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The Driving Force Behind the Victory

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The commemorative events for True Parents' Centenary and 60th Holy Wedding Anniversary were an immense success. On the foundation of this miraculous victory let us go forward again. Through the hard work of all those in providential institutions and blessed family members centered on the FFWPU International Headquarters under the divine protection of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, the commemorative events, which we had been preparing on earth for the last seven years, were a miraculous, great victory.

Through this victory, we were able to boast of the victorious results of Vision 2020 to Heavenly Parent and True Father in heaven. We could boast of True Parents' achievements to all humankind on earth and in heaven and declare the firm settlement of Cheon Il Guk to the entire world. Even amid the sudden bombardment of the global Covid-19 ordeal, presidents, prime ministers and other leaders from around the globe risked their lives to attend the events. At the commemorative event, True Father's last sorrow, the victory of heavenly tribal messiahs, was relieved through the results of the seven-year course that culminated in the great miracle of the thirty thousand heavenly tribal messiahs who overcame the fear of Covid-19 and the severe cold to be entered as Cheonbo families.


At the Cheon Il Guk Peace Festival, in Kintex, six thousand people including 2,600 former or incumbent presidents, prime ministers, speakers of the house, ministers and parliamentarians as well as religious leaders, businesspeople, scholars and journalists attended. We broadcast the events to 145 nations and gathered much media attention in Korea and abroad. In Heavenly Korea 14,040 leaders including five thousand young people and students who will lead future generations attended the events and with the help of the volunteer service of over one thousand young staff members, we had a smooth event.

At the Cheon Il Guk Hyo Jeong Festival at the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center, 29,057 members from 112 nations registered and a total of 87,864 people attended the festival, the greatest participation of all time. During the events we experienced the year's coldest weather, which caused some difficulties with sleeping arrangements, eating, washing and bathroom use, but instead of complaining the members were considerate of one another and overcame these difficulties with smiling faces, leading the events to be filled with more grace than ever. In particular, through the special grace of the Cheonbo holy wine ceremony—which cleansed us of all our sin so that we could receive complete physical and spiritual salvation—we received the grace of being newly reborn so we could complete our mission as Cheon Il Guk citizens as we greet the age of Cheon Il Guk's firm settlement.

We felt Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' amazing grace and love through these events. The greatest difficulty, the coronavirus, was not an obstacle for us. Just as the ten plagues in the Exodus under Moses were disasters for Egypt but a miracle for the Israelites, we bravely faced the fear of death through the coronavirus which threatens the world. Our victory will remain forever in providential history as proof of miracles.

I believe that the driving force behind this amazing victory was the anguish embedded deep in True Mother's heart. The sorrow over not one sovereign leader representing a nation having attended True Father's Cosmic Seonghwa because we then lacked a national foundation and over not even one family having achieved victory as heavenly tribal messiahs, though they had been sent out to the world with a messiah's authority since November 12, 1978. The sorrow embedded in True Mother's heart was the driving force.

Through the last seven-year course, True Mother took an unchanging path to relieve that sorrow. Miracles upon miracles came as True Mother set the standard of the restoration of seven nations and seven religious groups and by preparing the heavenly tribal messiah victors as blessed families that had entered Cheonbowon, she declared Cheon Il Guk's firm settlement to the entire world. The results show that if we unite with True Mother, absolutely we will be victorious and miracles will happen.

True Mother launched the new seven-year course at the victory celebration. She entreated us to realize continental restoration and Heavenly Parent's Day at the continental level for the settlement of a heavenly unified world and to offer all this to Heavenly Parent as she declared the launch of the 2027 efforts. Now a new seven years will begin. Just as True Mother has said, let us completely unite with True Mother the owner of miracles and go forward to the day we can receive applause from Heavenly Parent in 2027. 

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Establishing the Truly Peaceful World of the True Parent UN

True Father delivered this speech on June 1, 2009, at the Convention and Exhibition Center (COEX) in the Samsung Ward within the Seoul's Gangnam Borough, in commemoration of the publication of his autobiography.



Three thousand five hundred guests attended the Commemoration of the Publication of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Autobiography.

Beloved families that have recently received the new lineage of the absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal God through the Blessing Ceremony, citizens of God's kingdom, Cheon Il Guk:

We are celebrating a truly special occasion in this absolute providential era. That we are commemorating the coronation and the golden wedding anniversary of the True Parents, the King of kings, the publication of my autobiography, and the fifty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity is deeply meaningful. Today, June 1, also marks another historic event, we are proclaiming before all of heaven and earth the establishment of the new, truly peaceful world of the True Parent UN. For these joyful days, let us offer applause in gratitude to God, our Heavenly Parent, who governs the life, death, fortune and misfortune of all creation. It is because of him that we have these beautiful and dazzling seasons and days.

During this season, vibrant with life, God is beckoning all of you, as lords of creation, to freely participate, with all other created beings, in the creation of new life. He is blessing us to blossom beautifully like flowers

and to live lives that are as bright as the sun and as clear as the waters of a stream.

Fruition of the providence in history

Dear friends that are receiving Heaven's love anew, on three occasions, once on January 15 and twice on January 31, we held the historic "Coronation for the New Authority of the Liberation of God, the King of Kings," and our golden wedding anniversary celebration. January 31 saw this ceremony held in Cheon Jeong Gung in Korea, representing the East, and again in New York City in the United States, representing the West. In this way, we set a record by offering an unprecedented and never-to-be repeated providential event to Heaven from opposite sides of the Earth on the same day.

In the time since April, my wife and I commemorated the fiftieth observance of our Holy Wedding. In 1960, students on the Korean Peninsula were crying out in resistance to the dictatorship of Korean President Syngman Rhee. On the sixteenth day of the third month according to Korean lunar calendar in that year, my wife and I received Heaven's seal and embarked on the arduous course of the providence of restoration that the True Parents, True Teachers and True King and Queen of humankind

have to take. How can I even begin to explain the path of the providence of restoration through indemnity that my wife and I have had to follow for the past fifty years in order to finally bring complete liberation and freedom to God and to attend him as the King of kings? Many years from now, historians will verify and record what I cannot explain at this time.

You are probably not aware of this, but there is profound providential significance in True Parents' coronation and golden wedding anniversary. Due to the Fall, committed by our first ancestors, God's true lineage was lost and history came under the dominion of Satan's false bloodline. I am sure you have learned about this reality through studying the Divine Principle.

This corrupted bloodline has been a fact of history. Isn't it because of this that the physical world and even the spirit world have been mired in antagonistic, confrontational, good-versus-evil, Abel-Cain relationships? No one has been able to find a resolution to this tragedy, and history's problems have been unresolved to this day.

Brighter days lie ahead

Times are now changing, however. The doors to the realm of complete unity between Cain and Abel are



True Parents enjoying the evening. While delivering the speech you are reading, Father had all the women he had blessed to long-deceased saints come onstage and tell the audience who her husband was.

opening on the occasions of True Parents' coronation and golden wedding anniversary. We have entered the realm of grace where human beings can be restored to the level of completion and perfection at which they can inherit and share the original nature of God's heart. In other words, we can reach the state God originally intended for us, free from all traces of the Fall.

Using the symbols "O" and "X," we can say we have entered a new era when the good governance of God, whom we might represent as an "O," can completely embrace and digest the evil governance of Satan, whom we might represent as an "X," leaving no trace of the governance behind. The new era is beginning in which the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven is substantially emerging before our very eyes, and in which there is no longer the need to distinguish between the True Parents, who work as the embodiment of God, and the incorporeal God himself.

For this especially significant occasion, my wife and I celebrated our coronation and golden wedding anniversary and held the thirteen-day Soccer Peace Cup Cain-Abel Cosmic Harmony Tournament, starting on April 21. This will be a festival of peace for all humanity that someday will surpass even the Olympic Games.

The Atletico Sorocaba football club

from Brazil contributed greatly to this first tournament by setting aside everything else to come here at True Parents' invitation. In 2008, Sorocaba won the Football Association Challenge Cup championship in Sao Paulo, Brazil. During their brief time in Asia, they played four teams, from North Korea, South Korea, Japan and China. They displayed an excellent standard of skill and demonstrated the soul of Latin American football. Please give a warm round of applause to encourage the Sorocaba team!

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to offer to Heaven this precious new ceremony by reading with you now the message from Heaven that I proclaimed this January, at the Coronation of God, the King of kings, and thereafter at our golden anniversary celebration. Please engrave the meaning of today's event in your hearts.

God's search for True Parents

Beloved citizens of God's kingdom, Cheon Il Guk, who love peace as True Parents do! Today is a truly meaningful and joyful day. Let us all celebrate without reserve this historic and providential day and sing praises to God, our eternal True Parent, for his glory and nobility! On this solemn occasion, hundreds of billions of people living in the spirit world are here with us to honor and celebrate this blessed day.

Today is the day God has been

waiting and yearning for, ever since he created the universe. For tens of thousands of years, since the day that Adam and Eve, whom he created as his children, stained the heavenly lineage and concealed themselves in the dark, God has endured and waited in inexpressible pain and sorrow. God has waited impatiently for the day he could ascend to his throne as the King of kings, embrace his lost children and the creation again, and live in joy in the sacred reign of the peace kingdom for all eternity.

Ladies and gentlemen, God is the King of kings; he was so even before he began the Creation. The heavenly way, however, dictates that after creating all things, God had to manifest substantially as the King of kings who reigns over the world of physical phenomena, the sphere of the object partners of God's love. That is why, with true love, God sought and found the True Parents of this physical world to become his representatives and heirs.

We are overwhelmed by the grace of having received Heaven's seal, and my wife and I are truly joyful to be able to stand here as God's representatives and hold this coronation for the King of kings. At the same time I am deeply sorry before Heaven. I have reached the ninetieth year of my life, yet I have been unable to fully restore the 6.5 billion people of this world to God.

Heavenly law in this era

Citizens of Cheon Il Guk who love God! This is an urgent time. Heaven will no longer wait. God is working with his authority as the King of kings through his representatives, the earthly True Parents, to establish heavenly law and restore the world. It is time to accelerate this true love revolution. Therefore, on this solemn occasion, I will proclaim to all of heaven and earth the outline of the heavenly law by which humankind and all things of creation will regain their rightful positions and be governed.

First, this era, which is advancing toward the third millennium, will be the era of revolutionary change after the coming of Heaven. In this era, no longer will the principles of restoration through indemnity entangle

us. It will be the time when the King of kings rules the spirit world and physical world with his rightful authority. It will be the era of the providence in which the earth returns to its original state, with the realm of the Pacific Rim serving as a central axis. People will no longer drift beyond the influence of Heaven's ways and the heavenly law. Therefore, you have to lead a transparent life with every action as clear as crystal.

Second, we have to accomplish a revolution in educating all people on the value of absolute sex, with God as their vertical, absolute axis. This is the only way to pass on the lineage of goodness to all human beings. It is the path to achieving God's ideal of true families. From now on, sexual purity, purity of lineage and purity of love will be the educational philosophy of the human race.

Third, the anointed representatives (*boonbongwangs*) and the Parent UN will be placed at the forefront of the efforts to completely eliminate the multiple layers of blockages and barriers that surround the earth and to reinstate harmony and peace among political parties, religions, races, cultures and nations. The existing United Nations, which is in the position of the Cain-type UN, and the Abel-type UN need to become one and rise to a higher dimension to become the Parent UN, which is the Peace UN. Centering on the Peace UN, we can address and resolve war, disease, hunger and all other problems confronting the world. All people will surely support this because God and True Parents will be with them. They will do away with individualistic self-centeredness as well as collective self-centeredness, and this will lead to the realization of a world governed by conscience and natural reason with no need for elected leaders.

