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## Leaders in Japan Honored with UTS Doctorates

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*"I had a dream of reviving Christianity even by sacrificing ourselves. There were even some critics among us who questioned what I was doing, so to found this Seminary was a difficult decision on my part. But I had to do this. How many times I came to this property to pray before deciding to purchase it for the founding of this Seminary! To that degree I was serious about reviving Christianity and saving the nation of America and the world through the Unification Theological Seminary."*

*Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, UTS Commencement Address 1999*

I am writing this email from Tokyo where North American Continental Director/UTS Board member Dr. Kim, UTS Board Chair Dr. Balcomb and I conferred UTS Honorary Doctorates upon Rev. Yong Cheon Song, President of the Blessed Families' Associations in Japan, Rev. Eiji Tokuno, President of HSA-UWC-Japan, and Rev. Kiman Lee, Chief of Headquarters in Japan just 2 days ago.



Honorary Doctorate Recipients & Drs. Kim, Balcomb, & Panzer

Father and Mother Moon were the first recipients of Honorary Doctorates from UTS. Other recipients include Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who served as Prime Minister of Zimbabwe and Dr. Richard Rubenstein, the world-renowned scholar of the Holocaust, who has written about why he admires Rev. and Mrs. Moon's work from the perspective of someone of the Orthodox Jewish faith.

Dr. Song spoke about a new era coming to Japan and that these academic awards were not just for himself and the two other leaders, but to honor all brothers and sisters in the country who have given so much.



Dr. Song receiving UTS Honorary Doctorate

Dr. Lee expressed his sense that receiving this award compelled him to do more than before for his country and the world.



Dr. Eiji Tokuno

Dr. Tokuno (UTS '2004) spoke movingly about his time at UTS, about the many times he had tearful prayers on Father's and Mother's trails in Barrytown. He said several times during meals that we should keep UTS' Barrytown campus "no matter what!" and that UTS in Barrytown was a place where Father sent members to prepare themselves to become

world leaders. He urged members assembled in the conference room to attend UTS, if they had not already done so.

It was a beautiful and moving ceremony, and a way to express gratitude to brothers and sisters in Japan for their sacrifice in supporting the American church and many providential activities for so many years.

**In a few days, I will be speaking about UTS and Barrytown College at church centers in Nagoya and Tokyo about a new Advanced ESL program we will offer to foreign students enrolled at the college starting in the Spring 2015 semester.**

The undergraduate program at UTS, which Father Moon requested in 1997 and which was finally accredited as a 4 year Bachelor of Arts degree program in 2013, will give a new generation of Unificationists a chance to create lifelong memories in Barrytown. For more information, or to apply online for the Spring or Fall 2015 semester, visit [www.Barrytown.uts.edu](http://www.Barrytown.uts.edu)! For more information about the UTS Masters or Doctoral degree programs visit [www.UTS.edu](http://www.UTS.edu)!

Sincerely,

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