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Making Our Own Ascent to World Summit 2022

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True Mother's favorite flower is the daffodil because it breaks through the winter snow earlier than other blooms to signal the coming of Spring. Addressing the World Summit 2022 global audience on February 13, her beautiful daffodil description related to how she aims to comfort Heavenly Parent's heart personified by the brightness of those dazzling yellow flowers, as though True Mother is bursting through any and all levels of resistance en route to fulfilling the ideal of creation. She encouraged us to be the same, becoming confident, heartfelt, effective communicators and representatives for Heaven's providence.

Thus, my hope and prayer is that by learning more about what happened at World Summit 2022 (WS 2022) and why it matters will empower your own life of faith and outreach.

Filled with inspiration in this Year of the Black Tiger, guided by Director General Young-ho Yun of the FFWPU International Headquarters; and global UPF leadership network including Dr. Thomas Walsh, UPF International chairman, and Dr. Michael Jenkins, UPF International president, we all worked hard in every region in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions leading up to the Summit. It was a magnificent success on many fronts, although getting there could be compared to climbing the world's highest mountain, Mount Everest in the Himalayas, during a winter storm. (Continued on page 40)



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World Unity and the Reunification of South and North Korea Will Be Accomplished by True Love

True Father delivered this at the Olympic Park Gymnastics Stadium in Seoul, at the World Peace Sports Festival 2000 Opening Ceremony and True Parents' Eightieth Birthday Celebration

The plan for North-South reunification

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, all the people in North Korea have armed themselves with Juche ideology. We must arm ourselves with the philosophy of true love that is capable of encompassing them. North Korea is a part of a northern culture because it has been influenced by the cold winds of the Soviet regime. Let us work to naturally melt them with our warm region

civilization. Otherwise, both sides will go to ruin.

We must thoroughly arm ourselves philosophically. This philosophy is not one that seeks the fulfillment of personal desires. Rather, it seeks the salvation of all humanity. It is not centered on the self. Communists have the idea that everyone must work according to the orders of the small group of top Party leaders. This is why they eliminate anyone who stands out as a potential rival. We are not that way. Our concept is to create

an environment of giving and receiving in order to establish a standard of giving and receiving on a higher level. This is a principle from Biblical history that Cain and Abel should seek to become filial sons united in love in order to receive their parents on the level of the family, which is a higher level.

I do not believe South Korea needs to attempt to overcome North Korea militarily. Instead, we have to love our nation more than they love theirs. We must have the philosophical conviction

tion that we will love Heaven even more than they love communism. We must become men and women of ability and character, who can bring about their natural surrender. There is no other way for us to encompass North Korea.

In other words, we need to move them based upon how we live ourselves. We have to be able to amaze the people who believe in communist ideology by our outlook on life and our standard of character. We cannot restore that Cain-type nation unless we have an environment that can influence them. If we cannot restore that Cain-type nation, we cannot elevate South Korea's capability to the level where it can be the starting-point of a worldwide nation centered on the kingdom of heaven. Although North and South Korea are pitted against one another, we have to liberate North Korea by peaceful means.

The Korean people of both North and South fervently desire to see their country reunited. How can this be accomplished? Their reunification can only be accomplished when a sophisticated method is put forward that will allow both sides to live together on terms that both can agree on. When the South goes to the North, or the North to the South, and says, "Let's do it our way," unification will not come about. Thus, we must find a love that will benefit both sides.

Ladies and gentlemen, at this moment, North and South are going in different directions. One is trying to go south and the other trying to go north, and their paths collide. Their purposes are at odds with each other. If both sides insist on their own position, it is certain that the situation will again result in hostilities.

What can be done about this? There must be South Koreans who love North Korea with a love greater than any South Korean has for South Korea. Also, there must be North Koreans who love South Korea with a greater love than any North Korean has for North Korea. There is no alternative, no solution other than this.

If there is even one person whose patriotic love for a reunified peninsula is greater than that of any South Korean for South Korea and greater than that of any North Korean for North Korea, it is through him or her

that the path to reunification can begin. Can there be another way? No matter how hard you may think about it, you will find no other way.

What should the Korean people do? Our land straddles the boundary line between left wing and right wing centering on the thirty-eighth parallel. We are the ones who have been placed on that line, so what are we to do? This is the question. The issue is how to resolve this problem. The answer is that we must make greater efforts than either North Koreans or South Koreans. How are we to uphold such a standard of patriotism, established through suffering and transcending nationality? This is the only way for us to give this land life and solve its problems.

The same principle applies to overcoming the world of evil and uniting the world of goodness. Someone must appear in the world of goodness that is a greater patriot for the world of evil than anyone in that world. A person has to appear and set a higher standard of loyalty to his or

her nation than anyone before has done. This is the only way to resolve the divisions of history.

Jesus was particularly remarkable in this regard. He realized it would do no good for the two sides to fight. The best thing he could do for the sake of God and for the sake of the people of Israel was to die for God and for his people. This was his reasoning behind his decision to go the way of the cross. Jesus' love for humanity was greater than anyone else's since the beginning of history, and his love for God was greater than that of anyone else in history. Because of this, his death caused a history destined for destruction to take a new direction toward a world of purpose. That direction resulted in the Christian cultural sphere of today. This is historical fact.

Where and how will North-South reunification come about?

Thus, the only way to unite North and South is to become a people who can die for both the North and the



True Parents are smiling brightly after receiving bouquets of flowers.

South, with the heart of truly wanting to live together in harmony with the other side. There is no other path to achieve unity.

When a person considers how to lead his life, the fundamentals can be expressed as: the path of a filial child, the path of a loyal patriot, the path of a saint, and the path of a son or daughter of God. Each of these stages expresses the heart of wanting to live in harmony with others eternally. Logically, the summit of this path is to want to be with others regardless of whether they are higher or lower, front or back, left or right. What is the common denominator among those who say, "I want to live in harmony with others?" It is not power. Power cannot transcend history. Whatever power one has is for a limited period of time. The same is true of knowledge. The world of knowledge is always changing. Does knowledge give us the desire to say, "I want to live with this particular piece of knowledge forever"? Clearly, we cannot keep either knowledge or wealth with us forever. What, then, is the common denominator that transcends above and below, front and back, left and right, and the changes of history across past, present and future? It is nothing else than true love centering on God.

A filial child lives in his family and gives profound love to his or her parents. Also, a patriot lives with profound love for his or her country. A saint lives with profound love for the people of the world. A son or daughter of God lives a life of profound love for all human beings and God. All of us are challenged to develop such a true foundation in our hearts. We have to want to have the heart of a patriot. We have to want our life to be in concert with the fortunes of our people. If we do, we will look upon difficulties faced by our people as our own difficulties. We will look upon the joy experienced by our people as not just temporary joy, but as eternal joy to be shared with everyone. Once we possess such a true heart and form relationships of true love, we will receive Heaven's authority to participate in the realm of unification. Ladies and gentlemen, if a woman who lacks formal education marries a man with a doctoral degree, she suddenly becomes the wife of a

scholar. Isn't that true? This is what I mean when I say that anyone who possesses the breadth of relationships of heart and the desire to live with others in harmony has the right to participate in the realm of unification. God himself is such a being. So if the content of a person's life enables him or her to unite with others, this person automatically has the right to participate in their lives.

Where do we begin the process of unification? Where do we start in order to achieve North-South reunification? What is the first step? Do we begin by using our fists, physical force? If we subjugate the other side through force, then eventually they will develop a force stronger than ours and the conflict will begin all over again. We cannot achieve unity by this method. The way to unification will open when each of us has the heart to say, "Even though I live in the South, I truly want to live in harmony with the people of the North. I truly want to become one with them."

If we who live in the South look upon our compatriots in the North and shed tears to see the miserable conditions in which they live; if we say to them, "I am living my life in such a way that I can share in your difficulties"; if we promise them, "Someday soon, I will appear before you having completed the preparations for your day of liberation"; and if we carry out a practical movement for unity based on such a heart, then I believe the day of unification is not far off.

Ladies and gentlemen, we must consider how we can live in harmony with our compatriots in the North. No one can be a patriot if they do not want to live with their parents and with their compatriots. For such a person to claim to be a patriot would be a lie.

We must first be able to live in harmony with our own country before we can live in harmony with the world. We must first live in harmony with the world before we can live in harmony with God. That means we cannot be patriots unless we first love our compatriots in the North and give love to the society in that region of the peninsula.

Any politician who lacks the heart to truly want to share in the life of

ordinary citizens will soon disappear. It doesn't matter how well-bred or educated he or she may be; he or she will disappear like an air bubble floating on the water's surface. A leader who does not love the citizens will not be able to escape judgment by the citizens of his or her country and by history. Healing the division between North and South is not a simple process. As fellow patriots struggle to bring this about, we will need the determination to work through many sleepless nights, transcending time and overcoming all manner of difficulties.

"I truly want to live with them. I don't want to die unless I can die with them. I don't want to live unless I can live with them." The movement for North-South reunification begins when both sides have such a heart toward the other.

When North-South reunification is accomplished, it will be the beginning point in the effort to unite the democratic and communist worlds. Each of us must consider the future of our people and of the world. Each of us is a representative of the world, a representative of its six billion people, and a representative of the three billion people of Asia. It the same as the heart of a teacher who considers him or herself to be a representative of their school and a representative of all the students they have ever taught. We must determine ourselves to carry out a movement to share in the lives of our compatriots in the North.

When such an effort connects you to the way of the saint, then you will come to resemble a saint. If you practice this with respect to God with the loyalty of a son or daughter of God, then you will become God's heir and a successor to those who carried out God's Will in the past. I tell you these things today, because I have already confirmed their truth in my own life. Once North-South reunification is accomplished in Korea, the unity of the world will follow naturally. Do you think that political power, military force, or economic wealth can bring about unification? There isn't even the slightest chance of this.

This is why I am speaking to you in this way. Can weapons, wealth, or knowledge free us from decayed philosophies? No, they cannot. Only true love can do this. This love comes



On February 10, 2000, a ceremony to commemorate True Parents' 80th birthday was held in a grand way at the Olympic Gymnastics Stadium in Seoul.

from God. When you enter into a relationship of true love with God, you will be given absolute authority to have dominion, ownership, and the right of inheritance.

What is true love?

In the world of mechanics, the energy produced by a system is less than the energy put into it. However, in the world of true love, the energy produced is greater than the energy put in. What is true love? It is love that lives for the sake of others. It is love that gives and forgets without limit. No memory is kept of how much was given. It is love that never tires of giving. A ninety-year-old mother can turn to her seventy-year-old son and say, "Be careful when you cross the street," and there is nothing strange about that. Even if the mother has repeated those same words countless times during several decades, she will always say them one more time.

If this is true with parents in the fallen world, how can we ever grow tired of giving and receiving God's love in the original world? When we establish God's true realm of giving and receiving in our own lives, we will experience for the first time the unchanging glory of true love. Then we will be able to apply the ethics of eternal life by practicing true love with human beings. Yet, who in the

world is aware of such things? In 1984, when I was lying in bed in an American prison where I had been unjustly incarcerated, God came to me. He said, "You are the only person I can trust. I want you to resolve the situation in Nicaragua." Am I really the only person whom God can come to with such a command? America is said to be a great country standing at the forefront of all developed countries. It has a population of 240 million people and numerous religious leaders. How helpless did God feel, that He could not go to any of those people and had to come to me instead? At least it is fortunate that God knows someone who possesses His love, and He could contact him. If I had not worked for the sake of the world at that time, South America would have been completely ravaged by war by now.

Let us work for North-South reunification and world peace

My compatriots filled with passionate hope for North-South re-unification, let us together establish our value system on the basis of Godism, and join forces in arming the people of this country with this new teaching. Let us pledge ourselves to work toward North-South reunification, for the sake of the Korean people and for the sake of world peace. Let us stand

up to answer the call of history in our age and the call of Heaven. Let us be leaders and people of righteousness who stand at the forefront of the movement for North-South reunification.

Women, in particular, need to take the lead for this. History took a mistaken course as a result of Eve's error at the beginning, so in the Last Days women need to take the lead in overcoming conflict, strife and division with their motherly love, and create a new history of reconciliation and unity. The mission of women is to restore their children, meaning all young adults and students, into true children by means of true education. Furthermore, mothers and children need to combine their efforts and set an example in order to restore their husbands and fathers. This is how women can become the true daughters of Heaven, follow in the footsteps of True Parents, and attend God as the center of their family, in order to realize the ideal of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

I conclude this speech hoping once again that my words today will develop into an international movement that can advance the day when North and South Korea can meet and harmonize together in true love. I pray for God's blessing to be with you and your families. Thank you. ☩

The Path of the Older Brother

This was True Mother's message at the celebration of True Parents' Holy Birthday on February 16, 2022 at the HJ Garden Hall.



If humanity is a family and we are all brothers, the country that first assists God will be in the position of an older brother. So we must act firmly. This is the last opportunity that God gives us; we can't let it go. Big brother and little brother countries will be defined according to the order in which they receive True Parents.

Cheon Il Guk's Cheon Temple will be the world headquarters, the cosmic headquarters. Do you understand? [Yes] I have said that all the religions,



now that they have reached the final stop, must get off. They must get off and look for the fathers, find them and receive their Blessing. It is the only path to your survival. It is the path of eternity.

Do you understand? Firmly, say it firmly. It is a simple principle. What I say is that it is time to become aware. Do you understand? [Yes] Take good care of your health. Be healthy, serve God well on earth and live together the life of the heavenly kingdom. 7P

KOREAN PEACE SUMMIT THINK TANK 2022 FORUM REGARDING THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

An alliance of intellectuals working together for a peaceful unified Korea

A variety of events took place as part of the Korean Peninsula Peace Summit including the "Think Tank 2022 Breakout Sessions on February 11 and 12 at Lotte World Hotel.

Think Tank 2022, which launched on May 9, 2021, during the Rally of Hope, is an alliance of intellectuals from around the world connected through the six pillar associations of UPF, the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP), the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP), the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD), the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED), and the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP). Think Tank 2022 consists of 2,022 experts—1,011 from Korea and 1,011 from other various other countries.

The organization presents a vision of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values—which are the basis of peace and unification—and proposes policies to resolve conflicts and divisions which aggravate global crises.

During the Think Tank 2022 Rally of Hope on September 12, 2021, many renowned dignitaries attended, such as Donald Trump, a former US president and Shinzo Abe a former Japanese prime minister who each gave a keynote address.

We have also invited many prominent figures to express their thoughts in their areas of expertise through speeches and answering questions at Think Tank 2022 Forums. On October 16, 2021, Mike Pompeo, a former director of the Central Intelligence Agency and a US secretary of state gave the keynote address for the first Think Tank 2022 Forum on diplomacy. Mike Pence, a former US vice-president gave the keynote address for the second forum, on politics. This was followed by the third forum on economics with Jim Rogers, chairman of Rogers Holdings, and the fourth forum on security with Mark Esper, former US Secretary of the Army and secretary of Defense.

Korean Peninsula Peace Summit, Think Tank 2022 Forum Outbreak Sessions

The Think Tank 2022 Forum Outbreak Sessions were held during this Korean Peninsula Peace Summit. They were held at the Lotte World Hotel in Seoul. This was a hybrid event with participants joining both off-line and online from around the world. People with diverse backgrounds spoke on the topic of the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula.

The opening session on February 11 began with an opening ceremony that was broadcast from the Korean Parliament, the Lotte World Hotel and Japan. Stephen Harper, a former prime minister of Canada, Harada Yoshiaki, a former minister of the environment (Japan), Chuichi Date, a former president of Japan's House of Councilors, Ehud Olmert, a former prime minister of Israel, President Macky Sall of Senegal; Romano Prodi, president of the European Commission, and Michel Temer, a former president of Brazil gave keynote addresses. During the following Outbreak Session, Thomas Walsh, chairman of UPF International gave the welcoming address. The session's moderator was Thomas McDevitt, chairman of *The Washington Times*, and addresses were given by Hyon-hwan Kim, first vice-minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism (Korea) Huy Vannak, president of the Union of Journalist Federations in Cambodia, Trish Regan, show host and journalist, and others. Jacques Marion, regional co-chair of UPF-Europe-Middle East Region was the moderator of the next session where European leaders shared their perspectives. Peace Performances also brightened the atmosphere in between sessions.

Michael Jenkins, president of the Universal Peace Federation, was the moderator for the first outbreak session on February 12, at which speakers from the Americas gave their opinions on the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula. Ek Nath Dhakal, regional chair, UPF Asia-Pacific, was the moderator for the following session, at which many people from UPF's Asia region spoke.

The final session of the day was led by moderator Tageldin Hamad, vice president of Universal Peace Federation and many leaders from Africans gave speeches and shared their opinions. 

There's No Easy Way Forward

By Humphrey Hawksley

It's a privilege to be with you today talking about such an important issue of which as a BBC correspondent and an author, I've written about and reported on for many decades. I'd like to thank the Universal Peace Federation for inviting me, because it was through UPF—although it wasn't even called UPF then—that I first went to North Korea in the mid-1990s, when there was a serious threat of war with the United States. I then witnessed, first-hand, how the predecessors of UPF worked around the clock to help defuse the crisis. It came just a few years after the Reverend and Mrs. Moon met the North Korean leader, Kim Il Sung, in 1991, which led to a range of initiatives which included the opening of a car factory in Nampo and a hotel and peace conference center, and the holding of a world peace conference. More recently, there's been an initiative to set up a United Nations headquarters in the demilitarized zone, between North and South. Drawing on experience of this long deadlock on Korean unification issues that create war and those that lead to peace, UPF is now active all over the world. Although top of the wish-list remains the unification of the Korean Peninsula.

I want to talk to you today of where that Korean conundrum, as I call it, sits geopolitically among the other global flash points, and how in the long-term, unification might best be achieved without conflict. If I go back to January 2017, and the handover of the presidency by Barack Obama to Donald Trump, where Obama warned that North Korea and its missiles would be his top national security threat... North Korea's missile program first became a threat in the 1990s with reports, never confirmed, that it was being designed by rogue Soviet scientists. Later, after the collapse of communism, a Pakistani involvement too, is well documented. It carried out more than twenty missile tests during 2017. North Korea claimed to have achieved its aim of designing a missile and nuclear warhead that could reach Washington DC.

American attempts to pressure China into stopping North Korea had yielded little during that period of heightened tensions, and North Korea appear determined to keep going until it thought it had the nuclear deterrent it needed.

And there were knock-on problems with American



and Western foreign policy that had been taking place elsewhere. Analysts frequently cited the examples of Iraq, Libya and Ukraine as countries that had forfeited their embryonic nuclear weapons program—only to be invaded by foreign powers. So why would North Korea ever contemplate doing that?

As a short-term solution, back then in 2017, with the increased North Korean missile testing, South Korea deployed the US anti-missile defense systems designed to intercept and destroy missiles on their descent to target. This went some way to allay domestic fears about a missile strike, but it also caused friction with China, North Korea's ally, that viewed it as unnecessary and hostile. If we think back to that time, President Trump had just taken office. He was about to launch his much wider anti-China policy about trade and the rest of it. He had already ruffled feathers with his approach to Taiwan. The Korean challenge lay within that context.

A brief glimmer of hope

By early 2018, the US had drawn up detailed plans for special forces operations against nuclear facilities in North Korea, against the dystopian option of nuclear war, and of the destruction of Seoul in the first house of any war. The Pentagon was beginning to accept that a forensic strike might be the least bad option. So, at this stage, the crisis was strong in China, Japan, Russia, South Korea, the United States, and we were all reading about it as the headlines of our newspapers. In a near unprecedented deployment, three US aircraft carrier groups were sent to the region. The UN imposed yet more sanctions on North Korea, backed by the nation's traditional allies, China and Russia.

Trump had made the fight personal, jeering at the North Korean leader Jong-un Kim, calling him "Little Rocketman" and warning that the United States would totally destroy his country. But he also chose to tackle the problem at source. He offered an olive branch, and there followed a series of one-on-one summits between the two leaders.

Trump and Jong-un Kim met first on June 12, 2018 in Singapore and in Vietnam February 27–28, 2019 and again in June 2019 along the demilitarized zone dividing North



and South Korea. Now, analysts are going to argue what was not achieved and the failures of this and that, but Trump did succeed in removing Obama's Korean crisis from the top of his threat list. In conversations today, we hear far more about Russia, Ukraine, China, Xinjiang, the South China Sea and Hong Kong. And right up there every day is the threat against Taiwan. The Korean Peninsula isn't much there and this can only be a good thing.

The sometimes horrifying reality

The imminent threat of conflict might have diminished, but the underlying issues have not gone away. North Korea is controlled by an outdated, insular Stalinist-style family dynasty currently run by Jong-un Kim, who's only in his thirties. He inherited that mantle from his father, Jong-Il Kim who was son of the country's revered and very canny founder, Il-sung Kim, who started the Korean War in 1950 and met Reverend and Mrs. Moon in 1991. The paradox of the situation is that Kim knows if he ever did directly threatened Japan, South Korea or the United States, his family regime would be unlikely to survive at all. The country is flanked to the north by its ally China to the south by its enemy South Korea and to the east, North Korea shares a short border with Russia. The Kim family has maintained control over North Korea's 25,000,000 people by repressing, threatening and isolating them—borders are kept closed, martial music and slogans and worship of the regime are embedded in the citizens from birth. Television, radio and the Internet are highly restricted. Some 150,000 (although nobody really knows) labor-camp prisoners live in a Soviet style gulag system, facing torture, execution... Threats of being sent to such a camp hang over every citizen. No one is exempt. After he inherited his presidency, Jong-un Kim executed his own uncle in 2014 together with an aunt and other relatives. Let me repeat—no one feels safe. I have some personal

experience of these tactics during a visit in 1994. I interviewed a deputy minister who handled energy and nuclear issues. I tried to contact him later and was told that he had changed jobs. I learned he had actually been executed by firing squad.

By sealing itself off and instilling in people this idea that they lead perfect lives, the Kim family has created a bizarre social laboratory. In a weird way, it mirrors the South. They are, after all, all Koreans. South Korea has dazzled the world with its soft power influence, whether with automobiles, televisions, Gangnam Style dancing, its successful transition to democracy or the addictive Netflix series, Squid Games. North Korea has equally dazzled with its ability to defy global trends, keep it sanction-laden dictatorship alive, while also becoming a nuclear power and a training ground for some of the world's most skilled cyber hackers, and so on. North Koreans are motivated and disciplined; they have to be to outfox the regime and to survive. Those I've met are funny, clever, quick thinking. You can get yourselves into some wacky situations. There was a time—I don't know if it still exists now—that North Koreans were told that the Beatles had not broken up because they were coming to play for the Great Leader and that no man had ever walked on the moon because North Korea was going to get there first.

The North and the South might share a language, but it will take a long time to mesh the two current mindsets, as the South has found when resettling those who have escaped. So, what to do when after over seven decades and three generations of family dictators, the core of the North Korean regime stands unchanged? There is no easy way to bring it into the modern world. And thank goodness, the American people have now learned through the blood and horror of Afghanistan that democracy does not come with the raising of a new flag and the holding of an election. The South Koreans know from their experience





that it's a lot harder than that.

North Korea has brought the world to the brink of war before, most seriously in 1994, when President Clinton drew up detailed strike plans, and with input from a forbearer of UPF, negotiated the Framework Agreement. That was before North Korea had nuclear weapons. There was an idea then that if the US, in the international community, could guarantee North Korean energy supplies, it could, like China, reform and come in from the cold. That dream ended in 2002. The US accused North Korea of violating the agreement. President George W. Bush condemned the country as being part of the Axis of Evil.

This was in those grim, heady days after 9/11 and before the Iraq invasion, when Defense Secretary, the late Donald Rumsfeld, famously said the US was capable of fighting wars on two fronts, Iraq and North Korea. He was wrong. There are comparisons here with the current treaty around Iran's nuclear program, and a lesson. If we want to end the threat of a rogue state, we need to hold our nerve and stay the course. The US, as leader of the international community, cannot sign an agreement with one administration and pull out with the next. It's devastating for world leadership. Yes, North Korea was violating that Framework Agreement, but we should have worked around that, persuaded, coaxed, cajoled and stayed in the game of peace. Why? Because four years after tearing it up, North Korea carried out its first nuclear test.

North Korea is a difficult problem to handle

While Americans could intervene in Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran—the rest of it—similar action in North Korea would be fraught with danger. And we should dash any thought of thinking or hoping for the disintegration of the regime that word, or phrase “regime change.” None of the major regional powers have been able to agree on how to handle it.

Remember Iraq again. When we believed Britain, the United States and others had drawn up a plan on how to rebuild Iraq, bring democracy and we had not anticipated those scenarios of looting lawlessness and insurgency that should not have caught everyone by surprise, but they hadn't planned for it. Yes, Trump could carry out his threat to destroy the regime, but what then? I'll tell you a little bit of what's been discovered. Any strike on North Korea could be met with a barrage on Seoul, hundreds of artillery guns across North Korea, I mean thirty miles from the border. Estimates on their firing ability—half a million shells in an hour, destroying the city... There would also be risk of those shells carrying chemical nerve agents, VX and Sarin, of which North Korea has plentiful supplies.

Another scenario outlined in a Rand Corporation report looked at what might happen if Jong-un Kim were assassinated by a rival faction. With an ounce of trouble breaking out, four emergency elements would need to be handled by international powers. Refugees would have to head both north and south. To stop that, humanitarian aid would have to be delivered swiftly and in plentiful supply

throughout the country. The second emergency measure, therefore, would be having to neutralize North Korea's air defense system to deliver that aid. That would require a military intervention agreed upon by China, South Korea and the United States. Each hour taken to arrange it, would worsen the humanitarian crisis. And there are no arrangements in place at the moment.

Beijing would insist on a buffer zone inside North Korea's northern border perhaps as deep as thirty miles, in which it would put its troops and weapons. South Korea views the North as its Korean sovereign territory. So, would it agree? And finally... Everything's important; maybe this is the most important: North Korea's weapons of mass destruction would have to be secured rapidly to prevent them falling into the hands of terrorists or a North Korean faction that might use it in a civil war.

The governments involved have not agreed upon a formula of how to contain any collapse and a war game found that it would take 90,000 troops fifty-six days to secure those nuclear materials. So, what to do with no good scenario? My suggestion... I'm an author and a reporter. I would say give it time. Don't think that you can unify like Germany in months or years. Look at a fifty-year plan. You have to make sure that the North Korean elite do not feel in danger of a transition that's going to take place. For the leadership, it's a difficult and unpalatable thought to have when you think of the human rights abuses that will be exposed.

The only way to bring this about in a peaceful way is if North Korea reforms like China did (under the mentorship, I suspect, of China) so that North Korea's economy and its education system grows, gradually bringing in economic reform, until it opens up. China began in 1979, so we are looking at forty years to where it (China) is now. And it's not a democracy. So, let's forget about this democracy element. The South and the North must merge in unification so that on both sides of the border, the day that it happens, everybody is going to wake up and go to work as if nothing much has changed.

None of that scenario sits well with Western democracies. Because as I explained at the beginning, one administration thinks this, there is an election, another administration thinks that. So there needs to be a general acceptance and agreement within those Western democracies that this is how this situation is going to unfold.

I'll finish on the biggest conundrum at the moment on this topic: How can North Korea be opened up, reform its economy, spread that wealth, whilst it is under sanctions? That's going to be the tricky one. That is the first hurdle to overcome. How are we going to open it up, improve the lives of North Koreans, spread that wealth and change mindsets? That's the conundrum. Thank you, Universal Peace Federation, so much for inviting me. And thank you all for listening. 

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Unfinished Business from the Twentieth Century

By Christopher Hill

It's a great privilege to have the opportunity to speak before the World Summit 2022. On this long-lasting, very difficult issue of finding peace on the Korean Peninsula. I would like to first thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for her tireless efforts to find peace and to bring people together on the Korean Peninsula and see what can be done in the future.

There is no question this is a very difficult issue. It has been with us now for decades. In many respects, this residual problem represents the problems of the twentieth century now well projected into this twenty-first century. I think it behooves all of us who take part in this conference, but frankly the rest of the world as well, to look for ways to address this unfinished business of the twentieth century. Without question, it will be difficult, because many of the ideas have been discussed and here we are, decades later not having found the ultimate solution to them. I think it's very important to get different ideas, to get people with different perspectives on this. In that regard, I do want to thank the Washington Times Foundation for its efforts to bring people of different perspectives to try to find different ways to deal with



this question.

I think we need to start with a proposition that although this issue was born in the difficult circumstances of the mid-twentieth century, the People's Republic of North Korea needs to get a little more serious about looking for ways to get through this. North Korea, or the DPRK, has been trying to develop nuclear weapons and clearly they have made some headway in a process that will ultimately lead them nowhere. North Korea needs to join the family of countries around the world. North Korea needs to understand that its future is better protected by good relationships around the world than it is by weapons and certainly by weapons of mass destruction.

So I do hope that as this summit goes forward, the North Koreans will pay some attention to it and pay some attention to the fact that people from all over the world will be offering their perspective on how to do something about this problem. North Korea needs to understand that nobody supports their aspiration of nuclear weapons. And the reason people do not support it is they understand that this will lead to no good. It will lead to no good





for North Korea, for the Korean Peninsula, for Northeast Asia and frankly, for the world, because the world needs fewer such weapons, not more of them.

So we come back to the question of what to do about it. There have been all kinds of proposals. One is not to talk to the North Koreans, not to do anything with the North Koreans until they give up their nuclear weapons. I think it's important to begin a process of dialogue, sustained dialogue. I think it's important to lay out a picture for North Korea on what their hopes and aspirations could be, what their possibilities could be if they can be dissuaded from developing these weapons. I think it's very clear as you listen to people, whether people in Latin America or Africa, Asia all over the world, North America, that they are prepared to work with North Korea in fact, to welcome North Korea into the family of nations. But North Korea needs to understand that they cannot pursue these kinds of weapons in this process. The Republic of Korea has made very clear over the years that it offers North Korea a hand and not a fist in terms of working together. They are, after all, the same Korean people and certainly there is an expectation that in this context of being the same Korean people, they can find a way forward.

Priorities

So I think it's important for a few things to happen. First of all, there needs to be a diplomatic track. There is no peace without diplomacy; diplomacy needs to go forward. Second, there needs to be a sustained effort. By a sustained effort, I mean an effort that is not dissuaded by the inevitable setbacks. I have never heard of a diplomatic process that is always some kind of inexorable way forward. There will be setbacks; there will be ups and downs. So people need to accept the setbacks and continue to move forward. I think it's important to do it in a spirit of goodwill.

This is not a question of finding that the North Koreans don't want to do this. Of course, they don't want to do this. They have never wanted a solution to the problem on the Korean Peninsula that puts aside nuclear weapons. They don't want to do that, but ultimately, they need to be persuaded to do it. I think peace processes, diplomatic processes are aided by a phenomenon of momentum. Once they see momentum, once they see this as the inevitable path to a better future I think there will be more willingness to sustain this.

Of course, North Korea has many capable systems, many capable non-nuclear military systems and they worry about the non-nuclear military systems that the South Koreans have since the South Koreans are allies of the United States. North Korea needs to understand that the solution to this is not to build a military that's somehow more powerful, but rather to build a peace process that will somehow be more sustainable. I think a lot of what's needed is to sit down with the North Koreans and get them to understand that this is the direction we're looking at. So, as you get together at World Summit in 2022, I think it's important that you explore all avenues, but to understand clearly that ultimately this will be a far better world if we can get rid of nuclear weapons on the Korean Peninsula. I think that process starts with trying to sit down with the North Koreans and making them understand this will lead to a better future. Thank you very much, and I look forward to seeing what this world summit can come up with. I look forward to hearing further ideas and the continuation of this process. And I especially hope the North Koreans are listening and watching and thinking and thinking about how they can do a lot better in the future. Thank you very much. 

President Biden nominated Dr. Hill to be the US ambassador to Serbia on March 11, 2022.





A Divided Nation Among Great Empires

By Dominique de Villepin

Let me say first how pleased I am to participate in World Summit 2022 addressing the important challenge of peace and reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula under the auspices of UPF founder and host Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon with co-chairs Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia and former secretary general of the UN, Ban Ki-moon. Our world is facing huge uncertainties and tensions because we are going through a massive transition, aggravated by the impact of the world pandemic.

We face a geopolitical transition with the shift of global power from the West to the East as shown by the historic rise of China. We also face a demographic challenge with the rising number of human beings likely to reach ten billion people by 2050. We face energy and climate concerns as the world is experiencing the consequences of global warming. Last but not least, we are going through a new technological revolution with a risk of confrontation and global fragmentation in the digital space. Never before has the risk of war been higher than today. We can see in the Middle-East a number of failed states (Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon, Libya...), spreading instability



throughout the region and triggering the intervention of foreign forces like Turkish and Russian troops.

Risks are increasing in Africa, given the expansion of violent extremism in the Sahel fueled by Islamism. The risks are also tangible in Europe, especially in Ukraine with the deployment of Russian troops at the border. But the epicenter of the world's crisis is developing in Asia, seen as the front-line of the most powerful nations, the United States and China, competing for leadership, power and influence, while divided over the questions of Taiwan, Hong Kong, the South China Sea and Xinjiang.

Among the major threats, we have the danger of climate change putting humanity at risk on all the continents, but also terrorism as a universal source of instability from Afghanistan, South East Asia, the Middle-East and Africa. We should not forget the threat of nuclear proliferation becoming the major danger to international stability, as shown by the Iranian and North Korean crises.

In such matters, time is a key factor if we don't want things getting out of hand. After many hopes in 2018 and





2019 on the Korean Peninsula, North Korea decided to break off the talks. Then, after a long twenty-one-month pause due to the COVID crisis, escalation has restarted with the launch of seven missile tests this year, and new tests with a “hypersonic” gliding vehicle, which is much more difficult to intercept.

No wonder worries are rising. According to many estimates, North Korea could have between twenty and forty-five warheads, or even more. This is a long-term crisis. Together with the Israeli–Palestinian conflict, this is the last crisis of the twentieth century, combining legacies of the colonial past, of the crisis of ultra-nationalism, of the Second World War and also of the Cold War.

It is a crisis of sovereignty and of independence which has been the constant preoccupation of both North Korea and South Korea, which are located among great empires, China, Japan and Russia. This can explain the Juche Ideology of the Kim dynasty. It is a crisis of nuclear proliferation which has switched after 1989 from a global balance of terror to the sum of regional imbalances of terror.

That’s why we have to address these issues on a case by case basis, of course, but also in a systemic way. We need to reflect also on a larger array of proliferations, in AI or bioweapons for example, but at the same time on the changing nature of the international system and on the new phenomenon of the endless extension of warfare to all dimensions of international activity, economics, culture, law, finance. No sector is spared by this evolution. What’s the possible response?

Dealing with the Korean conundrum

After the “strategic patience” of Obama and the “maximal pressure” of Donald Trump, followed by a spectacular policy of rapprochement in 2018, Joe Biden is looking for a new approach combining carrot and stick, sanctions and diplomacy. But while sanctions have proved not very effective in the past, Pyongyang can also count on the veto support of Russia and China on the UN Security Council. We are in a defining moment: South Korea is due to have presidential elections next March, the US is preparing their midterm elections, and the decisive 20th Chinese Party Congress will take place at the end of the year. In this context, the Korean Peninsula could be the place of an exemplary pathway to peace.

In 2018, the meeting between President Trump and Jong-un Kim took place without preconditions or any serious preparation, while it should have been the conclusion of the whole process. Many may think it is possible to bring the situation under control through a series of endless formal negotiations with cyclical outbursts. But this is not a solution. On the contrary it creates the conditions of an out-of-control proliferation crisis in a volatile global environment, with the China–US confrontation. In order to have a fruitful dialogue the strategy should be based on political, cultural and social interactions responding to the aspirations of both people and regimes. Because of the tragic economic, social and health situation

of North Korea, we know the needs are huge, but at the same time, we should not underestimate the resilience of the regime, obsessed with survival and prideful. Therefore, accepting the principle of no regime change along with offering the perspective of a denuclearized Korean Peninsula, free of foreign troops, should be the main basis of a successful strategy.

Besides, we should agree on a road map, organizing the negotiations, step by step, in order to reach a peace treaty respectful of the Panmunjom Declaration. At each phase of these negotiations, it is important to put in place strong economic and security incentives with, for example, a progressive lift of sanctions and a double freeze of nuclear development and military exercises before any process of denuclearization. It is important to mobilize the international community and institutions in order to accompany, mediate and guarantee the talks as well as the commitments. Involving regional and world players, China, the US Europe and Russia would of course reinforce the seriousness of the process.

I do believe that combining a road map with incentives and mechanisms enhancing economic cooperation and allowing family reunions as was a feature of the Sunshine policy started in 1998 with concrete impact like the united North–South ice hockey team in a previous winter Olympics. More globally, avoiding escalation implies the ability to mobilize all means to break the spiral of violence.

Step by step

First, peace depends on the willingness for change; frozen conflicts as the status quo due to the lack of will power often pave the ground for endless wars, increasing anger, hatred and resentment inside societies. It is the case in the Israeli–Palestinian territories, Nagorno–Karabakh, Northern Africa as well as the Korean Peninsula. Second, peace depends on the willingness for cultural dialogue. Peace-building makes it crucial to foster mutual understanding. That’s why art, education, universities, foundations, churches, NGOs are necessary in facilitating cross-border exchanges. Third, peace also depends on the willingness to engage in economic cooperation. In this regard, companies, banks and entrepreneurs have a major role to play in ensuring prosperity and development. With determination, pragmatism and of course imagination, we might be able to take the lessons of the past and face the challenges of today’s world, setting an example for the new generations. We have an opportunity today. We should seize it.

The world has been waiting for too long. The people of both Koreas, as well as our people, count on us. We should not let them down. Each one of us can and may contribute. This could be the starting point of a peaceful revolution, a renewed awareness of the global community finally taking into its hands its own destiny. *TP*

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A World Summit 2022 Sermon

By Charles Hall

I am excited about speaking to you and I want to come out of the Book of Ezekiel, chapter 37, where we always talk about the Valley of Dry Bones. [Ezekiel 37:1 “The hand of the Lord was upon me and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones.”] When we look at it, we see that God is telling Ezekiel that God has many people all around the world. When Ezekiel looked upon the bones, they were dry, so God told him to prophesy, or speak the word of the Lord to those bones and ask the question, Can they live? And the answer was “Yes, they can!” Of course, Ezekiel said, Thou knowest. So, as he began to do what God instructed, that is, to prophesy; the bones began to come together and take form. After they took form, he told them, as they were just standing there, “God said, now prophesy more.”

It’s a good representation of how we are now—in full form, as God would have us to be, and God’s word needs to ignite us to do that which God has said and to bring the nations back together as God has spoken of in an earlier chapter about bringing people together, sprinkling clean water upon them, digging out a stony heart, giving them a heart of flesh after which God is going to be their God.

God wants to be the God of all nations, which he is, but he wants all nations to come together. It is important for



us that we accept and realize the mandate, or the assignment that we have in order to do the work that God has called us to do, especially here, in East Asia, on this peninsula, and between Korea and Japan. We know we can go back in history, the annals of the history of our countries, and we can see the wars that have taken place, and the people that have been slain because one wants to have peace and “the other” wants to have war or wants to have power, while the average person wants nothing but peace.