Fourth, the cross-cultural, international blessing is the optimal method to establish true families that will change the fallen human lineage and build the Peace Kingdom. In the end, reconciliation and peace will come about through lineage. By blacks and whites, people from the East and West, Buddhists, Christians, Jews and Muslims intermarrying and carrying on the blessed marriage tradition



Guen-yeong Park, daughter of Chung-hee Park (Korean president 1962–1979 and sister of Geun-hye Park (president 2013–2017) greets Father and Mother as Lan-young Moon, then president of WFWP International and Sun-jo Hwang, then president of UPF Korea, share in their amusement.

that True Parents have established, this world will naturally become one family. An ideal, heavenly kingdom based on the ideal of one family under God will come about. As we melt our guns and cannons to make plows and pruning hooks, a world of peace will open up before us.

Fifth, God created us as his counterparts in love, and he prepared the natural world as a gift for us, his children. God would not abandon his children to live in a barren desert devoid of beauty and vitality. That is why all people have the duty to preserve and love the natural world. I am saying that you need to develop your human nature as it was originally meant to be, such that you feel affinity even with a cluster of wildflowers as you share a heartfelt conversation with them. These points summarize the shortcut to restoring humankind to God.


New true families living according to their original nature

Ladies and gentlemen that have been chosen by Heaven, I am sure you all feel from the message I have just read that human beings are entering a new providential era wherein the earth will follow a new heavenly way and be governed directly by new heavenly law. It is the new providential era of the realm of the fourth Adam, who is the original Adam, in which one can enter the new kingdom of heaven and inherit God's new standard of heart

based on his original nature.

Trough True Parents' providential coronation, golden wedding anniversary, publication celebration and the commemoration of the fifty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Holy Spirit Association in this new era, I pray that you may form wise and new families of citizens in God's kingdom, Cheon Il Guk. Families whose members clearly distinguish between Cain and Abel in their practical lives and who integrate into a new Abel-type realm by placing goodness at the center, restoring the three eras, the Old, New and Completed Testament Ages, and the three generations of the family.

I ask you to form and live as new true families based on original human nature, through which the new true grandparents, true parents, and true grandchildren can enter the new kingdom of heaven, hand in hand. Please engrave in your hearts the meaning of this gathering to establish the truly peaceful world of the True Parent UN, which we are celebrating today.

I pray and proclaim in the names of the victorious true God and True Parents that the new authority of the great blessing of the true God, the King of kings of all nations, can flow abundantly into your new families, new nations, and throughout the new cosmos. May God's blessings fill the entire cosmos. Thank you very much. 

The Course to Realize God’s Family

True Mother delivered this speech at the World Summit 2020 General Assembly on February 4 at the Korea International Exhibition Center (Kintex) in the town of Ilsan, which is within the Seoul metropolitan area.





True Mother with ten representative heads of state or government or former heads of state or government upon whom she has bestowed the International Summit Council for Peace Medal on February 4 at Kintex.

Respected heads of state, dignitaries from home and abroad, ladies and gentlemen:

I wish to welcome you all to World Summit 2020. We have gathered here today desiring true peace. We cannot speak of peace if it is just about an individual or one nation. If the more than two hundred countries in the world were to move forward together in peace, we would not have any problems.

But we cannot express in words, the horrors of wars and conflicts that have arisen repeatedly, creating religious, racial and ideological barriers throughout the six thousand biblical years of history. In addition, because of human greed and selfishness, not only humanity but also the environment is suffering.

The reality is that we can no longer be onlookers. The future is no longer visible. What, then, must we do? We cannot become one through human-centered thoughts and ideologies. It has been seventy years since the founding of the UN, but there has not been a time when they [member countries] were able to unify around the [UN] agenda and bring results. They could not become one because they are placing the interests of their own country first.

Knowing our origin

When we look at these examples, we

can see it is crucial that we properly understand God, the Creator and the origin of the universe. God had a dream. He created heaven and earth in his image, and lastly, he created a man and a woman who would become humanity's ancestors. He then gave them a special responsibility. God was waiting until they matured, until he could see they had perfected themselves beautifully. But during their growth period, the humans became greedy. They thought, I can also become like God. This is greed. And this is how the world we know today, a world that has no relation to God, came to be.

The Creator is eternal. The beginning and the end are the same. He cannot ignore the principles with which he created. Because of that unexpected mistake by the first human ancestors, God had no choice but to initiate the providence of salvation. The providential requirements were so arduous that it took God four thousand years to choose the people of Israel and to send his only begotten son, Jesus Christ. However, among Mary, who gave birth to Christ, the family of Zachariah, the Jews, the Israelites, none knew who Jesus was. They did not grasp Christ's essence.

Male and female

When God created the world, he created a man and a woman. Then

Jesus, the only begotten son, was born and he had to find the only begotten daughter, so they could be in the position of the human ancestors that God had waited so long for. But the environment did not allow this to happen, and Christ, on the cross, prophesied he would return. He said he would return and that he would hold the marriage supper of the Lamb.

In Heaven's providence, a central figure or chosen nation cannot play a role again after failing to fulfill the first responsibility received. This is because they end up owing indemnity. We know through history what kind of indemnity the people of Israel had to suffer under. Heaven then had to find a new people that could give birth to the only begotten daughter, who was not alive in Jesus' time. This is the Korean people, chosen after two thousand years.

In 1943, the only begotten daughter was born into a Christian household. However, Korea was still under Japanese occupation at that time. Korea's liberation came in 1945. In 1950, the Korean War broke out. Korea had already divided into South Korea and North Korea in line with democracy and communism. South Korea was not ready to defend itself against communist North Korea. How was it possible for the UN, which had been founded that year [1945], to send soldiers from sixteen



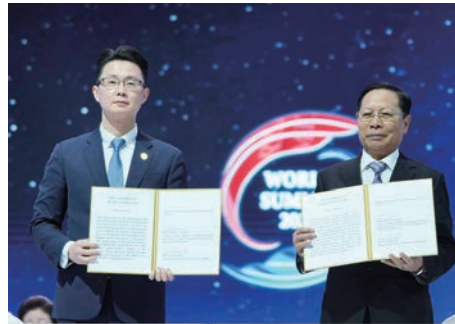
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- 1 Religious leaders representing major faith groups express their desire for interreligious harmony through a water-mixing ceremony on February 4.
- 2 True Mother delivering the speech on page 8 of this magazine.
- 3 Dr. Yun, Brigi Rafini, prime minister of Niger, representing ECOWAS, and Rosalyn Ngano, representing the African Union, with an MOU to convene the sixth continental-level African Summit. The office of the chairman of ECOWAS rotates annually among the member countries. It is now in Niger, which is why Niger's prime minister represented ECOWAS.
- 4 The MOU between UPF and Myanmar to convene the third Asia-Pacific Summit
- 5 True Mother signing the World Summit 2020 Declaration of Peace adding her name to six association leaders.
- 6 True Mother with Hun Sen, prime minister of Cambodia, Jimmy Morales, president of Guatemala and Brigi Rafini, prime minister of Niger, with the birthday cake commemorating True Father's one hundredth and True Mother's seventy-seventh birthday
- 7 True Mother confirms the World Summit 2020 Declaration of Peace with three strikes on a gong.
- 8 Speakers at the General Assembly: Ban Ki-moon (in addition to his Founders' Centenary Award acceptance speech; Ju-young Lee, deputy speaker of the Korean National Assembly; Chuichi Date, president, Japan's House of Councillors (2015–2019); Newt Gingrich Speaker of the US House of Representatives (1995–1999);
- 9 General Assembly speakers continued: Hun Sen, prime minister of Cambodia; Jimmy Morales, president of Guatemala; U Henry Van Thio, the third second vice president, Myanmar; Brigi Rafini, prime minister of Niger; Deve Gowda, prime minister (1996–1997) of India; Maria Leonor Gerona-Robredo, a vice president, the Philippines; José Manuel Durão Barroso, former prime minister of Portugal

nations to participate in the Korean War, to shed blood for a good cause?

Essential elements of restoration

For God to follow the principle of creation that he himself established, he had to give the only begotten daughter a growth period as well. Only with that can humans be in the position of having fulfilled their

portion of the responsibility. How can we say human effort alone did this? It was a miracle that Heaven accomplished. Therefore, I knew from an early age who God is. God the Creator is humanity's Heavenly Parent. Humanity has become ignorant, so to show that God is our Heavenly Parent, in 1960, I entered into holy marriage with Sun Myung Moon, the

returning Messiah.

But those who formed the Christian foundation were not able to create the proper environment. As the True Parents, beginning at the lowest position, the fastest way and greatest blessing that can bring humanity back to the bosom of the Creator, our Heavenly Parent, is the Blessing Ceremony. This is why many blessed





families reside in the world's one hundred and ninety countries.

The formula for global restoration

Furthermore, after True Father's ascension, I proclaimed Foundation Day, a new era and a new history. In Heaven's presence, I made a promise. Even now, Heaven is awakening those who do not understand properly and can neither see nor hear that God, the Creator, is humanity's Heavenly Parent. Therefore, for the past seven years, I have been working hard to realize my pledge to offer at least seven nations [on various] continents; these nations will become countries that attend our Heavenly Parent.

Thus, in 2019, I proclaimed the establishment of Cheon Il Guk. You are all citizens of Cheon Il Guk that God can be with. As we hold World Summit 2020 today, we are newly commencing the eighth year of Cheon

Il Guk. For six thousand years, our Heavenly Parent has taken a path of suffering to find his lost sons and daughters. I will keep on marching forward toward Heavenly Parent's dream of the world's 7.6 billion people all attending him as our parent.

Become God's children

I would like to say this: For the past six thousand years, humanity has been like orphans, parentless. Humans have been living in a self-centered way, so they could not see the whole, and thus have been creating many problems. Today's climate issue is one of these problems. If we leave this as it is, what is going to happen? The Earth would have no future. Even now, if we can become one in attending our Heavenly Parent, ask for his wisdom and enable him to work, we can restore the Earth to the beautiful state from when God

created it. Let us ask God, how we can do that—Please guide us and we will do as you say. I wish to encourage this kind of movement.

All nation's problems are the same. If those in every nation become our Heavenly Parent's children, no more wars or conflicts will arise. No longer will we have large and small countries. We are learning many lessons from the coronavirus outbreak. Heaven will not bless human beings' self-centeredness. The only way to receive Heaven's mercy and love is to become one with True Mother, the only begotten daughter, who will guide you to the Creator, our Heavenly Parent.

Distinguished guests and leaders here today! Now we know who God, the Creator is. We also know what the mission of the messiah is. Now what must we do? What do we need to do? We need to take the path to become true filial sons, filial daughters and patriots in front of our Heavenly Parent!

Please remember that is the only way, and the shortest path to solve all the problems of the world today. That all of you who have gathered at this World Summit will be leading players who realize Heavenly Parent's dream and humanity's wish of creating the kingdom of heaven on earth by saving the world through peace is my hope. ㄸ




Out of Longing to Reveal Heavenly Parent's Heart

True Mother gave this speech on the occasion of the launch of her autobiography and the founding of the Mother Foundation on February 4 in Hall One of the Korea International Exhibition Center (Kintex).



Thank you very much. Rather than lecturing at length about God, how could I introduce our creator God, our Heavenly Parent, through this book? Until this time, our parent, Heavenly Parent, has been searching for his long-lost children for six thousand years, trying to find his sons and daughters who could understand him. How might we describe in words Heavenly Parent's pain during those long years?

However, when we look from a humanistic viewpoint, it seems as though women understand and express love better than men do. With help from those around me, I am happy and grateful to be able to introduce God in this book.

I'm asking for your help. I am also asking you to become loving leaders who love your neighbors. 



