

UPF's World Summit 2020 Assembly in Seoul, Korea - Realizing World Peace

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Seoul, Korea -- The World Summit 2020 Assembly, which was sponsored by UPF, took place February 3-8, 2020, in Seoul, Korea. The summit was aimed at addressing critical challenges facing humanity, from climate change to poverty and conflict, bringing together a wide range of experts and stakeholders to deliberate collaboratively, offering insights and recommendations that contribute to building a world of lasting peace.

More than 6,000 delegates representing 170 countries attended the opening session, including former and current heads of state and government, former and current lawmakers, ministers, religious leaders, journalists, businesspeople, women leaders, youth leaders, Nobel laureates and scholars.



Prominent national and international leaders addressed the theme "Realizing World Peace and Reunification of the Korean Peninsula through Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values," including former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, Myanmar Vice President Henry Van Thio, Philippine Vice President Maria Leonor Robredo, former U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney, former U.S. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, former Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan, and Seoul Mayor Park Won-soon.

The assembly culminated in the adoption of the World Summit 2020 Resolution, which affirms "a global community of peace-loving citizens whose tireless efforts in the areas of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values help resolve the conflicts and discords caused by religion, ethnicity or nationality."

The resolution concludes with the following Call to Action: "To support and strengthen the six primary associations of the UPF that have been formed as instruments of peace, and which work as parts of one unified whole, guided by the principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, each with unique vocations that contribute to humanity's well-being."



World Summit 2020 featured the inauguration of three new associations -- the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP), the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP), and the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED). Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) was also integrated into UPF's family as the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP).

Furthermore, World Summit 2020 included the Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony. The Peace Prize was awarded to President Macky Sall of Senegal and Bishop Munib A. Younan, the international honorary president of Religions for Peace. Marking the centenary of the founder Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a special Founders' Centenary Award was presented to former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Session I: World Peace Conference Opening Ceremony (Feb. 3)

World Summit 2020 was held at the Korea International Exhibition Center (KINTEX) from February 3 to 8 with the theme "Realizing Peace and Unification of the Korean Peninsula through Interdependence, Co-Prosperity and Universal Values."

The official program began with a commemorative video, "World Peace Conference for Interdependence, Co-Prosperity and Universal Values." The video mentioned the main directions of the UPF co-founders in recent years:

The dawn of the Pacific Civilization

International Peace Highway

Asia-Pacific Union

World Summit and other Leadership Conferences

Founding of major organizations affiliated with UPF: International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP), Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD)

Dr. Michael Jenkins, the president of UPF International, was the moderator. In his welcoming remarks, Dr. Thomas Walsh, chair of UPF International, said: "This summit stands on the foundation of global summits that have been convened in the past year and a half around the world," Dr. Walsh said. "[UPF co-founder] Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon convened this summit to honor her husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, on the 100th anniversary of his birth and also the 60th anniversary of their wedding."

Congratulatory Remarks by Ambassador Christopher Hill, the U.S. ambassador to South Korea (2004-2005): "The United States has taken measures to deal with North Korea, but I believe it is not the responsibility of just the United States but of all nations to convince North Korea of the need to put away

nuclear weapons. ... I hope that the 75th anniversary [of the Korean Peninsula's division] will bring the Korean people together. I look forward to the future of a nuclear-free world."

Keynote Addresses: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values

Mr. James Rogers, the president and chair of Rogers Holdings and Beeland Interests Inc., located in Singapore. Mr. Rogers sees huge change coming soon on the Korean Peninsula. "Once the 38th Parallel is opened, huge amounts of capital will come to the peninsula. ... The single most exciting place in the world will be the Korean Peninsula!"

H.E. Goodluck Jonathan, the president of Nigeria (2010 to 2015) and chair for Africa of International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), reported that, in his role as ISCP leader for Africa, he has "pushed for peace throughout the African continent. In some cases we have been asked to intervene in conflicts between political rivals."

H.E. Anote Tong, the president of Kiribati (2003 to 2016) and a Sunhak Peace Prize laureate (2015), said: "We are here to deliberate on this elusive objective of peacebuilding. ... UPF has gathered such momentum to reach the far corners of the world. Its values can be summarized by living for the sake of others."

Dr. Mario J. Molina, a co-recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, stated that climate change has an important connection with peace. He cited three myths -- the science of climate change is not well established; we shouldn't worry about climate change, because it is occurring slowly; fossil fuels are extremely important for humankind, so we shouldn't make any changes -- and offered a rebuttal to each.