So, this is where we are today, and this is what we desire. My assignment, having been a military officer in the United States Navy as well as being a church pastor, a Christian pastor, is peace. We know we have the armed forces, and that the armed forces are armed because they must be ready to fight physically. But we have a greater battle in front of us. I’ve heard that a praying church is stronger than a full-fledged army. So, what we want to do is to bring prayer into the Korean Peninsula collectively, so that we can unify in prayer. Jesus said, “Whatever we bound on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever we loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Another way to say it is “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” We believe that the heavenly kingdom is a spiritual kingdom, and it is a kingdom of peace and of





love one toward another.

So, what we would like to do is to go in prayer and let our spirit self tell us, as in Jude 20, to pray in the Holy Ghost, to build our most holy faith. The Apostle Paul said it again in Ephesians chapter 6, verse 18, where he tells us, “Pray in the Holy Spirit for the perseverance of all saints.” Therefore, the Holy Spirit is important, so that we all have a commonality and understanding of the spirit of God that dwells within us. Once we ignite the spirit of God that dwells in us, we can join in prayer, join hands, spiritually, from South Korea, here in Japan, the United States of America, even in North Korea for those that want to join us in prayer to find peace.

Let us have peace among men, so we can throw away the bombs, throw away the weapons and the purveyors of mass destruction that will cause murder and mayhem to one’s countrymen. We want to love one another. We want to show the love of God between one another. That is an assignment that Mother Moon is trying to complete. She wants peace. We would like to have peace; to work together around the globe. That’s why it’s called “of the world,” because we want to be worldwide with one mandate; that is, spreading Jesus Christ’s Gospel. To learn to love like he loved us. The Bible tells us that “God so loved the world that whosoever believes in him, we shall have eternal life. Eternal life, salvation—all of that comes through our knowledge of Christ, and as we take this knowledge and as we advance this knowledge, we realize that he said, prior to going—giving his life for the remission of our sins—was this commandment that I leave you is that you love one another as he so loved us. Since God had loved us as he has loved us, he sent us Jesus Christ to be our example, a perfect man. He now wants us to look at the life of Christ and promote that life of Christ within us to humankind or mankind among us.

Remember where it says in the Gospel of John in the very beginning, “In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God.” Then it lets us know in verse 14, in John 1:14 that “the word became flesh and it dwelt among us; we beheld his glory. And for us to be able to behold the glory of God is to bring salvation to humankind. In John 17:3, he talks of how he glorifies—this is eternal life, which lets you know the one true God in Jesus Christ in whom he has sent. So, he has sent Christ and Christ has power over the flesh. So, by the

power of the Holy Spirit, once we come to the knowledge of God, through Jesus Christ, he brings us in unification, peace, reconciles us back to God to be whom we are to be in him. And we can now, since we’ve been imparted salvation within ourselves, we can spread the Gospel, the Good News that God is still alive and he wants us to love one another. Let us love one another; let us show peace around the world. Let it be all over. I know it has already started with me. Everywhere that I go, I try my best to tell everybody about the greatness of God, who died for the remission of our sins, who has given us peace, has given us love, has shown tender mercy and loving kindness and has done many great things in our lives. This is what we want to share with you. I want you to now pray with me that we will have peace one between another.

Prayer

Father God, in the name of Jesus, we thank you for all that you have done and are doing in our lives even up until now. We know the state of the world, but we know, Lord God, that you are in control of all things. It’s our desire, that you take us, Lord God, and use us to continue to promote peace among the nations. Use us to display peace within ourselves so that others will be able to see, and others will be able to understand and to know that this is all about life and life that you have given us that we should give one to another through peace and love. So, help us Lord God in this endeavor. Help us now Lord God as we bind together and pray in the Holy Ghost and let loose the power of the Holy Spirit, now Lord God, permeate us, omit sin from us now, Lord God, and as we pray words that are coming up to heaven, loose it, Lord God. Loose peace! Loose mercy! Loose your love, Lord God upon your people who are praying, Lord God! Let us spread your word. We love you. We thank you. Into your hands we commend our lives and our spirit and we pray that you utilize us, Lord God, continually, to show your love, your peace and that you will always, God, be glorified and magnified with lives that you are allowing us to live. We thank you now. Glory to your name! In Jesus’ name, Amen, Amen and Amen. May God bless you and God keep you. 

Bishop Hall, who preaches at the Christian Ministries Far East Japan Worship Center, delivered this address during the IAPD session of World Summit 2022.





Toward Peaceful Reunification

By Segundo Valentin Valladares Melgar

Distinguished organizers, the International Committee of World Summit 2022, authorities of the different delegations from countries around the world, I would like to thank you. I would also like to thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, for bringing peace to my country, Peru, through the almost one thousand ambassadors for peace who have been appointed and from whom I bring fraternal greetings.

For me to address all of you is a great honor and privilege, since this summit brings us together today to deal with an issue that presents great challenges for us—reconciliation and peace on the Korean Peninsula as well as the area of activity of IAED itself, which is business and trade and tourism even on the Korean Peninsula.

Precisely in this time of the pandemic, whose effects generated great economic, social and health crises in my country and many other countries in the Latin American region and many other countries elsewhere in the world and forced us, both from urban and rural communities—from average citizens, workers and neighbors to even large companies and corporations—to seek new models of recovery, reorganization and reactivation.

These came through large innovative online businesses or telecommuting. Online connections allowed us to work with others from continent to continent, through large businesses that didn't come to a standstill and today are being reactivated.

Outsiders had roles in Korea's division

Today let us analyze the great crises generated by the



division of two sets of citizens that share the same history, the same religion, the same ethnic culture and (something of great importance) are united through many family ties. Yet, for more than seventy years, the Koreans have been separated due to ideological and political interference by foreign people, not the Koreans themselves, but aliens to the realities of their once-shared country. Due to their politics, they may have contributed to the outbreak of war and an artificial division without any historical precedent—nothing related to the shared history of the Korean people.

The nations that emerged victorious from the Second World War, and who had helped free the Korean people from an occupation that had lasted thirty-five years may have influenced Korea's division. It could be argued that these same powers deprived the Korean people of opportunities and were led and motivated by their own interests.

For us pacifists, in our understanding, there is only room for the idea that Korea is one people, and soon it will become a single republic, a single country. How could we not demand reunification of the two Koreas? Reality shows us that North Korea, with its great territorial and maritime potential, can develop great wealth through agriculture, mining, fishing, industry, biochemistry—that North Korea is not only not a threat to the world but rather the funds would help them address problems such as the pandemic. They have had unemployment among workers in many sectors that could benefit from employment.





If we add to this the opening of doors to the export and import markets as an open commercial economy, we would stop comparing the 118th position that North Korea occupies among the world's economies as well as malnutrition among 40 percent of its population, to the tenth place that South Korea holds among the world's economies and the high standard of living of its population.

True Parents' sincere effort

Trade and open world markets have helped millions and millions of people to overcome poverty in recent decades. For both North Korea and South Korea, reunification has been an aspiration for decades. Proof of this is the great titanic work that the great leaders and founders of UPF, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, have been carrying out during their lifetimes, fighting tirelessly for peace and reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula.

The issue of reunification must be dealt with in an alliance of two nations that discusses and lead the reunification of their own country: Korea belongs to Koreans. The challenges that those on the Korean Peninsula face lead us to reconsider and rethink elements needed to achieve peace. UPF, through its main organizations and activities such as Think Tank 2022 and the Rally of Hope series carried out by the Mother of Peace, as well as this current summit lead us to believe that peace between the two Koreas is more than a possibility—peace is an extremely urgent necessity, and it's a cry heard all around the world: Peace, Korea wants peace.

Commercial activity, businesses, tourism and global exchange expectations must be openly connected with the whole world and thus allow both Korean peoples to improve their quality of life. The great step taken by divided Germany before the eyes of the world would be the first step in the consolidation of world peace that

should be emulated by the two Koreas. Like the men who landed on the moon and took one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind, the reunification of the two Koreas would be a great step for mankind in this century.

In this way, we would be upholding Reverend Moon's great ideal of creating a peaceful global community without borders, without separation, without fences, without selfish nationalism and indifference. We would generate a culture of mutual prosperity, interdependence and universal values such as solidarity, empathy, economic resilience, with social responsibility that encourages environmental protection.

Finally, in the context of great global concern and interest, the reunification of the two Koreas would be fulfilled if countries that have had a presence on the peninsula, participated in the Six-Party Talks, would remain on the sidelines, with the exception of the two Koreas. The two Koreas could resolve the issue of reconciliation.

Likewise, a multinational guarantor commission should be formed with neutral countries that haven't had any participation in this conflict, that generates free trade with treaties such as those we already have in Peru, and in the rest of the world with nations like South Korea. Events that generate cultural, artistic and sports synergy and actions such as humanitarian aid for our brothers and sisters in North Korea should be expanded throughout the Korean Peninsula. Economic development, trade, tourism, business and humanitarian and social inclusion will allow us to see peace on the Korean Peninsula more effectively and efficiently. May the reunification of the two Koreas be a great step for man and a great opportunity for humankind. 

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A Viable Path to Peace in the Asia Pacific Region

By Masahisa Hayashi

The twentieth century was called the age of a New Pacific Civilization. As the Asia Pacific Region grows in significance on the international scene, currently in the face of the United States declining influence and China's growing hegemony, Japan needs to develop its Asia policy from this geopolitical perspective. The first step would be to form a Korean Peninsula policy with an eye toward peaceful unification on the Korean Peninsula. Historically, Japan and South Korea's relationship has been complementary. One of the pillars for the formation of the new Pacific civilization is the United States. But in recent years, its power has begun to wane, and China is challenging American supremacy.

Replacing the United States alone would be impossible for Japan. This decline can be made up for by multi-level cooperation with maritime nations, which place priority on openness, freedom and democracy rather than force. Another crucial piece for building a new Pacific civilization is the strategic policy toward to the Korean Peninsula including its peaceful unification. It requires cooperation between Japan, South Korea, and the United States, and Japan is in the position to play a major role. Furthermore, in order to ensure peace and stability in Northeast Asia, it's necessary to maintain the strategic framework

between Japan, South Korea and the United States.

The Korean Peninsula and the Taiwan Strait are strategy hot spots where maritime nations collide with the continental power of China and Russia. Korea is situated between maritime and continental forces and as a close neighbor, shares strategic interests with Japan. For this reason, close cooperation between Japan and South Korea in politics, economy and diplomacy is indispensable, despite too many persistent conflicts between them. Given the sequence of the events behind the division of the Korean Peninsula, its reunification will require cooperation, not only from the two Koreas but also from neighboring countries such as China and Japan, as well as from the United States and Russia. The Korean Peninsula policy urged by Japan, South Korea and the United States, should be an approach to draw North Korea into its sphere of influence, rather than China's and to bring a peaceful transformation of the North Korea regime.

A South-Korea-led unification process will bring political stability and democratization of the peninsula and prevent the expansion of socialist forces, while easing tensions in Northeast Asia. In addition, the reunification of the two Koreas will serve Japan's national interests by resolving its issue of North Korean abductions of the





Japanese citizens and by creating new markets.

In the Asia-pacific region, the United States attaches great importance to the hub-and-spoke framework, which consists of bi-lateral alliances. And alliances with Japan and South Korea are vital for security in the region. Therefore, in developing a policy toward the Korean Peninsula, it is essential for Japan and South Korea to work in close coordination and cooperation with the United States. Once the Japan-US-South Korea alliance is consolidated, we should consider establishing a new permanent regional security cooperation organization which also includes North Korea, China, Russia, etc. to replace the Six-Party Talks. It is essential that North Korea, accepts IAEA inspections first, and in return, neighboring countries guarantee North Korea's security to alleviate its sense of isolation. The security cooperation arrangement is necessary for confidence-building and policy consultations among the countries concerned. While working to reduce China's influence in North Korea, it is also necessary to include China in the consultations and make China assume certain responsibilities for maintaining peace and stability in Northeast Asia. Japan should strive to prevent China from expanding its influence on the Korean Peninsula southward and to avoid the unification under China's sphere of influence.

The brave first step

What is instructive when considering such a strategy is that about thirty years ago, in December 1991, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon visited North Korea to meet with President Kim Il Sung. They established a relationship of mutual trust that helped avoid a nuclear crisis on the Korean Peninsula. In order to bring North Korea into the international community and achieve peace on the peninsula, Rev. Moon showed that diplomatic influence combined with the influence of religious leaders, who are in the position of transcending

national interests, is indispensable.

The total population of Japan, South Korea, North Korea, the three east-northeastern provinces of China and far eastern Russia will be approximately 320 Million by 2021. The Northeast Asian Economic Zone, promoted by the Japan-Korean tunnel, is estimated to have a population of over 350 million with a GDP higher than that of the European Union, making it one of the richest economic zones in the world. The friendship, solidarity and the unity between Japan and South Korea that will be fostered by working together on this major project of the 21st century, is also necessary from the perspective of strengthening the alliance among Japan, the US and South Korea. The construction of this tunnel will strengthen ties between the two countries. This will not only improve bilateral relations, but also further cooperation between Japan, the United States and South Korea, as well as boost the credibility of the alliance. And it can be expected to contribute significantly to peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific Region.

If the transformation of the north economic and social system progresses, it will accelerate the peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula and serve as the catalyst for the realization of an East Asian Community. The Japan-Korea tunnel is not only a cornerstone of the region's economic development and the realization of an economic community but also is a project to promote the peaceful unification on the Korean Peninsula. *☞*

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ONE MILLION HEARTS GATHERED FOR PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

Simultaneously with the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula, on the ninth anniversary of Foundation Day in the tenth year of Cheon Il Guk (February 13, 2022), the One Million Rally of Hope for the Salvation of Our Homeland was held throughout the Republic of Korea. In addition to twenty-two events hosted by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, thirteen providential organizations and thirteen related companies held simultaneous online and off-line events in a total of forty-eight venues.

Four hotels hosted the event in the Seoul-Incheon area—the Millennium Hilton Seoul Hotel, the Grand Hyatt Hotel Seoul, the Jamsil Lotte Hotel World, and the Incheon Hotel Charis. Yongsan Borough Mayor Sung-hyeon Jang and former National Assembly member Mun-shik Shin were among those who attended and delivered congratulatory messages.

In Gangwon and Gyeonggi Provinces, the six venues where the rally was hosted were the Icheon Villa de Amor Convention Hall, the Seoul National University Siheung Campus Convention Center, Novotel Ambassador Suwon, the Uijeongbu Shinhan University Convention Bethel Hall, the Gangneung Raemian Convention Hall, and the Benikea Chuncheon Bears Hotel.

National Assemblyman Young-gil Song and a former mayor of Icheon, Byeong-don Cho, delivered congratulatory speeches in person at the venues, while National Assembly members Seong-dong Kwon and Cheol-gyu Lee sent congratulatory speeches in writing.

In the Daejeon Chungcheong area, the Daejeon Youseong Hotel, the Grand Plaza Cheongju Hotel, and the Onyang Tourist Hotel were the places where we held events. In the Honam-Jeju area participants gathered at the Jeonju Lahan Hotel, the Gwangju Ramada Plaza Hotel, the Mokpo Shinan Beach Hotel, the Yeosu Ocean Hotel, and the Jeju Pacific Hotel. The Yeongnam-Busan area hosted the event at four places: Hotel Inter-burgo, the Daegu Convention Hall, the North Gyeongsang Provincial Office Dongrakgwon Cultural Center, the Busan Haeundae Green Narae Hotel, and the South Gyeongsang Changwon CECO Convention Hall.

In addition to on-site congratulatory speeches, some key figures sent congratulations via video. Additionally, providential institutions and businesses were used as venues for events and many people participated in the One Million Rally of Hope for the Salvation of our Homeland. Among the providential organizations, those participating included Sun Moon University, *The Segye Times*, the Universal Peace Federation, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the Citizen's Federation for the Unification of South Korea and North Korea, the Korean Religious Association, the Sunhak Global Education Foundation, the Professors World Peace Academy, the Sunhak Institute of History, the Cheon Won Company, the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace, the Aewon Volunteer Organization, the Hyojeong Academic Foundation, and the National Association of Elders of the Citizens Association for a Heavenly Unified Korea.

Participating companies included the HJ Magnolia, Yong Pyong Hotel and Resort, Ilhwa, the Ocean Resort, the Pine Ridge Resort, Sun Won Construction, TIC Co., Ltd., Seil Tour, Il Shin Stone, Shinjeong Development, JC Co., Ltd., Seilo Co., Ltd., Famsco Co., Ltd., and Pyeongnong—an agricultural corporation.

At each venue, the Korean peace ambassadors and the peace advocates gathered and watched the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula through Peace Link. Afterward, they shared their impressions.

Celebratory performances, congratulatory speeches and keynote speeches, were held separately at each event before or after the events were broadcast as part of the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula.

Reports on the Summit for Peace Summit on the Korean Peninsula, and the One Million Rally of Hope for the Salvation of our Homeland were also broadcast by a number of media outlets in each region.

The One Million Rally of Hope for the Salvation of our Homeland was a meaningful event in which a million people from all over the country participated at the venues and online, joining their hearts together for peace on the Korean Peninsula. 

Congratulatory Messages

Korean Leaders Lend Support

Hyung-jun Park, mayor of Busan

My heartfelt congratulations on the successful hosting of the 2022 Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to leaders and experts around the world who will combine their wisdom regarding realizing lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula.



Yong-seop Lee, mayor of Gwangju

I would like to express my gratitude to founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Family Federation members, UPF members, and everyone involved in making this meaningful event possible. Over time, we have made numerous promises for the reunification of the Korean Peninsula. Now, by keeping that promise, we must put an end to the era of conflict and confrontation and move forward on the path of reconciliation and peace.



Young-rok Kim, governor of South Jeolla Province

I, along with our two million residents in South Jeolla Province, sincerely congratulate the hosting of the Think Thank 2022 and the 2022 Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula. The 2022 Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula has greatly contributed to the reunification on the Korean Peninsula and to world peace, a long-cherished desire of our people. It is even more pleasant and reassuring to hear that over 157 North-South diplomatic ties will be gathered together to strengthen their resolve to establish world peace and reconciliation in the Korean Peninsula. I hope that today's event will be a valuable opportunity to gather wisdom on how to improve the relationship between North and South Korea and plant hope for peace and reconciliation in the Korean Peninsula.



Ha-jin Song, governor of North Jeolla Province

Congratulations on successfully hosting of the Think Thank 2022 Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula. I hope that this summit will become a warm breeze that melts the frozen relationship between the two Koreas.



Seung-jo Yang, governor of South Chungcheong Province

First of all, I would like to express my deep respect and gratitude to the founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, for hosting this meaningful summit.

Distinguished guests, the era for reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula can be accelerated with our efforts. Although we are now disconnected and communication is difficult, I think we are in a process. In difficult times, we need more patience and to work harder. In addition, I would like to ask leaders from all around the world to join forces with us for lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula. Peace on the Korean Peninsula will go beyond the development of North Korea and South Korea and lead to great prosperity and coexistence in Northeast Asia.





**Si-jong Lee,
governor of North Chungcheong Province**

My sincere congratulations on the hosting of the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and the One Million Rally for National Salvation. Peace is a universal value for mankind and a gateway to safety and prosperity. In particular, for us, as the only divided country in the world, peace can only be our greatest desire. Efforts that have contributed to world peace through the practice of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values are giving great hope to people around the world.



**Sang-hae Shin,
chairman of Busan City Council**

My heartfelt congratulations on hosting the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and reconciliation for a new unified Korea. I believe we will gather great wisdom today through this summit and it will present a vision for peace on the Korean Peninsula.



**Cheol-woo Lee,
governor of North Gyeongsang Province**

Iwould like to sincerely congratulate you on hosting Think Thank 2022 Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and the General Assembly of International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace. I would also like to thank co-chairs Samdech Hun Sen prime minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, former secretary-general of the United Nations and other world leaders.



**Hyun-guk Jang,
chairman of Gyeonggi Provincial Council**

Congratulations on hosting the 2022 Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula today I expect the summit for peace on the Korean Peninsula to play an active role in creating the era we hope for.



**In-ho Kim,
chairman of the Seoul Metropolitan Council**

Iam grateful for your hosting of the summit on peace this year as well, which strives to realize peace on the Korean Peninsula and spread peace around the world.

I believe that international solidarity for peace is getting stronger thanks to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Samdech Hun Sen, prime minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Mr. Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations and other world leaders.



**Do-young Kwak,
chairman of the Gangwon Provincial Council**

As you well know, the world is currently in a major crisis due to COVID-19 and climate change. In addition to these difficulties, South Korea also is also burdened with the crisis of prolonged separation with North Korea. It will not be easy, but I believe that if aspirations for peace on the Korean Peninsula are gathered, a road will open. Thank you. 



We Need Strength to Bring Peace

By Jin-tae Joo

I offer my unending praises to the True Parents of Heaven Earth and Humankind for the amazing victory in the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and in the One Million Rally of Hope for the Salvation of our Homeland, which we have been awaiting for so long.

I could feel a very special atmosphere at the HJ Global Arts Center, where a 360 degree LED system had been set up, and which was decorated like the original forest of Eden, adorned with the flags of 157 nations, for a joyous global festival of peace, which was broadcast through 3,517 online platforms worldwide.

In spite of the ongoing Omicron pandemic conditions, thirty heads of state or former ones and other prominent leaders came to Korea to participate directly—eighty leaders in total, representing seventy nations gave messages in response to the amazing spirit of Heavenly Parent's only begotten daughter. The only way to explain this is that they were attracted by the powerful magnetism of True Mother's true love.

To summarize a few important moments from the keynote addresses, Ban Ki-moon, one of the co-chairs of the event said, "We do not have any plan B. This is because we have only one world." This firmly underscored the severity of the global climate crisis due to global warming. A comment by Federico Franco, who followed the Ban Ki-moon, struck me deeply, "What is impossible for us is possible for God, and we speak to God by praying. Prayer continues to be the best weapon we have for the return of peace to the Korean Peninsula, to China, Afghanistan and throughout the world."

In his keynote speech, Mike Pence, a former US vice-president said, "Even now, religious minorities are being oppressed in many countries, and the only thing that can bring an end to that is prayer." And his message, "Weakness tempts evil. We need strength to bring peace,"



is a very important one for our divided Korean Peninsula.

And as I listened to Mike Pompeo, a former US secretary of state, who participated despite having recently had surgery on his leg, telling us, "The suppression of religion in China is due to their atheistic ideology. We must not close our eyes to the atrocities committed by China, believing only in human power, and not in the power of the divine," I realized he is a leader with deep religious faith.

A comment that struck me deeply from Prime Minister Hun Sen's keynote address was, "The concept of peace for the people of Cambodia, who emerged victorious after thirty years of foreign aggression, is the same as that which the people of Korea must feel."

Finally, True Mother took the stage to deliver the founder's address! She was so beautiful that day, the benevolent Mother of all people. She gave a profound message about the role of the Korean Peninsula in Heavenly Parent's providence and the need for a heavenly unified Korea.

Through the 3,517 broadcasts to Korea and across the world she declared that based on Heavenly Parent's ideal of creation, the only begotten son and only begotten daughter, the True Parents, had been born on the Korean Peninsula, and that rebirth, resurrection and eternal life can be attained only through the Blessing that they are offering to humankind.

I believe that for our members, hearing this message made this a day of liberation and release after decades of constraint, and for the people of the world, it conveyed real hope for the unification of the two Koreas. 

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The Vision for a Heavenly Unified Korea and Heavenly Unified World Spread Across the Globe

By Bo-guk Hwang

The Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula, which has kept both those in heaven and on earth holding their breath in anticipation, has come to a close. Before the official start, energetically accompanied by drums, cadets entered the auditorium with each one bearing the flag of one of the participating nations, all of which have established bilateral relations with the two Koreas.

The heads of state who had come to Korea to attend the summit entered and took their places on the stage, together with True Mother, to thunderous applause from the audience. In his opening message, Ban Ki-moon, one of the co-chairs for the event, explained the significance of the summit. He referred to the global environmental crisis and stressed the importance of global solidarity and action, along with the agenda for the reunification of Korea. Former Secretary General Ban testified to the achievements of True Parents and to the tremendous effort True Mother invested in preparing for this World Summit.

The opening keynote speech was given by Donald Trump, the former US president. In a strong voice, Mr. Trump stated, "Strength is needed to safeguard free democracy. Nations which share the same values and democracy must combine their strength to defend freedom and justice." His speech was followed by speeches from other noted leaders, including former US vice-president, Dick Chaney.

The second keynote speech was a historic address by former US vice-president Mike Pence. As a man of deep religious faith, he expressed his vision for world peace and Korean unification supported by God's word. Although he is a politician, he emphasized the importance of religious freedom from the standpoint of a religious person. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo next gave a strong critique of the atheistic ideologies of China and



North Korea and asked that we pray for them to change.

The spirit of this summit, the realization of one world centered on Heavenly Parent was conveyed well through these American leaders. It was a wonderful opportunity to convey the vision of a heavenly unified Korea and heavenly unified world to the entire world.

The third keynote speech was delivered by Hun Sen, the prime minister of Cambodia. He said that to bring unification, a practical strategy is needed and that both countries must take the lead with their efforts. He also stated that to build a unified nation, the roles of government and civic groups are vital, and asked that we cooperate with and support UPF in its work for world peace. As a practical initiative, he proposed that cultural exchanges, crossing the DMZ, be initiated. He stressed that there is no need for empty promises and that it is time for action.

Finally, True Mother gave her special address. In her speech, she spoke of the core of God's providence of salvation. Seeing the heads of state concentrated on what True Mother was saying was a moving sight. Finally, she compared the shimjeong of Heavenly Parent and True Parents to a narcissus, a beautiful flower, saying that when one truly conveys Heavenly Parent's heart, tears will flow down without ceasing.