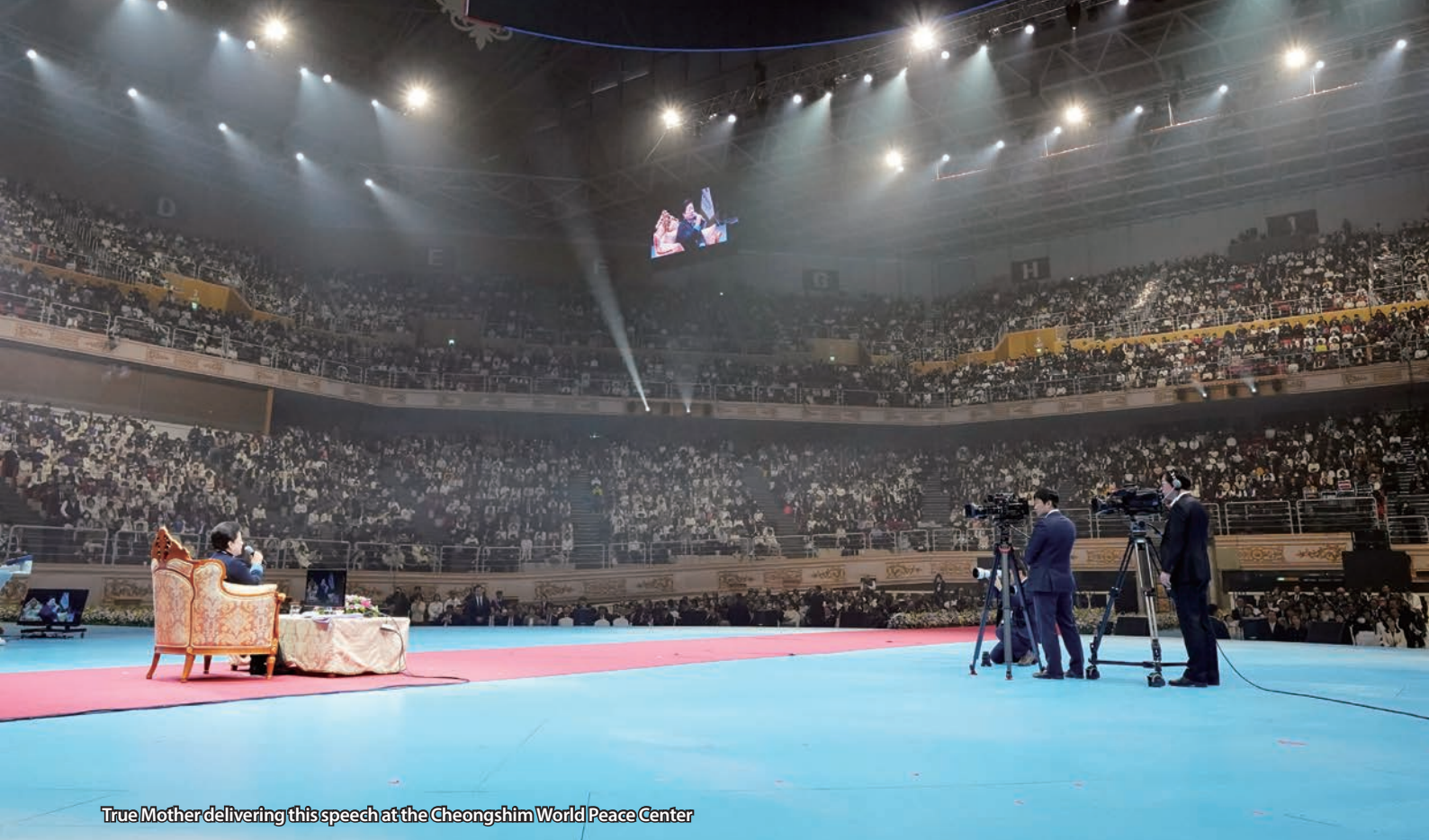
True Mother and many of the dignitaries who had traveled long distances to partake in important events work together to cut an enormous cake at the launch of True Mother's autobiography.



Let Us Appreciate Our Success and Move Forward

This is the speech True Mother delivered at the February 8 Victory Celebration and 2027 Kick-Off Rally to a capacity crowd in the Cheongshim World Peace Center.





True Mother delivering this speech at the Cheongshim World Peace Center

I feel very good. You have all worked hard together. I am proud of you. However, I would like to say one thing: although the foundation prepared by Heaven could not support us, because we are the True Parents and to save humankind, we spent over forty years doing missionary work in America, a nation that represents democracy. At that time, America—a nation blessed by God—was falling apart due to the breakdown of the family, moral decadence among young people and drug problems. True Parents toured America saying the family was sick and on fire and we had come as doctors and firefighters. Those who were aware all agreed. Hippies, the outcast people of that era, heard the words of life and joined the Unification Church. They were reborn and our membership grew exponentially.

However, politicians felt threatened. The existence of Rev. Moon in America made their political lives difficult, so they caused trouble to prevent him from coming to America. That was the Danbury incident; you all know this right? [Yes] They manipulated and schemed.

Stay focused on our objectives


After his Seonghwa, what do you think Father's wish was? He wished for the restoration of God's homeland and of course for national restoration and global restoration during his lifetime. Ladies and gentlemen! Do you love Father? Then what must we do? I am not telling you all to go into politics or to become the president. What must you do? Always, those in power on Satan's side, those who don't know Heaven's providence, fear us. I proclaimed Cheon Il Guk. I said this clearly. Cheon Il Guk is a nation in which we are together with Heavenly Parent—one human family!

Yet, those who do not know the providence can cause problems. I am not a fool. I do not move haphazardly. Therefore, within the next two years at least, you must bring about national restoration. I am asking you to find people who will come to have influence over this nation's politics. You should create an environment in which this can be done. Here in Korea, we have a five-sub-region system, right? Will you take on this responsibility? [Yes] We will continue using this system here in Korea and throughout the world for six

months and see how it goes. However, we must strengthen the secretariat. You need to know that. In a nation's presidential secretariat, there isn't only one person. There are many people. I too, primarily, will have that kind of system. I will raise the status of Cheon Il Guk so that politicians cannot ignore us.

Toward greater effectiveness

At this time, this is the point you must work for as if it were a life-or-death situation. You will do that, right? I will wait. I opened a communication channel. If you have good suggestions, please convey them through the secretariat. I will take them into consideration.

In particular, I know that here today are proud blessed families and leaders who have entered the Cheonbowon and have reached that standard of completion as citizens of Cheon Il Guk. We must do our utmost on our path until we reach the moment Heavenly Parent applauds us. You can do this right? Then I look forward to it. I pray that Heavenly Parent's great blessings and love are with you and your families and in every aspect of what you are responsible for. 

Be Tenderhearted, Forgiving of One Another

This was True Mother’s speech at the Briefing Session to Report the Victory of True Parents’ Centenary and Sixtieth Holy Wedding Anniversary on February 18 in the Crystal Ballroom of Lotte Hotel World in Seoul.





Is my speech the highlight of this event? Is there no program to make me happy? I will just say one thing: All of you here today represent the leaders from all over Korea. You have each done your best in your respective fields. You have done a good job.

However, the only way we can proceed in life is on the road of patience! Patience and love are one. With whom do you need to become one? You should become one with True Mother, the only begotten daughter. We are all lacking in God's eyes. So, we can't talk in any way against our siblings.

You have to believe me when I do something. You have to absolutely

believe it. This is the life course of those living at this time. I repeat: two thousand years ago, God, the Lord of the Creation, was seen as a God of judgment by the nation of Israel during the four thousand years that he raised that nation. At this moment, when you are witnessing the final completion of his providence through the birth of True Mother, God's only begotten daughter, after six thousand years, you need to empty your minds.

You absolutely have to be humble. That is the only way you can enter the eternal world with me in the end. You have to keep this in mind; in light of that, don't turn me into a God of judgment. Do you understand? If I start to judge, that will be the end.

From top-left: Dr. Young-ho Yun was the master of ceremonies; Professor Yeon Ah Moon prayed; Julia H. Moon spoke about the First Ladies Summit in Palau; Wonju Jeong McDevitt read one of Mother's recent speeches for hoondokhae; Ki-seong Lee gave an overview of all events; Hyeon-yeon Lee spoke of the response of other religions to the events; Dr. Sung-bae Jin spoke about the World Peace Academic Conference; Hwi-taek Jeong spoke about IMAP and the Media Conference; Hyo-yeol Ahn reported about the "secular" Media's response to the events.

There will be no future. That is what I worry about and am afraid of.

So, while I am on earth, regardless of your position, you should be one in heart, one in mind, as united siblings. Do you understand? You have to make that effort. Those who haven't done so up until now, should repent, reflect, and start afresh! Do you understand? That is it then. *TP*



Final cheers at the conclusion of the Victory Celebration in the Crystal Ballroom of Lotte Hotel World in Seoul

Major Events

February 4-8

A photographic record of True Parents' ceaseless efforts and sincere desire to uplift others



True Parents' Centenary and the 7th Anniversary of Foundation Day



- ① Thousands of people thronged to the Cheongshim World Peace Center to celebrate True Mother and hard working members having realized the long-sought-after Vision 2020
- ② The holy water ceremony symbolically brings the worlds faith's together in harmony.
- ③ Months of hard work produced an elegant musical.
- ④ Secretary General Yun, as the emcee, spoke deeply about True Parents' successful seven year course.
- ⑤ Jimmy Morales, president of the Republic of Guatemala gave congratulatory remarks.
- ⑥ True Mother during the Ceremony Proclaiming the Firm Establishment and Settlement of the Cosmic Nation of Peace and Unity
- ⑦ True Mother ended the event by singing with her grandsons, Shin Chul Moon (left) and Shin Heung Moon and many of those in the stadium seats.
- ⑧ For these children, it is a memory that will last a lifetime.
- ⑨ Leaders from all the world's regions with True Mother as she cut the cake commemorating True Father's one hundredth birthday and True Mother's seventy-seventh.



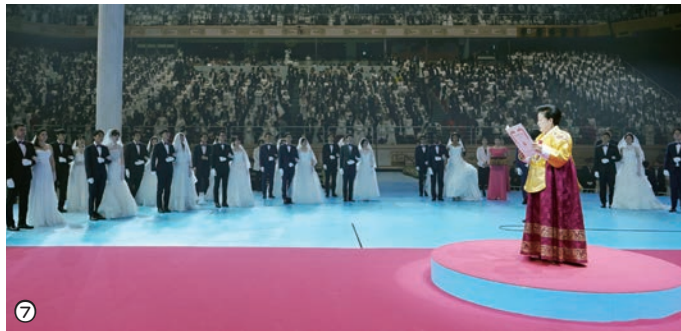
2020 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Ceremony



- ❶ The celebratory cake on the day of the Blessing Ceremony
- ❷ Secretary General Young-ho Yun was the master of ceremonies.
- ❸ Members of various blessing groups present gifts to True Parents.
- ❹ The interfaith holy water ceremony with representatives of seven major religions
- ❺ Entertainment following the Blessing Ceremony
- ❻ From left: Sun Jin Moon, Shin Chul Moon and his bride Ji-woo Chang, True Mother, and Shin Heung Moon and his bride, Iriyama Yume.

- ❼ Affirmation of the blessing vows and sprinkling of the holy water
- ❽ Shin Chul Moon and his bride Ji-woo Chang came to the microphone. He testified to True Parents and thanked them for having received the blessing.
- ❾ Dan Burton and his wife Samia congratulated the newly blessed couples.
- ❿ The final fireworks following cheers of Eog Mansei





2020 Victory Celebration and Kick-Off Ceremony for 2027



- ① True Mother speaking to members, her global children, providing living truth to guide their lives
- ② Dr. Young-ho Yun was the master of ceremonies.
- ③ True Mother lighting the candle with the support of Yeon ah Moon
- ④ Professor Yeon Ah Moon and Julia H. Moon, present flowers to True Mother
- ⑤ Senior members with varying missions present gifts to True Mother.
- ⑥ Regional leaders from around the world pledge to True Parents and God their determination to fulfill Vision 2027.
- ⑦ Regional leaders receive plaques of appreciation from True Mother.
- ⑧ The incoming class of Universal Peace Academy cadets
- ⑨ UPA Academy cadets swear to fulfill their mission.
- ⑩ Fireworks following cheers of Eog Mansei





7th Anniversary of Foundation Day Pledge Service

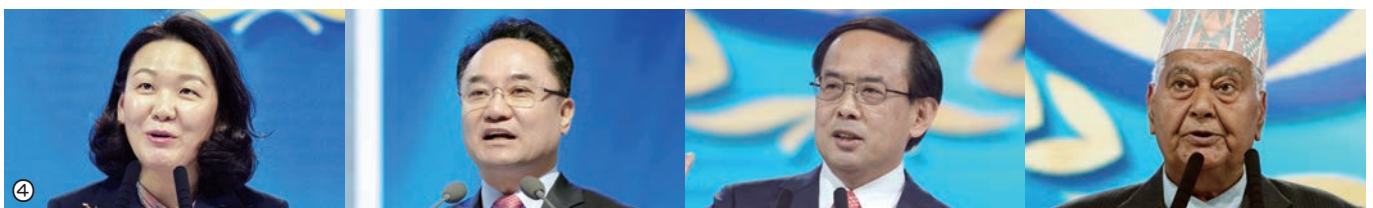


- ❶ True Mother receiving bows from representatives of major organizations and various blessing groups during the Foundation Day 2020 Morning Pledge Service at Cheon Jeong Gung
- ❷ From left: Yeon Ah Moon, True Mother and Julia H. Moon prepare to light the candles at the Foundation Day 2020 Pledge Service
- ❸ From left: Mrs. Wonju Jeong McDevitt, chief of True Mother's Secretariat, read hoondokhae material; Ki-seong Lee, regional group chairman of Korea spoke about the Kintex event and Chang-sik Yang, special emissary to Latin America and the Caribbean, gave a testimony about the significance of Latin America Summit 2019, in the Dominican Republic which Sun Jin Moon and her husband In-sup Park attended.
- ❹ Eog Manseil!



The International Association of Youth and Students for Peace

- ❶ Men from left: Dong-yeon Kim, president of IAYSP-Korea as well as CARP-Korea and Koji Matsuda, international president of IAYSP, with True Mother on February 5, offering to her the IAYSP 2020 Resolution as the organization strives to raise global leaders from among the young generation so that they can build a lasting peaceful world.
- ❷ True Mother, while speaking about the International Youth and Students for Peace on February 5, told the audience that although she has to endure physical aches and pains, she keeps moving forward for the sake of the world's young people.
- ❸ Happy 2020 Sun Hak Scholarship recipients
- ❹ IAYSP International President Matsuda spoke in Korean. He announced the three 2020 goals and told the audience his favorite quotation from True Father from when he was a student, "God is alive and works. God is with me. So I can do it." Permanand Jha, vice-president of Nepal, gave congratulatory remarks to the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace.
- ❺ A group photograph concluded the IAYSP event.



Launch of the Mother Foundation and True Mother's Autobiography



- ❶ True Mother receiving flowers from Matt Salmon, US congressman (1995–2001 and 2013–2017) and his wife Nancy
- ❷ Young-sa Kim, head of the publication committee for the Korean version of True Mother's autobiography accepting a plaque from True Mother on February 4.
- ❸ Yong-cheol Song, head of the Sun Hak Institute, and Sun-jo Hwang, president of Sun Moon University, with copies of the autobiography donated to their institutions.
- ❹ Niger's Prime Minister Brigi Rafini gave congratulatory remarks; Adi Koila Mara Nailatikau, first lady of Fiji 2009–2015, gave congratulatory remarks; Young-ho Yun, chairman of the World Summit Organizing Committee, was the emcee.
- ❺ From left: Patience and Goodluck Jonathan, Thomas Walsh, Anote Tong, President Jimmy Morales and his wife Gilda Marroquín: All received funds for charities they run or are associated with.
- ❻ Representatives received eight million dollars for the Sun Hak Scholarship fund.
- ❼ Representatives received a million dollars for youth activities.
- ❽ Representatives received six million dollars for cultural activities.
- ❾ Representatives received two million dollars for the women's movement.
- ❿ The audience in Kintex witnessing True Mother's largesse



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2020 Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony



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- 1 Il-sik Hong, former president of Korea University, chairman of the Sun Hak Peace Prize Committee, with True Mother presenting the Founders' Centenary Award to Ban Ki-moon, a former UN secretary general.
- 2 Amadou Ba, the Senegalese minister of Foreign Affairs, presenting a painting entitled "Mother of Peace" to True Mother on behalf of Macky Sall, president of Senegal.
- 3 Anote Tong and Goodluck Jonathan gave Congratulatory Addresses about recipients.
- 4 A congratulatory performance by the Koyang City Men's Choir
- 5 True Mother applauding during a presentation
- 6 2020 Sun Hak Peace Prize Laureate Dr. Munib Younan of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Palestine posing with True Mother and Dr. Hong
- 7 Foreign Minister Ba, representing 2020 Sun Hak Peace Prize Laureate Macky Sall, president of Senegal, posing with True Mother and Dr. Hong
- 8 A view of the audience attending the 2020 Sun Hak Peace Prize Award Ceremony



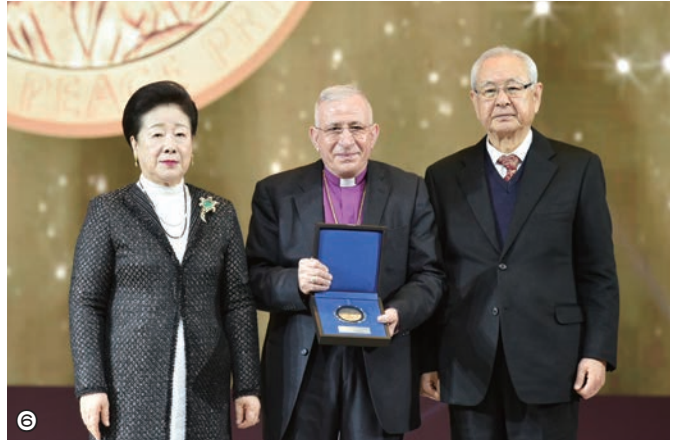
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Much Work Remains

This was the laureate's acceptance speech, transcribed from the PeaceTv video, as recipient of the never-before-presented Founders' Centenary Award at the 2020 Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony on February 5 at Kintex (Korea International Exhibition Center) in the town of Ilsan, in the Seoul metropolitan area.

By Ban Ki-moon

Honorable Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Universal Peace Federation founder, the chairman, Dr. Il-sik Hong, and His Excellency, Macky Sall, president of Senegal, represented by His Excellency Amadou Ba, foreign minister of Senegal and also Rev. Younan, distinguished guests, former heads of state or government, excellencies, ladies and gentlemen:

It is a great honor for me to receive the Sun Hak Peace Prize. I'm incredibly grateful for this esteemed honor, and it is quite meaningful to follow in the footsteps of the previous luminary awardees you have bestowed this honor upon. I receive this with a humble mind. This very honorable, special peace award from the Sun Hak Committee. I accept it on behalf of so many people around the world who are still yearning, hoping that the United Nations will do much better, do much more for all the people who really need our support at this time. I am deeply humbled that only I received this honor. Thank you again for your recognition.

My special recognition goes to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for her visionary patronage of this award, as well as for her longtime advocacy efforts in support of world peace, global citizenship, and sustainable development issues. I also take this opportunity to commend the impressive work and forward-thinking vision of the Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation. The critical efforts by the Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation are essential as we collectively strive to expand essential understanding, cooperation and tolerance on the road to world peace and global sustainability.

In this connection, I simply couldn't be prouder to receive this award intended to further the ideals of such a pioneering individual who so firmly believed in the importance of peace, human development, coexistence and environmental protection. My deepest gratitude goes to the Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation members for this very special honor and recognition of my modest contribution to world peace and development. Thank you very much again.





Ban Ki-moon, the eighth secretary-general of the United Nations who had served as foreign minister of South Korea 2004–2006, in this, his acceptance speech, expresses his ongoing concern for the state of the world and expresses appreciation of the visionary behind the award.

Increasing global threats

Our world is changing, and this is bringing many new challenges and uncertainties to the geopolitical and economic order. Multilateral cooperation is viewed with increasing skepticism. Multilateralism, represented and symbolized by the United Nations, is under great threat. Multilateralism has been the basic guiding framework of the world, particularly since the end of the Second World War. Those countries that are leading the world have benefited most from multilateralism. They are now speaking about protectionism, unilateralism, individualism, isolationism. I am deeply concerned as a former UN secretary general. We have to continue to succeed under the guiding principle of the United Nations—multilateralism.

At the same time, our climate crisis is deepening as wildfires burn, sea levels rise higher, and temperatures continue to surge. Under this backdrop of instability and waning internationalism, I firmly believe that we must work together. There is no country, no individual—no matter how resourceful, no matter how powerful one may be—that can do it alone. We have to have all hands on deck together. That has been my consistent, continuing message, even after my retirement from the United Nations. I am deeply honored and deeply encouraged by so many people who are here who are peace-lovers and who love and respect human dignity.

Ongoing problem-solving efforts

During my ten-year tenure as secretary general of the United Nations, I strove to execute my global leadership by leveraging the power of partnerships and promoting the spirit of global citizenship. I have met so many world leaders, so many business leaders, so many civil society leaders. I have met very few leaders who possess global citizenship, with a global vision. We have to foster our youth, the young generation, young women and men, so that they become global leaders with a global vision. That is my honest hope.

As you have seen in the video, I am proud that during my time as secretary general I prioritized the two most dangerous existential threats: one is the climate crisis and the other one [collectively] is the [threats addressed by] the Sustainable Development Goals. A global partnership, including active participation of non-profit organizations, civil society groups, religious organizations, philanthropists and other key stakeholders, like you, is necessary if we are to deliver what the United Nations has promised to the world.

The United Nations adopted the Sustainable Development Goals on September 25, 2015, a day on which all the leaders of the world had gathered in the General Assembly and promised that by the end of 2030, there should be no one who suffers from poverty; there would be no one who should die



True Mother presenting the Founders' Centenary Award to former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

needlessly from preventable diseases; there should be nobody whose human dignity is disrespected. These are the promises of those world leaders. These are the promises of the United Nations. Sustainable Development Goals also include young people, who are absolutely essential to so many of the world's challenges such as achieving the SDGs, tackling climate change, building peace and resolving conflicts.

I have been trying to give my best efforts even after my retirement from the United Nations, to do almost the same things I used to do at the United Nations—promoting human rights, promoting civil society's participation [on issues such as] climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals. In this regard, two years ago, I launched the Ban Ki-moon Center for Global Citizens based in Vienna, Austria, and in Seoul. I have established the Ban Ki-moon Foundation for a Better Future. We must work together with all the people of the world who should be able to enjoy a better future.

The road ahead

The actions we take over the next ten years until 2030 will be critical to ensuring the future viability of both humanity and our planet, so we must work hard, we must work together to achieve true peace harmony and reconciliation among people. What type of peace? I am reminded of the words of President John F. Kennedy, who said, "I am talking about genuine peace, the kind of peace that makes life on earth worth living, the kind that enables men and nations to grow and hope and build a better life for their children... not merely peace in our time, but peace for all time."

In 2020 (the Year of the Rat, the White Rat) and beyond, [regarding] our common destiny, grounded in sustainability, peace and prosperity, it is our moral duty and political leaders' political duty to realize this shared destiny for all global citizens in the years to come. With this, I am committed to work even harder to make this world better for all of you.

Lastly, and this is quite a coincidence, I have found today, standing at this podium... Please look at that picture of me [on a large poster at the back of the hall]. I am wearing the same necktie then as my wife has chosen for me today, knowing that I would be receiving a peace prize. This is the United Nations' symbol [repeated as a design on his tie] on every September 21, the United Nations' International Day of Peace, I have been wearing this tie.

So let us work together, ladies and gentlemen, to realize peace in this world together. Thank you very much. Kamsahamnida. *TP*

Ban Ki-moon served as the eighth secretary general of the United Nations, 2007–2016. For a biographical sketch of all the laureates, see our October 2019 issue at ipeacetv.com. After free registration, on the News menu, choose True Peace magazine.

