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This old lantern was the centerpiece at a banquet True Mother hosted for political and religious luminaries at Cheon Jeong Gung. By the light cast by this simple lantern, True Father wrote the Divine Principle, thus giving light to all the earth and spiritual world.





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Cover photo: True Mother during the Coronation Ceremony; **Above:** The fountain replicating a stream, and a pond with thirty live fish were part of the Coronation Ceremony stage; **Back cover:** National leaders in front of Cheon Jeong Gung

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True Mother Speaks to Church Elders

Some of our earliest members traveled to Cheon Jeong Gung to see True Mother.

I want to see from close up how the years have changed you. You have changed much. I thought I was the only one who had aged. Welcome.

If I were to say a few words, I would first like to ask you, where is your hometown? Where is your birthplace? Is it Korea? What ties do you have to your birthplace? I was born in North Korea, and I only have memories of living there until the age of six. How about you?

In the report Rev. Yang gave a while ago, he said that he had decided to send you to pioneer your hometowns, but when he checked, he found that more than 90 percent of them were no longer there.

That being the case, where do you wish your hometown to be? Well? Do you wish it to be Jeongju or Anju? [Yes.]

You are just saying that because that's where I'm from. That's what I think. For most of you, it has been fifty or sixty years since you joined our church. Wherever it was, the place



where you first found and joined the Unification Church all those years ago could be called your hometown, couldn't it? Isn't that so? Don't you think so?

At that time, were any one of you unexcited and not delighted or grateful in your heart to see Father and hear his message? You were. Weren't you? You were all excited. Weren't you? You had met the Lord who brought a new, true life to you in this fallen world, so you must have been excited. Isn't that true? There are many Christians in the world and many believers of other religions as well, but we alone came to know of Heaven's providence and met the Lord before others. Isn't this something to be grateful for?

What did you do next, then? Rather than keeping it to yourself, didn't you wish to share it with others? You wanted to witness to others. Didn't you? Well, did you? Did you actually go out to do that?

Looking at the larger picture, we can see that we have received deep grace and blessings from Heaven. We have received blessings that we could not have even imagined as fallen human beings. For one, the fact that we have separated ourselves from Satan is a great blessing in itself. The fact that you came to know me is in itself a miracle.

In the three years of his public life, Jesus traveled back and forth in Israel, a small nation. Some time ago, I visited Israel and toured the nation by car. It took only four hours to see everything in it. Haven't you ever thought to yourselves that we too are only going around in circles in such a small environment? What do you think?

Is the environment of fifty or sixty years ago similar to the environment of today, or different? Answer me.

Some of you here are younger than I am. Therefore, if I had one wish it would be to reignite the yearning you felt in your hearts for the homeland at the time when the church was in its beginning and help it to bear fruit, and then take you with me. Would you like that? [Yes. Applause] Will you do that?

It has been almost six months since True Father's Seonghwa Ceremony. When I look back after all this time, I cannot help

feeling that we are so unworthy. We did so little for him.

If we only stay where we are and do nothing, there will be no way for you to avoid accusations from the 7 billion people of the world and your descendants.

I heard that a devout member who offers many devotions had a vision of the spirit world and saw that Father was having so much trouble there because of the blessed families who were in the spirit world. What do you think is the meaning of this?

You know that after the fall of Adam and Eve, Heaven's providence of salvation has continued until now with much difficulty. Don't you?

And the history of True Parents, which began in 1960, has also been providential history of restoration through indemnity. We could not move forward without paying indemnity. You are well aware of that. Aren't you? True Parents shouldered all the burdens of fallen humanity and resolved them all. What did you do? You only received.

When you think that as an elder blessed couple you are not being treated right, you feel dissatisfied, and no matter what the situation is in the church, you only think about yourselves—even those of you who formerly worked as church leaders. If I were to ask you to close your eyes and raise your hands if you could say in good conscience that your thoughts were 100 percent about God's will and the providence, I'm sure that not one of you could raise your hand.

Father, on the other hand, is working desperately to open the way to the era of Cheon Il Guk. You have now been given this last chance to show filial piety to your parents and make up for all that you failed to do until now. When the time comes for us to go to our hometown and homeland in the eternal world, don't you want to go there with pride?

I want you all to be in the position of a victor. Therefore, I want to establish you as blessed couples and elder members that are free from accusation or indemnity. Will you help me do that? [Yes. Applause] **GTW**





Initiating National Debate on Korea's Reunification

On 10.28 (December 11), with the aim of creating an atmosphere that can move the nation, True Mother announced that she would focus her support on the Unification of Korea Federation¹ and the International Federation for Victory Over Communism. Thus, it was fitting that on 12.12 (January 23), one of the earliest events connected with Foundation Day was the 2013 Invitation to Civil Society Groups Hoping for Unification: Opening of a National Public Debate, which the Unification of Korea Federation and the *Segye Times* cohosted. Members of more than a hundred civic groups that are affiliated with FFWPU took part, as did a number of Korean government figures.

Multifarious groups seeking national unity

The private-sector organizations that took part in the public debate represented a variety of viewpoints on how reunification of the two Koreas might occur. The Committee for the Democratization of North Korea (CDNK), a North Korean defectors' group, was once led by the Mr. Hwang Jang-yop (1923–2010) the most prominent North Korean to take up South Korean residence. Hwang had been a top North Korean government official. After his defection in 1997, he spent the remaining years of his life hellbent on the destruction of the North Korean regime. Another prominent member of the CDNK that readers may be familiar with is Mr. Kang Chol-hwan, author of *The Aquariums of Pyongyang*, in which he describes his experiences from age nine to nineteen, growing up within the North Korean gulag. This group is antagonistic toward the current regime in North Korea.

At a different point on the spectrum of views on reunification is the Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation (KCRC), which asserts that frequent meetings between citizens on opposite sides of the Demilitarized Zone will lead to mutual trust and understanding. For at least 2001–2005,

1 The Citizen's Federation for North–South Unification recently simplified its name to this.





As the event begins, all present rise to say the Pledge of Allegiance to Taegeukgi (the name of the South Korean flag). "I pledge, in front of proud Taegeukgi, allegiance to the Republic of Korea for the eternal glory of the country, liberty and justice."

representatives of the KCRC (South Koreans) celebrated, in North Korea, Korea's August 15 Liberation Day (from Japanese dominance at the end of World War II) and the June 15 anniversary of the North South Joint Declaration. The KCRC also remains idealistically committed to the 1991 Basic Agreement, a document that other groups had described as a "dead letter" even before North Korea embarked on its quest to join the ranks of nuclear-armed nations.

Major FFWPU organizations, such as the Universal Peace Federation, the Ambassador for Peace Council, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the Unification Thought Institute and the Youth Federation for World Peace were naturally active participants.

Germany's experience as a model

The theme of the national debate the event was initiating was the "Turbulent State of Northeast Asia and the Search for Direction on How to Pursue Unification on the Korean Peninsula." The discussion enables the next government and civic groups to seek direction for the unification (of Korea) movement. So many people—more than five hundred—arrived at the Korean government's National Assembly Memorial Hall to participate, that many of them had to watch proceedings from monitors in the corridors outside the main hall. The media was also greatly interested in the event, which came at a time of increased tensions. The combination of North Korea's December rocket launch, soon followed on February 12 by their underground nuclear test have left South Koreans uncharacteristically unsettled. The public fears that the North Koreans might have tested a nuclear device small enough to mount on a rocket.

Before the event began, the audience watched a video on Germany's reunification experience that had been produced by the Korean NGO ,Institute for Peace Affairs, which has long collaborated with the Korean branch of Germany's Hanns Seidel Foundation. The video showed both the successful

aspects of West Germany and East Germany becoming one nation again and analyzed ways in which they might have avoided some of the unpleasant aftereffects of their reunion. For a Korean audience wary of how reunification might unfold, it helped prepare the proper mind-set for the debate that followed.

Phase one: policy statements

At the start of the introductory phase of the event, which Dr. Song Gwang-seok, secretary-general of the Unification of Korea Federation, guided, numerous prominent figures stated their stance on Korean reunification.

Mr. Seol Yong-su, chairman of the Korean Council for Unification Education, of which WFWP-Korea is a board member group, expressed the view that it was time for a new unification concept to be formed, one embracing both right wing and left wing views. He emphasized the importance of the head-wing ideology that Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification of Korea Federation, had advocated. He also pointed out that Korean unification had international ramifications. He recommended the International Women's Global Peace Network as a forum for international cooperation.

Mr. Kim Byeong-su, president of the *Segye Times*, recognized the deep interest among the Korean public in how the incoming administration under Ms. Park Geun-hye, the president-elect, would handle the now tense inter-Korean relationship at a time when leaders in neighboring countries, Japan, China, Russia and North Korea, are also new to their jobs. The task of denuclearizing North Korea, which had just conducted its third nuclear test, will be difficult, he added.

Mr. Jo Myeong-cheol, a first-term national assemblyman on the Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Unification Committee and one of the first North Korean defectors to win election to public office in South Korea, spoke on the complex relations between South Korea and her neighbors. He mentioned that antagonism between China and South Korea is aggravated by near



More than five hundred people came to the event at the National Assembly Memorial Hall, which opened in 1998 as part of a celebration of South Korean democracy on the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the National Assembly.

daily territorial conflicts and China's Northeast Project.

Mr. Pak Sung-chun, head of the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs said it was important for Korea to strengthen the basis of its national identity and national security, especially this year, the sixtieth anniversary of the Armistice Agreement.

Mr. Ahn Hong-jun, chairman of the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs, Trade and Unification Committee predicted that changes will take place if the President-elect, Park Geun-hye steadily carries out her "trustpolitik" policy on the Korean Peninsula.

Mr. Yoo Seong-yeop, member of the Democratic United Party, said that the hard-line policy toward North Korea for the past five years had strained the inter-Korean relationship and provided reasons for North Korea and the U. S. to start direct negotiations, thus isolating South Korea.

Ambassador for Peace Council Chairman Kim Min-ha said that the revered Dr. Sun Myung Moon "taught that unification can only start from South Koreans loving North Koreans more than South Koreans love themselves."

The only woman to speak, Mrs. Moon Lan-young, president of WFWP-International and a cochairman of the Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation, emphasized that it was important to pursue the unification issue of the Koreas with the heart of a mother, embracing both nations.

Phase two: presentations and debate

The second phase of the event featured presentations around which the topic of reunification was debated. The first presentation was on Changes in Northeast Asia following the Reshuffling of Power in Neighboring Countries by Mr. Jo Seong-ryeol, senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Strategy. He stressed that recent elections in Northeast Asian countries may result in policy transformation. He advised the next government to use the strong South Korea–United States alliance to restrain regional hegemonic powers, to establish a coopera-

tive multi-national security system and to build a peace system in the early stages of the administration.

Mr. Jeong Seong-jang, the Sejong Institute's senior researcher, spoke on the Reshuffling of North and South Korean Leadership and the Direction of the Unification Movement for Government and Civil Groups. He made specific policy recommendations for the incoming government such as having the president make public statements in favor of reunification and recommencing South Korean tourism to North Korea.

Mr. Kim Hak Seong, a professor in Chung Nam University's Peace Security Graduate School, recommended a multilateral approach when it came to big-scale projects such as rebuilding infrastructure, since this required trust between the two Koreas.

Ms. Lee Mi-kyung a professor at the Institute of Unification Education, observed that it is too early to tell if North Korean leader Kim Jong-un would be more flexible than his father when it came to economic reforms. Once Park Geun-hye's "trustpolitik" policy is enacted, denuclearization and economic cooperation might follow.

Rev. Yang Chang-shik, chairman of the board of the Washington Times Foundation and the overall chairman of FFWPU-Korea, read True Parents' encouraging message to the audience, which had appeared to listen intently throughout the debate. He conveyed the firm message of the founders that all could unite and realize the unification of North Korea and South Korea by the year 2020.

Mr. Park Sang-kwon, president of Pyeonghwa Motors Corporation spoke last, providing an update on North Korea today. The most important problem the next government has to resolve, he said, is the nuclear threat. He pointed out that it was important for the next government not to relate to North Korea as a nuclear power but to focus on taking care of North Korea and dissuading it from pursuing further nuclear testing. He also showed recent photos of North Korea to the participants. **SW**



Left to right (standing): Shin-chul nim (Hyo-jin nim's son), Shin-man nim (Hyung-jin nim's second son), Lee Yeon-ah nim, Lee Hyung-jin nim, Kook-jin nim, Hyung-jin nim, Shin-pal nim (Hyung-jin nim's first son), In-sup nim, Hoon-sook nim, Choi Yeon-ah nim, (sitting on chairs): Shin-soon nim (Hyo-jin nim's second daughter) Ye-jin nim, True Mother, Shin-joon nim (Hyung-jin nim third son), Sun-jin nim, (sitting): Shin-heung nim (Hyo-



jin nim's second son) Shin-mi nim holding her son Soon-nam nim, and her daughter Soon-ok nim, Shin-deuk nim (Hyung-jin nim's forth son), Shin-jin nim (Hyo-jin nim third son) Shin-whul nim (Heung-jin nim's daughter, Shin-goong nim (Hyung-jin nim's first daughter), Shin-yuh nim, (Hyo-jin nim's first daughter) holding Shin-pyun nim (Kook-jin nim's third son) and Shin-sook nim



True Mother speaking to second-generation members that have adhered to the Cheon Il Guk matching standards (or have received permission to participate from True Parents) and desire to be matched directly by True Parents, as many of their parents were. Below: Candidates face off at an early stage of the distillation to one man and one woman as a base for a godly family.





Above: True Mother is focused on conducting the matching, which took place at Cheon Jeong Gung on 1.4 of the heavenly calendar (February 13). Below: True Parents matched 142 couples through the Cheon Il Guk matching. Many more women than men took part. Additionally, True Parents matched twenty-five older second-generation couples.





