

Taiwan's FFWPU and UPF leaders meet Taiwanese Legislators

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The three women to the right of Dr. Oyamada, Representative Yu Mei-Nu Rep. Wu Yu-Chin and Rep. Huang Hsiu-fang, are all members of the Democratic Peoples' Party

A distinctive feature of the success of the International Leadership Conference in February 2016 in Seoul Korea was the formation of the International Parliamentarian Peace Association (IPPA), in which a hundred and forty legislators from fifty nations took part. At such a providential time, when we are focusing on fulfilling Vision 2020, having a sense of 'True Parents' vision for the world could aid legislators in fulfilling their significant role in leading their nations.

The Legislative Yuan (Chinese: 立法院) is the unicameral legislature of the Republic of China. The Legislative Yuan has 113 legislators, who oversee the role of the government, examine policies and uphold the Constitution to protect the people and move toward a better future.

Based on the vision of the International Parliamentarians Peace Association, and following providential heavenly fortune, we started to call legislators and arrange to visit them. From March 14 to 18, Dr. Hideo Oyamada and Mrs. Yoshiko Oyamada, True Parents' special emissaries to the Greater China region, led Taiwan's FFWPU and UPF leaders to pay visits to seven legislators -- Ko Chih-En, Kawlo Iyun Pacidal, Chen Ou-Po, Wu Yu-Chin, Huang Hsiu-fang, Yu Mei-Nu, and Wang Jin-Pyng.

Yu Mei-Nu is the senior legislator in the Democratic Progressive Party, the new governing party. She also plays an important role in Taiwan's women's movement. Dr. Oyamada encouraged her to exert a good influence on society through feminine power.



Rep. Kawlo Iyun Pacidal, New Power Party (NPP) (in a scarf) wants to learn more about our peace movement

Dr. Oyamada invited the legislators to join the conference next year and explained the important functions of the International Parliamentarians Peace Association in promoting global peace by solving regional conflicts and environmental problem due to climate change and pollution. Joint effort from cooperating nations will solve problems that arise as the world is turning into a global community. The legislators we met all expressed approval and support for this peace initiative (IPPA). Some of them are willing to

receive more information about our peaceful movement.

Among the legislators, Wang Jin-Pyng, had a clear picture of the purpose of the International Parliamentarian's Peace Association before our visit. Representative Wang is the former president of the Legislative Yuan, before the KMT become the minority party after the election earlier this year. Within his term as the president of Legislative Yuan, he twice hosted the Asian Pacific Parliamentarians' Union (APPU) conferences, in 2009 and 2014. APPU has played an important role in connecting lawmakers from various nations in the Asia Pacific region, especially helping in Taiwan in breaking international obstacles due to the One China Policy.



(Back, left) Representative Wang Jin-Pyng (KMT), former president of Legislative Yuan

Dr. Oyamada met Representative Wang in July last year, at which time he spent time with us to explain changes in Taiwan's political situation since the election. He commented on the foreign policy of the new government, the South Pacific conflict and tension due to China's building artificial islands in the Pacific. These artificial islands are stoking tensions with neighboring countries. Tension has also risen in Northeast Asia because of the joint military exercises held annually between the South Korean military and the US military. Given the various conflicts in this part of the world, Representative Wang senses that the timing of the founding of this organization, the International Parliamentarians Peace Association, is significant.

However, he suggests we should visit the new president of the Legislative Yuan and explain to him the role of IPPA. We should learn and be aware of how foreign policy differences will naturally come into play with the election of a new government. He described the president of the Legislative Yuan as someone that generally works side-by-side with the Department of Foreign Affairs to do whatever is best for Taiwan.

Our short visits to legislators will continue until we could gain more support to establish IPPA in Taiwan this year. The outcome from the visitation should result in an increasing number of legislators recognizing True Parents' foundation in peace building. The worldwide network of leaders from various fields could eventually develop momentum for realizing vision 2020 and building Cheon Il Guk.