A Champion of the Less Powerful

This is an homage to Ban Ki-moon's character, his empathy for people in trouble and willingness to help others, which helped moved the world forward during his tenure as UN secretary general.

By Anote Tong

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Dr. Il-sik Hong, chairman of the Sunhak Peace Prize, excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, and of course, our recipient of the award this morning, whose achievements we are celebrating, His Excellency former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon.

Let me begin by expressing how deeply honored and grateful I am to be able to be given this opportunity to make a few remarks. I don't want to go through the process of expounding on all of the achievements of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. They are all listed in the book that is in front of you. But I can tell you there are many, many, many more which are not listed here.

I can tell you that from my own experience in interacting with Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon over the years when he was secretary-general, and when I was in office. I remember the times when I was talking about climate change, and I was always trying to pester Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon to hear me because I felt nobody else was listening to me. And I remember the time, Mr. Secretary-General, when you invited me to join twenty-six leaders, mostly from the developed world at a dinner before a meeting at Copenhagen. And I think Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon did that very deliberately because I had been saying a lot of things about climate change. And he wanted to see what I would do in the midst of the president of the United States, the president of China, all of these big people from big countries.

And I recall Mr. Ban Ki Moon looking at me while all of the discussion was going on. And in a sense inviting me to comment. Eventually, I built up the courage to say a few words, and I scribbled a note "Can I make a few remarks?" and I did.

Seeing is believing

Ever since that time, I think Mr. Ban Ki Moon listens to the voice of and the messages coming from those in small countries. The people who attend the United Nations without really being seen, without really being heard. And I say this with a great deal of emotion because Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon was the first one to listen to what I was saying, even to the point of being convinced to visit my country in 2011. I remember that very, very distinctly. I remember Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon going on a tour to visit all the places that are flooded very frequently. To visit the people who suffer every time there is flooding, a bit of a storm. And I remember the Secretary-General coming back in the evening as we met before the reception, and I asked him, So what have you seen? And I can never forget what he said. He said, "Mr. President, I have been listening to you year after year at the United Nations General Assembly. And I must admit that I never truly understood, but now not only do I understand, but I feel it, and I promise you I will do everything in my power to do as much as I can.



Anote Tong, a 2015 Sunhak Peace Prize laureate remains committed to the causes that led to his candidacy for the prize. He is actively working to protect the environment and slow the process of climate change.

And ladies and gentlemen, he has done that. He delivered his promise. He has succeeded in putting what is regarded as the greatest challenge to humanity, he succeeded in putting climate change at the top of the UN agenda. Secretary-General Ban did not elaborate on all of the good things that he did. He did not make reference to the establishment of the Green Climate Plan, which is also a product of his time as secretary-general. Here in Korea, we have the Global Green Growth Institute. In 2016, following a meeting in the Pacific, we, the Pacific region, our small islands, dots, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. What do we have? Islands. Small Islands. But huge ocean states. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon succeeded in putting oceans, recognizing not only the relevance but the critical importance of oceans, not only to the changing climate but to humanity. With the result that now the ocean is an integral part, a key part, a critical part of the international agenda.

A man of the people

In all of these interactions that I had with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, there are two things that I observed. Unlike many people, he is comfortable interacting with the biggest leaders, leaders from the biggest countries, and also very sympathetic to interact with leaders from small countries. Not only that, but I can see as we have all seen from what he has done—the sustainable development agenda, the focus on the women's issues, now climate change—but my perspective on Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon is that he is one of the greatest humanitarian people that I know, perhaps in the world. He cared about the small people. He was willing to step forward and take the burden of the small people.

Ladies and gentlemen, many people asked me, Where is your prepared speech? And I said I don't want to read a speech. I want to speak from my heart. As a former secretary-general, he is a man with the courage to step forward and do things that many others would shy away from. The engagement of civil society, the engagement of the private sector, the engagement of people outside of the government in international discussions, these are some things that as secretary-general brought in during his term in office. To tackle climate change, this was absolutely vital.

So, ladies and gentlemen, I am very proud to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations—the congratulations, I am sure, of all of us here—but also the congratulations of our people, the vulnerable people, the people that have benefited and will benefit from the work of Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon. He unreservedly deserves the honor that has been bestowed on him. Congratulations once again, and may you live forever. Thank you. 🇹🇰

Anote Tong is a 2015 Sun Hak Peace Prize laureate and was president of Kiribati 2003–2016.

Encouragement in the Cause of Peace

What follows are the remarks, via video by Macky Sall, president of the Republic of Senegal, who is a 2020 Sun Hak Peace Prize laureate, followed by the simultaneous interpretation of a speech by Amadou Ba, the minister of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad, who accepted the award in Korea on behalf of the president and who conferred upon True Mother Senegal's Order of Merit.

By Macky Sall



Madam Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation, ladies and gentlemen, dear friends, distinguished guests:

The health situation which has put the international community in a state of emergency led me to cancel the trip to Seoul I was preparing myself for. It is with the deepest regret that I was not able to join you personally as I had planned. I would like to thank my Korean counterpart, President Jae-in Moon, for all the preparations he made for my visit. It is with deep reverence that I salute the memory of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, whose centenary we celebrate this year. He was a visionary leader and the inspiration behind the Universal Peace Federation.

I would like to offer my highest esteem to the honorable Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. For several decades, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has been the embodiment of incredible kindness. Her life demonstrates a profound heart of superlative commitment to the cause of peace and the wellbeing of humanity. Her unique ability and lifelong dedication to comfort those in need are leading to the realization of a harmonious global community filled with love. Her dedication deserves our unending respect and admiration. I would like to extend to her my respect and esteem once again. I see the members of the Universal Peace Federation as my associates.

Ladies and gentlemen, in these times of turbulence and uncertainty, there is no task more urgent than fostering dialogue to allay tensions, promote mutual understanding and support the peaceful coexistence of people. It is with this spirit that in January 2018, Senegal welcomed the inaugural Africa Summit of the Universal Peace Federation. It is with this similar spirit that I humbly accept the Sunhak Peace Prize that you have awarded me. It is with humility that I accept this prize because to me, this award is not an end in itself but an encouragement to persevere in the culture of peace and human kinship. I accept this prize with humility because I recognize the essential blessing this prize brings to the people of Senegal. Every member of the Senegalese people has always harbored a profound sense of togetherness in their diversity.

Countering destructive ideology

This prize is greater than my humble self, it is a prize that honors the people of Senegal and I would like to dedicate it to the people of Senegal. As I accept this award, I think about all those whose peace is usurped by violence and the vicissitudes of life. I think about the victims of war and terrorism, about refugees and displaced people, about those suffering from xenophobia and racial discrimination simply because of their origin or the color of their skin.

Peace is fragile. When society is characterized by indifference and the madness of self-centeredness, society cannot take care of those most in need. Peace is threatened when extremism of all types manipulates the conscience of people and turns faith into activism to feed ideologies of conflict. Peace is threatened when some believe they are imbued with the mission of forcing onto others a unique ideology of action and existence. This stands at odds with the diversity of cultures and civilizations.

It is for all these reasons that we must defend the ideal of a better world for all. That is why, in agreement with the African Union Commission, I have decided to donate the entire prize amount of US\$500,000 of the Sunhak Peace Prize to the peace fund of the African Union. I hope for this to promote efforts to realize peace continentally. This is why, as a laureate of the Sunhak Peace Prize, I will endeavor to stay faithful to the ideal that unites us. I will endeavor to pursue together with you, our common efforts for peaceful coexistence among people, cultures and civilizations.

I wish you tremendous success at your gathering.

Remarks by Amadou Ba

Honorable Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), ladies and gentlemen, representatives of the Korean government, excellencies, ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps, ladies and gentlemen, anyonghaseyo.

I would like first to express to you the great regret of the head of state, his excellency, Macky Sall for not having been able to make the trip to come to receive this high and very important award and to share with you these moments of brotherhood, but above all exchanges for a cause as noble as peace. He instructed me, as the minister of Foreign Affairs, to represent him, though I also have a colleague with me, to represent the head of state, our ambassador here, to express on his behalf and on behalf of the entire Senegalese people all the joy and honor to be among the Sun Hak Peace Prize laureates.

He also asked me to thank True Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of UPF as well as all the members of the organization for choosing him and for all the resources mobilized for their holding of this event. He also thanked the Korean government for its kind collaboration and praised the excellent relations of friendship and cooperation that our two countries have enjoyed for a long time.

The prize you are awarding him has a double meaning, it's an act of recognition of the efforts that Senegal is carrying out in the quest for peace in Africa and the world, but above all, it's encouragement to continue and to persevere in this dynamic. This is how the president of the republic sees it and it will guide all the actions for which he will be responsible as head of state and beyond.

In conclusion I would like to convey to you the president's encouragement and his wishes for a world of peace, stability and wellbeing, hoping that the resolutions resulting from this meeting will go a long way in contributing to this.

It's a joy for me, honorable Dr. Moon. I'm so proud to award you, on behalf of President Macky Sall, you, a grandmother, the Order of Merit, Senegal's highest distinction. Through this distinction, Mr. Macky Sall is again expressing his gratitude and he pays tribute to your commitment to the cause of peace. We want to congratulate you for assigning Dr. Yang as an advisor to Macky Sall. We are so happy with your efforts for Senegal. Thank you for your attention. Kamsahamnida. 🙏



President Macky Sall hosted the first Africa Summit in 2018.

Superb Role Models

As president of Nigeria (2010–2015), Goodluck Ebele Jonathan had phone conversations and later met UN Secretary General Ban at the United Nations, where they spoke face-to-face. He describes President Sall as a friend and expresses an affinity for the Bishop Younan, an Arab Christian living in Jerusalem.

By Goodluck Jonathan



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, our host and founder, Dr. Il-sik Hong, chair of the Sun Hak Peace Prize Committee, your excellencies, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, our astute guests from all around the world, it is very nice to meet you all. More than anything, I am very honored and highly delighted to attend today's Sun Hak Peace Prize Ceremony in commemoration of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's centennial.



The audience at the Sun Hak Peace Prize Awards Ceremony

An outstanding group of laureates


Congratulations to our laureates, Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, President Macky Sall and Bishop Munib Younan for receiving today's awards. The three laureates have made outstanding achievements in promoting world peace and that is why we are here. I'd like to sincerely thank Secretary General Ban Ki-moon for his interest in Africa during his time in office as secretary general of the United Nations. I recollect with nostalgia the various bi-lateral talks and courtesy visits we had when you were in office and I was also the president of Nigeria.

I also thank President Macky Sall, my good friend, for his good governance in Africa. Lastly, thank you Bishop Munib Younan for your contributions to religious harmony in the Middle East. President Macky Sall has shown me a model of good governance through democratization and economic development in Senegal from which I could also gain lots of inspiration. Soon, Africa will transform into a land of opportunity and it will grow into a major leading force in the twenty-first century.

Next, the award winner, Bishop Younan A. Younan has practiced interreligious dialog in Jerusalem, one of the most intense places afflicted by religious confrontation. The first condition for coexistence is listening to one's opponent and having a conversation. For us to enjoy the earth, the world must embrace dialog among civilizations. In that sense, I strongly support the practical activities of Bishop Younan through interfaith dialog in Israel. Youth from around the world will respect and learn from the lives of today's laureates, as they pursue their dreams. Please allow me to extend my heartfelt respect to the winners today.

The vision

The founder of the Sun Hak Peace Prize was a good leader who promoted world peace and declared a vision of one global family. I would like to recall the deep objectives of the founder and hope that the Sun Hak Peace Prize, which is celebrating its fourth anniversary today will continue to contribute promoting world peace, mutual prosperity and the happiness of all global citizens.

Let me commend the chair and members of the Peace Prize Committee for your excellent work. Respected laureates, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, please continue to take part in promoting world peace. Once again, congratulations to our distinguished award winners and I wish all the best to the progress of the Sun Hak Peace Prize and to our host and founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. We appreciate your contributions to world peace and economic development. I thank you all. 

Among other responsibilities, Dr. Jonathan is chair of the International Summit Council for Peace-Africa.

