

East Timor Donates \$100,000 to the Sunhak Peace Prize

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[Yeonhap News] Government of East Timor Donates 100,000 Dollars to the Sunhak Peace Prize

On the 13th, the Sunhak Peace Prize Council revealed that the government of East Timor has donated 100,000 dollars to the Sunhak Peace Prize Establishment Fund, which will hold its first awards ceremony later this year.

East Timor Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão attended the Sunhak Peace Prize Council launching ceremony last August, and after promising to make a donation, fulfilled that promise on December 19th, when he confirmed a donation of 100,000 dollars to the fund at a cabinet meeting.

When considering the gross domestic product of East Timor in 2014, which came in at about 3,664 dollars per capita, a donation of 100,000 dollars is intrinsically much more valuable than the economic value.

The Sunhak Peace Prize was created by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon to commemorate the founder of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, her husband Rev. Sun Myung Moon. The prize will be awarded to an individual or organization that has made significant contributions towards the peace and welfare of future generations.

The recipient of the award will receive 1,000,000 U.S. dollars. The first awards ceremony is to be held on August 28th of this year.

[Newsis] East Timor Donates \$100,000 Dollars to 'Sunhak Peace Prize' of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon...a Miraculous Event



[Seoul = Newsis] East Timor Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão delivers a congratulatory speech at the launching ceremony of the Sunhak Peace Prize Council in the meeting room on the 19th floor of the Korean Press Center in Taepyeong-ro, Chung-gu, Seoul, on the morning of August 11th, 2014

On the 12th, East Timor donated 100,000 dollars (about 18,300,000 won) to the Sunhak Peace Prize Council. The amount was donated to the establishment fund, under the title "The Sunhak Peace Prize, the Prize of Peace for the Future Generations." East Timor Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão attended the Sunhak Peace Prize Council launching ceremony last August, and after promising to make a donation, fulfilled that promise on December 19th, when a donation of 100,000 dollars to the Sunhak Peace Prize Establishment Fund was unanimously confirmed at a cabinet meeting in the presidential palace. This message was recorded at the time of the cabinet meeting. "East Timor thinks very highly of and agrees with the establishment of the Sunhak Peace Prize, which embodies the vision of the construction of a peaceful society and nation built upon the ideals of peace, which transcends religion, race, culture and

national borders. We have decided at this meeting to donate 100,000 dollars to the establishment of the Sunhak Peace Prize." "The Sunhak Peace Prize embodies the genuine message of transcending religion, race, national borders and culture to create a nation and a world of peace through a life lived for the sake of others. It will become a light of hope which will lead the culture of peace," said Prime Minister Gusmão at the Sunhak Peace Prize Council Launching Ceremony. "Our government will make a donation to the establishment fund of the prize."



[Seoul = Newsis] Reporter Yeong-Tae Park = Sunhak Peace Prize Council Director Il-Shik Hong (3rd from the right, first row) poses with VIPs at the Sunhak Peace Prize Council Launching Ceremony, held in the meeting room on the 19th floor of the Korean Press Center in Taepyeong-ro, Chung-gu, Seoul on the morning of the 11th. Clockwise, second row, from the left: Lifestyle Political Academy Director Seong-Chun Chu, Sun Moon University President Sun-Jo Hwang, Korea Peace Academy Chairman Dae-Oh Son, UPF World Chairman Chang-Shik Yang, UPF World President Thomas Walsh, Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Secretary-General Man-Ho Kim, Diplomatic Forum Director Yoshinori Ohno, Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs Tae-Ik Jeong, East Timor Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão, Seoul Peace Prize Culture Foundation Director Cheol-Seung Lee, Former Korea University President Il-Shik Hong, Washington Times President Larry Beasley and Bulguksa Temple Jogye Order Monk Juji.

"East Timor is the first independent state of the 21st century to take the pain of the colonization that they suffered and channel it into peace. The Sunhak Peace Prize is a prize of peace that will pave the way for a future of lasting peace in the 21st century. East Timor's support in this matter is a strong echo of peace that will reverberate throughout the global village. In the future, the Sunhak Peace Prize will receive the support of not only East Timor, but the entire world, and will lead the way in realizing peace in future generations," said Sunhak Peace Prize Council President Il-Shik Hong (79).

East Timor, an island east of Indonesia, has a population of 1,180,000 people. After struggling with colonization and civil war with Indonesia for 25 years, East Timor became independent in 2002. The nation was founded upon long years of yearning for peace and hope for independence, traits that it shares with the recent history of Korea. The GDP per capita (in 2014) comes in at just 3,664 dollars (about 3,970,000 won). This information makes it impossible to view the donation of 100,000 dollars as anything but miraculous.

