

50th Anniversary of the Founding of Sunmoon University

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Thank you. Distinguished guests, executives and staff of the elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, universities, and graduate schools under the Sunhak Educational Foundation, and the first, second, (third,) and fourth presidents of Sunmoon University: In front of Heaven I would like to thank you all sincerely for your effort and hard work since Sunmoon University began as the Unification (Tongil) Seminary.

At this point in time as we embark on the next 50 years, I have a question for you.

Observing the history of human civilization, they began along rivers. Others had their beginnings on peninsulas. However, people believed that human beings by themselves were not enough, and that only when they attend God could things develop. When we examine the development of civilization in human history, therefore, we see that people have wanted to live in a way that brought them close to God.

When we look at the Greek Civilization, Alexander the Great, whom Aristotle tutored and influenced, spread Greek civilization throughout the world. He conquered the land of Eurasia between 336 and 323 BC, marching 30,000 kilometers, merging cultures together, and building Greek temples everywhere he went. How did he do this without modern means of transportation? He built the city of Alexandria, letting it be known that Greece was the center of the world. How could he have marched from southern Greece to Afghanistan and then

on to India? They believed that people could be happy by worshipping the gods they believed in.

Since that time, history has seen many wars, and much division and conflict. Amid all this, however, people looked for the way to achieve a world of peace, leading to movements that were serving God. These are the four major religions that we see today.

Yet, today, we see that, worldwide, the human community is being divided through the conflict between democracy and communism and by the pandemic. The news we hear from around the world these days is grim.

As Sunmoon University celebrates its 50th anniversary, the founding ideals of Sunmoon University have received a great deal of support in recent times. I think about the results that have been produced through the actual activities, based on heart, that professors and students of Sunmoon University carried out, and whether they are strong and promising.

It took Alexander the Great 11 years from the age of 20 to conquer the world. Sunmoon University has a 50-year history.

You will be very familiar with the issue that this country faces today. It is a peninsula in a unique situation, divided between north and south and unable to reunite.

As I have been saying, the heavenly providence and the history of human civilization have reached their final destination. Once you reach the end of the line, you have to disembark. When you get off, you will have to find

the way out to something new. That is the immediate task that this nation and the world today must take on.

I ask this of you. Unification cannot be achieved by human power, or by political power, or even by economic power. Unification can only be achieved on the basis of attending Heaven. The history of Christian civilization is an important part of God's providence. Yet Christianity could explain neither the fundamental nature of the Creator nor the fundamental nature of Jesus Christ.

However, the providence of Heaven is fulfilled through the Messiah, who promised to return. The desire of the returning Messiah is to become the True Parents. True Parents. The True Parents are the parents that Heaven wishes to see. They are the parents that humankind has been longing for. It is not possible for fallen people to approach Heavenly Parent without going through the True Parents. It is for this reason that people, who had been living as orphans for 6,000 years, wanted to attend God. Yet in the end, because they did not know the fundamental nature of the Creator, even though they received the power of that age they could not know the flow of the providence.

Our Sunmoon University also began as the Unification Seminary.... Yet Christianity needs to know that the

time has come when we have now reached the end point and must disembark, meet the True Parents, and through them, establish and firmly settle Cheon Il Guk where we can attend our Heavenly Parent.

Then, what is to be done? We must make the truth known. It is my sincere hope that the proud sons and daughters of Sunmoon University will show this country and the world that this nation must become a model central nation that prioritizes being in the service of God in order to solve the problems it is now facing. Only then can there be hope for the future.

Some 2,300 years ago, one man played a major role in conquering Eurasia. However, Sunmoon University is a fifty-year-old institution. Furthermore, the problems of the world order and the problems of this country can only be solved through True Parents' thought. This is the philosophy that will bring God's providence to completion.

Therefore, I am asking you, faculty, staff, and students at Sunmoon University, to all become central figures who seek for and find ways in which the ideals of love for God, love for people, and love for your country can influence this country and the world, so that you become bright lamps that illuminate this dark world.