

Bukhan River Cruise Ship and Ferry Service Project Business Agreement Signing

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Eco-friendly Hyojeong Cruise Ship, contributing to a peaceful future

True Parents' lasting 50 year vision for Cheonshim Lake bears fruit

On 6.4 by the heavenly calendar in the 8th year of Cheon Il Guk (July 24, 2020), the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center held a "Bukhan River Cruise Ship and Ferry Service Project Business Agreement Signing Ceremony" (hereafter "signing ceremony") with Gapyeong County, Nami Island, and Chung Pyung Ferry at 10:30 a.m on the Nami Island cruise ship Mermaid docked on the bank of the Bukhan River.



At the signing ceremony, four organizations, Gapyeong County, HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training

Center, Nami Island, and Chung Pyung Ferry, all agreed to make their best effort to secure world peace and contribute to creating a new culture by establishing an infrastructure for Cruise Ship and Ferry Services on the Bukhan River followed by the creation of a variety of relevant enterprises with a shared attitude of mutual trust and a commitment to promoting the public interest and the tourism industry, along with pursuing the development of the local area. The four organizations have signed an agreement to take the lead in the creation and settlement of culture to establish regional peace and world peace. The signing ceremony also drew attention to the need for cooperation in developing the most extensive Bukhan River waterfront areas and river tours in the metropolitan area and boosting the local economy by operating eco-friendly cruise ships that will be sought after not only by tourists in Korea, but also from around the world.



At around 11:10 a.m. on July 23, the day before the signing ceremony, True Mother visited the HJ Family Book Cafe on the third floor of the Hyojeong Cafe with Mrs. Wonju Jeong McDevitt, the Chief of True Mother's Secretariat, HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center Vice President Myong-kwan Lee, and Hyojeong Global Unification Foundation Chairman Jong-gwan Kim. First, Vice President Myong-kwan Lee reported to True Mother about the plans for the operation of an eco-friendly cruise ship and ferry service. True Mother listened to the report and delivered warm words of encouragement.

Heavy rain was forecast for the day of the signing ceremony, and there was concern that the rainstorms and wind might make it impossible to operate boats on the ceremony day. But finally, there was a break in the weather, and it was a cool, clear day with scattered clouds, perfect for the signing event.

The same day, around 6:40 a.m. a member of the training center's Japanese Workshop staff saw a rainbow in the skies above and she photographed it. The rainbow looked as if it had descended from the heaven in the Nami Island area of the Bukhan River.

More than 100 people attended the signing ceremony, including Gapyeong County Governor Seong-Gi Kim, HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center President Gi-seong Lee, Nami Island CEO Myeong-jun Jeon, Chung Pyung Ferry CEO Han-sang No, and other guests, Chairman Jong-gwan Kim, Parliamentarian Chun-sik Choi (Pocheon City and Gapyeong County in Gyeonggi Province), Gyeonggi Provincial Assemblyman Gyeong-ho Kim (Gapyeong County), and Gapyeong County Council Chairman Yeong-sik Bae.

The participants gathered at Café Magnolia on the first floor of the Hyojeong Cafe at 10:30 a.m., before boarding the Nami Island cruise ship Mermaid for a one-hour river cruise. The signing ceremony was held on the ship, making it all the more meaningful.

The events related to the signing ceremony were divided into three parts. Part 1, held on the 1st floor of the Mermaid cruise vessel, was the signing ceremony hosted by Gapyeong County Inland Water Management Team Leader Dong-won Sin. The program included opening remarks (MC), a promotion video, the introduction of dignitaries, a status report (Vice President Myong-kwan Lee), the welcoming speech (Chairman Jong-gwan Kim), speeches by representatives from each organization: (Governor

Seong-Gi Kim, President Gi-seong Lee, CEO Han-sang No, and CEO Myeong-jun Jeon), followed by congratulatory speeches (Chairman Yeong-sik Bae, Parliamentarian Chun-sik Choi, Provincial Assemblyman Gyeong-ho Kim).