In a video message shown later in the program, former U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney spoke about the current situation on the Korean Peninsula. He underscored the need for denuclearization and implored leaders to stay "absolutely fixed on our security objectives, with every incentive that can help, but no backing down on denuclearization."

ISCP medals of honor were presented to 10 distinguished participants, and then two statements of agreement were signed to explore prospects for collaboration on a third Asia Pacific Summit in Myanmar and a sixth Continental Africa Summit.

The opening session concluded with the presentation and signing of the World Summit 2020 Resolution. Dr. Young-ho Yun, secretary general of Dr. Moon's Secretariat, and Prof. Yeon-ah Moon, the chair of UPF-Korea, signed the resolution on behalf of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. The resolution was then signed by heads of state and government, religious leaders, and other dignitaries, representing the six organizations affiliated with UPF.



Session II: World Peace Conference (Feb. 3)

Dr. Tageldin Hamad, vice president of UPF International, moderated Session II. Keynote addresses were given by five speakers, who briefly offered their experiences and insights on the theme "Realizing World Peace and the Reunification of the Korean Peninsula through Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values."

Hon. David Clarke, a member of parliament of Australia (2003-2019), spoke about what he sees is happening to families today and UPF's work: "The traditional family is under attack and suffering persecution from humanism, secularism, and atheism. UPF represents a great microcosm of humankind. It promotes peace between nations, religions and peoples of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds."

Mrs. Adi Koila Nailatikau, first lady of Fiji (2009-2015), addressed the topic of peace on the Korean

Peninsula, calling on the summit to "support our Korean family." She spoke about the impact nuclear weapons have and the potential impact of nuclear war on the climate and environment.

H.E. Federico Franco, president of Paraguay (2012-2013), expressed his belief that "prayer is the most powerful weapon a person has. ... [It] is how we are going to talk to God, and how we are going to make something possible." He concluded his address by encouraging the reunification of the Korean Peninsula.

Dr. Roslyn Ngeno, a representative of the African Union, underscored that "nations cannot prosper in isolation." She spoke about the African Continental Free Trade Agreement, whose overall objective is to create a single market of goods and services and deepen integration of the African continent.

H.E. Parmanand Jha, vice president of Nepal (2008-2015), expressed that "the time has come for creating [the] conditions for the peaceful reunification of Korea. Reunification is for [the] interest of world peace." He also spoke of Nepal's support for the reunification of the two Koreas and remarked that "lasting peace and mutual prosperity cannot be achieved in isolation without mutual cooperation between peoples of the world."

Mrs. Raja Nicola Eissa Abdel-Masih, a member of the Sovereignty Council of Sudan, emphasized that "we are all one human family created by God" and stressed the "need to work together." She said, "Wars break out because of denial of others, exclusion, selfishness, misuse of power, injustice."



Session III: ISCP Assembly (Feb. 4)

After an Interfaith Water Ceremony led by religious leaders from a variety of traditions, showing harmony and cooperation among religions centered on universal values, former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon gave a Welcoming Address.

Ambassador Ban remarked how commendable it was that "present and former national leaders are present in spite of the risk of the coronavirus. Lasting peace and security are goals of the UN, but they remain elusive. Peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula is a special focus of this summit. Populism, disguised as patriotism, hinders cooperation."

Hon. Lee Joo Young, deputy speaker, National Assembly, Korea, thanked UPF and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for convening the conference. "The peace movement of UPF is very meaningful and should be appreciated by the whole world," and congratulated everyone "for working on world peace."

Hon. Chuichi Date, president, House of Councilors (2001-2019), Japan, thanked Dr. Moon for her visit last October to the Japan Summit in Nagoya, which was held under the theme of "Pacific Civilization Era – Peace in East Asia and Prospects for Japan-Korea-U.S. Cooperation" and included a festival of Hyojeong Cultural Blessing with 40,000 participants.

Hon. Newt Gingrich, speaker, U.S. House of Representatives (1995-1999), USA, spoke about how communities rise together to respond to crises. "Through modern technology, the entire world has had its attention drawn to Wuhan's coronavirus," he said. "As another example, the wildfires in Australia

demonstrate that the problems of one area are common to all the world."

In the Founder's Address, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon outlined her lifelong ministry to "direct humanity back to God through the movement of bestowing the Heavenly Marriage Blessing, the greatest gift to humanity, through the Family Federation for World Peace." She said, "In order to solve (the world's) challenges, we must first understand God."