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A Festival to Promote Understanding of Diverse Cultures



The Multicultural General Welfare Center (MGWC) held a Multicultural Festival on February 16 to recognize the contribution of multicultural families to Korean society (above) and to thank and entertain their supporters and members of the families MGWC serves. This year's event was cosponsored by the *Segye Times*. MGWC was granted legal status in 2010. In 2012, they linked with similar groups in Taegu and Iksan and were thus granted national-level charity status. *Middle from left:* Kim Byoung-su, CEO *Segye Times*; Kim Eul-dong, Korean National Assembly member; Erikawa Yasue, president, MGWC; Luis T. Cruz, ambassador, Embassy of the Philippines; *Bottom:* Pearl of the Orient (Philippines); a Mongolian solo dancer; *Facing page, clockwise from top:* Assemblywoman Kim presents an award; Lee Seong-gyun, Il Hwa CEO, draws seat numbers for a prize; Happy Hearts (Russia); Ki La Mi Ki dancers (Japan); a segment of this group; Lotus Stem dancers (Vietnam) Sun Hwa Art High School (Korea)





Cosmic Holy Blessing by the True Parent

1.8 in the first year of Cheon Il Guk (February 17, 2013)

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International President Hyung-jin Moon Addresses the Blessing Participants

Blessing participants who have come from nations across the world to take part in the Cosmic Holy Blessing Ceremony by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind 2013, Distinguished guests from home and abroad that are gracing us with your presence at this meaningful event and Blessing Ceremony participants in 194 nations who are simultaneously participating in this solemn Blessing Ceremony through internet broadcast:

The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have set this year, 2013, as the first year of the beginning of the substantial Cheon Il Guk; that is, the year of its Foundation Day. The ideal of Cheon Il Guk is a nation in which two people are united as one centered on true love for the Heavenly Parent. It is the kingdom of the ideal of peace, free from antagonism, conflicts and struggles. Now, the long-awaited Foundation Day is only five days away.

Even as we speak, True Parents are offering tearful devotions to create a new environment centering on Foundation Day. They are working for the providence, endeavoring to save every one of the 7 billion people that compose the global population and not abandon even one person among them.

I hope and pray that all of you taking part in today's Blessing Ceremony will fulfill the hopes and expectations of the wholehearted love from the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. To do so, all of you Blessing Ceremony participants need to establish the three great kingships and the four-position foundation centered on God. Moreover, with Foundation Day only days away, you need to always remember in your heart True Father, who is now in the spirit world and embed in your homes the words of eternal life written in the textbooks and teaching materials you have been given, through hoondokhae. Thus, you should play the role of the true teacher, true owner and true parent to your tribes and your societies.

Partakers in the Blessing Ceremony: This Holy Blessing Ceremony you are participating in is being celebrated here and now, not only by your parents and relatives on earth but also by your ancestors in the spiritual world. When you steadfastly uphold and develop Heaven's traditions and absolute sexual ethics, the spiritual world will work great miracles for you and help you in your endeavors. Once again, I congratulate you on this wonderful occasion of your marriage blessing, and I will end the Blessing Address with the prayer that God and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind's great love and blessings will always be with you and your families forevermore. Thank you. **GTW**



On 1.8 (February 17) four thousand couples in Cheongshim Peace World Center and eight thousand more from sixty nations via the internet took part in the Cosmic Holy Blessing Ceremony by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. The event, which demonstrated the Unification Movement's global vitality following True Father's ascension, drew wide media attention.





Above: True Mother officiates the Blessing Ceremony with True Father in the spiritual world. Dr. Yang Chang-shik was master of ceremonies, Ms. Chang Yeun-hee his English interpreter; True Family members and participating dignitaries; Brides and grooms





The Blessing Ceremony began with thirty minutes of entertainment by groups of second- and third-generation members. Some young men used a get-together the evening before the ceremony to propose to their fiancees, while the Associated Press news agency used it as an opportunity to interview couples. *Below:* True Mother sprinkling holy water over representative couples.

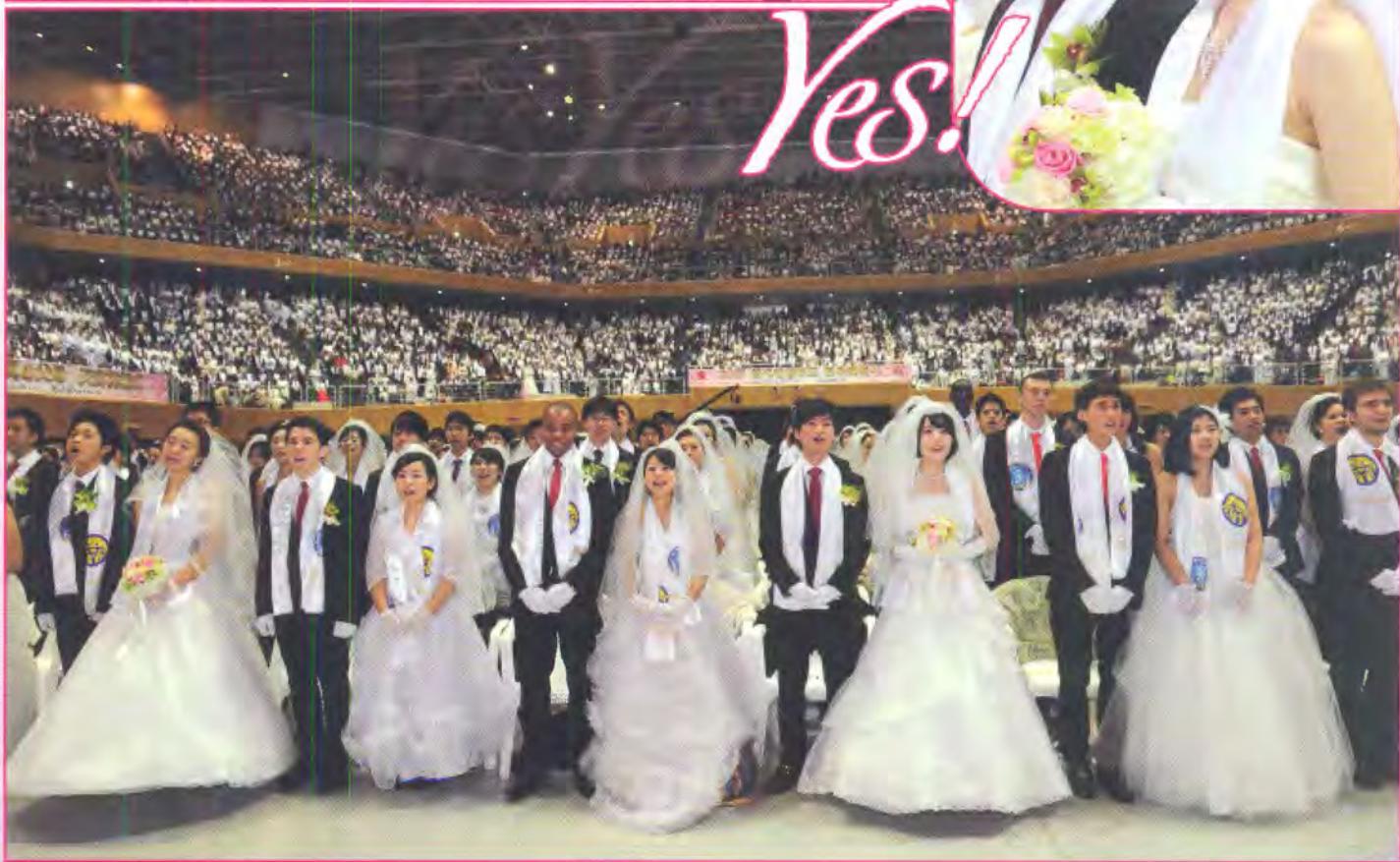




True Mother bequeaths rings to representative couples. Outside Korea, couples from sixty nations took part in the Cosmic Holy Blessing Ceremony.



Do you promise, as virtuous men and women who will complete the original ideal of our Heavenly Parent's creation, to become eternal husband and wife, to inherit the tradition established by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, and to establish ideal families for Cheon Il Guk?





True Mother's Benediction at the Cosmic Holy Blessing Ceremony

Most beloved Heavenly Parent:
How could there not be praise and laudation on this glorified occasion!
This is the first year in which the history of the providence of restoration through indemnity carried out by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind is brought to completion and a new era is ushered in. Beginning with the Holy Wedding of True Parents in 1960, Heaven has carried out the providence of salvation for humanity, which was born into the lineage of Satan due to the Fall and who have been moaning in anguish. Through the Holy Wedding of True Parents, they were permitted the grace of being born into a new lineage, and You have lighted a beacon of hope for the fallen humanity through the great Blessing Ceremonies, which was first commenced with the blessing of 36 couples in 1960 and has now been held 53 times until today, January 8, 2013. However, we are lacking in so many ways and we have been unable to fulfill our missions and responsibilities given to us by Heaven as blessed couples. We truly have no excuses to offer.

Our Heavenly Parent:

You have nevertheless embraced us in Your bosom in this first year of Foundation Day. I hope and pray that all blessed families of the Unification Church across the world and the blessing ceremony participants gathered here today will fulfill their responsibilities and missions before our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, return infinite glory to Heaven in the face of the great significance of Cheon Il Guk lead lives of practicing the true love of the Heavenly Parent in all corners of the world, and be reborn as proud blessed families who can open the gates to Cheon Il Guk in this new era of unceasing laudation and praise. The blessed families present here today, and the newly Blessed 12,000 couples receiving the Blessing across the globe through the internet, all resolve anew before Heaven to dedicate their lives and give everything they have to become Your proud people who can return the blessings given to them from Heaven. Our Heavenly Parent, please accept this promise we make before You.

May laudation and praise last forevermore to the ends of the earth. Aju!





Remarks by Venerable In-gong, Chief Executive of the Korean Buddhist Taego Order

I sincerely hope that Buddha's compassionate grace will be with all the brides and grooms participating in the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony conducted by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind here and around the world by internet broadcast.

I am aware that this occasion is not a marriage only between Koreans, but between Koreans and Japanese and between many other races. Therefore, I see blessed marriage to be different from ordinary marriage. The honorable founder of the Family Federation, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, envisioned realizing an ideal world through the family, based on joint wedding ceremonies. He hoped that a couple would become one through love and realize an ideal family. He had anticipated peace on earth to start from an ideal family, to expand to society and then to the world. Rev. Moon had also hoped that the marriages between Koreans and Japanese that he blessed would resolve the historical conflicts and resentment between the two nations. He hoped that blessing people from different races would bring racial harmony, and that this in turn would become the pathway to peace. I also hope that this dream will come true.

Brides and grooms, I hope you will share the heavenly blessing you receive from this blessing with those around you by becoming missionaries of compassion and love. The world that the Buddha, Jesus, and Rev. Sun Myung Moon hoped for is one and the same. I hope you can realize a small community as a couple and become the envy of others as you walk toward this one world. Please become families that can convey love to those around you. Now that you have met your lifetime companion, you will now leave on a long training journey through which you will complete each other. The husband's completion is through the wife's dedication; the wife's completion is through the husband's love. You must help each other in smoothing each other's rough parts and help each other to achieve a well-integrated personality.

May you grow into fathers and mothers of whom your children can be proud and whom they would like to resemble. I hope you can plant and raise a garden of happiness.

All things of creation in the world did not suddenly appear, but were gradually formed through the interconnections of fate. Likewise, the Family Federation was not founded all of a sudden. For thousands of years, our ancestors have revered Heaven, attended the Buddha by cultivating their minds, and have respected their parents. On this foundation, Christianity could settle in Korea, and the Family Federation has been able to bloom worldwide.

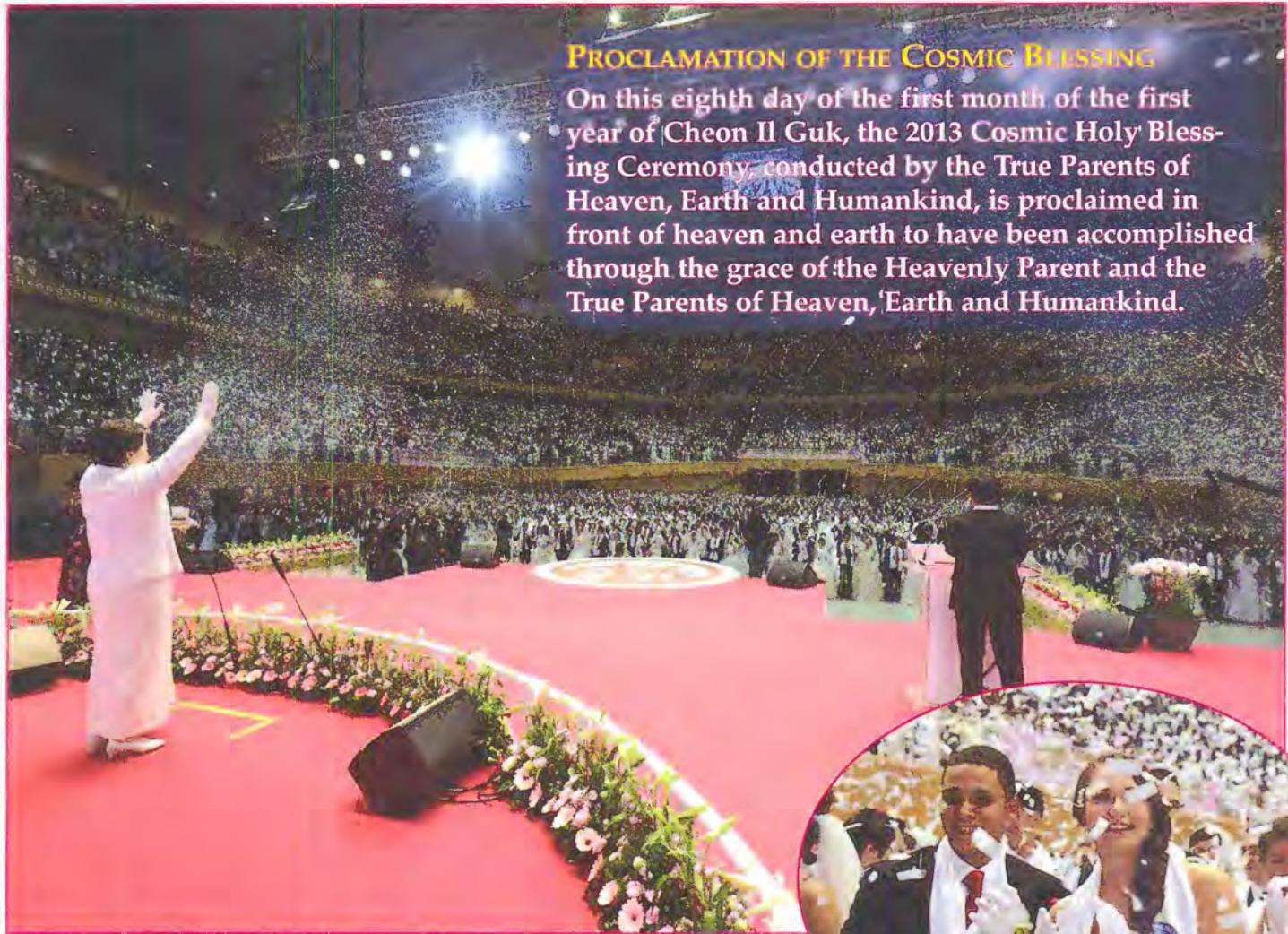
Brides and grooms who are receiving the blessing today, you are the fruit born of thousands of years' connection to your ancestors. Your happiness will bring happiness to those connected through those thousands of years; however, if you are unhappy, those connected through those thousands of years will lament.

