements and her tireless work to foster peace over eight decades. He regarded the establishment of the World Peace Center, known as Cheon Won Gung, as an innovative institution that promotes interfaith harmony and pursues the ideals of peace and development, thereby reflecting the divine vision of the Creator. Rafini presented a plaque of appreciation to the True Parents to mark this special occasion.

In a heartfelt letter, Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia extended his and his nation's support to Dr. Moon, expressing his commitment to participate in efforts towards world peace.



Echoing these sentiments, Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena of Sri Lanka described the title ‘Mother of Peace’ as an accurate reflection of Dr. Moon’s devoted life towards achieving happiness, peace, and harmony in a world fraught with grave issues. He added that Dr. Moon’s lifelong endeavor for the realization of a permanently peaceful world serves as a significant inspiration for the citizens of Sri Lanka and the world at large.

2023 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival

In the aftermath of the grand 80th-anniversary celebrations, the ‘2023 True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival’ unfolded spectacularly. This heartfelt event, brimming with love and unity, warmly welcomed 8,000 couples from 150 countries who participated both in-person and virtually.

The True Parents conveyed their divine blessings at the event, reflecting upon the historic significance of the occasion: “Today represents an unprecedented moment, not only in providential history but also in human history. Our Heavenly Parent presides directly over the Blessing of more than 8,000 couples—honorable men and women and blessed couples—here at the Peace World Center and across 150 countries. Considering this as a day of Blessing that You, Heavenly Parent, are directly presiding over, we extend our deepest gratitude to You.”

Transcending national boundaries, races, cultures, and languages, the festival reinforced eternal marital bonds through a series of memorable activities. The agenda encompassed a special cultural performance demonstrating filial piety, the entrance of the master of ceremonies and officiant, a holy water ceremony, a Q&A for the holy matrimony, congratulatory words from Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, an exchange of gifts between the bride and groom, a formal declaration of the marriages, and a presentation of bouquets and gifts, culminating with greetings from the newlyweds. The festivities were further uplifted by the ‘Dream of Filial Piety’ gala show, performances by opera singer Kim Dong-kyu and trot singer Hong Jin-young, a recitation of poet Shim Soon-deok’s ‘I thought it was okay for mom,’ a love chorus, and jubilant triple cheers.

The Blessing Marriage Ceremony, promoting the peaceful ideal of ‘One Family under God,’ has been a cherished tradition since its first ceremony in 1961, officiated by Rev. Dr. Moon Sun-myung (1920-2012) and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. This ceremony continues to broaden its scope, radiating love and unity across the globe year after year. 





HJ Garden Dedication Ceremony and HJ Cruise & Marina Dedication Ceremony

HJ Garden Dedication (Hwa Jo Won Dedication)

On May 8th, the Hwa Jo Won Dedication Ceremony was held in Gapyeong, under the auspices of True Parents.

The ceremony was attended by blessed families, Cheon Il Guk leaders, and core members. The HJ Garden, which was the centerpiece of the ceremony, consists of a bird zone where visitors can get up close and personal with various avian species, and a flower zone where colorful blooms are on full display.

The garden also boasts an outdoor area with eight unique themes and an indoor glass greenhouse. The dedication ceremony included a tape-cutting ceremony, a holy salt ceremony, and a garden walk, and a precious message from True Mother.





HJ Cruise & Marina Dedication Ceremony

The dedication ceremony for HJ Cruise & Marina was held at the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center on the same day.

HJ Cruise was built as an eco-friendly cruise ship in accordance with True Parents' words in response to global environmental problems. The cruise ship operates as part of the water leisure business and regional economic revitalization, in collaboration with major tourist attractions in the Bukhan River area, such as Jara Island, Nami Island, and Cheongpyeong Ferry.

The HJ Marina was newly constructed at the site of the pier where True Parents had previously done a lot of fishing conditions and Jeongseong for the Ocean providence. On the day of the dedication ceremony for HJ Cruise & Marina, there were ribbon-cutting ceremonies, a holy salt ceremony, tours around the marina boat, and a cruise boarding. The advent of the HJ Cruise is anticipated to give rise to a fresh eco-friendly tourism culture that is focused on the breathtaking Bukhan River region.