Keynote Addresses:

H.E. Hun Sen, prime minister, Cambodia, expressed gratitude to the Korean government and UPF "for this wonderful conference. It is a rare opportunity for governmental and nongovernmental leaders to resolve common challenges in order to maintain peace, stability, and sustainable development."

H.E. Jimmy Morales, president, Guatemala, congratulated the UPF leaders "for their courage to invest their resources in bringing us all together." He said that building and maintaining peace requires sacrifice, love and a willingness to suffer for our neighbors.

H.E. H.D. Deve Gowda, prime minister of India (1996-1997), asserted that our duty is not just to live in our own time but to find lasting solutions for the future. Summits like this are extremely useful as we get an opportunity to interact with colleagues, he said.

H.E. Henry Van Thio, vice president, Myanmar, stressed: "We are meeting in a time of rising tensions and diminishing faith in multilateralism. Global challenges require countries to work together. One of the most significant ways to promote a culture of peace is peace education. It is the key to overcome mistrust, decrease racism, eliminate inequality and foster peace."

H.E. Brigi Rafini, prime minister, Niger, speaking on behalf of his country's president who could not attend because of the unrest in the Sahel, said: "We are in need of courage to establish peace. In our Sahel region, deadly war has been going on for several years. It is a 'faceless war.' Please pray for peace for us. We need action to reestablish peace, which requires participation of each of us to carry out initiatives toward peace in different parts of the world."

H.E. Maria Leonor Robredo, vice president, Philippines, said: "We inhabit an interconnected and globalized world with new threats, which affect all of us, for example, the coronavirus outbreak. We must work together to implement long-term solutions. We must empower the ordinary man on the street. Today we cannot tolerate exclusion based on religion or ethnicity; we must work together hand in hand."

H.E. José Manuel Barroso, president, European Commission (2004-2014), and prime minister of Portugal (2002-2004), said: "A universal approach is more realistic than a fragmented approach. All the threats are international by nature, and we must solve problems together. We cannot say, 'Your side of the boat is sinking.' Politics exists to solve the common problems. Problems do not end at the national border."

The World Summit 2020 Resolution, which was presented in Session I, was signed by Dr. Moon, and the session concluded with a ceremonial sounding of the gong.

The Welcoming Banquet (Feb. 3)

The Welcoming Banquet included a cultural performance by the Universal Ballet and remarks by Hon. Dan Burton, former U.S. congressman and the international co-chair of IAPP. Hon. Chuichi Date, former speaker, House of Councilors, National Diet, Japan, praised Dr. Moon as "True Mother, a mother of peace, who is creating peace in the world," and H.E. Debbie Remengesau, first lady, Palau, welcomed everyone and spoke about the important contribution that women make to society. "Women are born with a natural ability to lead, nurture and care for the community as a whole."

A birthday greeting and a large floral arrangement were conveyed from North Korean Leader Kim Jong-un by the chairman of the DPRK Asia-Pacific Peace Committee, Kim Young Cheol.

Birthday greetings also came from U.S. President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump, which read, in part, "We are inspired by your continued strength and spirit as we join your family and friends in celebrating this tremendous milestone."



Special Banquet Program to Inaugurate the Mother Foundation and the Autobiography of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon (Feb. 4)

On Feb. 4, there was a Special Banquet Program to Inaugurate the Mother Foundation and the Autobiography of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Copies of the newly published autobiography in Korean, Japanese and English languages were presented to Dr. Moon. Congratulatory remarks were given by H.E. Brigi Rafini, the prime minister of Niger, and Adi Koila Nailatikau, the former first lady of Fiji.

2020 Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony (Feb. 5)

The 2020 Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony was grandly held on February 5. Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and Sunhak Peace Prize Committee Chair Dr. Hong Il-sik each awarded a medal and a plaque to the laureates.

Chairman Hong Il-sik, in his welcoming address, said that the awardees were selected based on the "founders' peace principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values."

In his acceptance speech, Ban Ki-moon commended UPF for mobilizing so many peacemakers in Seoul, in spite of the coronavirus threat looming. He also thanked the founders for their constant commitment to peace and the unification of the Korean Peninsula. In particular, he applauded Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for her vigorous investments into solving environmental problems. "This is exactly in line with the UN Millennium Goals," he said.

Sunhak Peace Prize laureate H.E. Anote Tong (2015), the former president of Kiribati, attended this year's award ceremony to congratulate the former secretary-general. In his congratulatory address, he emphasized that Ban Ki-moon is a leader who proposed a solution to climate change.

The recipient of the 2020 Sunhak Peace Prize Macky Sall, who couldn't personally attend the award

ceremony, gave his acceptance speech through a video presentation and was represented by Senegal's minister for foreign affairs.

