

Chang Shik Yang leads Unificationist Rally for at Korea's Demilitarized Zone to honor Sun Myung Moon

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Dr. Chang Shik Yang gave a message of encouragement.

A rally to support the reunification of the Korean peninsula and the development of the Demilitarized zone (DMZ) as a world peace park was held at *Imjingak* in Paju, Korea (about 40 miles east from Seoul, Korea) on August 24, 2013. Approximately 1,600 people, including 300 Korean residents in Japan and 600 VIPs from 70 nations gathered for the event. American members on hand included three younger leaders: Naokimi Ushiroda, David Hunter and Crescentia DeGoede.



Supporters pose in a group photo at a rally for the reunification of the Korean peninsula and the development of the Demilitarized zone (DMZ) as a world peace park.

As part of this event, Korean residents in Japan rode bicycles from Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido, took sea transport to South Korea and continued biking to *Imjingak*, a city at the edge of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). The distance for the bike ride was about 3800 km (about 2360 miles). The bikers began on August 3rd and rallied in *Imjingak* on August 24th.



Muzika Atrina (Eternal Music) sang a congratulatory song at the rally.

Before the main event there were congratulatory performances and a video about the idea of a DMZ Peace Park.



Korean residents in Japan gave a choral performance.

The order of events are as follows: Welcoming remarks by emcee Mr. Kwang Seok Song, Secretary General of Citizen's Federation for Unification; the Peace Park Video; Greetings to the Korean-Japanese cross country bikers; congratulatory special performances; an opening speech; several congratulatory messages; words of encouragement; a public reading of the resolution for Peace and Unification; three cheers of *Mansei*; and the ringing of the Peace Bell.



Mr. Kwang Seok Song (left) emceed the rally event.

During the event, they showed the video of the 3800 km cycling journey. After the video, greeting for the Korea-Japan cross country participants were followed. First to celebrate the Peace Rally and as a means to connect this event to world peace, representatives from 70 nations entered the event place riding their bicycle while carrying their national flags. Then the cross-country bicyclists entered. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, practical director; Mr. Yong Su Seol, director of the rally, and Mr. Tea Su Park, vice-mayor of Paju city, presented a flower necklace and medal to the cross-country participants.



Cross-country participants entered triumphantly on their bikes.

The Korean Team leader of the cross-country bicyclists, Mr. Hyeong Mo Leen said, "It was hard, but I rode with the hope for unification of South and North Korea." Mr. Jin Ho Yu, 700 km participant, said, "It was hard at first but I finished with a joyful heart and prayed for the unification of Korea."



Dr. Chang Shik Yang presented flower necklaces and medals.

Mr. Tea Su Park said in his greeting message: "People who rode bicycles from Hokkaido to *Imjingak*, please remain strongly determined for a peaceful unification. I wish for this cross country event to become a historical event that where we can someday bike up to China and Russia and contribute to world peace and peace in the Korean peninsula. It's been a year since respected the Rev. Sun Myung Moon passed away. I sincerely cherish Rev. Moon and I wish Rev. Moon's will to world peace and one family to become true."



Participants shared their testimonies.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang explained the meaning of the event with his message of encouragement: "This rally was planned as part of the commemorative events for the one-year *Seonghwa* (Ascension) Anniversary to honor the man who lived his whole life for the peaceful unification of Korea. Rev. Moon sacrificed throughout his 93 years of life to build an international foundation for the unification of Korea. He suffered pain from a wounded heart because of the separation of Korea. I believe this event was very meaningful because Japan, which contributed to the separation of Korea, recognizes that reunification of Korea will bring peace in Asia. It is significant that in order to further world peace, these cross-country bicyclists crossed the Sea of *Hyunhe* [sovereign sea] to remove the barrier at the 38th parallel."



Mr. Gyeong Deuk Yu, president of YFWPU-Korea, read the Resolution for Peace and Unification.

Afterwards, Mr. Gyeong Deuk Yu, president of the Youth Federation for World Peace and Unification-Korea (YFWPU), read the Peace Unification resolution.



The Little Angels Childrens' Folk Ballet gave a special congratulatory performance.

2013 Resolution for World Peace and Unification



Mr. Tea Su Park, vice-mayor of Paju city in Korea, greeted the participants.

1. Leaders, who desire world peace, wish for the peaceful unification of the Korean peninsula, which symbolizes the Cold War in the 20th Century, and we envision reunification as the commencement of an era of peace in the 21st century.



Participants released pigeons to express the collective dream of peace on the peninsula.

2. Leaders, who desire world peace, we wish to maintain efforts to build trust and peace development between North and South Korea. We determine to cooperate internationally to build trust on the Korean peninsula and to establish a DMZ peace park.



Marchers carry banner expressing their hope for Peace and Unification.

3. Leaders, who desire world peace, will participate in the 2013 World Peace and Unification Rally' and wish for

fulfillment of the vision of world peace and the ideal of true family that Rev. Sun Myung Moon promoted around the world. In order to build this international network, we determine to work together.



VIPs rang the Peace Bell.



Arirang drum dance performed by One Communication.