True Mother's Benediction prayer

HJ Garden Dedication Ceremony / May 8, HJ Garden

Honorable Heavenly Parent! Today, we dedicate the HJ Garden to You. Originally, You created all things in heaven and earth for humanity, envisioning a loving relationship with people and all creatures in that beautiful garden, and living together in an earthly paradise. However, due to the human fall, pristine nature and all creatures also suffer hardships because of humans. After 6,000 years, with the advent of True Parents, we can begin living the earthly paradise that You, our Heavenly Parent, have dreamt of by dedicating the Cheonwon Gung Cheon Il Sanctum. How can we not express joy, gratitude, and glory for this land, nation, and world that have become a substantial realm where You can directly govern? From now on, we hope that our efforts, determination, and actions will be actively pursued for us to reclaim our original selves. The outcome of the marine providence that You have carried out is for humanity, serving as the lifeline for all people, so that everyone can obtain healthy sustenance from the sea. We are especially grateful to You for launching a pollution-free electric cruise ship in the Bukhangang River, which is the water source for the Cheongpyeong Complex on the Korean Peninsula. We must keep in mind our responsibility as the people of Cheon Il Guk, the blessed families living in this moment, to reflect on how to correct all the wrongs of human history and restore the environment that You originally created. We are profoundly grateful and eternally apologetic for the patience You have shown, Heavenly Parent. From now on, we fervently pray that everything will be fulfilled according to Your will under Your direct guidance. We offer all these words of prayer and gratitude in the name of True Parents. Aju. 



True Parents' Life Achievements Exhibition

The "True Parents' Life Achievements Exhibition," celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Holy Birth of Hak Ja Han Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, took place at Cheon Jeong Gung on May 1st. This exhibition revolved around the theme of "Reflecting on the Sacrificial 80-Year Life of True Mother."

The exhibition highlighted their dedication to Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universally Shared Values. The section titled "Becoming the Beacon of Humanity" revealed their life achievements in "Interdependence," emphasizing their unwavering commitment to realizing a peaceful world for all of humanity. The section titled "Mutual Prosperity" showcased their contributions to the global peace movement, including their involvement in initiatives like the Peace Road. The section titled "Universally Shared Values" displayed their cultural and artistic endeavors, educational initiatives, and their profound impact on diverse fields such as media and journalism.

The section titled "Steps Towards a Heavenly World" portrayed True Mother's triumphant journey in establishing Cheon Il Guk. It was divided into four themes. The first theme, "Hopeful Advancement for the Establishment of Cheon Il Guk," highlighted the Hope Rallies held across seven continents leading up to Vision 2020. The second theme, "40-Day Cosmic Canaan Course Tour," showcased key events during the 40-Day Cosmic Canaan Course across seven countries. The third theme, "World Summit," featured various international conferences held in conjunction with the World Summit. The last theme, "Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World," introduced Rallies aimed at fostering harmony and peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula, as well as the peace vision of the THINK TANK 2022 Forum.

The exhibition also depicted True Mother's life through six thematic sections: "Embracing the True Will," "Becoming the Beacon of Humanity Beyond the Thorny Path," "Embracing the Spring of Heaven's Filial Piety and Principle," "Establishing the Milestones of Peace," "Unceasing Advancement," and "Raising the Flag of Victory." These themes captured various aspects of her life, while the photo exhibition immortalized key moments in True Mother's journey under the theme "Moments of Love, Eternal Memories."

Additionally, the video exhibition, titled "The Victory of the Establishment of Cheon Il Guk, Towards the Hopeful Heavenly World," portrayed True Mother's triumphant path spanning seven years, culminating in the declaration of the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, using the medium of sand art.

The True Parents' Life Achievements Exhibition provided a profound opportunity to reflect on True Mother's victorious accomplishments and experience the deep love and unwavering sincerity of the True Parents towards a world of peace and the realization of an ideal society. 



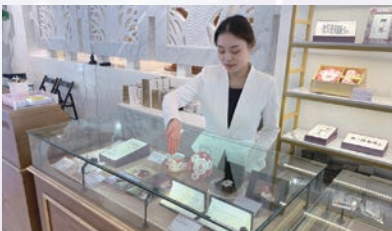
The HJ Holy Ground Pilgrimage: An Inspiring Journey to Cheon Jeong Gung, Cheon Seung Jeon, and Cheon Won Gung

The enriching 'HJ Holy Ground Pilgrimage' transpired from May 1st to May 8th at three sacred locations: Cheon Jeong Gung, Cheon Seung Jeon, and Cheon Won Gung. This extraordinary journey was organized in commemoration of the 80th birthday of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind.

