

FFWPU President Tokuno: Korean-Japan Underwater Tunnel Project is a Go

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Eiji Tokuno, President of Family Federation for World Peace-Japan. Picture = journalist Koo-min Park

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[Interview] Important Awakening of the President of Family Federation for World Peace-Japan Eiji Tokuno, Hosting of the HJ Culture Festival

'The Korea-Japan conflict also has to be solved through a motherly heart,' says Eiji Tokuno

[journalist Koo-min Park of Ilgan Today] held an exclusive interview with the president of Family Federation for World Peace-Japan, Eiji Tokuno, on the 6th of last month.

Eiji Tokuno said that Japan is pushing forward towards the "Korean-Japan Underwater Tunnel Project," and that it is working together with the chairman of the International Highway Organization. He further added, "Japan has to acknowledge its wrongdoings, which Korea should also forgive with a motherly heart. Furthermore, Korea and Japan should achieve globalization through exchange and commerce, as well as a revitalization of the economy, by establishing a harmonious relationship with one another and by opening a connected pathway through an underwater tunnel.

The meaning of filial piety to Japan.

A long time ago, Confucianism had settled down in Japan, just like it did in Korea. In the past, ethics and morals were taught in schools; but these days, it's not being taught anymore. Parents killing their children, children killing their parents, murder amongst husband and wife; these are some of the tragic occurrences which are happening now. Statistics showing that 53.5% of murder cases occur within families clearly indicates that there is a major problem with today's family relationships.

While the people who are in their 50s and 60s were taught ethics, and therefore, think of filial piety as a central family virtue, today, there are young people who haven't even heard about the word "filial piety" itself. Since so many young people don't know about the value of that word, we should strengthen the importance of family, family relationships and human relations by emphasizing on filial piety. It was with this objective that the HJ Culture Festival was held to promote family values, as well as multiculturalism...