Be happy. You have the right to be happy, but remember you also have responsibilities as a couple. Please, become model families in the world and raise your children well.

I sincerely hope that Buddha's grace will be with the brides and grooms and their families through this Holy Blessing Ceremony. Thank you. **SW**

PROCLAMATION OF THE COSMIC BLESSING

On this eighth day of the first month of the first year of Cheon Il Guk, the 2013 Cosmic Holy Blessing Ceremony, conducted by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, is proclaimed in front of heaven and earth to have been accomplished through the grace of the Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.





On 1.11 (February 20) Mother launched the Wonmo Pyeong-ae Foundation. Scholarships worth \$3.6 million were distributed to 745 students. The organization's flag was presented. Below: Dr. Lee Soo-sung, Korean prime minister (1995-1997) who made congratulatory remarks, Chairman Kim Min-ha and Director Kim Man-ho





A Sampling of Significant Statements Made by Significant Speakers at the Global Women's Peace Network Assembly: Empowering Women in the Twenty-First Century, February 23

"Oppression of women goes hand in hand with failed societies, and failed societies are a danger to peace and stability."

—ELLEN SAUERBREY U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POPULATION, REFUGEES, AND MIGRATION (2006–2008)

"Let's work together to stop the nuclear weapons, and to stop all kinds of war from destroying the earth!"

—ANNETTE LU, VICE-PRESIDENT OF TAIWAN (2000–2008)

"Diversity is not signifying some kind of failure in society. No. It signifies recognition that throughout humanity, there are different and equally appropriate ways of running family life."

—CHRISTINA MCKELVIE, MEMBER OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT





Under the guidance of Mr. Yoo Gyeong-duk, YFWP-Korea president and Mr. Kajikuri Masayoshi, YFWP Japan president, YFWP held its 2013 Youth Leaders World Assembly and International Forum, at which they discussed Change in China's Leadership and the Present State of Northeast Asia. From seventeen nations, 229 people participated.



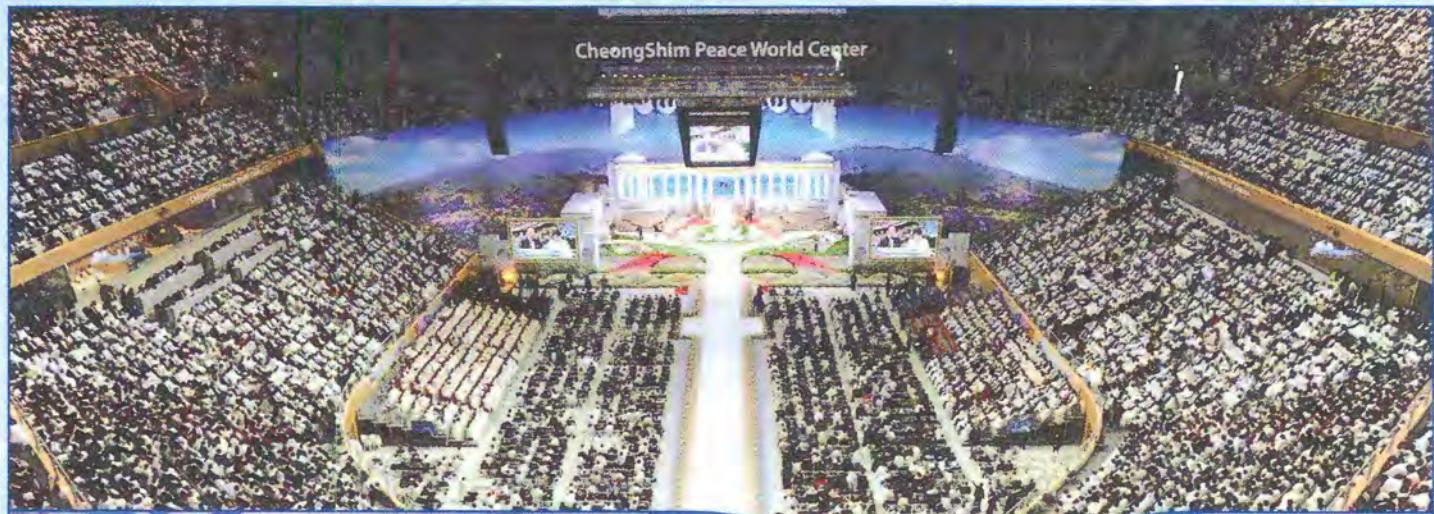


The World-CARP General Assembly took place at Cheongpyeong and Yongpyong Resort under the theme, One Family under God, True Love, Passion and Hope. CARP members united through diverse festivals, a seminar on proving the existence of God and sisterhood and brotherhood ceremonies.



Cheon Il Guk Coronation Ceremony of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind

1.13 in the first year of Cheon Il Guk (February 22, 2013)



Top: The stage was adorned as a spring garden in heaven with grass and a small pond with live fish. The center required forty thousand flowers. Various aspects symbolized True Parents' complete unity; Cheon Jeong Gung was depicted at 1/100 scale; Mother meticulously observed and commented on the construction; **Bottom:** Dr. Yang Chang-shik was the master of ceremonies with Professor Lynn Kim translating; Dr. Song Yong-cheon, chairman of the Blessed Family Association of Japan, prayed.

Foundation Day Coronation Opening Prayer

Rev. Song Yong-cheon, chairman of the Blessed Family Association of Japan

Dear Heavenly Parent, most esteemed True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind:

On this, the thirteenth day of the first month of the heavenly calendar, in the first year of Cheon Il Guk, we are here at the Cheongshim Peace World Center, the Cheon Il Guk Garden of Eden in the new heaven and earth, where the spiritual world and the physical world are brought together as one, to take part in the glorious Cheon Il Guk Enthronement and Coronation Ceremony of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

This is the heavenly morning of Foundation Day, in which the love of our Heavenly Parent and the grace of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are coming down in abundance on this platform, decorated with 100,000 beautiful roses, never before seen anywhere on earth.

Foundation Day marks the final completion, consummation and conclusion of our True Parents' providence of restoration, through which families—as originally created and citizens of the heavenly kingdom—can enter Cheon Il Guk and celebrate the Cheon Il Guk Enthronement and Coronation Ceremony of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the King and Queen of Ten Thousand Victories and the Lords of Truth, Holiness and Virtue. And it is today that humankind is celebrating this most magnificent festival.

If Adam and Eve, the first human ancestors, had become perfected beings and received the holy marriage blessing from our Heavenly Parent, they would have become the corporeal embodiments of the incorporeal Heavenly Parent, and Cheon Il Guk, which our Heavenly Parent had long yearned for, would have been established at that point in the Garden of Eden. However, because of the Fall, all such expectations, hopes and wishes were lost.

True Parents came to earth as the Lord's Second Coming and the Savior, and they have had to walk a lonely and difficult course of blood, sweat and tears, which cannot be expressed in words, to save fallen humanity. They have overcome all the hardships and suffering they have had to undergo, and prevailed.

Thus, on the twenty-seventh day of the fifth month of the heavenly calendar, in the first year of Cheon-gi, there was the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self, through which they declared the completion of the providence of restoration and the completion, consummation and conclusion of all the responsibilities and missions they came to earth to fulfill. In so doing, our True Parents achieved the ultimate oneness and liberated and completely freed God. Finally, on this, the greatest day of celebration for all humankind, we have welcomed Foundation Day, marking the beginning of Cheon Il Guk, and the Cheon Il Guk Enthronement and Coronation of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

Our Heavenly Parent, how long have You waited earnestly for this day?

Today, a new heaven and a new earth has come into being; this moment has never been seen in history and is never to be seen again. We return boundless gratitude and glory to our Heavenly Parent for permitting us the honor and grace of participating in this sacred occasion of the Holy Wedding Ceremony, and the Cheon Il Guk Enthronement and Coronation, of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the King and

Queen of Ten Thousand Victories and the Lords of Truth, Holiness and Virtue. They appeared on earth in order to liberate God and redeem humankind; they have overcome innumerable hardships, triumphed over everything, and finally become the substantial embodiments of God.

Through Foundation Day's Registration Blessing Ceremony, at the completion stage of the completion period, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have bestowed on us today. You have given all of us the rights of equal standing, of co-participation, of living together, and of inheritance, and allowed us the special grace and blessing to be born as the sons and daughters of direct descent from our Heavenly Parent as originally intended, without any traces of the Fall. For all this, we are truly, truly grateful.

We represent the 144,000 apostles of the first resurrection who have entered Cheon Il Guk, and You have recorded us in the heavenly kingdom's book of life. We thank you with all our hearts for allowing us to serve our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind as the King and Queen of Cheon Il Guk and to live as heavenly children, heavenly families, as citizens of the heavenly kingdom of Cheon Il Guk, being proud of true love and true life, and the true lineage.

This day marks the beginning of Cheon Il Guk, a world where two people become one, a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values where we can enjoy freedom, peace, unity and happiness, a unified world centered on the Heavenly Parent, in which there are no barriers between religions, nationalities, races or cultures, and no conflict. It will be a world where the physical and spiritual worlds are united, a world of mutual benefit, harmony and unity, a world of the ideal of freedom like the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve lived before the Fall—an ideal world of freedom long-awaited and anticipated wholeheartedly by our Heavenly Parent. On this meaningful day, we resolve, as the citizens of the heavenly kingdom, to serve the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and while living together forevermore, bring about the full settlement of the realm of peace and prosperity that is settlement of the peaceful and prosperous Cheon Il Guk.

We also resolve and pledge to become one in heart, action, harmony and thought with True Mother, who is one body with True Father, during the coming seven years until 2020, focused on Vision 2020. We will uphold with our lives the traditions and the teachings that our True Parents have brought; we will inherit and pass them down to generations of our descendants. We resolve to bring to completion the ideal of blessed families as commanded by Heaven, testify to True Parents to the world's 7 billion people and guide them to receive the blessing, thus fulfilling our responsibility as new tribal messiahs. We pledge to work as the vanguard in the establishment of the substantial Cheon Il Guk and to help restore God's homeland of Korea, thus joining the ranks of the patriotic, the filial, and the virtuous.

Through all of today's ceremonies, we return gratitude, praise, honor and glory to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the king of kings.

I offer and dedicate these words in the name of Song Yong-cheon and Lee Hae-ok, a blessed central family. Aju. **TW**



Coronation Ceremony



Honoring True Father, who was present in the spiritual dimension at the Foundation Day ceremonies, Sun-jin nim and In-sup nim enter, walk serenely toward the dual-throne and place a robe and crown upon True Father's seat.





True Mother, arrayed in regal heavenly splendor, is followed by some of True Parents' grandchildren (representing all blessed families and the True Family) Shin-joon nim, Shin-whul nim, Shin-yuh nim, and Shin-gung nim, as she enters and with lofty dignity makes her way down the central aisle lined by attendants.





Coronation Ceremony







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Above: The True Mother on earth; True Father in the spiritual world; Below: Hyung-jin nim, FFWPU international president, enters bearing the Seal of the True Empress of Holiness and Virtue, the royal seal of the Heavenly Parent; his older brother Kwon-jin nim bears the Heavenly Royal Seal, True Parents' royal seal.





Above: Hyung-jin nim presents the Seal of the True Empress of Holiness and Virtue to True Mother; Below: Kwon-jin nim presents the seal to True Mother, after which the brothers resume walking side by side and exit the stage.





Above: Once a groom in one of the first couples ever blessed, Kim Young-hwi offers the revised *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Yeonghwa Hun-gyeong* to True Mother, who has shown firm governance of the word as the Cheon Il Guk Empress of Holiness and Virtue; Below: Shin-chul nim presents the heavenly royal scepter, which represents an empress' right of command.





Above: True Mother holding the heavenly royal scepter with firm authority. Below: All that True Mother received representing True Parents' spiritual achievements she placed near True Father's throne.