President Macky Sall apologetically stated in his video message that "due to the emergency health issue that had made the whole world in a state of emergency, I suddenly canceled my visit to Seoul." He said that he accepts the prize "as an incentive to persevere in the culture of peace and human brotherhood." He said, "This prize is therefore a tribute to the Senegalese people, and I dedicate this prize to the people of Senegal."

In his acceptance speech, Bishop Munib A. Younan emphasized that "peace is dependent upon respect for the dignity of the other, regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religious or political affiliation. All of us are made in the image of God and are children of God. All of us are one family of God."



Session IV. Concurrent Sessions (IV - Feb. 4 and V/VI - Feb. 5)

There were 11 concurrent sessions representing UPF's organizational structure and the core sectors of society, namely, (1) ISCP – heads of state/government; (2) IAPP – parliamentarians; (3) IAPD – religious leaders; (4) IAED – business leaders; (5) IAAP – academicians; (6) WCLC – clergy; (7) Balkans Initiative Consultation; (8) IMAP – media (Feb. 2); (9) IAFLP - first ladies; (10) IAYSP - students and youth; (11) Central Asia Forum.

1. ISCP Assembly was chaired by former Nigerian President E. Goodluck Jonathan, who pointed out that "the world looks up to us as leaders to reach out to the innermost recesses of our hearts, leveraging our common humanity, and embrace one another in true love and sincerity to save our peoples." Other speakers included former French Prime Minister H.E. Dominique de Villepin, who spoke about "the crisis of multilateralism," and the "new tools (which) must be designed for shared governance." Former Canadian Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper called for "ongoing efforts of the Trump administration and its allies to advance the cause of peace on the Korean peninsula to prevent further nuclearization in North Korea." Myanmar Vice President H.E. Henry Van Thio, shared about the challenges that his country has faced dealing with ethnic strife, civil war, military juntas, and communism. Former Irish Prime Minister Hon. Enda Kenny, focused his remarks on the importance of the European Union with its "strong commitment to multilateralism, internationalism and the rules-based global order based on the UN and the World Trade Organization." Former Italian Prime Minister H.E. Enrico Letta, shared about his experience dealing with the refugee crisis when high numbers of people coming mostly from the Middle East and Africa came to Europe across the Mediterranean Sea or overland through Southeast Europe. Former Swedish Prime Minister H.E. Carl Bildt, provided a sober analysis of current affairs in Europe, "the world's challenges are global in nature and cannot be sorted out by one nation alone, hence the need for a cooperative multilateral approach." Other speakers in the ISCP session included former heads of state and government from Central African Republic, Chad, Czech Republic, Haiti, Marshall Islands, Nepal, Pakistan, Spain, and Tonga.
2. IAPP Assembly was chaired by former Nepalese government minister, Ek Nath Dhakal, and

former Australian member of parliament, David Clarke. Korean National Assemblyman, Hon. Yoon Sang-hyun, spoke about the UN sanctions in response to North Korea's nuclear and missile activities and expressed reservations about South Korean President Moon Jae-in efforts to seek exemptions to the sanctions in hopes of bringing about improved inter-Korean relations. Former U.S. congressman Hon. Dan Burton, raised five issues, which he referred to as pillars of concern: (1) the danger a divided Korea poses for the rest of the world; (2) the preservation of religious freedom for all people; (3) the perseverance and protection of the family; (4) our unity against terrorism; and (5) sustainable economic development and good governance for a stable society. Former Japanese minister of defense, Hon. Yoshinori Ohno, described "a much stronger power than diplomacy. That is human relationship power, a real peace power." Russian Duma member Hon. Elena Drapeko, said "Finding compromises to our problems is a long and complicated way, but it is the only way to find solutions... general solidarity should be based on traditional values. We must promote partnership of cultures," she said. Tanzania speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Rt. Hon. Martin Ngoga, called for "greater strengthening of ties between nations based on common principles," to resolve the challenges facing our nations. Israeli Knesset member Hon. Hilik Bar said, "This forum has an amazing power not only to bring representatives from 170 countries, but also people from enemy countries. I don't know of any other organization except the UN that has this power." Other parliamentarians and government ministers addressed the panel representing Australia, Cambodia, Canada, Finland, Haiti, Moldova, Niger, Palau, South Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Tuvalu, and Uzbekistan.



3. IAPD Assembly began with a candle-lit prayer, and the signing of a resolution which emphasizes the determination to become people of faith who "bring about interdependence among religions," to pursue peace in the world and on the Korean Peninsula by encouraging "mutual prosperity among all religions," and a determination to pursue a world in which people and nature relate "based on universal values centered on God." Emcee U.S. clergyman Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings, Jr. said no single religion has cornered the ultimate truth. "None is right while others are wrong. All religions have an aspect of truth." South African religious leader Prophet Samuel Radebe, said that Mother Moon has been able to bring unity among religions and pointed to the "magnificent Blessing festivals in Niger, Senegal, South Africa and more (which) testify to her ability to embrace all the children of Africa." U.S. Muslim leader, Imam Mohammad Ali Elahi recalled the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., who said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We must all learn to live together as brothers or we will all perish together as fools." Sheikh Mowafaq Tarif, the spiritual leader of the Druze community in Israel, spoke about the persecution by ISIS who have forced Druze citizens to convert to Islam and have destroyed their religious sites. Dr. K. B. Rokaya of Nepal thanked God for Mother and Father Moon. "No one has done what they have done, and nobody will ever do it again." Shri Singh Bhatia of the United Kingdom stated, "If we do not achieve peace, we will be divided in pieces...Spiritualism is the only way we can achieve peace." The thread running through the IAPD sessions, according to Co-moderator, David Fraser-Harris, UPF Secretary General, Middle East and North Africa, "is that the same living God will work and be present in many, varied ways on the basis of actions and lives of integrity, rooted in faith... Religion has the potential to play a positive role and be a peacemaker."
4. IAED Assembly was co-moderated by Gerard Willis, co-vice chairman of the HJ Magnolia Global Foundation. The central question being addressed was "What role does business play - and should they play - in the work to realize a world of peace and sustainable development?" HJ Magnolia Global Foundation Vice Chair Seng Kyun Lee, opened the assembly with the words and

perspective of Rev. Sun Myung Moon on the issues of science and technology. Equalization of technologies is a moral obligation, he said. Thomas McDevitt, chairman of the HJ Magnolia Foundation International, added that a higher order of thinking will be required from the corporate / business wealth creation sector to properly address this question. It will involve placing purpose before strategy. Jim Rogers, chairman, Rogers Holdings and Beeland Interests Inc., Singapore, confidently predicted that the 21st Century will be the century of the Asia Pacific region. He specified that "Korea will be the most exciting place in the world the next 10-20 years due to the re-unification of the Korean peninsula." Neil Bush of the Points of Light Foundation made the case for change and the irrepressibility of growth. Along with the other speakers on the panel, they brought their insights, expertise, and focus to address the theme of economic development and peace.