I offer my congratulations on the success of this summit, and I would like to express my gratitude to Director General Yun and to all of the international headquarters staff members for bringing this victory despite very difficult circumstances. 7

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Born Again Through True Mother

By Gyeong-deuk Yu

The One Million Rally for the Salvation of our Homeland was a feast of interreligious, international, multi-ethnic stars. Under the title Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula, a feast of interreligious, international and multi-ethnic stars helped to open year ten of Cheon Il Guk. I offer my gratitude to Heavenly Parent and True Parents who held this astonishing feast. Keeping that thought in mind, I will offer you my reflection.



First, two leaders who were invited guests at previous summits assumed the role of host for this summit and took the lead in bringing leaders from around the world together for peace on the Korean Peninsula. At World Summit 2020 at Kintex, Hun Sen, the prime minister of Cambodia and Ban Ki-moon, a former UN secretary general were seated on either side of True Mother for the commemorative photograph of the heads of state in attendance.

That in this 2022 Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula secretary general Hun Sen and secretary general Ban Ki-moon served as the chairs of the organizing committee, attending and supporting True Mother on both sides, and leading the entire event in their roles as hosts was a great development.

Second, True Mother truly showed herself to be the only begotten daughter and substantial Holy Spirit in front of top religious leaders, political leaders and economic leaders from all around the world. She illuminated Heavenly Parent's will and revealed True Parents' identity and value and proclaimed that rebirth and resurrection are available to all but only through the Blessing. That day's declaration and proclamation were broadcast around the entire world. Up until now, there have been news reports about our events, but this is the first time an event like this has been publicly broadcast on such a large scale.

Third, one of the leaders who attended from the heavenly nation of Chungcheong made a request. He said that today he had seen with his own eyes the person about

whom he was so inspired when he read about her in her autobiography, Mother of Peace. He had also heard about her from many world leaders, but it was hard to understand fully. Now that he has seen her in person, he would like to attend a workshop to study more deeply. He would also like to read and study testimonies and speeches from other peace ambassadors. We will gather the speeches from the world leaders who spoke at the summit, and texts of True Mother's teachings and give them to this leader from the heavenly nation of Chungcheong to study.

Beloved True Mother, whose passion and true love truly cause new life to blossom in us! It is clear that the spring season of the providence has truly arrived with the 2022 World Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula. We give you all gratitude and all glory. During the World Summit, we conducted two broadcasts in Chungnam, Daejeon, Chungbuk and at Sun Moon University.

True Mother's words of life and the passion for peace among the world leaders have been spread all through the heavenly nation of Chungcheong both online and off-line. Now that the spring wind of the providence has blown through this Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula, I am sure that through True Mother's teachings, seeds will sprout and grow, producing flowers and then fruit and that the heavenly unified Korea will truly appear.

I would also like to offer a large round of applause to all the staff who united with True Mother and worked so hard centered on the Cheon Jeong Gung secretariat and International Headquarters Director General Yun, to prepare this Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula.

With deep gratitude for the precious wind of blessing that we have received, I offer my sincere wishes for True Mother's good health and long life. True Mother, we love you. 

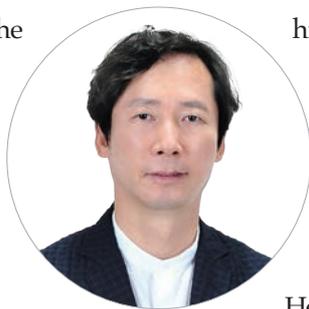
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The Door to Peace and Unification on the Korean Peninsula is Open Wide

By Sang-jae Lee

Most honored Heavenly Parent and the victorious True Parents of heaven, earth and humankind! I offer my sincere congratulations on the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula, which True Mother's fervent desire and jeongseong set in motion, and which the dearest wishes and vision of one million people brought to completion. Truly it has opened wide the door to peace and unification throughout Korea.



history are the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

As True Mother, benevolent, wise, and as brave as a tiger, reminded us today, "The means to completely restore the fallen lineage and become children of Heavenly Parent is precisely the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind."

I am so grateful to her for teaching us about Heavenly Parent's providence to wash away

humankind's blindness and ignorance and guide us toward true love. She is offering solutions to all our problems, from individual problems up to the problems of nations, and having accomplished God's purpose of creation, she shines as a beacon of hope for humankind, to show us the way.

This Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula was a precious festival that gave us the opportunity to work at overcoming the crises facing our global village through the unity of the citizens of Korea and international cooperation for the sake of a heavenly unified world. We witnessed the solidarity of the world's people toward the peaceful unification of Korea and world peace.

Ever since the advent of True Parents sixty years ago, True Mother, the only begotten daughter, the substantial Holy Spirit has been focused solely on realizing Heavenly Parent's hope and dream. Through the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula, our True Mother—who has been offering jeongseong day and night to make each day worth a thousand years—will surely establish a heavenly unified Korea.

I would like to express my profound gratitude to True Mother, the only begotten daughter and the substantial Holy Spirit for the unending dedication and jeongseong she invested in order to present this platform for bestowing blessings. Also, it is my firm conviction that through the World Summit 2022 Seoul Resolution, supported by heads of state from 157 nations with diplomatic ties to both Koreas an important step on the path toward one human family under Heavenly Parent was completed.

The mother of love who always embraces all of us blessed families with a heart as wide and deep as the sea despite our shortcomings! We pledge that in 2022, we will absolutely unite with True Parents and become powerful magnets who can attract the righteous people of Korea so that they can be anointed by True Mother.

Finally, I also want to offer my heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Wonju McDevitt and the secretariat, together with our leaders from all around the world who offered everything they had with life or death determination in order to offer before Heaven the miracle that this summit, conducted through investing our complete obedience to True Mother, could be transmitted through 3,517 digital platforms, including MBCNET.

All of us in the Family Federation, UPF, YSP and the elder members' association of the Heavenly Nation of Jeolla will unite and march forward with the courage of black tigers, so that we can be the locomotive which will surely establish a heavenly unified Korea. *ㅍ*

True Mother brought this tremendous victory of the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula! The only ones who can lead us in untangling the threads of the wrong

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Like Daffodils Blooming in the Frozen Ground

By Yeong-bae Park

I would like to express my gratitude to True Mother for hosting this historic and providential conference with eighty-five current or former heads of state from seventy nations among the 157 nations with diplomatic ties to the two Koreas.

I felt strongly that we are indeed approaching the settlement of not only a heavenly unified Korea, but also a heavenly unified world, with one family of humankind under the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

During his welcoming speech, summit co-chair Ban Ki-moon stressed that it is the responsibility and obligation of all the world's nations and people to embrace the value of the peaceful unification of the Korean Peninsula and promote peace to open a bright future for the world.

In their congratulatory messages, Hyeong-jun Pak, mayor of Busan, Cheol-woo Lee, governor of North Gyeongsang Province and Sang-hae Shin, head of the Busan City Council offered positive support for a society of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values as promoted by UPF and expressed their gratitude to True Parents for their work to promote peace.

The messages of the keynote speakers were clear. Donald Trump, the former US president, spoke strongly about peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula, clarifying the worldwide situation and conveying the strong US national spirit as he called on all the people of the world to cooperate to support the peaceful unification of Korea.

Shinzo Abe, a two-time former Japanese prime minister, spoke of the need for efforts by North Korea and Japan to resolve issues and open dialog that can lead to the peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

Jim Rogers spoke of the tremendous opportunities that will arise if the thirty-eighth parallel is opened and the Korea-Japan undersea tunnel is connected to the world through the peace road, so that the Korean Peninsula can become a world transportation hub. The collective opinion of the keynote speakers was that we must face today's crises as an opportunity and that the nations of world



must work together to support the realization of a unified Korea.

In her special founder's address, True Mother, in a clear voice, gave a message filled with her love for humanity, showing the way toward the day of victory. First, she spoke about the ideal of creation and the true character and identity of humankind. Secondly, she spoke about the providential work of the only begotten son and only begotten daughter, grounded in the work of salvation. Third, she reflected on the past history of the chosen people, their current situation and about becoming Heavenly Parent's children. Fourth, she made us aware of this age which is coming to an end, when we can attend True Parents while knowing Heavenly Parent. Fifth, she said we must be aware that in order to bring peaceful unification to the Korean Peninsula during this time, we must be completely united with True Parents. Sixth, since we are facing a time with worldwide problems, we must find our original nature and move forward to solve the problems together with a heart of hyojeong. Seventh, she said we have transformed the world like daffodils blooming in frozen ground. We will become filial sons and daughter to accomplish Heavenly Parent's will, just as True Mother has instructed us.

In the heavenly nation of Gyeongsang, we participated in the One Million Rally for the Salvation of our Homelands from the Interburgo Hotel in Daegu, the North Gyeongsang Provincial Office Dongrakgwan Cultural Center, the South Gyeongsang CECO Convention Center and the Haeundae Green Narae Hotel in Busan. Each member brought guests.

My thanks to the international headquarters, under the leadership Director General Yun, for their impeccable logistical planning and boundless investment of energy. We will give our best efforts to realize the vision of the Seoul Resolution. 

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Our Victorious True Mother

By Michael Balcomb

There is a well-known saying, “A week is a long time in politics,” ascribed to Harold Wilson, the former UK prime minister. I would add “and it is a much longer time in the providence.”

Consider for example the two World Summits of 2020 and 2022, both great victories for True Parents. In 2020, True Mother gathered seven thousand participants from all over the world and managed to hold a truly successful and safe conference. No one could have anticipated that just a week later the world would be in the grips of the Covid pandemic which continues to this day. Last month, as True Mother concluded the outstanding 2022 World Summit, we little knew that within a week, the world would be stunned by the outbreak of war in Europe on a scale not seen since WWII. Or at least, little did I know.

After such shocking and unexpected events, it would be all too easy to think that it would no longer be possible or even appropriate to revisit the Summit because it had been overtaken by events. Indeed, it does require an effort of will and no small measure of conviction to look back and see the Summit for what it was, a great step forward in the providence.

Of course I am reminded that right after the Summit True Mother spoke prophetically about the need to focus on the nations of the former communist world and treat them as our “younger brothers,” help them to come to know and to attend our Heavenly Parent. Tall order though this might be, I am always astonished and encouraged by True Mother’s confidence and belief that a world of peace is coming despite all the signs to the contrary. I am sure that this can only come from her intimate and filial relationship with God, our Heavenly Parent, and



from the energy she is receiving from True Father looking down from heaven.

I was very proud of the EUME contribution this time, even though Covid regulations meant that many of our dignitaries who were looking forward to coming ultimately had to send a video message instead. These included Ilir Meta, president of Albania (whose wife Monika Kryemahdi welcomed True Mother and spoke at the National Blessing in Tirana in 2019) and Albin Kurti, prime minister of Kosovo, as well as several other notable former presidents and prime ministers from Europe and the Middle East, and two former European Union commissioners. All this was the result of the hard work and prayers of many people throughout our region. I’d like to especially thank the staff members who came to Korea, went through quarantine and did their best: Jacques Marion, Mark Brann, David Fraser-Harris, Chantal Komagata, Mateo Ziko and Bilbil Zharri.

One of my personal highlights was having the opportunity and privilege to get know our Sunhak Peace Prize winner from the United Kingdom, Dame Sarah Gilbert of Oxford University, and her husband Robert Gordon. Professor Gilbert, who spoke at two Rallies of Hope last year, received the award in recognition of her pioneering work in developing the Oxford/Astrazeneca Covid vaccine. I was inspired to learn what a heroic effort it was for her to come to Korea at short notice, especially since she was due to be back in the UK just two days after the Sunhak Peace Prize ceremony for her formal investiture by Queen Elizabeth at Windsor Castle. Well done indeed, Dame Sarah Gilbert! 

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Standing at the Pinnacle of History

By Dong-woo Kim

As always, the center of the providence conducted by True Parents is innovative almost beyond reality. Because it is so large, we may not realize the significance or historical effect at that point, but as time goes by, we realize our ignorance and shortcomings as we see its value and fruit come to life. This was the case with True Parents' meeting with the former president of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, during their visit to Moscow, and their visit to North Korea where they met with General Secretary Kim Il-sung. As time passes, everyone in the world realizes that the moment was not only historic, but also a decisive turning point in human history toward a unique objective and a new beginning. We have seen the path toward a culmination of human history that no man can deny or ignore, and we are walking on the path of the providence together with True Parents on this journey.

The 2022 World Summit, hosted by True Mother, was also a turning point in history. As time goes by, its meaning and results will be amplified, and it will be a victory that can achieve a wave of change in human history. We may not be surprised by the size of the event and the quality of the world leaders who attended, and we may try to attach importance to having a global foundation that could potentially ensure such a success. However, if we believe that the 2022 World Summit was prepared and conducted for the purpose of laying a foundation for the establishment of a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world, we may infer that the results of the World Summit will be shadowed by the direct and indirect impact on the North-South reunification and world peace, as well as the concrete course of history. At the World Summit victory celebration, True Mother said, "Europe needs to unite and educate the two strong powers, the two strong powers that do not know about Heavenly Parent, and then bring them to Heavenly Parent." Seeing Russia invade Ukraine over the next ten days, we can sense the importance of peace more than ever. We can confirm that the direct and comprehensive historic reunification of the two Koreas, the actual realization of a heavenly unified Korea, has now begun.

