

Connecting the world through the Peace Road

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In Paris, we chose to begin our march at the Point 0 for measuring the distance of all cities in France from the capital. This Point 0 is a symbol of the centralization of France centred upon its capital, but for the participants of our march it also symbolized their desire to reconnect with the spiritual roots of France (because this Point 0 is located just in front of Notre-Dame Cathedral, which celebrated its 850th anniversary in 2013) and of their will to find the point Zero for peace which is found in each of us and in each of our families.



The Reverend Sun Myung Moon once declared, « My peace plan begins at the individual level. We must first find peace with God, then peace with our fellow man and, finally, we can build **and insure world peace.**” Therefore, at the beginning of the march, Mr. Jean-François Moulinet, president of the Unification Movement in France, invited everyone to meditate on the best way to contribute to peace, on the individual and family levels and on to higher levels.



And to also think about the past of our nation and its history, the present and the future. During our march, as we crossed the Pont-Neuf, we had two illustrations of the contrasting history of our nation: it is the place where

Jacques de Molay, the last grand master of the Knights Templar, was executed, having been burnt at the stake, in March of 1314, and we also saw a statue in honour of Henri IV who signed the Edict of Nantes (1598) ending 20 years of religious war in France.



During the march, several stops allowed moments of sharing and reflection:

On the banks of the Seine, Mrs. Brigitte Wada, president of the Women's Federation for World Peace, reminded everyone that the Seine has inspired many artists over the years, that the banks of the Seine were the site of international expositions between 1855 and 1900 and that this urban area has been classified as part of the UNESCO's World Heritage list since 1991. She then mentioned the important role of women and families in the establishment of true peace, and the "1% Love Sharing" project initiated by the Women's Federation of Korea in 2001 which has the goal of contributing to the reunification of the two Koreas. To conclude, she read a quote of Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, the founder of the WFWP: "History is calling for reconciliation, compassion, love, service and sacrifice. Today's problems cannot be solved by the logic of power... Our present problems can only be solved by the logic of love..."



Then after continuing our march a certain distance, Mr. Jacques Marion, secretary-general of UPF-Europe, brought up several important international projects:

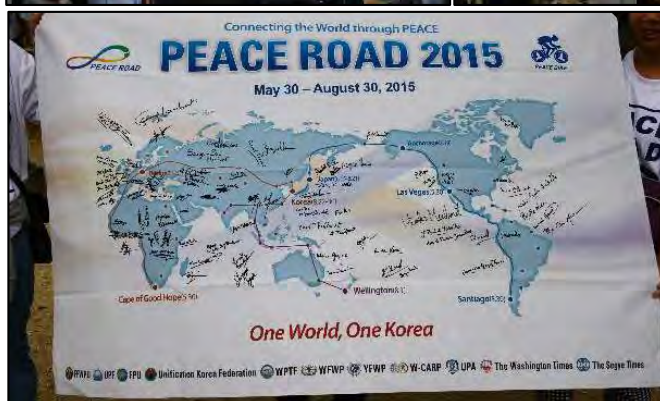
- The International Highway Project
- The project of a bridge or tunnel at the Bering Strait to connect the United States and Russia
- The reunification of the two Koreas and the creation of a Peace Park at the 38th parallel.

Finally, Mr. Alexandre Huard, director of UPF-Youth in France, shared the point of view of the youth on the subject of peace.



The march finished on the Champ de Mars, near the Eiffel Tower, at site where the Reverend Moon established a Holy Ground and prayed on August 10th, 1965, 50 years ago during his first world tour.

Jean-François Moulinet offered each participant an excerpt of Rev. Moon's autobiography which speaks of that world tour, as well as a photo Mrs. Moon visiting Paris last May. He then offered a closing prayer with his spouse and after the prayer all the participants joined together to sing 'Uriui Sowon' (the song of unity) and signed the banner. Mr. Jacques Marion then guided everyone in four cheer of "Og Mansei" and a final picture was taken on the Champ-de-Mars with the Eiffel Tower in the background.."



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