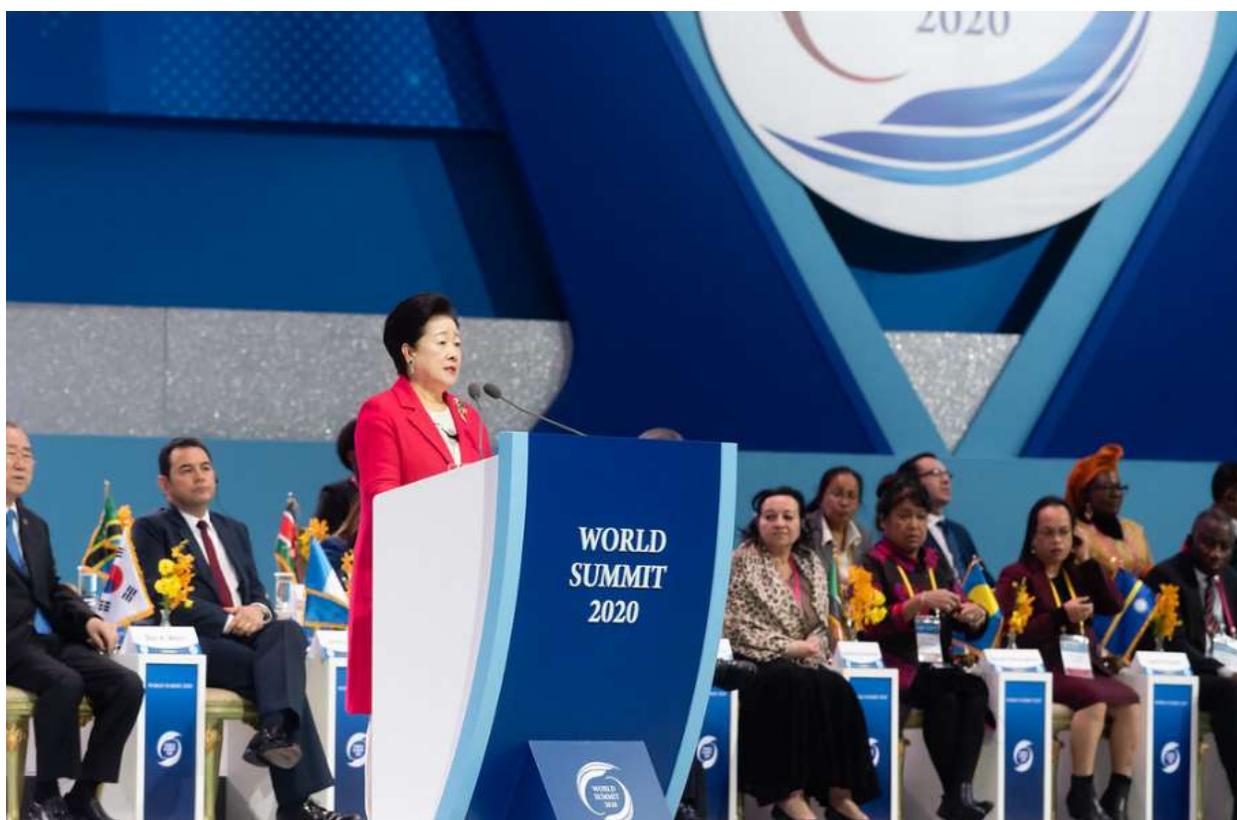
5. IAAP Assembly had multiple breakouts: Section 1 - "A Vision for the Unity of the Sciences"; Section 2 - "A Vision for World Peace"; Section 3 - "The God Conference and God as the Parent of Humankind"; Section 4 - World University Presidents' Congress (WUPC) "What Will the University Do for World Peace?"; and Section 5 – HJIFUS. Thomas Selover, president of PWPA International served as the overall convener of IAAP. Dr. Sun Jin Moon, executive vice president of Women's Federation for Peace International, gave a warm and welcoming talk regarding the importance of this organization in realizing Rev. Moon's desire to connect with academicians for the purpose of educating about and promoting Godism, considering personal, family and environmental issues. Dr. Frank Kaufman, president of PWPA USA, spoke eloquently on Rev. Moon's Influence on Religion in the 20th and 21st Centuries. Dr. Charles Selengut, a Jewish Scholar and Humanities Fellow at Harvard University, recalled the interfaith encounter between Rabbi Shammai who followed the letter of the Jewish law and Rabbi Hillel who followed the heart of the law. "We are in a global world. Living together requires a new way of relating. We need not agree, but we do need to respect the validity of the other. We need to find the Divine in the other." Dr. Jason Wasden, University of Nevada academician and respected member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, spoke about his faith as seeing God as our Heavenly Parent. As we are "Children of God, our purpose is to return love to Heavenly Parent and give Him joy." Dr. Kim Soo Min, Sun Moon University, Korea encouraged the opening of railroads and roads to encourage travel to North Korea and to avoid measures that causes the North to feel 'cornered', recognizing the common ethnic background of North and South Korea. Professor Hanoch Ben-Pazi, from the Department of Jewish Thought at the Bar-Ilan University, Israel highlighted the crisis of alienation in our increasingly technological world. Numerous scholars representing academic institutions around the world shared their experience and thoughts on a vision for the unity of the sciences, for world peace, God as the Parent of Humankind, and the role of the university for world peace."
6. WCLC Assembly was co-moderated by Dr. Luonne Rouse, national co-chair of ACLC, USA, and Ms. Laura Yang, director of the International Committee of the Korea Religious Association. Bishop Noel Jones, senior pastor of the City of Refuge Church in Los Angeles, California, U.S., said: "Everyone who has been called here and inserted in this place [and at this particular time is here] to make better for our posterity," Bishop Jones said. He continued: "If you are sitting here today, God is showing you there is more than what we are than simply operating in our own neighborhoods. . . . Mother Moon teaches us we are believers and implementers for God's universal will for the Earth." Rev. Dr. William A. McComish, dean emeritus of St. Peter's Cathedral in Geneva and president of the Geneva Spiritual Appeal in Switzerland, gave the guest lecture, in which he talked about clergy and leadership. "Clergy have the role to lead their

communities. This has many forms -- a priest, a minister, a rabbi, an imam. Clergy are the leaders of the communities, and the leadership is recognized by the communities," he said. Rev. Stephen Kim, national co-chair of the KCLC. "Can we become one as religions? Love binds us together, even if our skin color is different, our doctrines are different," he said and affirmed his "vision of unity [between the] KCLC and WCLC." Representing Africa was Prophet Samuel Radebe, founder of the Revelation Church of God in South Africa and president of UPF-Africa, who said the continent is waiting for the WCLC to come and spoke of the need for it: "It will be a unifier of all religions, all forms of spirituality throughout the world." Bishop Jonas Florencia, pastor of the Return of Christ Mission Church in Brazil came to the stage with his daughter and sang a powerful rendition of "How Great Thou Art." He said: "Why are we being invited to participate in this religion? It is a unique moment in which our faith is being manifested, transformed, so [we] can live in a moment that is different." Representing Asia was Rev. Kali Bahadur Rokaya, president of the National Council of Churches, Nepal. In sharing his vision for the WCLC from 2020 to 2027, he suggested the WCLC start a "Clergy Leadership Conference in each country, beginning with Asia. Why Asia? Because [it] is going to be the political, economic epicenter of the world. It is the birthplace of all the major religions. We also need Asia [to be] a spiritual [center]." Also representing Asia was Rev. Toru Miyahara, a Christian pastor from Japan, who asked all the "clergy of the world [to] please pray for the awakening of Christianity in Japan and a new spiritual awakening around the world." Final remarks were given by Rev. Dr. Luonne Rouse and Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, regional chairman of the Family Federation for World Peace, North America, who called on the clergy to "Spread the view of Heavenly Asia-Pacific Civilization as the key to building a Heavenly Nation and a Heavenly Unified world."



7. Balkans Peace Initiative Consultation was chaired by Ambassador Christopher Hill, the chief global adviser to the University of Denver. Katsumi Otsuka, the chair of UPF for Europe and the Middle East, noted "the Balkan nations combine elements of both Asia and Europe, and called "for new dialogue based on the spirit of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values." H.E. Alfred Moisiu, the former president of Albania, said, "The hope of the Western Balkans is to join the European Union." People want peace and tranquility in order to lead a normal life, he said. Politicians must address the problems in a fair way, he said. H.E. Anders Rasmussen, the former prime minister of Denmark and former secretary general of NATO, warned that other powers that do not share our values -- China and Russia, "are positioning themselves to expand their influence. If Western nations reject the Balkan nations, those powers will fill the vacuum." H.E. Filip Vujanović, the former president of Montenegro, said: "For the first time in recent history we can say that war in the Western Balkans is not possible." He said that "World Summit 2020 is the best model to realize interdependence, co-prosperity and universal values." Other speakers included Dr. Neven Cvetičanin, president of the Forum for Strategic Studies, former Albanian Prime Minister, H.E. Vilson Ahmeti, and Dr. Emmanuel Dupuy from France, the president of the Forum for European Prospective Studies.
8. IMAP Assembly. In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the Segye Times of Korea, The Washington Times of America and the Sekai Nippo of Japan hosted the World Media Conference with over 500 media representatives from around the world to discuss the role of the media in the world, with a special focus on the Korean peninsula, as well as the challenges faced by journalists and the importance of media innovation.
9. IAFLP Assembly. Co-host of the Inaugural Session of the IAFLP, Palauan First Lady Debbie Remengesau said, "Let us be encouraged by the fact that as women, our time is now. We must look into ourselves, draw upon that value, and work together as women traditionally would, to

create solutions to challenges that threaten our families, our homes and our nations." Madame Ingrid Aingimea, first lady, Nauru, spoke about the importance of accountability. "A government cannot be seen as democratic if it is not accountable to its people and that democracy must value people over profits." Madame Sujata Koirala, former deputy prime minister and foreign minister, Nepal praised the IAFLP, which "will be led by women in order to foster maternal instincts such as unconditional love, the willingness to sacrifice, forgiveness and sibling harmony." Madame Patience Jonathan, former first lady, Nigeria, said, "Peace is the ground upon which sustainable development is built. It is the atmosphere, which prosperity and other virtues like love and justice and equality can blossom and that is why everybody has to volunteer to promote peace, no matter our role and status in our societies." Samia Burton, assistant clinical professor of medicine, George Washington University, USA, who described the establishment of the IAFLP as "the 'crème de la crème,' the best of the best, as they say in French. The very best of all the associations for peace that were founded by Mother Moon."