At Cheon Jeong Gung, a vibrant new exhibition was established, celebrating the life and accomplishments of the True Mother. This included a captivating sand art media exhibition and a specially curated photo exhibition dedicated to her. An intriguing tangible exhibit held pride of place in the third exhibition room. In an additional effort to enhance the experience, four unique photo zones were created in previously inaccessible areas. Furthermore, a charming daffodil café, often graced by the presence of True Mother and encased in glass, added a sense of personal warmth to the journey.

The focus shifted to the tireless efforts of True Mother at Cheon Seung Jeon. Here, her seven-year journey following the Ascension of True Father was commemorated. During this period, she managed to achieve national and continental returns in seven countries and declared the settlement of Cheon Il Guk. As part of the dedication ceremony at Cheon Seung Jeon, a unique hand-printing experience was offered at the front of the Cheonil Gate. This was intended for all blessed families visiting Cheon Seung Jeon, an opportunity to symbolically inherit the heavenly fortune and the victories of the True Parents.

Finally, the pilgrimage moved to Cheon Won Gung, the Cheon il Sanctum. This sacred place serves as the main sanctuary for the Heavenly Parent. It stands as the starting point for disseminating the vision of one human family centered on the Heavenly Parent, symbolizing the culmination of the Heavenly Providence. Starting from May 1st, the outdoor sculpture park and area were opened to the public, offering a vivid glimpse of the meticulously crafted HJ Cheonwon Garden, imbued with the sincerity of the True Parents. 



Hyojeong Nuri Festival

The Hyojeong Nuri Festival, which commemorates the 80th anniversary of the holy birth of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, was a resounding success. The festival took place on May 7th at the Hyojeong Culture Hall and was organized by the Hyojeong Cultural Foundation.

This event marked the 15th iteration of the Hyojeong Nuri service. The term ‘Hyodong’ was introduced by the True Mother to designate children between the ages of 4 and 13. The name is a composite of three Chinese characters: ‘filial piety’ (孝, ‘hyo’), ‘child’ (童, ‘dong’), and ‘same’ (同, ‘dong’), each carrying significant symbolic value. ‘Hyodong’ represents children who grow up expressing deep respect and devotion to the Heavenly Parent and the True Parents. Moreover, it encourages them to embody the spirit of true love by treating each other as siblings, thus fostering an environment of unity and mutual respect.

The festival was held under the theme of “Hyojeongs Let’s Play Together!” in honor of “Family Month in May.” A wide variety of events were hosted, including “Let’s Sing Together,” “Let’s Give Congratulations,” “Hyojeong Playground,” “Let’s Play,” “Experience Booths,” “Food Booths,” and “Movie Screenings.”



The Inauguration of The Han Ju Hall of Filial Service and Character (Hanju Hyo Dong Won Memorial)

Amidst an enchanting ceremony, bathed in the glow of celestial grace, the Han Ju Hall of Filial Service and Character (Hanju Hyo Dong Won Memorial) unveiled its splendor on April 30, 2023, fulfilling the words spoken by the True Parents.

"Let us create a sanctuary where the blessed families, now dwelling in the spirit world, shall forever be cherished."

- True Mother, February 17, 2023

"I shall orchestrate a sacred space to enshrine ancestral tablets. Kindly provide the names to our Korean counterparts, ensuring their proper inclusion within the realm of the Family Federation. Through this global edifice, we aspire to forge an environment that brims with gratitude towards God and True Parents, while honoring the Heaven's providence bestowed upon Korea as [descendants], venerate the tablets of the revered ancestors."

- True Mother, March 7, 2023

The Han Ju Hall of Filial Service and Character (Hanju Hyo Dong Won Memorial) holds infinite meaning. The character 'Han (韓)' symbolizes the illustrious nation of Korea, while 'Ju (主)' symbolizes the divine essence of the Owner and Lord. This harmonious fusion symbolizes the Heavenly Parent, the boundless cosmos, and Oneness. This sacred space shall serve as a sanctuary, commemorating those who have embraced the blessings of their time and made significant sacrifices [for a higher purpose], while faithfully journeying alongside True Parents.

- True Mother, April 14, 2023

This ethereal sanctuary will reverberate with the names of those who have etched their indelible mark upon the providential history of True Parents, the Church, CheonBo families, and Ambassadors for Peace. It shall stand as a testament to their unwavering dedication, ensuring that their legacies transcend time, basking in the eternal embrace of remembrance. 



IAYSP ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of the International Youth Association for Peace (hereafter YSP) opened with a splendid ceremony on May 8th at the HJ Global Art Center, attended by young leaders and members of YSP from all over the world and about 400 young students.

After the report by Samuel, the President of YSP in Central and South America, Matsuda Koji, the international president of YSP, expressed his gratitude to the true parents, who always encourage and love YSP, and stated, "Currently, YSP is making efforts to cultivate young leaders who can contribute to forming a global community transcending borders and nationalities. Through each young leader, born with the care and love of True Parents, we believe that hope for the return of the local community, the nation, and the continent will arise. Even in the face of any difficulties, YSP must lead the way in becoming one with the True Parents and creating the environment for God's and the True Parents' will to be realized."

Kim Dong-yeon, the President of YSP in Korea, reported on the progress of YSP, saying, "During the 80th Anniversary of The Holy Birth of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, The True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, YSP had a time to return victory to God and the True Parents in various aspects, large and small, under the name of the United Operation Headquarters. For this day alone, YSP has been devoting itself for several years, especially in recent months, putting all its heart and effort into it." He also added, "For the sole purpose of giving joy to the True Parents, 40 YSP staff members and 400 young students from across the country gathered under the name of YSP to support all aspects of the event, including parking, supplies, medical care, and security. I would like to applaud all the members of YSP who have contributed both internally and externally."

Dr. Yun Young-ho, Director-General, FFWPU International Headquarters, expressed his thoughts in a speech, saying, "Time really flies. There are not many years left until Vision 2027. However, I believe that YSP can help achieve this. I believe that you are young students who are willing to sacrifice yourselves for the True Parents, not just for yourselves. Therefore, I always want to express my deep gratitude to you."

Afterwards, Nitta Akane, the youth church president of Namwon, Jason Ibo, the Secretary-General of Asia Pacific1, Takeuchi, and other leaders delivered their congratulatory remarks, expressing their expectations for YSP's future activities and wishing for the continued success of YSP in building a peaceful and harmonious world. 



Victory Celebration for the 80th Anniversary of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind

The 80th Anniversary Commemoration Victory Celebration of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind was held on May 8th at the HJ Global Art Center. This esteemed event was graced by the presence of continental leaders of Cheon Il Guk and blessed families from all corners of the globe.



Excerpts from True Mother's Message

In her profound message, the True Mother shared, "The advent of True Parents, the fulfillment of both the Heavenly Parent's dream and humanity's hope, has allowed all couples, including Cheon Il Guk blessed couples and Cheonbo couples, to unite and serve the Heavenly Parent in substantial ways. I am deeply moved by their victorious reports, witnessing their utmost commitment and sacrifice." She went on to say, "This blessing is not just for us in the present. We must create a substantial environment for the Heavenly Parent. To realize a heavenly unified Korea and world in substance, we need to intensify our efforts and devotion. I am aware of the hard work you have all put in so far. There have been challenging times when I felt helpless, but looking back, I can see that the Heavenly Parent was always with me. I believe many of you have had similar experiences. Let us continue to strive and do our very best."

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The day's proceedings were marked by various events including a film screening, a special report, a bowing ceremony, offering of flower bouquets by the families of Moon Hyo-jin, Moon Heung-jin, Thomas Walsh (Chairman of UPF International), Michael Jenkins (President of Heavenly America), Yang Chang-shik (Chairman of Heavenly Central and South America), and Katsuya Otsuka (Chairman of Heavenly Europe), a cake cutting ceremony, special awards, words from True Parents, a resolution ceremony, a Hyojeong cultural performance, three cheers of Eok Mansei, and a closing declaration.

Resolution for the Hope of a Heavenly Unified World in 2027

In his special report, Yun Young-ho, Director-General of FFWPU International Headquarters, presented an in-depth account of the '80th Birthday Commemoration of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind.' He elucidated the providential significance of each event, coupled with the victorious news through a report on True Mother's heavenly victories since the Ascension of True Father.

Following this, the continental chairs and providence organization directors, representing heavenly Korea, heavenly Japan, heavenly North America, heavenly Central and South America, heavenly Asia Pacific, and ten providential organization directors, presented gifts to the True Parents. As representatives of all those who contributed to the dedication of Cheonwon Gung Cheon Il Sanctum, 28 people, including Chair of the Steering Committee Wonju Jeong McDevitt, and Dr. Yun also offered special gifts.

The celebration was enriched by Hyojeong cultural performances by the heavenly America team (Rebecca Caleks With Heart and Soul), World Peace Youth Student Federation (YSP) team, Little Angels Art Troupe, and singer Jo Hang-jo, commemorating the 80th birthday of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind.

