

## Historic Turning Points, The Day Of True Parents' Births

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On February 6, a Cheon Il Guk Bowing Ceremony, celebrating the day of True Parents' holy births, took place in the HJ Garden Hall, formerly known as the Chung Pyung Training Center. Strict compliance with COVID-19 prevention measures was mandatory. Either in person or online via Peacelink, people from many nations attended.

As a prelude to the ceremony, Secretary-General Yoon of the FFWPU International Headquarters, presented a report on the preparations for the then upcoming Korean Peninsula Peace Summit. He told the audience how efforts were ongoing despite the crisis arising from the rapid spread of the Omicron variant, which has been with us since late 2021. He stated, "We must move forward. For Heaven to manifest and for True Mother to move forward with firm conviction, we must create the necessary conditions on earth.

How can God manifest himself without conditions of any kind? Therefore, True Mother is determined to preserve gains achieved and persevere until we realize a heavenly unified Korea.

### **Gyeongbae**

The bowing ceremony began with True Family members lighting holy candles. Reverend Sang-il Bang, president of FFWPU Japan, then offered a representative prayer in which he extended his congratulations to True Parents and expressed everyone's determination for the success of the peace summit.

True Mother then appeared onstage glowing and looking fit. She was greeted with a warm response from the audience and from blessed family members around the world who have such deep respect for her.

Afterward, baskets of flowers were offered to True Parents. The flowers expressed the love of everyone participating in the event. A cake for what would have been True Father's 102nd birthday and was True Mother's 79th birthday was then cut. That was the moment for everyone to reaffirm his or her determination to achieve victory at the upcoming peace summit.

Continental leaders, representing their members, then presented gifts to True Mother, expressive of their devotion to True Parents, which all members, all blessed families around the world, feel. The presentations of gifts began with True Family members, followed by representative couples and then by members of the Cheon Jeong Gung International Headquarters, followed by the headquarters in Korea, Japan, North America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and the Asia Pacific.

True Mother then partook of the holy meal, which for many audience members was a time of sincere prayers for True Mother's health. Prominent leaders from around the world congratulated True Parents on their joint birthday and expressed their admiration for the works they have done. True Mother then spoke and encouraged members worldwide to take stock of their faith at the beginning of the new year of the black tiger. The audience thanked True Mother for her hope-inspiring message. Her speech in full begins on the following page.

### **Music filled the air**

Beautiful performances followed. True Parents' grandsons Shin-chul Moon and Shin-heung Moon, and their wives, were the first to perform, the first to touch the hearts of the audience members, by singing a song expressing their filial hearts.

This was followed by an artistic performance by the Korean traditional band "Queen" and singer Jo Hangjo, who sang "Komapso," which he composed. The title is a casual way of saying "Thank you" in Korean.

Each performer congratulated True Parents on their birthday. The following special performance was by Top Gun 2022 youth, who at the time were tirelessly working for the success of the peace summit.

Afterward, the whole audience, guided by Shin-chul Moon and Shin-heung Moon sang "Saranghae Dangshin-eul (I Love You.)" Representatives of three central providential nations led three shouts of Eog Mansei to end this Bowing Ceremony Celebrating True Parents' Birthday.

On the same day, in the afternoon, an international singing competition took place to celebrate True Parents' birthday. Before the contest had started, leaders who were seeing True Mother again after a long time, due to the coronavirus pandemic, took part in a toast led by UPF-Korea president Yeon-ah Moon.

With the same feeling of love for True Parents, leaders of the seven continental regions participated in a singing contest with great enthusiasm. The first prize went to Reverend Damien Dunkley, president of Asia Pacific-1 for his performance of the song, "O Sole Mio." Responding with a radiant smile to her children's songs, True Mother spoke to them of the essence of true love at that meaningful gathering in celebration of True Parents' holy births.