Coronation Ceremony

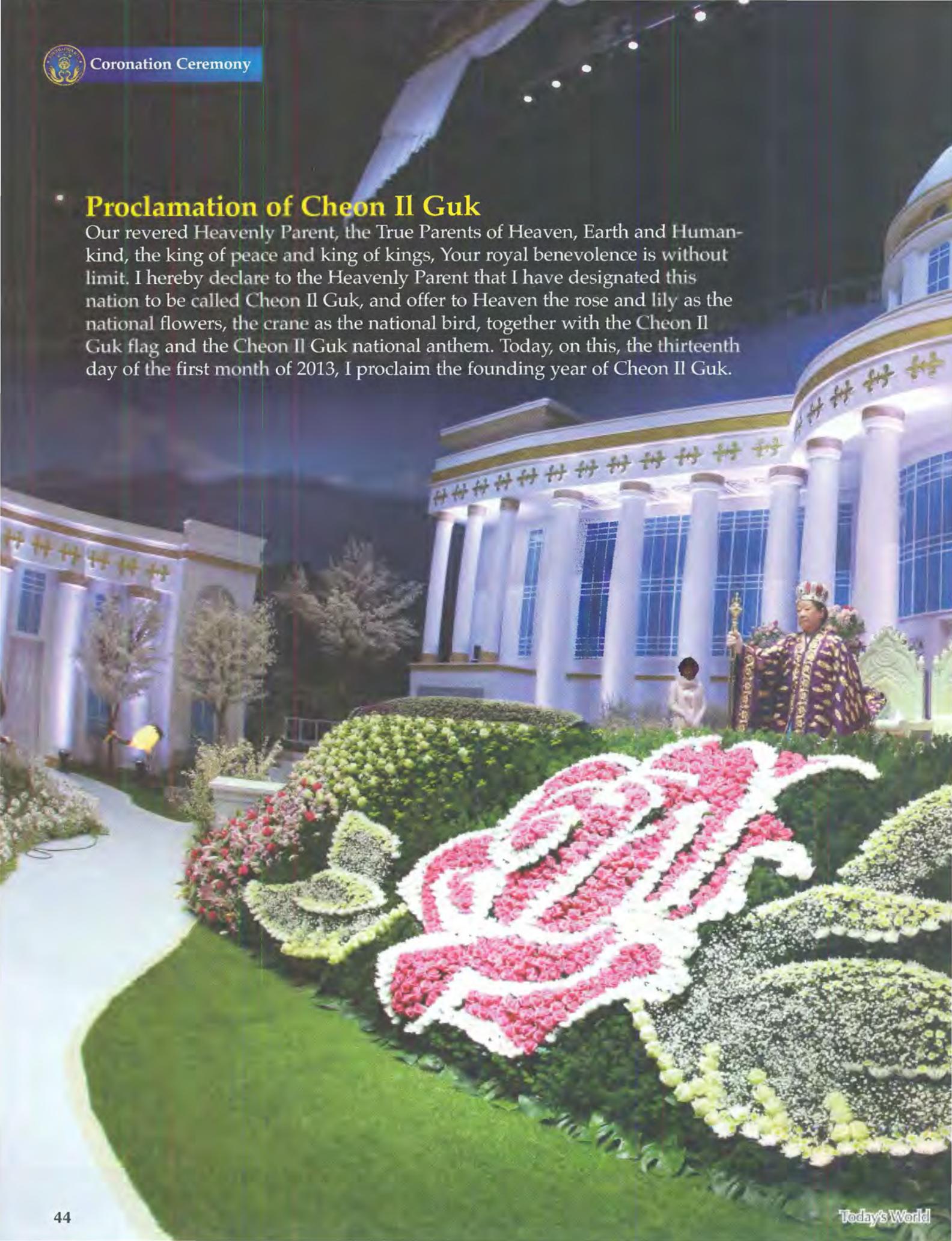






Proclamation of Cheon Il Guk

Our revered Heavenly Parent, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the king of peace and king of kings, Your royal benevolence is without limit. I hereby declare to the Heavenly Parent that I have designated this nation to be called Cheon Il Guk, and offer to Heaven the rose and lily as the national flowers, the crane as the national bird, together with the Cheon Il Guk flag and the Cheon Il Guk national anthem. Today, on this, the thirteenth day of the first month of 2013, I proclaim the founding year of Cheon Il Guk.







Congratulatory Remarks

*Delivered by Mrs. Debbie Remengesau, First Lady of Palau,
who has had a warm association with Father and Mother Moon.*

Dear Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and Members of the Moon Family, Your Excellencies, Ambassadors for Peace, Ladies and Gentlemen, Brothers and Sisters:

On behalf of my husband, President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. and on behalf of the people of Palau, I want to express my congratulations to all of you on the occasion of this very special Foundation Day Celebration and Blessing Ceremony.

I also want to take this opportunity to express to Mother Moon and to the entire Moon Family my condolences and sympathy, knowing your sadness with the passing of Father Moon in September 2012. My husband and I have had the honor to meet Father Moon on a few occasions, both here in Korea and also in Palau. He made a great and lasting impact on our hearts and minds. We know how much you miss him. And yet we also know that his legacy lives on through you, Mother Moon, and through your family, and through all of you gathered here today in his honor.

I know that it was Father Moon who proposed this celebration of Foundation Day. He described it as a day of a great turning point in history, and the beginning point for a new nation, and a new era for all humanity, leading toward a world of lasting peace.

You have dedicated this day to God. You have dedicated this day to the family, and you have dedicated this day to peace.

Palau is a small island nation in the Pacific. During World War II, many fierce battles were fought over the tiny island of Palau. Fortunately we now live in peace, and can enjoy the remarkable beauty of our islands and our pristine environment.

The people of Palau are committed to the same values that you celebrate and honor on this Foundation Day. The people of Palau are spiritual people. We have many religions and denominations, but we live in harmony and respect one God. The people of Palau also cherish their families. In Palau the family comes first. It is the foundation of our society.

If the entire world can join together and affirm the values of God, family and peace, we can change and transform this world.

I know that is the vision that Father Moon lived for. That is the vision that Father and Mother Moon brought to Palau in 2005 and 2006 when they visited our country.

I am very encouraged to see the great leadership represented by Mother Moon at this time. I am sure Father Moon is proud of her. We are all proud of her.

Mother Moon, I also hope you will visit Palau again soon!

Once again, I congratulate all of you on this very special Foundation Day.

May God bless you and your families and my peace prevail on earth. Thank you very much. **ETW**



Registration Blessing

Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day Registration Blessing Ceremony

1.13 in the first year of Cheon Il Guk (February 22, 2013)



During the Foundation Day Registration Blessing Ceremony, True Mother casts holy water toward the thousands who prepared through sincere conditions while desiring Heaven's grace and forgiveness.





Registration Blessing



Proclamation of the Registration Blessing

I offer thanks and glory to our revered Heavenly Parent and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. All the blessed families in heaven and on earth, and all the blessed families here on behalf of global humanity, do you now promise on the occasion of the new history of Cheon Il Guk, to inherit the tradition established by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and to advance with all your energy to establish the tradition of the Unification Family with absolute love, absolute obedience and absolute submission until you embrace all the people of the world, whom Heaven seeks to embrace?





Blessing Prayer

Immediately after the proclamation (see page 49) True Mother prayed.

Heavenly Parent, Heavenly Parent. May glory be with Heaven and may praise and exaltation overflow in all people on earth. True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, we are so grateful. You have worked so hard. We know that today we are unworthy creatures that cannot stand under the wing of this great blessing and grace. Yet Heaven has broadly and magnanimously embraced us again.

Father, how can we be the only ones to receive this grace and deeply moving experience? To You our Heavenly Parent, we pledge and resolve once again to move as one force toward the completion of Cheon Il Guk until the end of our days.

Heavenly Parent, please embrace us. We have the fervent desire to stand before You as children who can receive Your love and be proud. Our dear God, our dear God!

On this occasion I beseech You, our Heavenly Parent; please protect us to the very end and may Your will be accomplished well throughout the entire world. Aju.



Congratulatory Remarks

J. Dennis Hastert was Speaker of the United States House of Representatives (1999–2007) and a US congressman for twenty years. He and Dr. Pak Bo-hi, as cochairmen, sent the Little Angels to the sixteen nations that provided military aid and additional nations that provided other aid to Korea in wartime. He accompanied the Little Angels, at the forefront, supporting True Parents' peace vision.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Members of the Moon Family, Distinguished Leaders, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am honored to be here with you today, on this Foundation Day, and to have the honor to share a few words of congratulation and encouragement on this very special occasion.

Before I begin, I want express a word of condolence to Mrs. Sun Myung Moon and her family. I could not be here for the memorial service honoring the passing of Dr. Moon, but I would like to express my sympathy and appreciation at this time. He not only loved Korea, but he devoted much of his life to my own country of America. I think in particular of the *Washington Times* which he founded in 1982. It is still going strong, and I know that the spirit of Dr. Moon still lives on.

This day and this Blessing Ceremony are dedicated to the affirmation of marriage and family as the cornerstone of a healthy and stable society. I applaud your efforts.

I understand that there are couples here today from nearly every country around the world. Truly the family is a universally shared value respected the world over.

During my terms as Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, it was always my goal to make sure that American families had the economic, tax fairness, health care and educational support to keep the family strong and a viable institution.

We often take the family for granted. However, when the family system begins to break down, all manner of personal and social problems emerge. During my years of public service in the U. S. House of Representatives I could see clearly how family breakdown contributed to social problems.

The greatest weapons we have today to defeat the menace of teenage delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse and teenage pregnancy is to get the family and especially the parents involved. When mothers and fathers, teachers and preachers stand shoulder to shoulder to make sure their neighborhoods are drug free—the family wins. When parents are present to take an interest in their children's academic success and extra-

curricular activities, families become strong, and only when the family is strong are cultural values and the ideals of fairness, decency, trust and the love of God passed on to the next generations.

I also know that each of you understands the family as a sacred institution. It is true that in almost every civilization, marriages are honored and celebrated in a religious context. Throughout history human beings have recognized marriage as a sacred ritual that should be sealed not merely by the legal system, but also by a religious commitment.

I appreciate that you have committed yourself to building a God-centered family. I also applaud the vision and ideal, rooted in Rev. Moon's teaching that recognizes all humanity as one family under God.

I congratulate you and wish you many blessings as your families grow and develop.

It was an honor for me to serve as chairman of the Korean War 60th Anniversary Memorial Committee that hosted The World Tour of The Little Angels Children's Korean Folk Ballet. The Little Angels world tour was launched to pay tribute to the men and women of the sixteen nations who fought in the Korean War under the banner of the United Nations flag. The founders of the Little Angels, Reverend and Mrs. Moon generously supported the world tour.

It was with great appreciation that these brave veterans and their families were honored by the wonderful, beautiful and charming performances of the Little Angels in these 16 nations. For the last seventy years the U.S. and Korea have been important allies in trying to bring peace and understanding to the world. In the world of international relations, it is not always easy for nations of different backgrounds to see eye to eye. But when nations and their people overcome political stigmas and strive to know one another's hearts, to establish understanding and trust, we truly begin to understand each other as human beings. This doesn't begin with the teaching of political leaders, it begins with the family.

May God bless you and God bless your families.



An Excerpt from True Mother's UPF Summit Speech Read by Her Youngest Son

You may ask, "What is the significance of Foundation Day?" Foundation Day is a day of cosmic significance that marks a new beginning for heaven and earth. By the infinite love and grace of our Heavenly Parent, all who sincerely repent of their wrongdoings are forgiven. In this way, we begin anew as purified sons and daughters of our Heavenly Parent.

Foundation Day affirms the absolute sovereignty of God, our Heavenly Parent, and marks the cosmic turning point in the long and suffering course of God's providence. Our Heavenly Parent wanted to be embodied on this earth as True Parents and live together eternally with filial sons and daughters in a realm of true love: one family under God. However, God's original ideal was shattered by the corruption of love, and the fall of Adam and Eve. The Fall led to the ongoing division of Cain and Abel and the domination of humanity by satanic power. Foundation Day marks the day when that era of sin, ignorance, and corruption may be overcome. This is a day of liberation, for God and for all humanity.

The original ideal of creation is for our Heavenly Parent to have their image and likeness embodied substantially in this

world, through the blessing of the True Parents. Foundation Day is none other than the completion stage of the Holy Blessing of True Parents, Father Moon in heaven and Mother Moon here on earth, along with all blessed families.

In this way, heaven and earth are united, and the barriers that have separated human beings from God can be eliminated. With the Blessing of True Parents that took place yesterday, the gateway to a free, innocent, and open relationship of true love between heaven and earth, between our Heavenly Parent and all God's children is now opened. The cornerstone has been set in place. The foundation has been laid.

Foundation Day also establishes the basis for establishing the ideal nation of Cheon Il Guk, a unified nation that transcends race, ethnicity, nationality, and even religion, a nation that transcends the historical division of Cain and Abel and which knows no borders; Cheon Il Guk is a nation whose citizens are the holy and filial sons and daughters of our Heavenly Parent.

As you discuss the topic of "Peace, Security, and Human Development" over the next few days, I ask that you pay particular attention to these points! **SW**





Our Course toward Nationhood

By Hashim Thaci, prime minister of Kosovo

I am delighted but also humbled to be here in front of you today, a gathering of such a distinguished group of people from the entire world, contributors to global peace and development.

This is an exceptional opportunity to tell you the story of my country and my people. This is truly a story of peace prevailing over conflict, of faith in goodness prevailing over fear, a story that started long ago with bloody wars in the Balkans and ended in peace finally prevailing in the country and the region I come from.

My name is Hashim Thaci. I am the prime minister of the Republic of Kosovo, a small country in Southeast Europe that has a special place in the modern history of the world. My country is the latest one to be established on the European continent; we celebrated the country's fifth birthday on February 17.

When I say that Kosovo has earned a special place in world history, I refer to the path that my people have taken in order to achieve peace, freedom and democracy, which some of you may remember. Kosovo was a unit in the former Yugoslavia, a country that fell apart completely under the rule of a nationalist regime in a series of bloody wars.

Neighboring Serbia, under the dictator Milosevic,¹ who died in prison in The Hague during an international trial for crimes committed toward my people as well as the people of Bosnia and Croatia, had occupied my country and started a systematic campaign of violence. Over ten thousand people were killed in a short period of time. Over 1 million people, which means over half the entire population, was ethnically cleansed² and thrown out of the country by this vile regime. Over twenty thousand women were raped.

I was a student when the oppression started and I escaped to Switzerland as a student political dissident, preoccupied with the idea of resisting and overthrowing this regime of war and hate. I soon became a guerilla fighter and leader of men and women who took up arms to resist. Our fight, our dedi-

cation to universal human values and our call for help were not left unanswered. The Free World, led by United States of America and major European countries, helped us by bombing Serbia and defeating the forces that were causing so much havoc and misery.

Thus started the second stage of my political engagement. The war was won; people returned and the United Nations set up a special protectorate³ to govern Kosovo, until such a day when we could govern ourselves and decide on the path our society would take.

Our society chose well. I am proud to have been at the forefront of people that chose human rights, dedication to peace, tolerance and economic development and who cherished entrepreneurship and an open society as ways to move and develop our war-torn society.

