

# National Unity and International Cooperation for Peaceful Reunification of Korea

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Today, the coronavirus pandemic has caused serious damage and loss across the world, leaving its mark on all sectors of society including politics, the economy, health and welfare. We have also seen how national self-interest has resulted in more conflict and division rather than harmony and interdependence. In particular, we see today that diverse problems around the Korean Peninsula -- as a result of competition between global powers for dominance in the Pacific Rim -- have emerged as important issues that can affect not only Northeast Asia but the world at large.

True Mother, co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation, has emphasized that the fundamental answer to heal the conflicts and divisions that have prevailed not only on the Korean Peninsula but also across the world is to recognize God, the original parent of humankind, to live with him as our Heavenly Parent and to realize the ideal of one large human family under God, while advocating for the vision of a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world.

A heavenly unified Korea is a prerequisite for a heavenly unified world. Yet, even though seventy years have passed, the Korean Peninsula has been unable to progress beyond its divided state. This calls for a new and innovative approach to unification that transcends the limitations of existing human-centric unification efforts on the Korean Peninsula.

This heavenly unified Korea vision is rooted in the peace philosophy of love God, love humanity and love your nation. Realization of the vision will bring interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values to humankind. "Until the day Mt. Baekdu is worn away and the waters of the East Sea run dry, may God protect and preserve our country." Just as these lyrics suggest, only when reunification centered on God is achieved can a unified Korea become a model for a unified world of lasting peace. Thus, I believe Korea will be able to receive the support and cooperation of all generations all around the world.

Last year marked thirty years since True Parents visited North Korea to open the door for the reunification of the two Koreas, which divided after World War II. In that historic year, True Mother launched Think Tank 2022, a network of 2,022 wise experts from the International Summit Council for Peace, the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace, the Inter-religious Association for Peace and Development, the International Association of Peace and Economic Development, etc.

Many prominent leaders across the world, such as Donald Trump, US president (2017–2021), Shinzo Abe, Japanese prime minister (2006–2007; 2012–2020) Samdech Hun Sen, Cambodian prime minister (1984–present) José Barroso, Portuguese prime minister (2002–2004) and president of the European Commission (2004– 2014) among others, participated in the Rallies of Hope centered on Think Tank 2022. Additional figures have participated in the more recent Think Tank 2022 Forum series, which has focused on politics, diplomacy, security and economics.

Just as drops of water gather to form a mighty ocean, through the Summits for Peace on the Korean Peninsula, a great accumulation of top-level leaders interconnected during their common journey toward peace and unification. In particular, the Global Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula has been an occasion for our nation's citizens to unify and for international cooperation to be directed at peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula. This peace summit was held with the support and participation of the 157 countries having diplomatic relations with both North and South Korea.

Through True Mother's new North Korea project, we are working with these nations to establish a new foundation for peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula.