

## Chungcheong, S. Korea Region's 2019 Hyo Jeong True Family Hope Festival

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Subregion 3 of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in Heavenly Korea marked the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea and celebrated the March 1st Movement for Independence from the Japanese Empire in 1919. We did this under the title "The North and South Chungcheong Region's 2019 Hyo Jeong True Family Hope Festival," which we held at the Yu Gwan-sun Gymnasium in the city of Cheonan.

More than twelve thousand people attended the event. Thirty-one city-level elected officials came and 453 officials came from towns, villages and city wards. We started with a presentation on how our True Parents' true family movement and blessing movement provide hope and vision and benefit the nation's health. Secondly, despite the current difficulties in Korea–Japan relations, in response to a special direction from True Mother, we used this event as an opportunity to open the door for unity between the

Japan and Korea.

A hundred years ago, a special characteristic of the Korean Provisional Government's founding document was the declaration that the country at its founding was "one with God" a country that God had "intended" or "had in mind." It clearly stated that. On that foundation our Heavenly Parent sent God's only son, True Father, in 1920 and God's only daughter, True Mother, in 1943. A hundred years ago, the starting point of the Republic of Korea was God. It was meant to be the "Heavenly Republic of Korea."

At that time, Korea was enduring both a national crisis and social turmoil because Japan was controlling our nation. Korean leaders, centered on Christian teachings, authored the Declaration of Independence and led the March 1 Mansei Movement.

At that time, the history of Korean Christianity was less than a hundred years old, and Christian leaders along with Christian churches existed in a difficult environment. Japanese national authorities and mainstream Japanese religions oppressed them. Nevertheless, amid these national crises, Christianity spread throughout the nation and Christian figures played prominent roles in public life. They brought people together and gave them hope for independence. A hundred years later, we still face challenges. Korea has the task of reunifying the two Koreas and various national crises still confront us. True Parents are the only ones that can solve these predicaments.

At this event, we could feel that the person who opened a way for Korea and Japan to become one was our True Mother, the only daughter of God. It was election day in Japan, but that didn't prevent a sitting member of the Japanese Diet (Japan's legislative body) from attending the event. Additionally, members of Korea's governing and opposition parties participated in a special meeting to discuss pending issues related to Korea's reunification and to Korean–Japanese relations. It was a remarkable, historic miraculous meeting that neither the Korean nor the Japanese government has undertaken.

The Holy Spirit is generating miracles and a new history, not only in Korea but everywhere around the world. We can see the works of the substantial Holy Spirit through our True Mother. From small acts done by individuals, to providential deeds done on the national level and the continental level, when we are united with True Mother, whatever we do can become a miracle. I am confident that our True Parents are the only hope amidst the social, national and global crises we face. I also know that our blessed family members who follow our True Parents are the ones that can help save people from these crises. If the blessed families fulfill their heavenly tribal messiah mission, I am sure that just as Christianity became a religion of the people a hundred years ago, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification will become a religion of the people today. I hope we can all register in the Cheonbowon, as we succeed in our heavenly tribal messiah mission. Let's become the lights projecting hyojeong out to the world.