The proudest moment of my life came in 2008. After years of engaging in earnest negotiations with Serbia over the status of Kosovo, Nobel Prize Winner Marti Ahtisaari proposed a plan to make Kosovo independent. We were promised self-determination in return for guaranteeing extensive rights to our minorities and a truly democratic system for our citizens. I gathered the representatives of the people from all communities, and declared independence⁴ for my country on February 17, 2008.

I am proud that my son, our children, will never again live in fear, will never again be taught to hate, will never again be questioned for the language they speak or the faith that they have.

Honorable Excellencies, Distinguished Peace-Makers, Dear friends:

What did we do in our five years of independence? Did we squander the opportunities that came with peace? What was my plan and the plan of my government for life after freedom was obtained? I will touch upon these questions in a few short remarks, hoping that some valuable lessons may be conveyed.

As I speak in the company of distinguished speakers that fought wars and rebuilt countries, my advice from the small

3 The United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) established by the Security Council in its resolution 1244 (1999)

4 From Serbia

1 Slobodan Milosevic (1941–2006) was president of Serbia (1989–1997) and president of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (1997–2000)

2 UN Security Council's "Final Report of the Commission of Experts (on the former Yugoslavia) defined "ethnic cleansing" as "rendering an area ethnically homogenous by using force or intimidation to remove from a given area persons from another ethnic or religious group."



Republic of Kosovo may resonate as we share our experiences on how to make global peace a permanent feature of our times.

To quote my dear colleague and speaker Xanana Gusmao from East Timor, "After decades of strife, patience is most needed." We first made sure that our country was recognized. Serbia had changed their politicians and become democratic, but unfortunately their discourse toward Kosovars did not change much in the beginning; they were reluctant to recognize the crimes committed against Kosovars and accept the reality of the new state.

We received enormous help and in less than five years—despite resistance by some members of the Security Council—Kosovo has now been recognized by almost a hundred countries. South Korea was among the first countries to do so, and we are eternally grateful for this sign of friendship. My people will never forget the positive role South Korea played in helping ensure our status.

The most recent recognition came last week, when I hosted the representative of President Morsi of Egypt. We are proud that one of the oldest civilizations in the world has also decided to recognize Kosovo. We have become sovereign members of agencies such as the IMF, the World Bank and other multi-lateral bodies. We know that the process of the recognition of our country will end with a UN seat for Kosovo in New York. I use this opportunity to call upon you, distinguished leaders from countries that have not yet done so, to recognize the will of the people of Kosovo and join more than half of the UN membership, including most EU and NATO states, most Organization of the Islamic Conference states and most Council of Europe states, in accepting our hand of friendship and recognizing us.

Economically, we started a stimulus program that has enabled growth. I doubled the salaries of all public employees in five years, while I tripled the salaries of prosecutors and judges. We have initiated a construction program. We have built a modern motorway to the Adriatic coast with top American companies and are building the biggest airport in the Balkans utilizing Turkish and French investors.

We have built a hundred schools. From \$2,000 per capita GDP in the last year before independence, we have now reached \$4,000, doubling the wealth of our citizens in five years. Our growth is the second largest in Europe, averaging 5 percent for last five years, despite working through the global

financial crisis that has hit my country as hard as it has yours. More needs to be done, especially in attracting foreign investments and tackling corruption and organized crime.

Most importantly, I insisted on reconciliation and normalization of relations with Serbia. Here, we hope, is where our contribution to world peace will be most appreciated. I've come to this fine conference from Brussels, the capital of a united Europe, where for two days I met with Prime Minister Dacic of Serbia. He is my former adversary; but today, under EU leadership and with the support of the U.S.A., we have met five times to ensure that Serbia is recognizing reality on the ground.

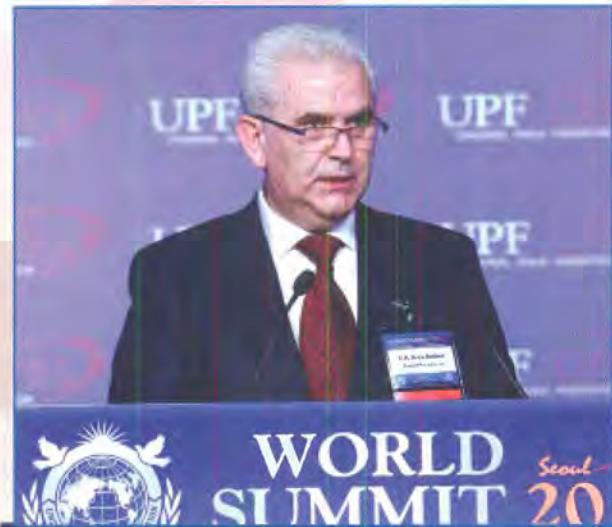
In our previous meetings, Serbia recognized our republic's diplomas, ID cards, courts and borders. We now want to settle the status of the Serbs living in the north of my country by integrating them fully into Kosovo's constitutional system.

The prime minister of Serbia has committed to working with me to achieve lasting peace and the mutually beneficial normalization of relations. The EU has told both of us that we must engage each other in a neighborly manner if we want to become EU members. This is what we want: A European Serbia that recognizes Kosovo in the name of universal values but also local interests.

I will travel to New York soon, to the Security Council, to report my impressions of the dialogue. It is a difficult process, especially because we are still lacking a formal apology for the past horrible crimes committed against our own families. Nevertheless, for the sake of our children's future, I will meet whomever wherever to ensure that our peoples can focus on development and growth: growth of families, growth of the economy, growth of values.

My government has enabled full minority protection. Let me also add, as you may be interested, that we have opened true interfaith dialogue with religious communities. My Foreign Ministry will organize a conference this May to gather top leaders of religions and on interfaith issues to ensure that people of faith help us in enabling the success of the dialogue I am having with the Serbian prime minister to trickle down to the wider society, especially the youth.

Kosovo is here to stay. It will not disappear. Compromises were needed and we remain committed to the cause of peace globally. Thank you very much for your attention. **GTW**



Sweet, Elusive Freedom

President Zivko Budimir, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Respected Excellencies, Eminences, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends of the Summit, President Walsh, and especially the Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon:

I am extremely honored to be here today and thankful for the opportunity to address this meeting, whose topic is exactly what the country I represent, Bosnia and Herzegovina, is striving for more than ever; that is, the topic of this high-level summit: peace, stability, and security.

To begin with, I feel the need to say that I was an active participant in the war in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina and that already during the war I contributed significantly to the establishment of peace and trust. Knowing the horrors of war, today, as a politician, I act in a way that those horrors of war do not happen again, neither to us nor to others.

Since the time of ancient Greece, and the famous ancient Greek philosophers, to this day, people have been reflecting on or trying to decipher what freedom, peace and democracy are and how it might be possible to provide them to mankind. From Socrates to the Renaissance philosophers and advocates for peace and human identity, peace has been defined as a basic human right.

Among my Croatian people, there is a well-known writer and politician, Ivan Gundulic, who lived from 1589 to 1683 in Dubrovnik, a libertarian city-republic which has enjoyed a long independence throughout history and which had only one word on its flag, *Libertas*, which means freedom. Ivan Gundulic wrote a "Hymn to Freedom," in which the following verse is repeated several times in order to validate in the simplest way the innate need of every human being to be free: "Oh beautiful, oh dear, oh sweet freedom."

In more recent history, we find that the Declaration of Independence of the U.S.A. represents a beginning of the road and the biggest step toward achieving this ideal. This breakthrough is embodied in an exalted proposition, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." However, even the country that has incorporated into its foundations this lofty declaration took nearly two hundred years to

implement it for all of its citizens.

In the preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights—adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948 and created as a result of horrific crimes and human rights violations during World War II—the first paragraph reminds humanity that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world."

Today, in the modern era, in spite of God's laws, numerous declarations, legal documents, and a historically unprecedented high level of knowledge for everyone on the planet, there are a certain number of countries—meaning a part of humanity as well—where it is not possible to achieve peace. Lack of peace and wars being waged directly affect the "right to live" as a basic human right. This implies that part of humanity is deprived of its liberty—unfortunately not only where wars are being fought but also in non-democratic societies where fundamental rights are compromised. This means that we still have not managed to establish a society where human rights are respected and where justice and truth are being implemented. I am confident that I am not exaggerating when I say that even today, the advanced forces in the world—and I believe all of us gathered here too—discuss how to "reach the stars," how to attain a society in which everyone is assured stable peace and respect for human rights.

An ordinary man such as me tends to simplify his thinking, looking for answers in the Creator and His laws. Thus, my thoughts lead me to pursue answers to the question of where the rights and freedoms of individuals or collectives start to pose a threat to the freedom and rights of others. Causes that impair relationships between individuals and groups are being hidden in this hard-to-define zone, which then leads to the endangerment of the rights of others. The essential question is how to achieve harmony in our relations—which are bounded by differences in cultures, religions, interests and goals—that would lead us to a society that will ensure lasting peace, stability, and security of the whole of mankind.

During the war in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina,



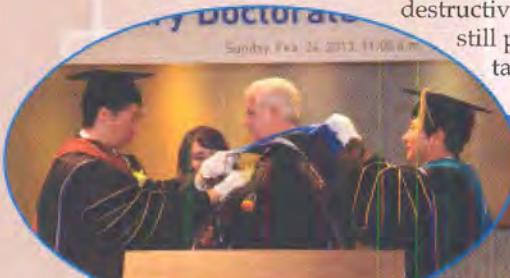
First Lady of Mali, Mintou Doucoure Traore, with Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim; Hyung-jin nim and Taj Hamad in conversation with Mr. Tetsuya Endo, former ambassador in charge of Japan–North Korea Normalization Talks.

I considered it my duty to defend my people, my country—which I did—and I am proud of it. I was a soldier and a general, and the ideals that I fought for were freedom, justice, and truth, confident that those ideals—once we attain and defend them—would ensure peace for everyone. Later, after the war, I realized that those against whom I fought were convinced that they were fighting for exactly the same ideals. Realizing this has introduced me to a new "dimension" of comprehension of attitudes toward events and phenomena, as well as toward the truth in a society. I believe that many of you are familiar with, or are at least aware of, this dimension that has largely determined my further life stances, and I believe actions as well.

Today, as a politician, with the same zeal—despite numerous obstacles in a country of multiple transitions and with destructive ideas and ideologies still present—I aim to maintain peace, provide stabil-

ity that would be sustainable and attain security and respect for human rights for all peoples and citizens regardless of their nationality, religion or orientation, throughout the whole territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Sometimes, it seems to me, that I do not have many companions along this way and that it would be much simpler and easier to walk the way of the loud minority, the way of hypocrisy, lies and injustice.

I will end my speech by quoting Mother Teresa, a symbol of peace and struggle for fundamental human rights for those who are deprived of them and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate: "Love begins at our homes; love lives in homes and that is why there is so much suffering and misery in the world.... It seems that today everyone is in a terrible hurry, impatient to achieve greater success, development, wealth and the like, and children are given so little time from their parents. Parents have no time for each other, and that is how, in families, begins the disruption of peace in the world." **SW**



On February 24, at the Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel, Sunmoon University conferred honorary doctorates on (from Kook-jin nim's left) President Zivko Budimir, Prime Minister Morgan R. Tsvangirai, Prime Minister D. M. Jayaratne, Prime Minister Hashim Thaci and Vice-President Khalili.

Tongil Foundation Chairman Kook-jin Moon Hosts World Summit Leaders

Freedom and Fiscal Responsibility

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are honored that you have joined us here today for the Tongil Group luncheon. I will keep my comments brief because you have already seen a long video and we have other CEOs of our companies giving presentations. But I would like to say that we here at the Tongil Group are fundamentally very committed to pursuing the development of our founders vision, the vision of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, which is a world of peace.

Unfortunately, given the world as it is today, peace seems very far away. We see rising tensions here in the East between China and Japan, and even Korea and North Korea. There is rising militarism throughout the world—a large military build-up in China, and in Russia, and North Korea has recently conducted successful nuclear tests. As we speak today, America and South Korea are conducting military exercises because of the threat of potential conflict or war in this region.

We live in very uncertain times and we are challenged to find a way to have a more peaceful society in this age. I hope that somehow, all of us can realize that the freedom we have in the free countries of the world and in those democracies—that freedom is very precious and that freedom needs to be preserved. We need to fight for it.

In order for freedom to be preserved and spread throughout

the world, it is quite important that free democracies be strong. They cannot be fiscally irresponsible and bankrupt their nations. Because if they do so, they will not be able to preserve freedom in the world. It is unfortunate that in today's world we see dictatorships and countries that do not have freedom exercising more fiscal discipline than democracies. This is a very bad trend, because if you study history, you will find that the death of democracy occurs when populism takes over the mind-set of the people in those free countries. We saw that happen in ancient Greece. We saw Rome lose its democracy to the imperial emperors when populism overtook their citizens. And we see the same disease of populism spreading all throughout our democracies in the world today.

We must seriously be concerned whether or not freedom itself will be fundamentally threatened in the world.

So, I hope that you as world leaders can reconfirm yourselves to freedom, and to democracy and to fiscally disciplined democracy, because that is what we need to keep freedom for all of us. So, please, take heart and build free societies that are fiscally strong and strong in terms of their military, so that we can defend freedom from dictatorship.