The Sunhak Peace Prize is an international prize that was established by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon (72) to continue the work of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification founder Rev. Sun Myung Moon (1920-2012), who worked to establish world peace that transcends race, religion and national borders. The prize takes its name from the "Sun" in Sun Myung Moon and the "Hak" from Hak Ja Han Moon. 1,000,000 U.S. dollars (over 1 billion won) will be awarded to an individual or organization who has contributed significantly toward the peace and wellbeing of future generations and humanity.



[Seoul = Newsis] VIPs applaud Sunhak Peace Prize Council President Il-Shik Hong's commemorative speech at the launching ceremony of the Sunhak Peace Prize Council, held in the meeting room on the 19th floor of the Korean Press Center in Taepyong-ro, Chung-gu, Seoul, on the morning of the 11th.

The first awards ceremony will be held in Seoul on August 28th.

[Segye Ilbo]

'The Sunhak Peace Prize is the Hope of Humanity' East Timor Donates 100,000 U.S. Dollars Prime Minister Gusmão "Participates in Peace Prize Unanimous Consent for Donation at Cabinet Meeting Council President Il-Shik Hong 'A Loud Echo through the Global Village'

“선학평화상은 인류의 희망” 동티모르, 10만달러 기부

구스마오 총리 “평화사상 동참”
각료회의 상정 만장일치 승인
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동티모르 정부가 선학평화상위원회에 선학평화상 기금으로 10만달러(약 1억 1000만원)를 기부했다. 동티모르는 2002년 인도네시아에서 독립해 ‘아시아에서 가장 젊은 나라’로 불린다. 선학평화상은 세계평화통일가정연합 문선명 총재의 업적을 기리고자 한학자 총재가 제정한 상으로, 2015년부터 매년 세계평화에 기여한 인물을 뽑아 수여한다.

선학평화상위원회는 동티모르 사나나 구스마오(69·사진) 총리가 최근 각료회의에서 선학평화상 창설기금 중 10만 달러의 기부에 관한 안건을 전격 상정해 만장일치로 승인을 받았다고 13일 밝혔다. 이는 2014년 8월 서울 중구 한국프레스센터에서 열린 선학평화상위원회 출범식에 참석한 사나나 구스마오 총리가 위원회 측을 상대로 한 약속에



따른 것이다. 위원회에 따르면 동티모르 각의는 결의안을 통해 “동티모르는 종교, 인종, 국가, 문화를 초월한 평화사상과 평화

사회, 국가건설의 비전을 담고 있는 선학평화상의 창설에 대해 매우 기쁘게 생각하고, 그 뜻에 함께하고자 한다”며 “선학평화상 창설에 10만달러를 기부한다”고 명시했다. 사나나 구스마오 총리는 위원회 출범식 축사를 통해 “선학평화상은 이타적인 삶으로 종교, 인종, 국가, 문화를 초월해 평화의 국기와 세계를 건설할 수 있다는 본질적 메시지를 담고 있다”며 “희망의 등불로 평화의 문화를 이끌어갈 것”이라고 말했다.

동티모르는 인도네시아 동쪽의 작은 섬나라로, 인구가 118만명에 불과하다. 25년에 걸친 인도네시아의 식민통치와 내전을 딛고 가까스로 독립한 신생국이다. 동티모르의 1인당 국내총생산(GDP)이 2014년 기준으로 3664달러(약 398만원)라는 점을 감안하면 10만달러나 되는

기부금의 엄청난 가치를 짐작할 수 있다.

고려대 총장 등을 지낸 홍일식 선학평화상위원회 위원장은 “동티모르는 식민지의 아픈 역사를 평화로 승화시킨 21세기 최초의 독립국가이고, 선학평화상은 21세기의 지속가능한 평화를 견인하기 위해 제정한 미래지향적 평화상”이라며 “선학평화상에 대한 동티모르 정부의 공감 지체가 지구촌에 큰 울림을 전하는 평화적 사건이라고 할 수 있다”고 말했다. 홍 위원장은 “향후 선학평화상이 동티모르 뿐만 아니라 전 세계적 공감과 호응을 이끌어 내며 미래 세대의 평화 구현을 위해 앞장설 수 있도록 최대한의 노력을 경주하겠다”고 덧붙였다.

위원회 관계자는 “한 해 동안 문 총재가 주창한 ‘인류 한 가족(One Family Under God)’의 평화 세계 실현을 위해 헌신한 개인이나 단체가 수상 대상”이라고 밝혔다. 상금은 100만달러(약 11억원)로 노벨평화상의 800만크로네(약 12억원)와 비슷하다. 제1회 시상식은 오는 8월28일 서울 그랜드인터컨티넨탈호텔에서 개최한다.