As we move forward in the providence, the time between True Parents' proclamations and when the thing that they have proclaimed is actualized is becoming

shorter and shorter, so we can now clearly see the connection between the proclamation and its fruition. From heavenly South America, former Brazilian president Michel Temer was one of the speakers who participated in the 2022 World Summit, delivering a congratulatory message. Due to the ongoing Coronavirus epidemic, he was only able to participate through ZOOM, but it was the first time for a Brazilian leader of his stature to participate in one of our major events, so it was a victorious milestone for South America.

When I visited him to thank him for his participation, Mr. Temer told me that he was very proud to have attended a world level event hosted by True Mother, and that from now on he would work actively as a peace ambassador. It is a long and difficult process to bring top leaders to participation in these summits, but once they have attended one, it seems that they are completely won over by True Mother, and their attitude toward us changes. Even without any strong push or teaching, when they stand in front of True Mother, it seems as if they naturally feel as if they are her children. They feel immense respect for True Mother, and a harmonious relationship like that of a mother and child develops. We can feel that Heavenly Parent has come to earth and is working here directly.

If we think about the kind of influence that President Temer has on Brazil's government and leaders, it means that Brazil has reached a providential turning point in the tenth year of Cheon Il Guk. I believe that along with True Mother's victory, this is the start of the year when Brazil will be victoriously established as a restored nation. 

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Reflecting on the World Summit for the Reunification on the Korean Peninsula 2022

By Jean Pierre Kadima

Thanks to Heavenly Parent and True Parents of Heaven and Earth and Humankind for the realization of this great summit. Our most sincere thanks to the organizing staff under the strong and tireless leadership of Dr. Yun.

We can never forget all the risks he took for lifting of the quarantine of the very important guests and the different great personalities such as Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and the former United Nations Secretary-general Ban Ki-moon who agreed to co-organize this great summit.

The greatest honor goes to the True Mother of humanity, the Mother of miracles and the only begotten daughter of our Heavenly Parent for her self-abnegation and determination to achieve reunification on the Korean Peninsula and the establish peace worldwide.

Dear True Mother, we have witnessed your investment and especially your ardent desire to have many of your children around you to celebrate this great event despite the COVID-19 pandemic, which unfortunately continues to claim victims.

On the other hand, the intervention of Heaven was a considerable contribution as many prominent dignitaries and other guests of high quality answered in great numbers and supported this noble cause for which you fight day and night, "the unity of the two Koreas and peace in the world."

The organization, as always, was impeccable and all the speakers who succeeded in their task have shown their sincere desire to support and accompany Heavenly Parent's only begotten daughter until the final victory. We were impressed by the content of your February 13 message, in which you first acknowledged the sincere wishes and prayers of the world leaders for the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula. You also did not forget to mention the difficult situation the world is going through. This is convincing proof that your motherly heart is in pain when the world is going through tragedies. You indeed are humanity's True Mother and the one who will heal all historic wounds.

You have, as you often do, pledged to our Heavenly Parent to remind the rest of humankind of his long awaited love-centered ideal when he created Adam and Eve, whose fall broke humankind's link with God our Creator. You have also shown us Heavenly Parent's suffering heart during the four-thousand-year history necessary as a foundation to give birth to Jesus, who was crucified and who left humanity with



the hope that Christ would return one day! Today we are the most privileged in history, because we live with True Parents, who are the culmination of the history of the providence of restoration.

Since 1960, starting with True Parents' Holy Wedding, a new history was born, and we are the fruits of this new birth. Now is the time we have to understand our role and our responsibility to witness about True Parents to the whole world so that humanity can be born again through the Blessing.

We were also touched by your prayer, in which you expressed the desire that the wishes of all those who came from all over the world would be fulfilled, that they would become Heavenly Parent's children and serve him as their parent. We are at a loss for words to thank you for the greatness of your love towards us your children.

In your message on February 15, you were very kind to all of us despite of our shortcomings and failures on all levels. You recognized the efforts and work of everyone for this victory; we felt special heavy responsibility in heavenly Africa as we haven't been able to be 100 percent up to our task!

You asked all the cheonbo couples to stand up and go forward in this year of the Black Tiger, to shout loudly so that the whole world knows our Heavenly Parent, and witnessing activity bears fruit. Once again, we have strongly felt your love for Africa; we indeed felt it yet again when you quoted this passage from the Bible: (Matthew 20:16) "So the last will be first, and the first last."

For 2027 our goal is to restore one third of heavenly Africa by organizing summits and blessings in all our five subregions, increasing the number of cheonbo victors in all five subregions and educating more young people and those in our second generation to secure the future leadership of the providence in heavenly Africa.

As we move forward, Africa will soon again send a sign of total dedication with the follow up on all the dignitaries who honored True Mother by participating in the summit. We promise to remain always united with your heart and to redouble our efforts to guide Africa to fulfill its role in supporting and working toward peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula in the year 2022, as a foundation for total victory in 2027. 

The writer is the regional president of heavenly Africa.

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Following the tolling of a bell, the curtain in the Global Arts Center rose revealing thirteen seated men whom the MC, Young-il Shin, a former KBS TV announcer, described as “experts on national defense and security (the topic of the forum) as well as peace leaders who had all attended the event to take part in the panel discussions.”

Additionally, Mr. Shin announced that others from across the world would participate in the event through a two-way internet connection. “This fourth forum,” he said, “would have a real-time connection to Korea, the United States and Japan.” Mr. Shin described Think Tank 2022 as a “global networked body of experts promoting stability and peace in Northeast Asia and the world based on the desire for the peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula.”

Dr. Young-ho Yun, chairman of the Think Tank 2022 Forum Organizing Committee, gave a welcoming address. He informed the audience that a number of high-profile leaders, including eighty-five heads of state or former heads of state from seventy nations were attending in person or online, “providing an opportunity to search for a new path to peace and unity on the Korean Peninsula despite tensions caused by recent North Korean missile launches.... Above all,” he added, “heads of state and former ones from 157 nations in the Americas, Asia, Europe and Africa sent remarkable speeches demonstrating their sincere support for peace on the Korean Peninsula; they also adopted the Seoul Declaration, which is based on the platform, ‘one territory, one people, one culture.’”

MC Shin spoke briefly before introducing Mr. Esper. “It is now time for our keynote address. Mark Esper, today’s keynote speaker, was the 27th US Secretary of Defense. Defense Secretary Esper served as an officer with the 101st Airborne Division and during the Trump Administration, he was appointed first as US Secretary of the Army and then US Secretary of Defense. Since then, he has devoted himself to national security. Former Secretary of Defense, Mark Esper has asserted that peace and unity on the Korean Peninsula come from the cooperative relationship between the US and South Korea and has shown that there is hopeful progress toward the denuclearization of North Korea. He is actively supporting and working with the vision of a heavenly unified Korea for the security and safety of the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia.”

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Among Mr. Esper's lengthy remarks he said, "It is important to recognize and thank Dr. Moon, who founded *the Washington Times* with her late husband and continues her work today with the Universal Peace Federation. She has made it her lifelong passion to see peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula—a matter of not just of geopolitical significance to her, but also of personal significance to her, her family and Koreans on both sides of the DMZ. Her vision is a virtuous one, and one shared by many. Just yesterday, she gave us a passionate message of hope at World Summit 2022. Yet while the goal is clear, the path is difficult. It has been for seven decades. That is why only a few, the most committed, have pursued it with such vigor, tenacity and sacrifice.

"Think Tank 2022 marks another important initiative. However, in this great endeavor, today, I hope I can play my part, that I can offer a constructive role by sharing my views, my thoughts, my ideas on how we can achieve that vision of a peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula through a global lens of defense and diplomacy that begins with the word 'together.'"

"But to do so, when you look not only at the Korean Peninsula, but to the other challenges, the ones that loom beyond the region, and that benefit the DPRK and delay reunification, these are the threats that should trouble freedom-loving people in Asia and indeed, around the world."

Reimagining the Demilitarized Zone

In her Think Tank 2022 speech, Yeon Ah Moon, chair of the Universal Peace Federation, said, "The DMZ is a place where the tragedy of sibling rivalry caused by ideological confrontation remains." She continued, "The division between the two Koreas is a problem that must be resolved not only for the sake of peace on the Korean Peninsula, but also in Northeast Asia and the world."

One intriguing idea that emerged from session discussions was that North Korea and South Korea should begin communicating about developing a peaceful use for the Demilitarized Zone, which is 2.5 miles (4 km) wide and 1.2 miles (2 km) deep and 150 miles (240 km) across the Korean Peninsula. Let us pray North Korea and South Korea can re-experience kinship as they work together to reclaim the DMZ for peaceful purposes. 

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Keynote Address

East Asia is the Hot Spot

By Mark Esper

Good morning, everyone. It is great to be back in Korea! Let me begin by stating clearly upfront that East Asia will likely be the epicenter for geopolitical instability and great-power competition for years to come. Despite this, we in the United States too often fixate on other parts of the world. For example, the Middle East is home to the world's greatest state sponsor of terrorism, a country bent on dominating the region through proxy forces and its own conventional military might, and it—the Islamic Republic of Iran—aspires to become a nuclear power.

Europe

On the European continent, the United States and its NATO allies face challenges from a revanchist Russia, led by Vladimir Putin, who aims to restore Moscow's unmitigated influence—if not controlled—over parts of the former USSR, beginning these days with its neighbor, Ukraine. Rather than working to improve the welfare of the Russian people in his country, Putin would rather dismantle what's left of their democracy, their freedoms and their economy to pursue foreign adventurism, saber rattling, hybrid warfare, cyber-attacks and state sponsored misinformation. As we sit here today, over 100,000 Russian troops stand poised to strike Ukraine at any moment.

Asia

And then there's Asia, where the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has made excessive and illegal claims about its borders, trouncing the sovereignty of many states and strong-arming capitals throughout the region. Beijing's actions not only harm the economic interests of others, but their militarization of islands in the South China Sea and actions throughout the Indo-Pacific risk conflict with the United States and its allies. Further, the People's Republic of China's diplomatic bullying, economic intimidation and rapid military buildup represent the true nature of the CCP and its authoritarian leader, Xi Jinping.

All of these dynamics threaten the peace, sovereignty and security of others in the Indo-Pacific. But when I look



at global flash points, at areas of the world where conflict could occur, at regions where the United States and its allies could end up at war—nowhere else but in East Asia, are the stakes higher, the players bigger, the situation murkier, and the “game” more intense.

East Asia

It's East Asia, which might have war with North Korea or conflict in the Taiwan Strait, that can cite the following disturbing facts to make its case for being the epicenter of geopolitical instability: Four of the world's nuclear-capable states are here. The world's three largest economies and five total that rank in the top twelve are here. Six of the world's largest or most capable militaries are here. A half dozen of the world's most technologically advanced countries are here.

Importantly, all these key players are within missile range of one another. Unlike war with Iran in the Persian Gulf or a conflict with Russia and Europe, should hostilities break out in East Asia, it would have a devastating international impact, even if the war itself is geographically bounded by the East China Sea and its contiguous waters. Thousands could die, tens of thousands could be wounded. Millions would be displaced, economies would falter, financial systems would be disrupted, supply chains would collapse, governments could fail, and nuclear war, I fear, could ensue. While I'm confident that the United States and its allies would prevail in such a conflict, it is not one we ever want to undertake in the first place.

The US role

The United States must do its special part by demonstrating resolve and leading from the front. In this context, we should look to the past to help guide us in the future. A little bit of history that most of us are familiar with can help illuminate the way ahead. One of America's greatest presidents and my favorite was Ronald Reagan. Our fortieth president saw the United States as an exceptional nation, a shining city on a hill that offered hope and inspiration and promise to many. He was an unabashed, God-fearing patriot who saw our country's greatness in its

constitution—the foundation of our republic—and in the American people.

President Reagan is remembered for many things. The one that stands out the most is how he overcame the greatest challenge of an era and defeated a major foe without ever getting into a fight. It was how he won the Cold War. With strength, clarity and resolve, Reagan stood down a succession of Soviet leaders bent on flexing their muscles in Africa, Latin America and Asia, and extending their communist philosophy and influence globally.

Reagan called the USSR an evil empire, a godless regime, one that didn't recognize the values and freedoms that we, you and I, hold dear. Reagan not only rebuilt the US military, he also strengthened our alliances, took principled stands, compromised where it made sense and built a strong American economy. Less than a year after he left office, the Berlin Wall fell. Two years after that, the Soviet Union collapsed. A new era of hope emerged from the rubble of communist Russia's defeat, and one country, one people divided by that cold war, Germany, soon reunited.

Unfortunately, bad ideologies die hard, especially when given new life by leaders who soft sell their governing beliefs to people unfamiliar with Communism's deep flaws. Some in our own countries now even buy into this model. As a result, we face renewed challenges today from this philosophy, a little more than three decades since the Warsaw Pact ended.

Emerging threats

Regrettably, the decline of the Soviet Union in the twentieth century has been replaced by the rise of China in the twenty-first. Like the USSR, the People's

Republic of China wants to dominate its near abroad, and eventually the world, beginning with gaining total control over those closest to them—Western China, Tibet, Hong Kong and next, Taiwan. Its heavy hand will eventually reach out farther and farther, to grab more and more.

