

Korean Multicultural Peace Festival 2014

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[DaeJeon MBC] The Multicultural Peace Festival in Korea 2014

Even if our faces are different, if we come to learn about each other's cultures, we will become united into one. At the "Multicultural Peace Festival in Korea," held in Asan, multicultural families from Japan, the Philippines, Thailand and many other nations walked together in a parade as one family....

[TJB 8:00 News] 10,000 People Attend the Multicultural Peace Festival in Korea 2014



[Newsis]

'Hope of the World Springs from the Unity of Peace and Love' the Multicultural Peace Festival in Korea Welcomes 10,000 Attendees

Sun Moon University (President Sun-Jo Hwang) and the 2014 Multicultural Peace Festival Organization Committee (Director Kyeong-Seuk Lu) held the "Multicultural Peace Festival in Korea 2014" on the 1st. About 10,000 people from Japan, the Philippines, Thailand and about 80 other nations, gathered together for the event.

The Multicultural Peace Festival began when people who resonated with Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr.

Hak Ja Han Moon's teachings of peace and the realization of true love came together to realize love and service in society.



The festival was hosted by the Korea Multicultural Peace Federation, Sun Moon University and the Multicultural General Welfare Center. A commemorative ceremony kicked off the event, followed by a series of special multicultural performances and the “One Garden Multicultural Festival.”



Around 166 service organizations from all over the country participated in the “Global Village One Family Parade,” which spanned a distance of 1.8 km between Asan City Hall and Onyang Oncheon Station. Multicultural special performances were then given by multicultural children, youth, university students and women’s groups, followed by the national multicultural women’s arm wrestling contest, a multicultural soccer tournament and an interreligious friendship soccer tournament. About 30 experiential booths livened up the festival as well, including world cultural experience booths, international food stalls, flea markets and children’s rides.

After preliminary performances by the Aju Traditional Troupe and the Sun Moon University Cheering

Team, there was a formal citizens' ceremony, followed by a commemorative video viewing and a welcoming speech by Sun Moon University President Sun-Jo Hwang.



“The Multicultural Peace Festival 2014 was based on the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon’s teachings of ‘One Family Under God.’ You are no longer the isolated, neglected multicultural families that society viewed you as until today: you are the messengers of peace, world citizens of Korea and the bridges connecting nations through friendship. Today, 160 multicultural organizations and 10,000 multicultural citizens have all gathered to launch the True Love Peace Service Federation. We will realize love and service, go beyond the barriers of nations, religions, races and cultures, and actualize our movements throughout the world. Let the many Korean citizens and the few multicultural citizens of this nation come together to create a multicultural society in which all members live for one another in harmony, a society that can serve as a model for the world,” said Korean Multicultural Peace Federation President Kyeung-Seuk Lu.



President Yeon-Ah Moon of the Women’s Federation for World Peace expressed her encouragement in a speech as well. “Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon urged young people to ‘become one through a lifestyle of

gratitude, forgiveness and love, and to become the soldiers of the peaceful world. It would not be an exaggeration to say that the multicultural age of Korea began with the international mass marriage ceremonies. The countless participants of the ceremonies, which were first held in the early 1970's, looked beyond national borders to center their families on true love and establish a peaceful world. Let us all create a culture of peace and stand up together as global leaders.”

“Religious bonds and threads of fate gathered together to join in marriage those who followed the path of love to create the families gathered here today. Take pride in yourselves. You are the guides on the path to the global village of peace. I hope that you can all enjoy yourselves today and take some time to reflect on the meaning of love and service as peace ambassadors,” said Executive Chief of the Korean Buddhist Taegyo Order Dosan.

At the launching ceremony of the True Love Peace Service Federation, representatives Hyo-Jun Ryu and Ah-Young Choi recited an oath, pledging to “realize the vision of all of humankind as one family, to grow as world citizens and to create a model multicultural society.” The representatives then presented the Federation co-representatives, Yeon-Ah Moon and Kyeong-Seuk Lu, with the oath and the Federation flag.



During the “Global Village One Family Parade,” about 1,000 people, including multicultural families, foreign residents of Korea, foreign exchange students and dignitaries marched from Onyang Oncheon Station to Asan City Hall. The parade, which spanned about 210 meters long, was divided into three groups. The parade made its way to downtown Asan under the banners of “Korea welcoming the citizens of the world,” “couples creating happiness,” “the future of multicultural children” and “Korea as one family.” At the parade finale, *Ganggang Suwollae* and other performances were presented at Asan City Hall, followed by three cheers of Mansei, celebrating peace.

In the “Multicultural Service and Education” awards ceremony, people who had overcome prejudice to realize love and service were presented with “filial piety awards” and “service awards.” Miki Nagaya and many others received awards for demonstrating the Korean values of filial piety and compassion in service to others. The president’s award, the filial piety award, the service award, the model award and many others, were presented before a crowd of about 600 people.

The Korean Multicultural Peace Federation meets the needs of Korea, which is rapidly transforming into a multicultural society. The Federation was formed on April 25th, at Seoul City Hall, and is made up of 52 multicultural organizations that seek to strengthen friendships between nations, and also realize a multicultural society for Korea that goes beyond simple understanding and caring, creating true compassion based on peace and public-mindedness. The organizations are all carrying out “multicultural peace” movements together. The Korean Multicultural Peace Federation is planning to hold the Multicultural Peace Festival every other year...

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The Multicultural Peace Festival, under the banner of “Multiculturalism United under Service and Love! The Hope of World Peace,” was hosted by Sun Moon University, the Korean Multicultural Peace Federation and the Multicultural General Welfare Center. Members from multicultural organizations around the nation participated in the festival. A commemorative ceremony kicked off the event, followed by special multicultural performances and the “One Garden Multicultural Festival.”

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About 30 experiential booths were managed at the festival as well, including world culture experience booths, world food stalls, markets and children’s rides. As the festival goes mingled among the booths, they pondered the meaning of love and service.

In his welcoming speech, Sun Moon University President Sun-Jo Hwang said that “Although your path as multicultural families was never easy, due to language and cultural barriers, as well as the negative opinions of those around you, you have never stopped smiling, and have come to bring about service and sharing despite it all. I hope that all of you can gather and maintain your strength on the beautiful path towards the realization of one human community.”

“You are not helpless citizens who need the help of Korean society. I pray that you can unite the world citizens of Korea and the Korean citizens of the world, bringing about world peace, public-mindedness and symbiosis in the peaceful era,” said Korean Multicultural Peace Federation President Kyeong-Seuk Lu.

President Yeon-Ah Moon of the Women’s Federation for World Peace World expressed her encouragement in a speech as well. She said, “Through today’s festival, I hope that we can go beyond simple service and sharing, to stand at the forefront of the creation of a culture of peace based on true love. I hope that we can become the bridges of reconciliation between our nations and the pillars of peace.”

On this day, starting at 2:00 PM, about 1,000 multicultural people dressed in traditional clothing crossed over the Ago Intersection, walked past Onyang Oncheon Station and the Onyang Tourist Hotel Intersection to arrive at Asan City Hall. The participants of the Global One Family Parade, which spanned about 1.8 kilometers, proclaimed the coming of peace. The parade stopped several times for performances, and was lit ablaze with the shining faces of the children of multicultural families.

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“Our nation must step out into the global era as world citizens, by overcoming the barriers of race, culture and religion as one family. The multicultural citizens are not helpless people who need the help of Korean society. I pray that you can unite the world citizens of Korea and the Korean citizens of the world, bringing about world peace, public-mindedness and symbiosis in the peaceful era,” said Korean Multicultural Peace Federation President Kyeong-Seuk Ryu.

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