So, please enjoy the presentations from our other Tongil Group business leaders and I'll finish my comments there. Thank you very much. **SW**

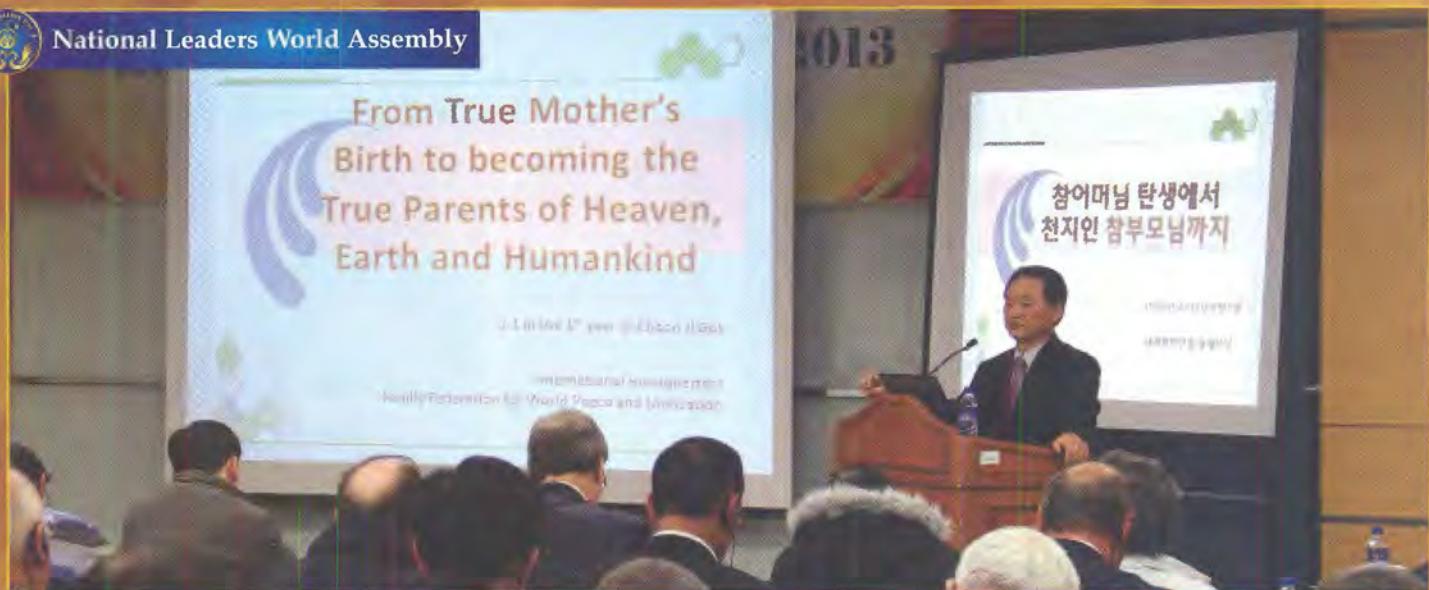




Greetings and Appreciation for the World's FFWPU National Leaders

Sun-jin nim: Thank you so much for all your hard work, for your unwavering faith and your true dedication to God and True Parents. For us, it was just a moving day yesterday to witness the ultimate amazing grace and forgiveness of God and True Parents. We were really able to inherit and feel the warmth and love of what it means to be loved by our true Heavenly Parent. Even though Father is not with us, he is complete with True Mother as our Parents, and we felt their grace and love yesterday. I just want to say a few words of gratitude to our wonderful True Mother who—when I think about the long road of suffering, to come to this point, to come to this point with all you first generation... The world leaders at the Summit at dinner last night ... Really, to work for peace and harmony and really promote true love, and true ideal families, to create an absolute true lineage under God, True Mother had been tirelessly supporting Father with a silent, beautiful smile. In many ways the heart that is behind every great man is a great woman and an even greater woman is a saint. That is our True Mother. So, I just want to offer our tremendous gratitude and our apologies for not being worthy sons and daughters, but we will do our best. And with all of you, we pledge to work together to bring about Cheon Il Guk, Father and Mother's and God's realization on earth. Thank you very much.





Top: Dr. Chang Shik-yang speaks to the national leaders. *Middle:* This year's NLWA featured sometimes intensive questioning of nations' presentations, and group discussion. *Bottom:* African members rock the house; all continental groups eventually sang; National leaders tour a new Il Hwa factory built with company profits.





Top: Each continental director and a senior member presented a gift to True Mother; Park Sang-gwon, who presented two puppies from North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, named Anju and Jeonju, after True Parents' hometowns; *Middle and Below:* By continent group, members approached Bonhyangwon, True Father's grave site, to do a full bow and pray.





The Era of Group Witnessing Dawns in Thailand

Members of FFWPU-Thailand are introducing groups that have taken part in their Interfaith Peace Blessing Ceremonies to aspects of True Parents' tradition and a life of faith that until now only full-time members have practiced. Thus, as their foundation broadens within society, it is also gradually deepening.

From the closing month of last year until Foundation Day, members in Thailand, a small number of people among FFWPU-Thailand's 1,457 members, brought to a one-day workshop more than five thousand guests and blessed 2,800 couples. With the intention of creating a model for moving from public blessings to genuine membership in a blessed family, in one of the earliest Interreligious Blessing Festivals, those in charge persuaded eighty couples to begin a forty-day separation just after their blessing. When those couples finished this separation, forty-eight of them chose to attend a three-day workshop at the UPF and FFWPU headquarters in Bangkok. Among the forty-eight, seventeen opted to do the workshop in the daylight hours and their Three-Day Ceremony at night. The main person behind that particular Blessing Ceremony, vice-chairman of UPF Asia and former Thai national leader, Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul, described this as a "pilot project, so that we can find a successful model and continue to inspire all the others that received the blessing to follow in those footsteps."

Thai members had undergone a long period of relative turbulence before their recent dramatic successes, but all the while they were consistently investing themselves and their organization was maturing. In the late 1980s, the church was becoming increasingly active. Membership rapidly increased, which made nervous those who did not know our church or our members well. After a political change, the media, led by one newspaper, maligned our church. In the hostile atmosphere that the newspaper's wild accusations created for our members, church leaders were suddenly arrested. Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul, more commonly known simply as Dr. Lek (national leader 1988–2005) and his wife Vipa were among eight Thai members imprisoned in the main prison facility in Bangkok from June 26, 1991 to March 17, 1993. When Father was first told about their incarceration, he said, "Through the sacrifice of eight people in prison, the victory over evil power will be won. Don't worry; we will win, but it will take time." It did indeed take time. Final Supreme Court, victory came only eighteen months ago.

In spite of their being enmeshed in drawn-out court proceedings, the Thai members and their allies started FFWPU and other organizations in 1997. The first president of FFWPU and UPF in Thailand (1997–2000) was a medical doctor and professor who had already had a distinguished career in public service going back decades. Dr. Krasae Chanawongse, now in his late seventies, had been a deputy minister of public health and minister of foreign affairs among other posts and was (as recently as 2002) an advisor to the Thai prime minister.

Through FFWPU, UPF, WFWP and associated organizations, the Thai movement gained increasing recognition from government, voluntary civic and social organizations, the public and the United Nations, through the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), which is located in Bangkok, the Thai capital. They did many projects with UNESCAP, especially on days the UN wished to highlight, such as the International Day of Families.

The pragmatic solution: love beyond differences

Nearly 80 percent of Thailand's 70 million people are ethnically Thai. Chinese, Malay and Khmer people essentially make up the remainder. The country is 94 percent Buddhist, five percent Sunni Muslim (in the three most southern provinces, near Malaysia) and 1 percent Christian.

At a presentation given to the World National Leaders Assembly 2013 by Dr. Lek and Rev. Kamol Thananopavarn, the national leader of FFWPU-Thailand, Dr. Lek explained that their establishing of the Interreligious Peace Council, in line with Father's vision for a bicameral United Nations, was crucial preparation for the recent Interfaith Peace Blessing Festivals. "We got agreement from the top," he said, "from the minister of culture in charge of religion and the top religious leaders of four or five of the main religions in Thailand, who joined the inauguration. We broke down religious barriers, so the blessing festivals become an interfaith activity. We invited religious leaders to the festivals and they even signed a declaration in front of the public."

Harmonious interaction between UPF and FFWPU is essential to approaching the Thai public with the Peace Blessing Festivals.

tivals. It is a peace movement and a movement to strengthen families, two aims that transcend religious affiliation. The focus is on peace and joy within families, communities and the nation.

It is Dr. Lek's assessment that Regional President Yong's decision to hold an Interfaith Peace Blessing in Mindanao was a key to success throughout the Philippines. Succeeding at holding a peace-themed event in the most dangerous part of the country brought broad public approval of the event throughout the Philippines. Inspired by this, FFWPU and UPF-Thailand held an event in Hat Yai City in southern Thailand, with the support of the Hat Yai mayor. Those that participated in the event went through a half-day of education. Hat Yai is in a Muslim-majority province where members of a separatist movement have committed numerous acts of violence, through which (cumulatively) several thousand people have been killed over the last decade.

The Blessing Festival was highly successful. Buddhist and Muslim families sat down to discuss issues and participated in the Blessing Ceremony harmoniously. Though no one from FFWPU-Thailand had invited Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, word reached her about the event and she worried about what might transpire in a region that is often on the nightly news because of attacks and bombings. "She sent a representative to observe our conference," Dr. Lek explained. "We received top-level support from UNESCO, the National Assembly of Thailand, the King Prajadhipok Institute (which is under the Thai Parliament) the Southern Province Administration Center and the government of the local Songkhla Province. They welcomed UPF but also the Interfaith Peace Blessing." In the midst of a much troubled region, God could reach 1,100 couples through the Blessing Ceremony.

In 2008, when Dr. Lek ceased being the national leader, he was encouraged to set an example as a successful tribal messiah, to bless the 430 couples that True Parents had set as the standard of success in that mission. Toward that end, he and his wife turned their rented home into a tribal mission center. They began by visiting high schools in northern Thailand and presenting a one-day Pure Love and Ideal Family Seminar. Many students in that area would appreciate the opportunity to study in Bangkok, a more developed part of their country. From the students who took part in the one-day seminar, they recruited hundreds of young people to attend a Pure Love and Ideal Family Camp for two-day and five-day workshops. They had prospective students not only attend workshops but also take part in community service work. They then screened and selected only pure, self-motivated students with good character to live with them and study in Bangkok after graduating from high school in what became known as the "Ideal Youth Training Program: Guiding High School Students to Healthy University Life." More than a hundred students were adopted into their home through that process. The Thaveetermsakuls have had to rent an additional six houses to contain them all. They are in the process now of finding a hundred more students. Thus far, they have found seventy. In addition to secular schooling, the students go through a regimen of Divine Principle seminars, up to twenty-one day workshops. They also participate in many activities with full-time members. The Thaveetermsakuls' initial plan was to continue down this course, with the expectation that after four years of college their charges would go through the matching and blessing process.

Realizing a messianic ideal by Foundation Day

By 2012, the movement's strong focus was on Foundation Day.

Based on the direction given by True Mother and with inspiration coming from Regional President Yong Chong-sik, Dr. Lek and his wife had the sense that they needed to do something before Foundation Day arrived. They were apparently mulling over what to do, when as Dr. Lek said, "Dr. Yong asked me to try to set some example of breaking through with the 430 couples. I'm so grateful to him now." In November, they resolved to fulfill this in early December—specifically, in the first two days of the month.

They sent the young people that they had adopted, who come from twenty different provinces, to visit their families and to persuade their parents and relatives to take part in the Interfaith Peace Blessing Festivals. They chose Khon Kaen as the best site in northern Thailand for the families to converge at for the Blessing Ceremony. They spent a month preparing. All 650 couples that attended the blessing went through a one-day workshop and each received *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*. Subsequent education is ongoing. Despite the relatively brief workshops that preceded the Blessing Ceremonies, all who took part in the ceremonies were told the significance of the Holy Wine and Holy Water. They also learned the meaning of the Indemnity Stick Ceremony. At first it was described as a "family relationship activity," but once the details were explained, people were able to see the value (or at least the lighter side) of this unusual tradition. Additionally, married couples planning to take part were encouraged to go through a forty-day separation after the Blessing Ceremony. At each preparatory workshop, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon were presented to the participants as the True Parents of All Humanity, the Messiah and the returning Buddha. Because Dr. Lek and his wife had adopted the children of the participants, it was as if they were guiding their own relatives.

The example set by Dr. Lek and his wife set off a surge of Interfaith Peace Blessing Festivals of a similar size in various areas of Thailand. Other members were determined to reach the 430-couple tribal messiah standard before Foundation Day, despite a lack of financial resources and in most cases, an absence of a John-the-Baptist figure to help introduce them to the community. Through their sincere determination and effort, Heaven provided the ingredients necessary to reach their aims.

Interfaith Peace Blessing Festivals that neared or exceeded that tribal messiah required number of couples took place in the northeastern sector of Thailand (wedged between Laos and Cambodia) on December 2 in Khon Kaen (Dr. Lek's tribe); Thatum Surin, December 16; Khao Wong District, January 25; and Roi Et City on February 2. A Blessing Festival took place in the far northwest city of Chang Mai (about 130 kilometers from Burma) on December 23 and in the far southern peninsular arm of Thailand in the city of Hat Yai (mentioned earlier) a hundred kilometers from the northernmost Malaysian city of Alor Setar.

We can learn much from the Thai movement. Under the harshest conditions, eight key members endured hardships in prison while the whole movement endured being characterized as members of a pariah religion, social outcasts. During times of lesser stress, the organization was banned but the members maintained dignity and acted in an open and honest manner as the sons and daughters of God and True Parents. Now that the worst times are behind FFWPU-Thailand, it is blossoming and the members are reuniting the lost children of their nation with the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. **SW**



The Family Matching System

By Philip Schanker, Blessed Family Ministry

Good morning, brothers and sisters. Recently, the international headquarters provided us with some very profound questions, really excellent questions that get at the heart of the system, what works and what doesn't work. The only challenge is that if we deal with all of those questions, we'll have the same experience as we had in the last session, and we won't get to your questions.

So, I ask that at some point to just open this up to your questions so you may have a chance to participate.

I know that many great efforts are being made to develop a healthy and good matching system. In Korea—and I know Japan has a very well-developed system that reflects the Japanese culture and the Japanese church culture. We have found that with the system that we've worked on for the last three years—which is a very short time—better than 95 percent of the matchings that are being made are not breaking. Now, you might say that such a thing is just "impossible," but I want to explain to you why it has been so successful. It's not simply horizontal; it's not simply letting kids decide themselves. We'd like to share with you what has made this work.

In 2001 True Parents bequeathed the responsibility to parents to match their/our children. The challenge has been to develop a healthy matching tradition that's not relying on the spiritual authority and power of True Father's matching ability but a tradition of the parents, which is the original tradition.

In 1986, when Father matched the first second generation members, he said to them, "Your parents are the ones who are supposed to be doing this, but I didn't train them yet, I didn't educate them yet. Ultimately, it's their responsibility."