10. IAYSP Assembly – Included presentations by Kim Dong Yeon, president of IAYSP-Korea, Koji Matsuda, international president to IAYSP, the former president of Kiribati, the Anote Tong. Dr. Subash Jaha, professor at Kathmandu University Hospital, Nepal, and Philbert Seka Seka, IAYSP-Africa spoke about disaster relief and educational support. Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, founder and executive director of the Afghan Institute of Learning, and Rene Lansangan, IAYSP-Philippines, spoke on the issue of universal values and the decline of morality of youth.
11. The final breakout was the Central Asia Forum 2020 which discussed "Cooperation and Peace: Eurasian Perspective and Interdependence." Danai Ishemkulov, the secretary general of the Eurasian Council for International Cooperation and Security, introduced the Chairman of the Forum Hon. Zainidin Kurmanov. Speakers included Hon. Zainidin Kurmanov, former chairman of the Supreme Council of Kyrgyzstan, who pointed out that "the states of the region are undergoing a democratic transition, there is a transition from one civilization to another. After a long period of confrontation and isolation, Eurasia seeks to join the global processes, which opens up new opportunities for progress." Dr. Chung Shik Yong, chairman, UPF-Asia Pacific said, "The Eurasian Council for International Cooperation and Security can be a think tank for innovative ideas and sharing best practices that help reshape regional and global priorities." Representative of the Presidential Administration of Uzbekistan, Hon. Sayyora Khodjaeva extended words of gratitude to the Forum's organizers on behalf of Uzbekistan delegation. The representative of the Presidential Administration of Tajikistan, Hon. Mamadsho Ilolov spoke about the value of tourism development as a means to highlight interdependence and foster regional peace. Former Vice-Prime Minister of Mongolia, Hon. Tserendash Oyunbaatar said, "the development of interstate peace and collaboration, will contribute to ensuring the prosperous and peaceful life of the people. It will also help prevent regional and inter-religious conflicts, communicable diseases and epidemics." Along with other distinguished speakers, as a result of the Central Asian Forum 2020, agreements were reached between Korea and Kyrgyzstan, to build a hydropower plant in the Kyrgyz Republic through a grant from the Korean government, and an agreement between Korea and Uzbekistan to build \$6 million worth of football stadiums around the country.

On Feb. 6 and 7, World Summit 2020 participants traveled to the Cheongshim Peace World Center, an indoor stadium about 30 miles northeast of Seoul, for celebrations to commemorate Sun Myung Moon's centenary and the founders' 60th wedding anniversary.

Conference Summation

World Summit 2020 was an extraordinary event. More than 6,000 delegates, representing 170 countries, attended the opening session. The following sessions and breakouts comprised more than 2,500 attendees, including more than 300 presenters and respondents. The logistics of mobilizing, transporting, and caring for such an illustrious group of international delegates required an enormous effort and the coordination of more than 500 volunteers. The World Summit 2020 successfully fulfilled its objectives.

Distinguished leaders from around the world responded to the invitation of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and UPF International. UPF would like to express its deep appreciation to all the speakers, attendees and so many who contributed to this great endeavor, including the Secretariat of Dr. Moon, the regional group chairs, the UPF regional chairs, and countless others.

In this era of the Pacific civilization (the Asia-Pacific Union), the work of UPF has prospered throughout the world. It is not due merely to some administrative or communications strategy, even though we try our best. At its core, UPF is guided and driven by a spiritual vision as articulated in UPF's principles of peace.



Participants' Reflections

"I appreciated the focus that Ambassador Ban Ki-moon places on multilateralism. These are dangerous times that we live in. Multilateralism is under attack. Ban Ki-moon wants to use his time and experience to help develop better relations between people and to reduce conflict. Mother Moon embodies the link between spirituality and humanity. She is the most unselfish person I've ever met. She is willing to share all her resources with the world. She is wonderful."

"Mother Moon talks about us all being rivers leading to one sea. I feel we are a tiny tributary, but I and many others have made it from our tiny tributary to the ocean. Whether we live in Africa or Europe or any place in the world, we have made it here. Mother Moon has made this all possible; she holds the vision, and this conference has manifested it, bringing together people who normally wouldn't come together. In the same way, people everywhere can come together, and thus we can work for peace."

"Words can't describe my deep appreciation to Mother Moon and to this incredible organization. Your

holy work and absolute dedication for peace and friendship among all humankind deserve endless praise. I agree wholeheartedly that governments and leaders should play a role in making the world a safer place and that the world's faiths have a crucial obligation to work together for world peace. As it is written in the Talmud, whoever saves a single life is considered to have saved the whole world. Mother Moon, you are saving millions. I salute you and all who assist you and will be always happy to be a loyal partner to you."

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