Finding Our Common Humanity

This was the 2020 Peace Prize laureate's acceptance speech, transcribed from the PeaceTv video, at the Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony on February 5 at Kintex.

By Munib A. Younan

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you, your Excellencies, Eminences, Graces, Ladies and Gentlemen: First of all, I humbly stand here as a servant of God to accept this Sunhak Peace Prize. I would like to thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the founder of the Sunhak Peace Prize and your late husband, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, for your vision of peace as one family under God.

I also thank those who suggested my name, as well as the work of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee, chaired by Dr. Il-sik Hong. I also thank the Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation and all of you who have gathered here today and have honored us by your presence. And, most assuredly, I thank all those who believe in the mission of peace my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has put on my heart.

I stand here in appreciation of the Korean people for their resilience and industriousness, I also extend my appreciation to the Korean churches, who are preaching Christ's Gospel of love and are advancing the kingdom of God in this beautiful country. I want to ask you to continue the good work of unity of the one church of Christ in Korea.

I have a special admiration for President Jae-in Moon, president of South Korea. I respect and admire his relentless efforts to unify this peninsula. I see that there is no other way forward for the people of this peninsula but finally to be unified under one flag and one leadership, as one unified Korea.

Breaking down hostility

Sometimes people ask me, Why do you work for peace through interfaith dialogue? My answer is, To work for peace based on justice is not only political; it is the core of the biblical message. From my perspective, it is Christ who calls me to serve suffering humanity and to return to them their God-given dignity. As a Christian, I believe Jesus called us to be peacemakers, not peace-talkers. St. Paul has written "For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall; that is, the hostility between us." (Ephesians 2:14) In Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's self, not counting the trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the ministry of reconciliation [2 Corinthians 5:19]. For this reason, I am called for this ministry of reconciliation, for there can be no peace without justice and no reconciliation without forgiveness. Therefore, I will continue to work for peace based on justice until the last breath of my life.

Peace is dependent upon respect for the dignity of the other, regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religious or political affiliation. All of us are made in the image of God and are children of God. All of us are one family of God. And for this reason, all of us deserve to have life and dignity and peace.

Mutual recognition of each other's dignity is the foundation of our faith and of a new world order, one that is built and based upon truth, justice, love and freedom. This vision of a peaceful life togeth-



Bishop Younan spoke with great passion much as he likely does when delivering his Sunday sermons.

er is the central message of every religion and is integral to the mission of every religious community. This is the reason I call on all religious leaders to raise their voices prophetically for peace based on justice and to speak boldly against the wave of hatred and oppression making its way across the globe today.

Religions must be the conscience of the world. Religious leaders must join their diverse voices into a symphony of peace, to disrupt the others shouting ugly messages of hatred, injustice, racism and oppression. Religious leaders must always be witnesses to the protection of life and its dignity.

Environments free from fear of harm

World leaders today talk about our shared security, but I challenge them instead to talk about our shared well-being. Not only security but a commitment to a shared well-being calls us to work for a safer world, a world without weapons of destruction.

When we see the image of God in the other, we can do nothing else but work for a nuclear-free world and weapon-free cities and states. Certainly, we must at least insist that our children have violence-free schools, neighborhoods and societies. When we hold our world leaders to task, demanding a general disarmament of all weapons of destruction—nuclear, chemical, biological and the newly emerging tools of death, Korea and the whole Middle East will be much safer without these arms and weapons. We need justice, not weapons. It is my vision that all states use the funds allocated for weapons that kill life and instead invest them in economic development, equality, gender justice and freedom of religion. Pope John Paul II said, "We are a human family. 'Love your neighbor' has global dimensions in an interdependent world."

Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life, and life abundant." (John 10:10) This is a promise to all humanity not only to Christians, that all are intended to possess dignity, and the world is intended to know a shared well-being among all nations and ethnicities.

The lure and danger of fanaticism

How do we achieve such an abundant life? In a polarized world, religious leaders can affect our future toward this end by promoting the common values of living together in dignity, working for peace and combating fanaticism, fundamentalism and extremism. Religious extremists who use religion and manipulate God for their own selfish purposes are an existential threat to humanity nowadays.

Extremism is a blatant perversion of religion and is always the antithesis of love. For this reason, it is the role of religious leaders today to combat, boldly and prophetically, any kind of extremism within their own religion. It is imperative that we teach our own communities to see and value the

image of God in those who are different from us. As it is written: “Those who say, ‘I love God,’ and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.” (1 John 4:20) This is our mutual call: To teach love, never division or hatred. With God’s love guiding us, we, religious leaders, can always be instruments of peace and promoters of robust moderation.

The scourge of intolerance

Fear of the other is the source of all conflict, violence and war. Every day, we hear of another politician seeking to implant seeds of fear, seeking to grow a harvest of hatred among his or her people. It is no wonder that religious extremism, secular populism and racism are spreading throughout our societies.

We are not powerless in the face of this epidemic. We can and we must stand up and resist with all our might this disease of fear and xenophobia. We can inoculate our youth and societies against this disease by boldly proclaiming love, mercy, understanding and trust of others—even of so-called enemies.

We can protect our communities from this disease by rising up against such sick ideologies, such as white supremacy, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, Christian phobia, xenophobia, patriarchy and every other kind of evil. It is God’s call to us to transform a world filled with hatred into a culture of harmony and love as we celebrate, this week, the UN world interfaith harmony week.

Sharing more than history

When people know that I am an Arab Christian coming from Jerusalem, they ask me if I am optimistic or pessimistic about the future. It is true that the political situation in the whole Middle East, especially regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, is very tense. It seems that the end game is in the hands of the powerful. However, I continue to believe in and promote a two-state solution, with the State of Palestine living alongside the State of Israel, on 1967 borders, together enjoying justice, peace, equity and reconciliation. I continue to promote and insist on a Jerusalem that the three religions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam share—with full respect for the historic status quo of the holy places and with respect to the Hashemite King’s custodianship of Christian and Muslim holy places. Jerusalem must be a shared capital for the State of Israel and the State of Palestine for the sake of peace and justice for both nations.


As long as I live, I will teach my children and grandchildren to see the image of God in our neighbors, the Israelis, and I pray that my Israeli neighbors will see the image of God in me and in my fellow Palestinians. Once we truly recognize the image of God in the other, we can mutually recognize and protect each other’s human, civil, political, national and religious rights. Only then will our Holy Land become truly holy, an equal home for Israelis and Palestinians. As long as there is a living God of justice, I know there is hope for both groups to live in freedom, peace, justice and dignity.

Questing for a just and peaceful world

Before I end, I would like to thank my family and especially my good wife Suad, along with my children and their families. They have always supported me in this mission of peace.

They know the risks and challenges of walking this path toward peace for all people, and yet they remain committed to this vision, not only for themselves, but for all children of the world. I am so grateful for them and humbled by their love and support.

Again as an Arab Palestinian Christian Evangelical Lutheran and a Palestinian refugee, I would like to express my gratitude for receiving this prestigious prize. Receiving this prize at this moment in history gives encouragement to Arab Christianity in the Middle East and encouragement for growing more moderates in the Middle East. We don’t need any more extremism or weapons; we need only moderates and justice.

Receiving this prize does not graduate me from continuing to do the holy work of interfaith dialogue and peace building. On the contrary, I feel that this moment motivates me to continue to be a witness for peace, a broker for justice, a defender of human rights, a minister of reconciliation and an apostle of love. Please, continue to pray for me, and for all those sisters and brothers of any religion, and those of good conscience, who join us in the challenging call to bring peace based on justice to this one world we all inhabit. “Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.” (Matthew 5:9) May God bless you and keep you all the days of your lives, working for justice, peace and reconciliation. Thank you. 

Dr. Younan is the bishop emeritus of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. For a biographical sketch of this laureate see our October 2019 issue at ipeacetv.com. After free registration, on the News menu, choose True Peace magazine.

IMAP and Measuring Your Public Influence

This is a transcript of the author's presentation at the 2020 World Peace Media Conference at the Lotte Hotel in Seoul's Sogang Ward on February 2 at the conference that launched the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP). Mr. Stearns served as an aerospace engineer in the US Air Force conducting satellite reconnaissance during the Vietnam War 1963–1967. He is a businessman who served in the US Congress 1989–2013.

By Clifford Stearns



The writer giving his presentation



Mr. Stearns (beside Dr. Walsh) among the large audience at the 2020 World Peace Media Conference

Let me congratulate all of you for your participation in this very important summit. Obviously this summit is designed to increase our understanding of where journalism and the media is today and what we can do to reclaim and upgrade the mission of journalism for the twenty-first century and to clarify the freedom and responsibility of the Press for the future.

Obviously, the establishment of the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) is a great step forward and I commend the founders for their foresight. I had the opportunity to read the IMAP Resolution. I feel it is concise and is a great way to chronicle man's desire for peace, security and (obviously) for human development.

I also want to acknowledge the leadership of Dr. Hak Ja Han and her late husband Rev. Sun Myung Moon for their clairvoyance. I say that because he had extraordinary ability to perceive events into the future and to develop strategies to solve them. It is truly commendable on his part.

I read the *Washington Times* every day in Washington DC [see washingtontimesDOTcom] and I cannot tell you how important this newspaper is. It provides insight that no other newspaper in Washington provides—from the balanced coverage of the Brexit issue in Britain to the continued turmoil in Iraq and Iran. The Times provides factual accounts and much needed factual information. I often say, after reading the newspaper, "I didn't know that." Why didn't I read that elsewhere in another newspaper? I only wish the editors would come down to Central Florida and let me publish an edition of the *Washington Times* in Ocala, Florida.

My colleagues, I work in a large public relations firm called Apco Worldwide. We have thirty-two locations around the world. Our company is involved with media and journalism activities in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Europe and America. Many of our clients ask us to help them in crisis situations that involve the Press. We also do a lot of corporate branding, helping our clients influence their market and target their customers. We have experience with Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and Google Search, and we use them daily in our ability to influence and target audiences around the world. I intend today to outline some of the techniques we use that gives us that ability. I also want to share with you this morning some new technology in the telecommunications field that is going to revolutionize media platforms and journalism—artificial intelligence as well as virtual and augmented reality.

This future technology... is a big revolution. It will affect journalism and media platforms throughout the world and it could be a disruptor, just as the smart phone has been for many of us.

Media is rapidly evolving

I am the past-president of the United States Association of Former Members of Congress. I have gained insight into how to strengthen the effectiveness of the United States Congress as it carries out its constitutional duties. As a former president, we promote a collaborative approach to policy making. Our membership includes one hundred senators and four hundred and fifty House members. This collaborative approach is also useful in trying to effectuate good working relations with the Press.

I don't need to tell you what the onset of the Internet has done and how media has changed. Between the availability of Twitter and Facebook, Instagram and Google Search, a company now can get its message out without the mainstream media. Social media is less expensive and can be targeted; that's the key. In some respects this has been a disruptive force—sometimes for good and sometimes for bad.

Let me give you some examples of how social media and focus groups are used in research and as tools used to clarify our clients' challenges. What you see in front of you is a Tweeterboard, to help understand the impact of Twitter. [Tweeterboard is a weekly comparison of various politician's Twitter traffic compiled by students at the Graduate School of Political Management at George Washington University in the US.]

If you look at this presentation, to the left are the current presidential candidates and a new person, Adam Schiff, who is a House Democrat prosecutor in the impeachment process. After the name of the individual is the current poll. This poll is done every week in the United States by Real Clear Politics. The next column shows the week-to-week trends and after that is the number of "likes" from the total tweets. The last column shows the inertia or trend moving from positive to negative tweets.

Obviously the Tweeterboard is a good gauge of the engagement of American citizens and also the notoriety of the candidates. The next slide shows how we use a variety of research tools to answer our clients' questions. We monitor social media but also try to answer the Why and the How that drives what people think, say and feel. You can see we do focus groups, digital analytics, and online surveys through a software program.... It's much like Reditt [a US social news aggregator, rating and discussion website]. We send it around to thousands of people and ask them to put it online and to give us their response to questions we give them.