We know in Cheon Il Guk, it's not a distant authority that should be matching our children; in Cheon Il Guk it's about a loving relationship with parents, a loving family relationship that calls us to support our sons and daughters to find their eternal partner. So our challenge is a matching tradition that

empowers parents, gives us confidence. Many are confused, are not sure. Others are marching forward without knowing where their children are at. We are looking for what prepares candidates well, that builds strong, lasting, and successful couples, but of course bequeaths the vertical tradition and standard of our True Parents.

Now, in your books we included some of the statistics in the United States. We're not talking about those statistics because the issue is not how many blessed children we have; the issue is world-wide. The reality is that since that time we've had many successes, but in our older nations, a very small percentage of blessed children are interested in the church or the matching. For many, it is because they were hurt or disappointed by the matching process. When I say, "too few," this is not my idea; this is what True Mother said very clearly: "Where are our blessed children?" She called out a number that was so small we should all be concerned.

Also, we have experienced too many failed matching efforts. I've heard from some of our participants how your sons or daughters were alienated by the matching process that didn't work. Too many parents are hesitant and unsure how to match, while some are marching forward absolutely to match without knowing their children's mind or preparation. Too many elder blessed children are losing confidence in the matching process, and they find disappointment and hurt among the blessed children from a "failed" matching process. But these "failed" matchings do provide us with the information we need to help guide us on how to do a better job the next time.

And for our first generation, to the best of our knowledge, until this time more than half of the matches suggested by our leadership failed. That's our reality in the world.

Today most of our blessed children are eighteen years old and younger, so this is an important opportunity to learn and

improve, not just from what is working but also from what didn't work. Most of our system was developed from what didn't work. Most of our system developed from people who were hurt, or from things that didn't go well, from families that didn't communicate or parents and children who weren't on the same page.

In 2009 our international president introduced new matching guidelines. He said we needed a "paradigm shift," that we needed to move from the matching system used when we were in "the age of the wilderness," from the age of restoration through indemnity, where the focus was "providential blessings" or "spiritual conditions" to advance the providence. True Parents would match, and then Father bequeathed that responsibility to leaders for the first generation, and then to parents for the second generation.

But in the past, often we blessed people first, and then educated them later. We would get notice of a blessing event happening in three weeks, so we would rush to prepare candidates. As parents we found ourselves idealistic but unprepared. What Hyung-jin nim said was that there came to be a "disassociation," a separation between the beautiful ideal of the blessing and the struggles that were happening among matched and blessed couples. Therefore, he called for a paradigm shift for this age after the coming of heaven, where True Parents would continue to match based on the Cheon il Guk standard, to re-create the original standard, but that our leaders were not qualified to match absolutely, to say, "this is the person whom you should be blessed with," but that we who did not the True Parents' qualification would only serve in the role of supporters, guides, advisors, and that we needed therefore to prepare candidates more carefully: to educate first, and then bless.

Thus, we were to strengthen our qualifications, to educate young people in character and faith, and personal preparation, and make a better management system. Based on these guidelines, we set out to develop a system in the United States. From Hyung-jin nim's international guidelines, several important policies emerged. First, that the process should be absolutely parent-centered, while at the same time the candidates input should absolutely be respected—their idea, their priority, their preference, even their suggestion (of a particular person) could be offered in the process.

Also, when the matching process became serious toward one candidate, we should pursue only one family at a time, not shopping around to compare. We are creating the conditions for God to guide the process. Also, because so many were jumping into the process—we would see our children going in the wrong direction, and we might panic, Oh, we had better match them quickly!

So parents would rush ahead to match often when candidates were not qualified. Parents were discussing when their sons or daughters had secret boyfriends or were not interested in the blessing—those kinds of things. So, Hyung-jin nim suggested clear stages for the matching process, careful preparation, and a clear process for developing the candidate, and also for the couples' ownership of the final matching decision.

It could be absolutely vertical, if they trust their parents 100 percent, and if they want to embrace their parents' recommendation, that's my choice, but the couple needed the final ownership. Also, there needs to be honesty and full disclosure among the families of the situation of every candidate. The parents and the families would accept ownership of the entire process.

Most important to us, Hyung-jin nim asked that every

nation and every region train and certify matching advisors to help and support this process. We were not going to continue with the system of one or two "spiritual people" who would make all the decisions, but rather that there be a process where God could work through the hearts of parents, the unity of the couples, the parent-child relationship, and family to family cooperation.

With those guidelines in mind, I am going to briefly reintroduce to you the elements that we have developed and what the process looks like, then we're going to open up the floor for a panel discussion.

The developments we focused on were:

1. The Family Matching Handbook—originally this handbook began as a training manual for matching advisors. We wanted to guide our advisors and train them. We then realized that every parent and child needs this guidance. Everyone needs these examples. Up until that time, every matching guidebook that had been made was beautiful yet their focus was spiritual guidance added to the heart tradition, Father's mind-set, all very important points—and they are the core (of our beliefs)—but this particular handbook is a practical step-by-step how-to manual. It focuses on being a step-by-step process. We do not consider it as "rules," and we do not demand that any parents follow this process. Parents are the owners of the process that they decide to follow. These are recommendations and guidelines. All these have been developed based on painful experiences that have hurt our children, which we are seeking to prevent in the future.
2. From that, we have developed an outline which we are already using for first-generation members, a Unificationist Matching Handbook, which we won't spend much time on this morning.
3. Also, we've trained more than one hundred matching advisors around the United States and now internationally on our webinars, conference calls and our networking meetings. We've got participants from fifty or sixty countries. All of our matching advisors are available on our Blessed Family website; they are available at our matching sites, "Matchbook," and our parents' association, Blessed Family Association, also is very active in supporting the matching advisors.
4. The initial training for matching advisors is now available online, and also may be gotten by DVD. We have advanced training webinars, four times a year that are joined by participants all over the world. We also, in line with Hyung-jin nim's direction, have made better preparation and developed three different levels of blessing education. The first level is for those who are sixteen years old and above. This does focus on the ideal of the blessing, but it also emphasizes character development, personal preparation. "Before I find the right person how can I become the right person? What are my social skills? What are my life goals? Where do I want to be as an individual before I enter a marriage relationship?"
5. The second level—Becoming an Ideal Partner—is for those eighteen and above. That's where we talk more deeply about value of lineage, the meaning of the blessing, restoration, and we introduce the matching process: parent-child unity, making a family plan, and all of the aspects that will guide them through the process.
6. The third level is the "Start Smart" workshop for couples. It's for all matched couples. In this both the first and second

generation couples participate together. There, we focus on relationship guidance and also preparation for blessed family life, for absolute sexual oneness, and for the first night, how to begin their marriage in a healthy way.

Each program balances the vertical theological aspect and the practical relationship aspect. We are developing them into workshop manuals, small group manuals, and we will have an online version within a year or two.

We've also developed the first online application system. If you've ever seen college applications online, or financial aid applications online in the United States, the entire system is accessible, and it is secure. Each region or district manages their own candidates. It is entirely online.

We also, together with Europe, Japan, South America and Asia, now have parent matching convocations. These are very healthy and helpful programs that bring parents together to learn about the process, to connect with each other and to consider candidates. There is a wonderful, holy, display room. Candidates can only be displayed in that display room with their own permission. Children candidates don't want their parents going around displaying their children like a "meat market." Candidates need to want to be there! They need to complete all their profile information themselves. That room is beautiful, it's tearful, and it's prayerful. It's a lovely process as parents meet and consider and discuss. Now, please understand that these are not matching meetings. No matchings are concluded in a weekend. It is for education, for parents to learn about the process. We encourage that parents attend as a couple, that they discuss and communicate and get on the same page. A lot of times dad wants this, mom wants that, and the child wants something else. It's important to get on the same page and make a plan. It is also an opportunity to network and consider possible candidates.

We also work with websites. Of course, the entire movement works with the International Matching Website for Blessed Children. We network and display candidates at different countries' convocations. But, in the United States, we also have a very active parents' association. That parents' association is the Blessed Family Association, BFA, which Father himself founded for Blessed Couples to take care of themselves and each other—the 1,800 Couples Association, the 777 Couples Association, etc.

So, the parents are very active. They developed a matching website, called Matchbook—like a facebook matching—and our young people and families love it. It's designed for matching advisors to work with it very well, manage information very well, so we find it to be a good tool. So we use that together with the International Matching Website.

Finally, I want to conclude with a brief description of the process. Based upon these important policies, from Hyung-jin nim's guidelines, based on the policy that there should be clear stages for the matching process, we developed three, which were actually suggested by our International Headquarters:

Firstly, a clear preparation stage to qualify a candidate prior to them beginning the matching process. This makes a huge difference—that a young person is the right age, that the person makes the effort to fill out the application, do the purity interview, and all the things we used to do in the last moment just before the blessing (Where's the paperwork? Where can we find an application? We didn't finish the interview!) All of that should be done before they enter the matching process. Their purity, their confession, all should be done before the matching process. It makes a total difference in the quality of the candidate.

You should come to a Level Three couples' seminar. They

are clear. They know why they are going to the Blessing Ceremony, and they are in love and they are committed because of the preparation process.

Secondly, there is a very clear time-based matching process. No need to hurry. No need to rush. Give the candidates time to take ownership of their matching decision.

Thirdly, it is to develop a relationship as a matched and engaged couple prior to entering into a sexual marital relationship.

The preparation stage—I won't go into detail—but there we employ the policy that it be a parent-centered process, by having parents prepare well. We suggest that parents attend a Matching Convocation when their children are sixteen or younger because whenever parents come, they start to realize: "I don't know my son; my daughter doesn't trust me; we haven't really communicated well; I'm not sure how to do this." It's better to prepare well early and build a trust relationship so that God can work through the parent-child relationship.

Respect candidates input. The most important guidelines in this first stage are to fully qualify candidates before beginning the process, and secondly to make a family matching plan covering the priorities, the intentions, the concerns of the child, and what the parents' role will be. Sometimes the parents want to run the process completely—"I'm going to tell you; I sat on the airplane to Cheongpyeong and the person who sat next to me has a twenty-year old daughter. You're my twenty-one year old son. I know it was God—that's your wife." And their son or daughter wants input, has thoughts, has ideas, and has inspiration. Other times the child wants their parents to do the work, to find someone from God, and recommend that totally. They do not want to be involved. They don't want to be faced with the choice—"what do you think of that person, here are ten pictures, choose one". So, making a plan that's appropriate to your family faith, your son or daughter's character, is very important.

Our recommended qualifications—these are not all of them, but these are a couple of them. We recommend a minimum of eighteen years of age. Mother has now announced that for the Cheon Il Guk matching candidates, twenty-one years old will be the minimum age because she wants to make sure that the young people are the owners of their fate and mature enough to own the decision of the matching. (We will require) the completion of the application process by the candidate, the completion of a detailed purity interview, and Divine Principle education, as well as Level One and Level Two Blessing Education. All of this will take place before beginning the matching process.

We have a very detailed purity interview: not only "did you ever have a sexual relationship," but details about their situation, so we can work with and help them cleanse their past. We will clarify: pornography and masturbation are huge issues for our second-generation members all over the world because of the internet. And if you don't provide an opportunity for them to leave that habit behind and move forward, you're going to face a lot of difficulties. We've seen matches and marriages break because of these problems. And we ask many other details in terms of abuse or anger or crime or compulsive behaviors or other of these kinds of issues.

We seek a very detailed material, but, brothers and sisters: none of this material goes with their application to headquarters. Two pages of detailed information stay with a trained interviewer. The interview is done by the district pastor or their appointed representative. Not every district pastor is automatically a good purity interviewer. Not every young woman

wants to talk to a man about her past. So we work very carefully to train and provide capable people in every district. But the only page that goes with the application is the third, the "signature page," confirming from the district pastor that this child candidate has completely confessed the personal details of their past, and these personal details will remain locally until after the blessing, and then they will be destroyed. This is very important to our children who are concerned about confidentiality and their own situation and how they are doing it.

This is the detailed family plan matching worksheet that asks all the questions that parents forget to think about. You find yourselves in the midst of the matching process, your kids are getting inspired, and then you find out, Oh, that family wants my daughter to be barefoot and pregnant by nineteen, and we want her to finish college first. That's something that needs to be discussed beforehand. And there are many other issues that are deal-breakers, which need to be known. So that's the matching plan.

We emphasize one family at a time, that there be serious, prayerful consideration, that the couple owns the matching decision, and the most important guidelines here are that parents and children consider how they are going to find candidates. Does my son or daughter have a recommendation? That's not un-vertical. That's not something wrong if they have an idea. It's not good if they don't offer it up and pursue it only horizontally. But it is important during this time that the parents and children use this time to communicate.

We recommend a seven-month minimum communication period, for our second-generation members as well as our first. Europe employed this process for their first generation members for years, and had great success, and we learned it from them. We found it helps our sons and daughters. It doesn't make the process horizontal or dating because they enter this with the mind of creating a God-centered eternal relationship. All the things that come out after the blessing can be resolved before, so that when they go to the altar, when they stand before True Parents, they want to be together; they are committed. They own that decision. During this time they have the freedom to say yes, or no, and we make sure that they regularly communicate about how it's going, what issues there are, parent to parent, candidate to parent and to matching advisors.

Lastly the stage of becoming a couple; plan a commitment

ceremony. We record the match officially; they attend the education, and they build their relationship as a matched couple from that time.

A couple of words about the first-generation process: What is different or unique—the first-generation process is centered upon the church pastor and spiritual parent, not the family. So the church needs to take a stronger vertical parental role in guiding candidates. Also, matching advisors stand in the parental position, working with spiritual parents, local pastors, and those who are advocates for the candidate. We recommend a minimum of twenty years old, and a minimum of a year's membership, and a minimum of a year's purity for candidates.

Because matching advisors need to raise the candidates we are not trying to have one or two "spiritually gifted" people control everything. Matching advisors can do wonderful things, but in matching for the first generation, a committee oversees their recommendations before they are given, to make sure they are good ideas, before they are given to the candidates. For those in the first generation, matching advisors meet virtually (online) four times a year, so they can introduce candidates, network, and then follow-up with each other. Many, many good matches have been made through this method.

