

Honoring the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Sun Myung Moon – Kim Il Sung Summit

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On December 2, 2021, in commemoration of the milestone personal summit of Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon with Chairman Kim Il Sung of North Korea in 1991, the FFWPU International Headquarters, PWPA, and the Hyojeong Academic Foundation jointly held an academic conference at the new Munhwa Hall of Hyojeong Munhwawon in Seorakmyeon, South Korea. Over three hundred guests, both in person and online, attended the meeting and listened to the lively panel discussions.

Eminent scholars and researchers from Korea's major academic and national research institutions provided a comprehensive evaluation of the historical significance of the Moon–Kim Summit thirty years ago, as well as prospects for urgently moving forward toward a heavenly unified Korea.



True Father and Chairman Kim meet for the first time near the front entrance o of the chairman's palace

In Opening remarks, Dr. Thomas Selover, president of PWPA, stressed that the "life-risking endeavor" of Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, based on Godly love and outspoken criticism of juche thought, Dr. Young-ho Yun, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, stated that the

legacy of Dr. Sun Myung Moon is alive and well within the work that Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is carrying on. Her motherly vision, for a heavenly unified Korea will be the model for lasting world peace, and the successful launching of Think Tank 2022, where national leaders gather to find solutions to the world's common issues, will be the platform through which a peace movement spreads from the Korean Peninsula across the globe.



The event title reads, "An Academic Conference to Commemorate the Thirtieth Anniversary of Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han's Visit to North Korea."

Next, Dr. Sung-bae Jin, president of Hyojeong Academic Foundation, pointed out that neither of the ideologies that are in practice by the South and North should be the dominant one when it comes to reunification. As a people with a common heritage of honoring Heaven and loving peace, the way forward for the Korean people is through Headwing Ideology, based on the ideal of one family under Heavenly Parent, leading us forward toward a heavenly unified Korea.

Interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values are the logical consequence and natural expression of peace-loving citizens under God, he said.

For his congratulatory remarks, former National Assembly member Myeong-cheol Cho recalled the determination of the courageous couple who said, "The juche ideology is wrong" thirty years ago. He was so grateful that there was finally someone who had the courage to point out that their ideological foundation was wrong. that we should be responsible for practicing the love embodied in what Dr. Moon expressed as "blood is thicker than water."

In his special lecture, Professor Geun-sik Kim of Kyungnam University said that we need to face the reality that North Korea is a nuclear-armed state, and proposed that peaceful absorption into one state is the proper model for unification based on the principle of universal value. He went on to say that continuous efforts by the two Koreas for exchange, cooperation, and reconciliation and mutual prosperity will not only benefit Korea but will play a catalytic role in building a lasting peace throughout Northeast Asia.

In the following panel presentations and discussions, scholars and researchers evaluated that the Moon–Kim summit was highly significant in terms of the two Koreas taking an active role in responding to changes in the external situations, making proposals for an active realization of peace, and seeking world peace starting from the Korean Peninsula. Senior research fellow Byeong-chul Moon of the Think Tank 2022 Policy Research Institute highly commended the Family Federation's notable peace initiatives such as the DMZ Peace Park and the Korea–Japan undersea tunnel.

All participants who were present received a complimentary copy of the new PWPA book, *Opening the Way for Heavenly Unified Korea*, a collection of academic articles reflecting on the Moon–Kim Summit as a cornerstone for the development of reconciliation and peace on the Korean Peninsula and the firm establishment of a heavenly unified Korea, the gateway to a heavenly unified world. Looking ahead to 2022 and beyond, the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP), coordinated by an international team of scholars and UPF leaders, in partnership with the Hyojeong Academic Foundation and the Professors World Peace Academy, will continue organizing events and webinars that promote peace and reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula through its growing world-wide network of peace-loving scholars.