Unlike the Berlin Wall, now a defunct symbol of a bygone era, the demilitarized zone still cuts across the Korean Peninsula, unnecessarily dividing a great people. The despotic regime in Pyongyang ruled by Jong-un Kim is propped up by and supported by his benefactors in Beijing and Moscow, who turned blind eyes to the North's bad behaviors.

If China and Russia would approach the DPRK in alignment with the United States, South Korea and Japan and use the leverage they have with the hermit kingdom, we could quickly get on a peaceful path toward a constructive reunification. But they have not. So now, more than thirty years later, a new generation of leaders must follow Ronald Reagan's example, and America must lead again; it must do so with its values, and it must bring along its allies and partners. We must once again demonstrate strength, clarity and resolve. Diplomacy should be our primary emphasis. But it must be buttressed by a strong military, strengthened alliances and coalitions of democracies.

NATO for Asia

Together, and I emphasize "together," we must take a principled stand, compromise where it makes sense and be willing to make short-term sacrifices for the long term good. With this in mind, there are a few basic steps that we must take in order to be successful in East Asia. This list is not exhaustive, but it outlines some core essentials.



First, we must harness the great advantage we have over China, Russia and North Korea—the combined power of our alliances and partnerships. This is our unique asymmetric edge, one that Beijing, Moscow and Pyongyang cannot match. And while the threats and challenges from these countries bring us together, it is our shared values, common histories, and the close ties between our peoples that bind us most tightly.

The United States has great bilateral alliances throughout the Indo-Pacific from Australia and the Philippines to Japan and South Korea and elsewhere. But what we need is better cooperation and collaboration between these allies, especially Seoul and Tokyo.

Moreover, we must work more closely with India, the Pacific Island countries and the member states of ASEAN and support the latter's centrality to the countries of Southeast Asia. We must help them all push back against common threats to their sovereignty and interests. We need to give them a better choice and then deliver on it.

It is said that the United States does not seek to build a "NATO for Asia." I say why not? We should have lofty goals and high expectations and not let history and distance confound us. America's European allies overcame a brutal history to form a collective security arrangement to deal with Soviet Russia. There's no reason why the same can't happen in the Indo-Pacific as we increasingly face off against a recalcitrant North Korea and aggressive Communist China.

The Quad

That is why I'm such a big believer in the quadrilateral security dialogue. The Quad, as it's better known, is a strategic dialogue between the United States, India,

Japan and Australia; it is rightly viewed as a unified response to China's rising military and economic power. During my tenure as the secretary of defense, I worked hard to move the Quad forward. On multiple occasions, I met with my Quad counterparts in Washington and abroad and participated in two of America's three major dialogues with our Indian counterparts. Together, we advanced many important agreements, understandings and initiatives. We were also able to participate with New Delhi in a Quad military exercise, which was a major step forward.

Second, while we need to continue to deepen and strengthen the Quad, we also need to broaden it. As such, I believe South Korea should be the next partner to join the Quad, transitioning it into the "Quint." It is something the Blue House should pursue this year. Deepening our cooperation, collaboration and inter-operability is necessary if we are going to deter future conflict in East Asia.

But it is not sufficient. Every country must do more to improve its military capabilities. That gets to my third point that America's allies and partners need to invest at least two percent of their GDP for defense and invest in the right capabilities—from offensive ones like long range precision strike capabilities to defensive ones like air and missile defenses, from Naval systems such as advanced submarines to fifth-generation fighter aircraft, and from command control and communications networks to their soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines.

I know that the Republic of Korea and Australia have already met this two percent mark. Japan has begun to climb above its historical one percent threshold but needs to do so more quickly. Some countries such as Taiwan are above two percent. But given our situation, much higher



defense spending is warranted in the right areas. Together though we all have to develop our collective capacity and capabilities to ensure we overmatch a China that has built the world's largest Navy, is developing hypersonic weapons at an astounding pace, continues to modernize and expand its air force and has credible outer space and cyber capabilities. Much of the same could be said for Russia, Beijing's junior partner. And as we all know, both countries are modernizing their nuclear arsenals. The capabilities we build to defend against these threats will also further our ability to deter aggression by North Korea, a poor country that possesses the world's fourth largest army.

Unity of Korea, Japan and the US is essential

Accompanying this task should be the elimination of ballistic missiles that can reach South Korea, Japan and beyond. Doing this is vital if we are to remove the specter of total war and intimidation that casts a shadow over meaningful negotiations. It will be up to Washington, Seoul, Tokyo and others to determine what confidence-building measures can assure Pyongyang that this is not an attempt to disarm the DPRK as a prelude to an allied attack, but an important step forward to resolving our differences and promoting long term peace. It should be accompanied with appropriate economic and other incentives, such as sanctions relief that over time will offer a clear and meaningful benefit for doing so as denuclearization is achieved.

Once this process begins, both sides can also explore resolving a panoply of other long-standing issues. I don't know what the odds of success are. I don't know how much progress can be made in the near term. But I do know that the likelihood of success is zero if we don't try.

It is my hope that our countries continue this important work together. It is central not just to the security and stability of the Korean Peninsula and East Asia, but also for the peoples on both sides of the DMZ, who are the tragic victims of this historical anomaly.

Achieving that future begins with strong partnerships between the United States, the Republic of Korea and Japan. These are relationships built not merely on formal treaties, but more importantly, on our shared values, our mutual interests, our common histories, our integrated economies, and deep, deep family connections. But we also need exceptional leadership—like Ronald Reagan and others of that era provided—to show us the way and guide us there based on our core goals and principles. And we need strong militaries and even stronger global coalitions to bolster their diplomacy and make conflict unpalatable to our competitors and adversaries.

With these key ingredients, the United States and our allies in the Indo-Pacific will win this epic 21st century contest, just like we won the cold war—peacefully, by honoring our principles, defending our beliefs and acting with resolve to advance freedom and liberty for all. Thank you. Kamsahamnida. 🇺🇸

Mr. Esper, US secretary of defense (2017–2019) delivered this address at the fourth Think Tank 2022 on February 26. This text was edited for length.





Mr. McDevitt was the moderator of Plenary Session IV: Peace on the Korean Peninsula: Analysis and Recommendations.

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From my direct experience in Korea managing several roles for WS 2022, I perceived seven distinct realms of victory. Let's call them "The Seven Peaks of WS 2022." Each one can be part of your own journey and hopeful narrative, too.

Here's a map, from a Principled perspective.

Peak #1. Setting the Purpose—Foundation of Faith

WS 2022's theme was "Toward Peace on the Korean Peninsula." We can be so proud of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for constituting the resolution for a heavenly unified Korea. This global intention was received and embraced by national leaders representing some 160 countries. I believe WS 2022 was a historical shift among a select group of global opinion elites to create a sense of confidence, vision, hope and determination that we can actually end the Cold War and peacefully unify Korea. There is now an emerging new global alliance of national leaders who believe the problems of this age can only be resolved through the logic of love and the understanding that we are all one family under God.

Peak #2. Establishing a Global Foundation of Substance

During the Rally of One Million for Peace, seated to True Mother's right and left were an impressive group of world leaders. They included investor Jim Rogers, former EU President Jose Manuel Barraso, Cambodian Prime Minister H.E. Hun Sen, former Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki Moon, former US Vice-President Mike Pence, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, former Speaker of the United States House Newt Gingrich, and former US Ambassador to the Vatican Callista Gingrich.

There were also close to a hundred additional current or former heads of state and other very high-ranking officials that spoke live or sent their powerful messages by video. With a collective sense of the summit's inherent goodness and a substantial hope for the future, all of these leaders



The HJ Global Art Center during the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula

were willing to invest their reputation, contribute their presence, and deliver their powerful messages in concert with True Mother’s appeal to the citizens in North Korea and South Korea to work together for a brighter future.

Peak #3. Assembling WS 2022’s Transformational Content

On the foundation of convening this network of global leaders with the theme, “Toward Peace on the Korean Peninsula,” the primary outcome was the creation of a tremendous body of content in the hundreds of speeches on the topic of resolving the painful division of Korea. Of course, the live studio environment and production values were best-in-class, thanks to the creative efforts of IHQ. But content is king. I urge you to review the UPF Executive Summary (see end of article), a 52-page overview of the WS 2022 proceedings. The content of WS 2022 is a precious resource available for you to study, digest, and share with everyone you know.

Peak #4. Multiplying Goodness

WS 2022 was not just limited by the excellent programming, speeches, and events in mid-February. Many of the participating leaders voluntarily shared their positive impressions with their respective and substantial spheres of influence. In that sense, the 21st century definition of “John the Baptist” is embodied in the more contemporary role of an “Influencer.” Let’s look at a few examples.

Prime Minister H.E. Hun Sen of Cambodia was not only a co-host of WS 2022, but his messages and others were broadcast to the entire nation of Cambodia on their state television network. Likewise, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka’s speech was carried on national news in Sri Lanka. WS 2022 talked to entire countries!

In this time of the pandemic, millions of people have passed away. And many throughout the world are still very afraid for their health. True Mother’s response with the Sunhak Peace Prize acknowledged Dr. Sarah Gilbert, co-developer of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, which works to increase access to immunization in poor countries. Dr. Seth Berkley, the CEO of Gavi, tweeted to his 80,000 followers, “I am incredibly honored to have just accepted the Sunhak Peace Prize, ‘making the world better for future generations’—True Mother’s words—on



True Mother with some of the high level leaders that came during a pandemic to lend their support and take part in World Summit 2022

behalf of all the partners, staff and supporters of Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance.” His followers are the most elite in the scientific and NGO world.

Former US Vice-President Mike Pence delivered two incredible speeches and via Twitter shared with his 5.8 million followers that the ROK and US must show strength in the face of the North Korea provocations. He included a link to *The Washington Times* story regarding the event.

Similarly, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo tweeted about his appreciation and support of WS 2022, as did former Speaker of the United States House Newt Gingrich and his wife, former Ambassador to the Vatican from the United States, Amb. Callista Gingrich. Combined, they have more than 3.4 million followers on Twitter.

Peak #5. Reaching One Third of Humanity

Thanks to Dr. Moon’s bold vision to consistently reach one third of the world’s population, along with the great quality of the WS 2022 broadcast content, the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) network achieved remarkable impact with a broadcast reach of more than one billion people. The media relations outreach distributed eight press releases to a global database of 20,000 carefully selected journalists and 1,000 online newswire platforms. This generated more than 4,200 story placements reaching a multi-billion-level potential audience with the WS 2022 content. A Google search of “World Summit 2022” yields numerous results. In addition, the IMAP network made significant breakthroughs in social media communications providing a new level of audience engagement.

Peak #6. Revealing an Enlightened Grand Strategy

To substantially realize the vision of a heavenly unified Korea through the peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula requires an innovative approach to strategy we might call “enlightened grand strategy.” WS 2022 was the most recent global summit based on the steady growth of Heaven’s providence led by True Parents since 1960. The global expansion of UPF’s seven associations is the current primary vehicle reaching like-minded leaders in government and politics, faith, media, business, academia, and culture. Through Think Tank 2022, many top-level experts covering all the continental

regions are applying their collective intelligence and expertise to establish peace on the Korean Peninsula. WS 2022 co-hosts, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon, joined True Mother in signing the official letter of invitation sent to the heads of state of all 157 nations that have diplomatic relations with North Korea and South Korea. As witnessed by the hundreds of distinguished leaders who participated in WS 2022, these are just some of the major pathways emerging of our grand strategy that is guided by Heaven.

Peak #7. Receiving Essential Wisdom from UPF Co-Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

The seventh, and most important, dimension of the WS 2022 experience for me was the series of four significant speeches shared by True Mother. These included her address on February 6, 2022 for True Parents' birthday celebration, the keynote address for WS 2022 on February 13, her remarks at the February 15 Victory Celebration, and True Mother's speech at the February 16 Cheon Il Guk leaders' meeting.

She called upon us to be "magnets" that attract people who want to make a difference in the world through our alignment with True Parents. True Mother exhorted us to be confident, firm and to speak with Heaven's authority. She expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make WS 2022 a historical success. You will be transformed by the renewal of your heart and mind when you take time to digest True Mother's providential and practical wisdom.

Conclusion. What shall we do? Now is the time to act in support of our common purpose for a heavenly unified Korea. Please review the WS 2022 Executive Summary, watch the various video proceedings on UPF's website, and read True Mother's speeches mentioned above. You can also connect and get directly involved with UPF – regionally or locally – through its seven primary associations which include IAPP, IAPD, IMAP, etc. Please read the WS 2022 content and share related links with care. Through prayerful and practical study, you will find your voice and develop your own narrative to share about the historic initiatives of UPF, including WS 2022. A great place to start is to visit [UPF\[dot\]org](http://UPF[dot]org). To find the WS 2022 Resolution that expresses the unified intent of the conference, just type "WS 2022 Resolution" in site's search box.

At [Washingtontimes\[dot\]com](http://Washingtontimes[dot]com), you can find several stories about World Summit 2022. One featuring Mike Pence's speech at WS 2022 is entitled "Pence tells world peace rally that U.S. must show strength in face of North Korean provocations." The article highlighting Mike Pompeo's speech is called "Pompeo blasts China as world leaders gather at Seoul peace summit," and the Summit Prize article has the title, "Vaccine alliance, British vaccinologist awarded Sunhak Peace Prize." 



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