

FFWPU UK: Global Leaders Call for Peace on the Korean Peninsula

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The World Summit 2022 for Peace on the Korean Peninsula was held in Seoul, Korea, on Feb. 11-13. Some 160 nations were represented, including 157 nations with diplomatic ties to one or both of the Koreas. The Summit was sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), an NGO in General Consultative status with the United Nations and the Royal Government of Cambodia, and hosted by UPF Co-Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia and H.E. Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Summit sessions featured heads of state, government ministers, parliamentarians, scholars, and media representatives from each region of the world who addressed the many challenges to peace on the Korean Peninsula, such as resistance to denuclearization, strained Korea-Japan relations, tensions between China and the US and core differences between North and South. At the same time, they offered a range of solutions, such as encouraging new friendships with the North Korean people through trade, tourism, sports, music, and cultural exchanges.

The Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony honoured Dame Prof. Sarah Catherine Gilbert of Oxford University for her role in developing the Astra Zeneca vaccine and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, for its achievement in dealing with the Covid pandemic throughout the world as well as its ongoing work to provide vaccines to over 800m of the world's most needy children. Founded by Dr. Moon in 2013, the Sunhak Peace Prize selects laureates for their service to global peace in the areas of sustainable human development, conflict resolution or ecological conservation.

Dr Moon closed the Summit with a moving speech thanking world leaders for their contributions in support of peace on the Peninsula. She expressed her concern for the multiple challenges to peace in the world, notably in Eastern Europe and Northeast Asia, and for the damages caused to the environment by the lack human responsibility. "These challenges cannot be met by human effort alone," she said "Building one family under God is the only way to bring about a world filled with freedom, equality and peace." In an emotional conclusion, she asked the citizens of North and South Korea and all nations present to join with her to achieve unification on the Korean Peninsula and true peace throughout the world.