Market reputation

Once we've [done surveys] we go out into the field in the United States and do ongoing reputation monitoring across fourteen markets and six audiences to refine the answers. The last slide shows a proprietary product Apco has called Media Landscape.... We look at social media, print media and television media across the United States, in fact, across the world. The blue circle shows op-eds, panels and events that occur, the green circle shows activity on the Hill (in Congress) the red is the negative Press that is out there. The other [circles] cover some of the social media. You can see that in this one presentation you can get an idea of your company—how it is perceived in the marketplace. Based upon the slides you can see the way to communicate.

I'll mention one other case. We had: a farm association ask us to help promote the branding of the eating of fruits and vegetables. Using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, digital, radio, outdoor advertising and print, we were to amplify this message to the Millennials [those born in the 1980s or 1990s] who for some reason the Farm Bureau believed were not eating their fruits and vegetables. We were successful. We changed the perception of eating fruits and vegetables. But in many social cases, these analytical tools can be used for a negative.... We try to prevent that.



Speakers, organizers and other significant figures associated with the 2020 World Peace Media Conference

International Media Association for Peace

Let's talk about IMAP. What can be done? It could establish a code of conduct that is fair and credible. Which has been mentioned. The code could be distributed and posted on the Internet and social media. Your International Association of Academicians for Peace provides a platform for reference or commentary on various egregious action in the Media and you may use the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace to speak on the need for civility and frankly just respect for your opponents.

I was chairman of several subcommittees in Congress that had jurisdiction over the Federal Trade Commission, the FTC [a US federal government agency, that seeks to eliminate unfair business practices] which is responsible for Internet privacy and much of the consumer protection [related to use of] social media. Also over the Federal Commerce Commission, the FCC [another US federal government agency that protects consumers] which has broad jurisdiction over broadcast media, much of the standards of Internet speed and broadcast transmissions including the controversial argument for net neutrality. You may have heard that that's a very controversial issue. Many of the enforcement actions by these two agencies affect and apply on a global basis and frankly provide a paradigm for what IMAP may eventually adopt themselves.

For example, should broadband be classified as a public utility [like water and electricity] that everyone needs and that the government has some control over? This was not done when the new FCC chairman put out a publication "Restoring Internet Freedom and Order." This would be a good publication for IMAP to look at. The FCC is involved with 5G [fifth generation wireless technology] infrastructure transition, robocalls and the next generation of TV standards. Now, under the previous Democrat FCC chairman Mr. Wheeler, he positioned that broadband network should be connected by analog to utilities and that utilities should be made available to the public. In other words, the Internet would be like a utility. Under Republican Chairman Pai, today that is no longer the case. Quasi-government control or public ownership has not always been a panacea.

I mention these two agencies because they could be another resource for IMAP in efforts to bring continued freedom and responsibility to the Press. These agencies should be monitored and in some cases IMAP should take positions on their final [decisions].


Innovations and technology advancements are making it almost impossible to curtail some of the "fake news," which brings me to focus on the need for an overarching association of members who endeavor to set standards and crusade for freedom of the Press and social justice while maintaining your integrity and collaborative values.

Imagine the future

My colleagues, before I close, as I mentioned before, I want to bring your attention to this new technology that is going to transform the world. It's being promoted by Google, Microsoft and Samsung. It could be a disrupter, much like the cell phone was. This is Google glass. Perhaps many of you have seen it before. It is designed to merge your physical world with your digital life with a device [here, on eyeglasses] similar to Google Glass. It's evolving into an earpiece. But the revolution is that is occurring... It's being developed as a contact lens. [Mojo Vision] is a company working on this technology. With this new technology, you'll be able to connect and program through this device [the contact lens] by simply using your voice, your hand or head movements or shoulder movements to open the Internet and do everything you can do on your cell phone—through physical prompts. You won't need a keyboard.

You can imagine what this is going to do to transform our communication and media presentation. There are billions of smart phones in the world, augmented phones with artificial intelligence devices that may surpass smart phones in the near future. Think about this: holograms on this device with 5G speed will allow you to (as they say in Star Trek) boldly go where no one has gone before.

Let me close, my colleagues, by saying that IMAP can do no better service to humanity than publishing ethical standards, bringing to bear the need for accurate and responsible journalism and building regional associations of nations for peace, security and human development. This is an incredible goal. Before I end, I want to show you one last slide. At Apco Worldwide, we have a client that is involved in creating this augmented virtual reality, xraDOTorg is the website, which you might want to go on to follow it.

I have a quotation from Edward R. Murrow, a distinguished journalist and war correspondent and a pioneer in his field: "American traditions and the American ethic require us to be truthful, but the most important reason is that truth is the best propaganda and lies are the worst. To be persuasive we must be believable; to be believable we must be credible; to be credible, we must be truthful. It is as simple as that." 

TPmagazine is not endorsing the writer's company but is pleased to expose readers to the concepts he presented and to announce the launch of the International Media Association for Peace.

Values-Based News for 45 Years

This February 3 interview of Sekai Nippo's president took place on the sidelines of the World Peace Media Conference.



President Masuhiro Kuroki

Please tell our readers the Sekai Nippo creation story.

President Masuhiro Kuroki: *Sekai Nippo* was established on January 1, 1975. The background at that time was that the Vietnam War had recently finished [January 27, 1973] and the Americans had lost. The Americans, who fought on the side of the Free World, lost to Vietnam, which is a communist country. At that time the power of the communists covered most of the world, two-thirds. Communists controlled countries in Asia, Africa and elsewhere. It affected Japan, especially in the belt area from Tokyo to Osaka. That area became Leftist. Japan worried that communists would control the whole country. The Media mainly supported the Leftists. Rev. Moon worried about the Japanese situation. Teacher Sun Myung Moon said that if Japan keeps going in this direction, it will become a communist country. He said we need a media outlet that opposes communism. We need media that have a clear anti-communist view and know what real freedom is. Father wanted to make *Sekai Nippo* an advocate. Based on that purpose, the establishment of *Sekai Nippo* took place in 1975. *Sekai Nippo* stood against communists who opposed freedom of the Press and freedom of religion.

When Korea's Segye Times began, foreign members distributed it and sold subscriptions. How did you first get subscriptions to Sekai Nippo?

Father said to make *Sekai Nippo* known all around Japan. Many members went house to house putting the newspaper in mailboxes. But there was a strong reaction against that. We had a problem with that. *Sekai Nippo* challenged all other newspapers by criticizing them and promoted our unprecedented values. This made a strong impression on the Japanese people.

Have you gotten exclusive stories?

In 1996, the poison attack on the subway by Aum Shinrikyo [a doomsday religious group] shocked the world and made people disbelieve in religion. At that

time, the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), the governing party, tried to regulate religions. The LDP had written a bill to make this a law. Russia and China disallow religion; Japan has freedom of religion, but with passage of that bill, the reality would be the same as disallowing religion. That was a *Sekai Nippo* scoop. We got a draft of the bill and printed it in the newspaper under a big headline. This made a strong impression on religious people. The opposition also made this a big issue. In the Diet [Japan's national legislature], Ichiro Ozawa, head of the opposition Liberal Party, held up the *Sekai Nippo* newspaper and said, "This does not protect religion, it incriminates religion!" This was deeply influential. The LDP said that it was not being done publicly but by just a few people in the party. In that way the bill disappeared. Rev. Moon said, "You did a good job. You saved Japan, because if the bill had passed Japan would be the same as a communist country."

You recently entered into a sisterhood relationship with Nepal Republic Media.

Yes, when a representative came from Nepal to Japan. It's not a strict partnership. We had some contact at the Nepal Summit and now on we have partnership. It's casual; we do not exchange articles.

Yesterday we established the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) to realize world peace, which Rev. Moon and Mrs. Moon advocate. Of course the driving forces are political and economic power, but the media should lead it. Media work is archangel work. When Rev. Moon and Mrs. Moon speak, they often emphasize the Media's importance. Through this event (the Centenary of True Parents' and their sixtieth Holy Wedding anniversary) I hope the Media can contribute to making world peace. This time, the establishment of IMAP comes just at the right time. The Media is at a turning point. The establishment of IMAP is meaningful.

What lasting influence has Sekai Nippo had on Japan?

Because since its establishment, *Sekai Nippo* has had a clear anti-communist intention. Japanese people know this well. Ex-PM Nakasone, who died last year, several times visited our company's symposium. *Sekai Nippo* represents conservative opinions and *Sekai Nippo* knows the Korean Peninsula's situation in detail. It's a newspaper that cannot be ignored. ☞

On an Inner Quest in the Land of the Morning Calm

More than a hundred and twenty Generation Peace Academy (GPA) participants arrived in Korea on February 2 for a two-week pilgrimage. GPA began their pilgrimage on February 3 with a trip to the northernmost part of South Korea and the closest visit-able location to True Parents' birthplaces; that is, the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). The GPA group prayed and journaled at Imjingak, a Korean War Memorial, located seven kilometers from the DMZ. Despite the solemn atmosphere at the memorial, participants celebrated with hope in their hearts that Korea will reunite by ringing the Liberty Bell and pinning up ribbons. GPA then had the invaluable opportunity to cross the Tong-il Bridge for a quick visit to Tong-il Village, a small community located only four and a half kilometers from the North Korean border.

Then participants retraced True Father's historical journey as a refugee alongside Won-pil Kim and Jong-hwa Pak by bus as they made their way to Busan. "Although the scenery was breathtakingly beautiful, we could not help but feel the immense gravity that True Father felt as he climbed the surrounding mountains in travail, seeking to start God's church," one participant shared.

On the second day, GPA spent the morning learning more about the beginning of the Unification movement at the Beomnaegol Church, the first established church center in Busan. To visit the Busan Holy Ground and offered heartfelt prayers of gratitude, participants hiked up the same mountain on which True Father had shed blood, sweat and tears. "I couldn't help but be moved as I discovered my roots and the history of the movement," said another young Unificationist.

The next day, GPA headed to KINTEX, in the Seoul Metropolitan Area, to attend the IAYSP event. It was a great opportunity to learn about the different peace initiatives started by the Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) chapters in Korea, Japan and America. True Mother delivered a powerful message in which she expressed how proud she was of all the young people for their dedication to establishing peace. She encouraged everyone in the audience to continue moving forward with strong determination.

On February 6, GPA participants woke up bright and early to attend the worldwide celebration of True Father's centennial birthday and True Mother's seventy-seventh birthday. An emotional musical performance depicted




Young people with Generation Peace Academy pose in front of the pagoda at Imjingak, near the DMZ

True Parents' decades of work for peace, emphasizing True Mother's continued commitment following her husband's ascension.

February 7 marked the day of the seventh Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Ceremony. GPA witnessed thousands of couples receiving the blessing at the Cheongshim World Peace Center and celebrated True Parents' sixtieth Holy Wedding Anniversary. Then, GPA represented America by performing the "Mujogeon (Unconditional)" dance and singing "Nan Jeongmal" and the American classic "Country Roads" at the Cheon Il Guk One Heart Cultural Festival.

Hundreds of Unificationists met on the morning of February 8 at the Cheongshim World Peace Center to celebrate the week of events and honor True Mother's past seven years of global efforts for peace. True Mother expressed her gratitude for the past seven years and her expectations for what we can accomplish in the next seven years. Many worldwide leaders stood before True Mother and committed to establishing a peaceful world by 2027.

Later, GPA traveled to the famous Yamok Church, center of early Unificationist activities, and met the groundskeeper, Jae-sung Hwang, who excitedly shared stories about Yamok Church's history. As participants made their way around the grounds, the beauty of the humble lifestyle of True Father and early Unificationists captivated them.

On February 9, the seventh day of the pilgrimage, GPA met with Special Task Force (STF) Europe to share about our respective programs. The last time such a meeting occurred was thirteen years ago. "It was a really powerful experience to see one another," said one GPA participant. "Even though we are in different programs and from different continents, we have very similar desires and goals and we connected as brothers and sisters." 