In his status report, Vice President Myong-kwan Lee conveyed True Parents' wishes with the following comments, "About two years ago, on September 21, 2018, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of the Unification movement, called on us to build an eco-friendly electric cruise ship so that the people of the world can come and enjoy the beautiful heavenly grace of the Bukhan river, while protecting the environment and the water supply."

"In line with the spirit of the times, today's signing ceremony reaches beyond the purpose of a single organization. As part of our historical mission, we hope to preserve the great natural resources of the Bukhan River inherited from our ancestors, and we look forward to creating jobs in this region and making Gapyeong a world-famous tourist destination, going beyond our slogan 'Beautiful Gapyeong in Korea' through mutual respect and understanding and proactive collaboration aimed at regional development and public interest. I offer sincere gratitude to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for helping and supporting this endeavor both materially and physically so that we can hold this signing ceremony today for the eco-friendly cruise ship and ferry service project in the presence of honored guests from home and abroad."

Representing the four organizations that signed the business agreement, President Gi-seong Lee related the story of how True Parents found this area, saying, "In the late 1960s Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founders of the Unification movement, traveled all over the land of Korea, searching for the best place to drop anchor. Finally, they chose this Chung Pyung area." And he went on to say, "Having chosen this area, they bought land on the steep banks of the lake, set up a tent, and spent many hours here in deep prayer. The first building constructed on the site, which opened on July 12, 1971, was a small training center. Now, after 49 years, this area has been transformed from an undeveloped mulberry field to a sacred place where people from all over the world came to learn and pray, a popular destination for leaders from all walks of life. I think the signing ceremony today for this business agreement represents a very meaningful leap forward." He also offered the following words to emphasize the point:

"Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon have been very interested in the ocean providence. In the early days of the Family Federation, they built the Cheonseung passenger boat, and launched it in the ocean near the city of Incheon 57 years ago in 1963. In September 1971, they moved the boat to Chung Pyung Lake (Cheonshim Lake) and added a third deck. Throughout the past five decades, wherever they have gone, including Alaska, Hawaii, South America, and Yeosu and Geomundo in Korea, as well as other places, they have confirmed their interest in the ocean providence through their ongoing investment in various marine industries.

One reason for their focused interest in the marine industry was their earlier prediction of the era of the Asia Pacific civilization, combined with their view of the focus of the Asia Pacific civilization as the Han

River, and more specifically the Bukhan River, rather than the Namhan River. They spoke about the eco-friendly cruise ship and ferry service project, and its goal of creating a river environment that will surpass even the beauty of the Danube River in Europe.

Today, with all your help, I was able to see something more specific. Through this signing ceremony today, I hope that the dreams of the Creator, our Heavenly Parent, for the Chung Pyung lakeside area, and the dreams of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, along with our beautiful dreams will all come true here in this wonderful place."

After the first part of the ceremony was complete, the participants moved to the second floor of the Mermaid, where training center Vice President Myong-kwan Lee gave a briefing on the eco-friendly Hyojeong cruise ship. Part 2 continued with the introduction of Jaraseom Island, given by Dr. Sang-yong Lee, a tourism policy expert in Gapyeong County.

Upon arriving at Nami Island, the party disembarked from the Mermaid and moved to the Gongsimwon on Nami Island. Part 3 was a luncheon at the Gongsimwon, which included a celebratory performance featuring the Daegeum (a traditional Korean transverse bamboo flute) and the Hyojeong Trio.

All the VIP guests who attended the signing ceremony were inspired by the eco-friendly electric cruise ship project envisioned by True Parents and resolved to mobilize all their wisdom and power in cooperating to bring success for the project. They also agreed to promote the project beyond Gapyeong County and Gyeonggi Province as a national-level project to develop eco-tourism belts starting from the Bukhan River. The signing ceremony was truly a miracle filled with the love and blessing of True Parents who are directly guiding both heaven and earth, conducted with harmony among the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center, Gapyeong County, Nami Island, and Chung Pyung Ferry all joining together.