Finally, Hyung-jin nim said that church leaders are not qualified to make absolute matchings. So in the United States our church leaders, pastors, and even our continental director is not automatically a matching advisor. This is a departure from our tradition, that automatically, as a church leader, I have a spiritual authority. We simply ask our pastors to take the same training as other matching advisors, so that they learn the same process. They must receive the same training as all other matching advisors in order to be certified. We have a wonderful website geared toward the first generation that now has more than fifty countries involved. We are working with Blessed Family Departments around the world, respecting them as the advisors for their people. We have a Matching Plan Worksheet for first generation members. As a result, in the last two years, we have a 95 percent success rate. Of course, there may be things happening that have not been fully reported—time will tell—but we are confident that this will be a helpful and healthy system, and I would like to offer it to you. Thank you very much. **SW**



Tim Elder was master of ceremonies for a session at Yongpyong Resort when Il Hwa CEO Lee Seong-gyun spoke to national leaders about the new Il Hwa factory that the leaders had toured shortly before the building's grand opening.



True Mother's speech to Regional and National Leaders

February 28, Cheon Jeong Gung

Do you want me to speak? [Yes.] How many are here today? [Two hundred and twenty people.] Are all 220 church leaders? [Yes.] Or church directors?

Are you aware of being happy in that you are among the chosen people? How did you come to be chosen from among the world's 7 billion people? There are many great people in the world. Many world-renowned people did not know about the larger providence but nonetheless made effort to live in goodness. That being the case, how did you come across the Unification Church and learn about True Parents? Isn't it almost like a dream, and shouldn't you be grateful for it? [Yes.]

We celebrated Foundation Day a few days ago, and you saw a new heaven and a new earth. Didn't you? [Yes.] Also, you are standing at the center of this great change. Isn't that a miracle? [Yes.] You have received this unimaginable grace and blessing. Who brought that about? Who brought you here? It was through True Parents' grace. Wasn't it? [Yes.]

That is why I told you that you should live for at least three weeks with gratitude in your hearts, gratitude from your bone marrow. For the rest of your lives, until your days on earth are over and you have passed on into the next world, you should have ardent gratitude in your hearts, thinking to yourselves that you are thankful for all that you have been given in spite of the fact that you are unworthy in many ways.

This period is one in which it is as if we are creating the universe under our Heavenly Parent. Do you understand? With our grand goal of the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, we are now creating the universe. What kind of beings do you wish to become? Do you wish to become the sun or the moon?

Based on your resolve and actions, the creation of the universe is substantially taking place through your own bodies,

something that you could not possibly imagine or believe. When you consider this, you should realize that you are not in a position in which you can just sit still and only think about it...

Recently, a Korean singer became a worldwide hit with some strange dance; he became a top global star within a year.¹ You too should be greatly excited and moved in your hearts to such an extent that you don't know what to do with yourselves and your bodies move of their own accord. In other words, you should translate your feelings into action, begrudging even the hours you sleep, you should do your best to share this excitement, gratitude and blessing with others. Do you realize this or not? [Yes.] Are you determined to do it? [Yes.]

This is truly the first and the last opportunity in your lives. You are at the center of this amazing blessing of creating the universe with our Heavenly Parent. What beings will you be made into? You are in a position where you can be praised by your future descendants for generations and generations to come. Depending on your actions, you will be made into new beings. Would you settle for becoming a lower being? Wouldn't you rather be created into a higher animal, a superior symbol of all created things? You should go down in history as a being that when seen is boasted of and praised again and again. Heaven has given you an opportunity to become such a being. However, what will happen if you cannot fulfill your responsibilities?

Father said repeatedly that all leaders' meetings should be conducted in Korean. Will you not fulfill the last wish of a man who is no longer in the world? It is something you can actually

¹ Of course, she is referring to Pak Jae-sang, whose stage name is Psy. In the past year, he has become wildly popular worldwide, though he released his first album in 2001.



do if you make up your mind to do it. If you think it is difficult to learn Korean, you could start by learning Korean songs.

I have seen many of our members succeed in this task. When they tried to learn, they did learn. In my opinion, the country that has the least aptitude for learning languages is Japan, yet many Japanese people learned to speak Korean fluently.

Won't you set yourself this challenge in this era of Cheon Il Guk? [Yes.] You can do it. Repeat after me: We can do it! [We can do it!] I will do it! [I will do it!] That's right. We have set ourselves the goal of restoring God's fatherland in seven years. In this regard, it is only right that we should speak and understand the language of God's fatherland. Is that clear? [Yes.]

Don't stop. There is no one who can stop a person in progress. Doing something constantly and making effort to do it depends on whether you are determined to do it or not. There is one fact that you should have confidence in: You are happy people. Why? Because you have me. Do you understand that? [Yes. Applause] I am not being boastful; it is the plain truth. Isn't it? [Yes.]

If I had not been here for Foundation Day, would you have achieved it? You wouldn't have. Would you have? [No.] Therefore, I hope we can live this one month with grateful hearts. I also pray that during the time that remains for us, you will all achieve great results and become shining winners. [Mother makes a pun on a homonym that can mean either "light" or

"debt."] Brightness! You need to become bright people and bright leaders.

When we think about our Heavenly Parent, our hearts ache so much that they hurt. He has waited for so long, and I am here alone for Foundation Day.... [Mother becomes tearful.]

So I will establish the tradition of the Heavenly Parent and True Parents on the solid Rock of Ages. Do you understand? [Yes.]

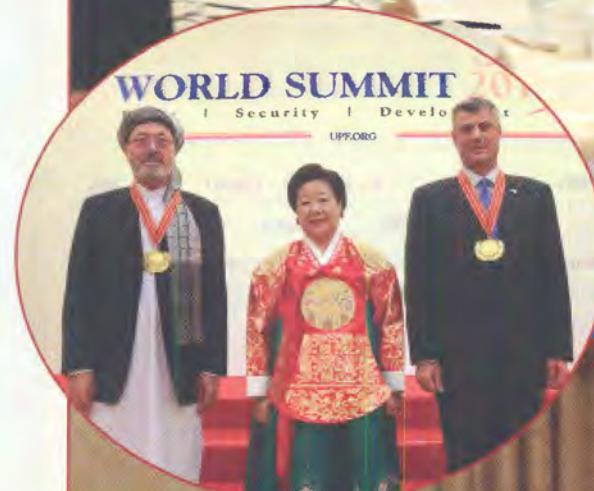
We serve the eternally unchanging Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Don't you know that? [Yes.] As long as our Parent is with us, our traditions will be established on a solid rock, and we will most definitely be in the position to receive eternal reverent respect as sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk and as citizens of Cheon Il Guk that have fulfilled our responsibilities. Do you understand? [Yes.]

To make this come to pass, we need to march forward. We need to begrudge every passing moment. While you are still here on earth, we need to mobilize all our wisdom and all our resources to bring, as quickly as possible, the world's 7 billion people to become citizens of Cheon Il Guk so that they can all be embraced in Heaven's bosom. Is that clear? [Yes.] [Applause] If you pledge to do that, raise both your hands and vow to do so in front of our Heavenly Parent. [Aju!] We vow to do it! [We vow to do it!] We will make it happen at all costs. [We will make it happen at all costs.] We promise. [We promise.] Thank you. [Applause] **TW**





World Summit Banquet



During a banquet for dignitaries from the UPF World Summit, True Mother presented a medal honoring their good governance to Prime Minister Hashim Thaci of Kosovo and Vice-President Khalili of Afghanistan.







Religious Leaders' Sports Competition





Eight teams, including Christians, Buddhists and Unificationists, took part in a friendly soccer tournament for religious leaders. The Buddhists played shirtless. By physically bumping up against one another and having fun doing it, a sense of camaraderie developed that transcended theological concerns.





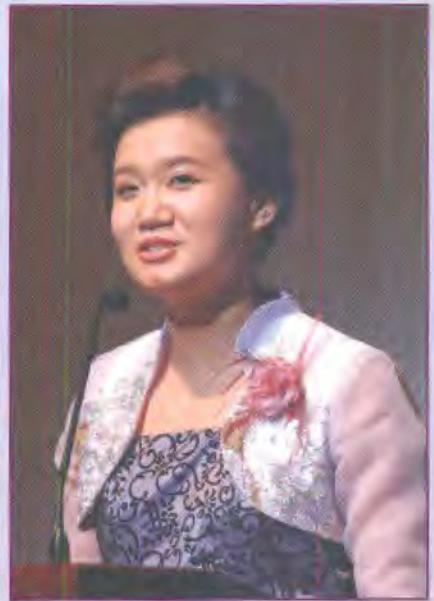
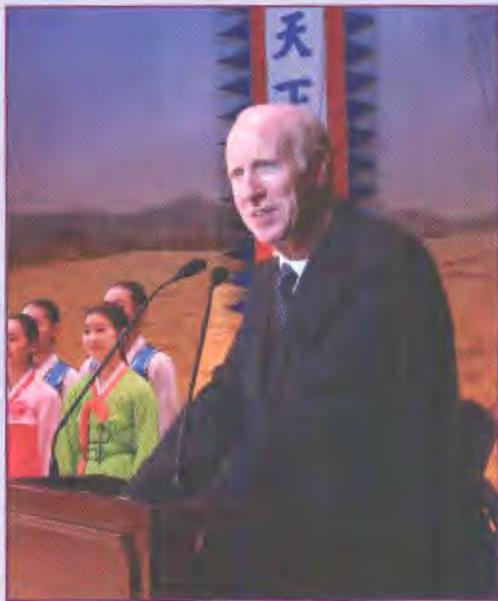
Universal Ballet



As the Little Angels went through their dance repertoire, I could sense strength in their every move and see hope glimmering in their eyes. They demonstrated folk dances that had been long lost within South Korea's industrialized reality. I could imagine the arduous training they had to go through to have such perfect harmonious movement; not once did I see any of them lose their beautiful smile. The performance was mesmerizing—a reminder of the rich culture we have left behind in our rush for economic achievement. —Ms. Kim Kayoung

Facing page top: Dr. Pak Bo-hi, president, Korean Cultural Foundation; Dr. Thomas Walsh, president, UPF International; and Ms. Kim Kayoung, MC for the evening





Little Angels Special Performance for World Summit 2013

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Universal Peace Academy has gained its first recruits. True Mother, who rapidly set the idea for such an academy in motion, attended the Opening Ceremony. The students were also welcomed (left to right) Dr. Yang Chang-shik, overall chairman of FFWPU-Korea, Cheongshim Theological School President Kim Jin-hun, UPAcademy President Shin In-guk and faculty member Kwang Bong-cho. The students are all college graduates who will begin pursuing a master's degree in theology.



FOUNDATION DAY

Media Coverage

CHEON IL GUK CORONATION CEREMONY OF THE TRUE PARENTS OF HEAVEN, EARTH AND HUMANKIND
It was covered in Korea, in thirty eight articles by Reuters, Yonhap News, Newsis, Segye Times and Cheonji Times



UPF WORLD SUMMIT 2013

It was covered in Korea, in eleven articles in KBS, MBC, Yonhap News, Segye Times, Korea Press, etc.



COSMIC HOLY BLESSING CEREMONY

This was covered in Korea, in forty-four articles in YTN, JTBC, NewsY, News1, Yonhap News, Newsis, OBS, Joongang Times, Segye Times, Cheonji Times, Brake News, Illy Seoul, Daily News, Daily Sports, Gyeonggi News, Weekly Korea, etc. and more than a hundred articles internationally in USA Today, France 24, Le Figaro, EFE, Apple Daily, Sky News, DIE WELT, by AP, Reuters, AFP, on the BBC, CNN, ABC, Denmark's Radio, swissinfo (in the U.S., UK, Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Malta, Denmark, Poland, Slovenia, Malaysia, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam, Australia, Ghana, Jamaica, Dubai, India, South America, Czech Republic, Russia, etc.)

The collage includes the following news sources:

- CBSNEWS (USA)**: Shows a large crowd of people in white wedding attire.
- THE TIMES (UK)**: Headline: "Thousands gather in South Korea for mass white weddings". Includes a photo of a couple in traditional Korean dress.
- The Telegraph (UK)**: Headline: "Masses gather in South Korea for mass white weddings". Includes a photo of a couple in traditional Korean dress.
- Saptay (India)**: Headline: "3,500 couples perform mass wedding". Includes a photo of a large group of people in white.
- Ghana Media (Ghana)**: Headline: "Mothers Marry In South Korean Mass Wedding". Includes a photo of a couple in traditional Ghanaian attire.
- 世界日报 (Japan)**: Headline: "南韩万人集体婚礼在日举行". Includes a photo of a large crowd.
- (Malaysia)**: Headline: "Thousands say 'I do' together". Includes a photo of a couple in traditional Korean dress.
- NEW STRAITS TIMES (Malaysia)**: Headline: "Thousands say 'I do' together". Includes a photo of a couple in traditional Korean dress.
- ABC NEWS (Australia)**: Headline: "Thousands marry in South Korea mass wedding". Includes a photo of a couple in traditional Korean dress.
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- 自由时报 (Taiwan)**: Headline: "南韩万人集体婚礼". Includes a photo of a couple in traditional Korean dress.
- ETtoday 東森新聞網 (Taiwan)**: Headline: "南韓萬人同婚大典". Includes a photo of a couple in traditional Korean dress.
- Mn Vang (Vietnam)**: Headline: "Thousands marry in South Korea mass wedding". Includes a photo of a couple in traditional Korean dress.
- WONMO PYEONGHWA FOUNDATION**: Headline: "Thousands marry in South Korea mass wedding". Includes a photo of a couple in traditional Korean dress.

WONMO PYEONGHWA FOUNDATION

It was covered in Korea, with articles by YTN, Yonhap News, Newsis, MBN, Segye Times and Cheonji Times.

The collage includes the following news sources:

- MBN**: Headline: "원모평애재단 출범…장학금 40억 수여". Includes a photo of a woman presenting a certificate to a man.
- 세계일보 (Segye Times)**: Headline: "원모평애재단 출범…장학금 40억 전달". Includes a photo of a woman presenting a certificate to a man.
- 세계일보 (Segye Times: Special Edition: Feb. 24)**: Headline: "원모평애재단 출범식". Includes a photo of a woman standing at a podium.
- 世界日报 (World Times: Japan)**: Headline: "和平を目指す新団体に奨学金 基金で「世界平愛財団」発足". Includes a photo of a man and a woman in traditional Korean dress.



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