The celebration culminated with three cheers of Eok Mansei, led by the continental chairmen, Cheonwon chairman, and YSP chairman from around the world, marking a perfect end to the victory celebration. 

Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Holy Birth of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's and the '2023 Hyojeong CheonBo Azalea Festival'

In a grand celebration of unity and blessing, where the grace of the Heavenly Parent and True Parents gracefully unfolds, the 80th Anniversary of True Mother's Holy Birth was commemorated through a 'Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Workshop.' This spirited spring festival of hope was conducted from May 5th to 7th, both online and in-person, at the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center.

The special Cheonbo event was marked with a host of programs, including an overnight devotional session at Cheon Shim Won, a Hyojeong dedication ceremony, a Hyojeong Cheonbo Chanyang session, and a Hyojeong Azalea Festival. Like the azalea, which symbolizes the 'joy of love,' it was a time to acknowledge the blessings of the Heavenly Parent and True Parents, who constantly guide and support us.

The 2023 Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Great Works

The Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Great Works, henceforth referred to as 'the event,' spanned over the weekend and holidays, boasting over 2,000 direct participants. The attendees were divided into four sections, including pre-meal events. In addition to the main program, four supplemental programs were made available online on the event website, enriching the participants' experience.

The inaugural day featured the Cheonbo Chanyang sessions held in the morning, at lunchtime, and in the evening, complemented by prayer time in the special prayer room. Starting from 10 p.m., participants were engaged in the 756th Cheon Shim Won special overnight devotion.





Prayer Meeting at Cheon Shim Won by U.S. ACLC Ministers

Approximately 60 American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) ministers, including Kim Ki-hoon, the director of the U.S. branch of Cheon Shim Won, visited Cheon Shim Won at 11 a.m. on May 5th.

The meeting commenced with an opening declaration, followed by bowing, meditation, report prayer, and video viewing. Director Lee Ki-seong welcomed the participants with a heartfelt speech, expressing, "The HJ Heaven and Earth Cheon Bo Training Center represents a spiritual umbilical cord that True Parents have prepared for the rebirth of all humanity, including those in the physical and spiritual realms. Here, all spiritual beings can journey towards rebirth, resurrection, and eternal life solely through Cheon Shim Won.

63rd Anniversary of True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind's Holy Wedding, 756th Special All-Night Devotion at Cheon Shim Won

The following are some of the highlights of the prayer meeting:

- Director Lee Ki-sung spoke about the importance of filial piety and how it is essential for the salvation of humankind.
- The Cheon Shim Praise Team sang beautiful songs of praise to True Parents.
- The participants prayed in resonance for the realization of True Parents' vision for a world of peace and unity.
- The all-night devotion ended with a message of hope and encouragement from Director Lee Ki-sung.

The Heavenly American ACLC Pastors Prayer Meeting and the 756th Special All-Night Devotion at Cheon Shim Won were a powerful expressions of the love and devotion that the Heavenly American ACLC has for True Parents. These events were a reminder of the importance of filial piety and the power of prayer. They also gave hope and encouragement to all who participated.



Director Lee Ki-sung eloquently shared his thoughts, saying, “The grace bestowed by Cheon Shim Won is ineffable. I see the devotion at Cheon Shim Won not merely as an act of reverence, but a time of invaluable learning. Even the 40-day trainees have mentioned that the time they spend in devotion at Cheon Shim Won is when they receive the greatest amount of grace. Through the devotion at Cheon Shim Won, we can witness the living works of the Heavenly Parent. Hence, the prayer of Cheon Shim Won becomes an educational experience where we can truly feel the power of prayer.” The special overnight devotion at Cheon Shim Won came to a close with a communal report.

2023 Hyojeong Azalea Festival

From April 24th to May 7th, the 2023 Hyojeong Azalea Festival took place. In conjunction with the ‘Special Great Works in Honor of the 80th Anniversary of the Birth of True Mother,’ various programs were organized around the blooming hills adorned with azaleas. These served to spread the grace and love of the True Parents to numerous family members. On weekends and holidays, beginning at 2 PM, there was a moment to share grace through the Hyojeong Offering Ceremony, and an opportunity to offer sincere prayers during the special prayer room gatherings. Under the guidance of the Education Department, a pilgrimage took place along the newly introduced Hanwon trail — a path once walked by the Mother.

In addition to the festival activities, we also provided hanbok rental, photo printing, and food markets from Friday to Sunday. These services aimed to offer friends and families the chance to experience the love of True Parents and partake in the communal joy. 

