

## Closing of the Chung Pyung 40-day Special Workshop for African Leaders

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*In the midst of the love and interest of True Parents*

The 'Chung Pyung 40-day Special Workshop for African Leaders' was held from March 8 to April 16 with joint support from Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center and the World Headquarters.

On March 18, International President Seong Jin Moon and Vice President In Seop Park visited Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center and offered words of encouragement to the African leaders attending. Before the arrival of the President and Vice President, the African leaders offered sincere devotion by singing Holy Songs for over an hour. After her arrival President Seong Jin Moon told the African Leaders: 'True Mother asked me to give Kona Coffee to all you leaders' and bestowed some money for that. The African Leaders then had an opportunity to sing an African traditional song entitled "I who was chosen by God will offer my body and heart to God". This song was the song that the African Leaders sang in front of True Parents, members of the True Family and other distinguished guests at the Inauguration Ceremony of Seong Jin Moon as the International President of FFWPU.

ILHWA company, and other corporations supported the African leaders with donation of beverages and fruit and several Peace Ambassadors promised to lend financial support. Korea warmly welcomed its guests from far-away Africa.

Starting with African leaders from 27 nations there were also included 2 Continental Directors, the Special Emissary for Africa, and Youth Special Emissaries who had recently graduated from UPA.

The main purpose of this workshop was to enhance each leader's ability of being a DP lecturer.

The lecturers of the Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center gave both the first and second parts of the Divine Principle, President Gi-seong Lee of the Chung Pyung Training Center gave a special lecture about “Spirituality” and Vice President Myeong-gwan Lee of the Chung Pyung Training Center gave a special lecture about “Tradition and Life Style”. There were also lectures by President Jun-ho Seok, Man-ho Kim General Secretary of World Headquarters, Director Jin-heon Yong, Regional Director Seung-il Lee gave amazing lectures on “True Parents’ Life Course”, “Church Development”, and “Service and Sermon” plus various other themed lectures.

The African Leaders followed the traditional lifestyle of Chung Pyung by attending 2 Chanyang Yeoksa sessions per day and praying at the Jeongshim Won Prayer Hall. They prayed and worked hard to remove the fallen nature, so that their wishes could come true. During their self-reflection time they would go up to the Tree of Blessing Holy Ground and offer deep meditations and prayers meeting with Heavenly Parents and dwelling in the deep world of the heart.

They also enjoyed participating in the Unification Sports Festival and the Birthday Party together with the members of the 192nd Chung Pyung 40-day Workshop. They prepared so well for the Birthday Party that many of the participants of the General 40-day Workshop from around the world were able to enjoy the amazing songs of Africa. On Sunday, March 29, the African Leaders visited the CheongShim Church in order to experience the traditional Korean way of worship. They also had an opportunity to visit the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum, and could feel very close True Parents.

After seeing the African Leaders attending all the programs with such passion and with pure hearts for the victory of vision 2020, one can see the hope of the great development of the African continent.

After their workshop the African Leaders took the time to visit important Holy Grounds of the Unification Providence; Sun Moon University, Yeosu, and Busan. This 40-day Workshop became a tremendous turning point for the African Continent, and will hopefully serve as a base for the victory of Vision 2020.

One African Leader testified: “I was able to come close to True Parents and the True Family through this workshop. I’m also grateful to the achievements and works of Dae Mo Nim. I want True Parents and True Family to be very happy. For that I will do my best to fulfill my responsibility as a Heavenly Tribal Messiah”.