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Intriguing Interaction Followed by the IAAP Inauguration

By Thomas Selover



Dr. Frank Kaufmann, the president of the Professors World Peace Academy, who has devoted decades to interreligious efforts, addresses the audience at the World Peace Academic Conference, at which the participants launched the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP)

The World Peace Academic Conference, which also served as the inaugural conference of the International Association of Academicians for Peace, took place on February 4–5, at Kintex outside Seoul as part of World Summit 2020. Among the many significant events that were part of the summit, the World Peace Academic Conference was specifically designed to honor and develop the academic legacy of Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Beginning in the early 1970s, the UPF founders have invested vast financial and human resources in laying the foundations for a new, God-centered academic culture. Dr. Sung-bae Jin, chair of the Hyo Jeong Academic Foundation, along with an international conference team organized the conference. It was divided into four concurrent sections, representing natural sciences, social sciences, religion and culture and university education.

Explaining the fundamentals

The World Peace Academic Conference was a fitting inaugural conference for the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP), under the auspices of UPF, because the sections of the conference addressed the UPF core themes of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values. Interdependence was explored in Section One, with reference to the domain of natural sciences and to an expanded understanding of the environment, both natural and spiritual.

Mutual prosperity was the underlying theme of Section Two in the domain of social sciences, with its academic critiques of the materialist paradigm of the communist movement and demonstrations of the fundamental political importance of religious freedom. Section Three, on religion and culture, explored universal values through interreligious work. Each of the three sections on academic fields began with an orientation to the founders'



The Opening Ceremony, at which Sun Jin Moon (seated next to her husband In Sup Park) gave the opening keynote address; Dr. Selover is at far left.

purpose for that area of academic endeavor, presented by a seasoned Unificationist scholar.

Addressing real world problems

The World Peace Academic Conference began with an opening plenary featuring a graceful keynote address by Dr. Sun Jin Moon, daughter of Rev. Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Dr. Moon, who is the executive vice president of the Women's Federation for World Peace, an organization that is affiliated with UPF, reminded the participants of the responsibility of scholars to contribute to the renewal of the natural and cultural environment.

The next speaker, Sunhak Peace Prize laureate Dr. Modadugu Vijay Gupta, a biologist and fisheries scientist from India, continued the theme of the social responsibility of scholars for the alleviation of human suffering. Then, former ambassador Marc Vogelaar, an international affairs consultant and former diplomat from the Netherlands, placed our gathering in the context of the continuing tension on the Korean Peninsula and proposed concrete steps that could contribute to peace-building between South Korea and North Korea. Lastly, Dr. Heonyoung Kim, the chair of the Korean Council for University Education, emphasized the importance of universities in research and education, in Korea and internationally.

A vision for the unity of sciences

Organized by Mr. Greg Breland, the executive director of International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS) (1984–2000), Section One began with a panel on the founders' visionary projects related to science. Dr. Andrew Wilson, a professor at Unification Theological Seminary in the United States, pointed out that in the first written manuscript of the Divine Principle in the 1950s, Reverend Moon dedicated over a hundred of the total of eight hundred pages to science. One principle he

explained was that every entity is in relation with another entity, whether that be protons and electrons, stamen and pistil or male and female, and even God and humans. This is the philosophy behind the ICUS conferences, seeking to show the connection between science and religion.

Dr. Yoshimitsu Nishikawa, a professor of global and regional studies at Toyo University in Japan, then explained the vision behind the peace highway and the Japan–Korea undersea tunnel. This “connectography” is a core image of overcoming barriers among peoples and between religion and science through practical projects of science and technology.

Where science meets mysticism

In the second session, Dr. William Keepin, a mathematical physicist and founder of the Satyana Institute and Gender Reconciliation International from the United States, showed through fractals in nature that there is an indication of intelligent design. His presentation discussed uniting natural and esoteric sciences, drawing deeply on the mystical traditions of Hinduism, Islam and others. The presentation on physical vacuum given by Dr. Gennady Shipov, director of the Center of Physics of Vacuum, Moscow State University, also came to the point of accounting for psychophysical phenomena, such as the energy of group meditation.

In the third session, Dr. Martin Ramirez, the chair of the Center for Conflict Studies, Nebrija University, and chair of the Pugwash Movement, Spain, argued that human violence is not biologically determined, and thus we are capable of achieving lasting peace. Professor Yoshiyuki Amemiya, professor emeritus at the University of Tokyo, aptly summarized the concerns of session one by observing, “Every existence in nature is organically connected, being neither independent nor dependent, but

interdependent. The same is true of every existence in the ideals of human civilization.”

Facing dark aspects of science

Other speakers, such as Dr. Nglandu Ngatu, associate professor at the International University of Health and Welfare, Japan, and Dr. Se-wohn Lee of Korea, touched on more traditional topics related to “Science and Values,” warning us about the dangers of air pollution and water pollution, respectively. One fact from Dr. Lee’s presentation that surprised many was the lasting effects of the herbicide Agent Orange, which the US military used during the Vietnam War. There are still areas in Vietnam that have not recovered; the pictures were heartbreaking.

When ICUS started in the 1970s, not much emphasis was placed on interdisciplinary work on the effect science has on society’s values. Today it is hard to apply for a grant without addressing these issues. One can infer that Reverend Moon’s concern about this topic was cutting edge and will have even greater impact in the future.

Residue of the cold war

The organizer of Section Two, A Vision for World Peace, was Dr. Thomas Ward, the president and professor of Peace and Development Studies of Unification Theological Seminary in the United States. In the first panel, Dr. Ward focused on the role played by Reverend Moon both in challenging the ideological foundations of Marxism and in fostering positive ties with former Soviet republics and Pyongyang following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Investigative reporter Dr. Bill Gertz documented the role of the *Washington Times* in the continuing critique of left-wing ideologies. He pointed out that Soviet publications such as *Pravda* repeatedly attacked him and the *Washington Times*, confirming the effectiveness of the *Times’* work. Former Austrian minister of Defense Dr. Werner Fasslabend, who is the president of the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, described his personal life experience of the tragedy of the Iron Curtain separating Eastern and Western Europe. He also proposed ways that Northeast Asia might benefit from the European experience.

Our world in transformation

In the second panel, Dr. Emmanuel Dupuy, the president of the Forum for European Prospective Studies, France, provided a regional perspective on the changing dynamic of strategic relations among Western Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. He noted that Europe was facing a dramatic population deficit across the continent, while populations could rise dramatically in the Middle East and in Africa in the coming decades, a situation that poses challenges but has every potential to be a positive one if handled correctly. Professor Choon-heum Choi of Korea, in his comments, expressed interest in the dynamic of international and political relations affected by the expanding role of China on the international scene.

Woman and families

In the third panel, Dr. Rima Salah of Jordan, a former UN secretary general in Africa and UNICEF emissary, addressed the impact of violence on families and communi-

ties. She noted that in peace and conflict studies, more attention is needed on the role of child development and the family in building a disposition for fostering peace. Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, a former speaker of Parliament, Luxembourg, also called for a comprehensive approach to peace that recognizes the central role of the affective dimension. Commentator Dr. Walter Feichtinger, the director of the Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management of the Austrian National Defense Academy, spoke on the need for more appreciation for the role that women can play in conflict transformation and the need for inclusion of a community perspective in advancing peace.

Caring for the social fabric

In the closing section, Professor Joseph Dunne, a trial attorney from New York and an adjunct professor at the University of Bridgeport in the United States, pointed out the benefits of the adversary justice system in protecting human rights and enhancing human security. Professor William D. Lay, the director of the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Bridgeport, United States, compared the past US government practice of non-interference in economic affairs with the present non-interference in changing moral views. Professor Cole Durham, the founder of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University, in the United States, documented the pivotal role of religious liberty in serving as the foundation for all other forms of freedom.

Commonality in faith traditions

The organizer of Section Three, The God Conference and God as the Parent of Humankind, was Dr. Frank Kaufmann, the president of Professors World Peace Academy, United States. In the first session, Dr. Kaufmann posited that the interfaith work of Dr. and Mrs. Moon is not epiphenomenal to their religious work and vision, but rather ineluctably extends Divine Principle teaching, its ontology and soteriology. Divine Principle teachings affirm oneness of the world’s religions everywhere, especially in the doctrines of restoration and returning resurrection.

Dr. Charles Selengut, a humanities fellow at Harvard University, described the differing approaches of two rabbis seminal to modern Jewish thought and practice, Rabbi Shammai, who focused on the laws and their application in great detail, and Rabbi Hillel, who focused on love and mercy. The two were able to harmonize despite their differences, enriching Judaism as a result. Dr. Selengut said he found the same level of love and harmony in the massive history of Unification interfaith efforts.

Dr. Jason Wasden, a finance and policy professional from the United States, spoke about the perceptions and precepts of his faith tradition, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including its understanding that God is both Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother. We know the name of Heavenly Father, Elohim, but do not know the name of Heavenly Mother, he said. Dr. Drissa Kone, an assistant professor at the Unification Theological Seminary in the United States, as commentator, raised the question of how to foster religious dialogue between



Interesting subject matter held the audience members' attention.

religions that have different starting points and fundamental disagreements about the purpose of religion and human salvation.

The presenters joined together as a panel to entertain questions from an engaged audience, ranging from the method of engendering dialogue between sworn enemies to the importance of face-to-face encounter with the living God.

In Sessions three and four, the speakers were Dr. Cheryl Lau, a commissioner on the State of Nevada Commission on Ethics, the United States; Dr. Joseph D. Terwilliger, a professor of neurobiology at Columbia University Medical Center; and Dr. Hanoch Ben Pazi, chair of the Department of Jewish Philosophy at Bar Ilan University, Israel. Dr. Lau spoke on Unification teachings pertaining to the providential rise of the Pacific Rim culture. Dr. Terwilliger spoke on Korean racial genetics and dynamics impacting the pursuit of Korean unification. And Dr. Ben Pazi spoke on the impact of modern technology on ethical society and spiritual growth development.

Mobilizing university presidents


Organized by Dr. Sun-jo Hwang, the president of Sun Moon University in Korea, the World University Presidents' Congress addressed two large questions: "What Will the University Do for World Peace?" and "How Should University Education Change in the Next One Hundred Years?"

After congratulatory remarks by Dr. Heon-young Kim, chair of the Korean Council for University Education, the theme of universities and world peace was explored in a roundtable of Dr. Aaron Benavot, a professor at the State University of New York, United States; Dr. Woo-seung Kim, the president of Hanyang University, Korea; and Dr. Jae-shin Park, vice president, the Korea International Cooperation Agency. The discussants were Rector Victor

Andrushchenko from Ukraine, president of the Association of Rectors of Pedagogical Universities in Europe; Besa Shahini, the Albanian minister of Education, Sport and Youth; and Kathmandu University Vice Chancellor Suresh Raj Sharma of Nepal. There was general agreement on the importance of promoting interest in peace education.

After a keynote speech by Doh-yeon Kim, a former minister of Education, Science and Technology, Korea, the second roundtable on how university education should change consisted of innovative cases presented by Director Young-bin Cho of Dassault Systèmes Korea; Director Kenn Ross of Asia Minerva Schools; Advisor Dr. Minu Ipe from Arizona State University, United States; and Professor Ki-yong Yoon of Sun Moon University, Korea. Overall, it was agreed that universities all have a role to play in the development of a new academic culture responding to the challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

After summary reflections representing each of the several sections, Dr. Sung-bae Jin, president of the Hyo Jeong Academic Foundation gave special remarks, as an orientation for future academic projects.

Then, I, Dr. Thomas Selover, president of Professors World Peace Academy-International in Korea read the shared resolution to form the IAAP as a new network of scholars committed to peace building, under the auspices of the Universal Peace Federation. Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, chair of UPF-International, offered congratulatory remarks, and Nobel laureate in chemistry Dr. Mario J. Molina led the signing of the Resolution for the International Association of Academicians for Peace, thus concluding the World Peace Academic Conference. 

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